

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
February 6, 2018

End of Year Summary and January Highlights

- Washoe County Parks had a total of over 18,000 volunteer hours (18,362.5 to be exact) in 2017! That amount of hours is equivalent to almost 9 additional full time employees and has an estimated national value of almost \$450,000. While the hours were down slightly (5.6%) from the year prior, the volunteer program still continues to grow in scope and quality since its inception in 2009.
- 2018 has gotten off to a good start with almost 200 more volunteer hours at the May Arboretum than the prior year due to fairly dry weather and a strong volunteer base eager to work! Weather was also good enough for a group of students from the Clayton Middle School Robotics Club to work on pruning back weeds from the river side trail at Mayberry Park. In addition, participants of the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation's BioBlitz at Martin Luther King Jr. Park on Monday, January 15th worked on removing trash from the park in addition to their other planned activities. Other regular volunteer groups included the Galena High School students at Bartley Ranch and LDS Missionaries at Davis Creek Regional Park.

December Volunteer Hours/Value:

Decreases this December could mostly be attributed to a large Job Corp welding project at the Archery facility and several Eagle Scouts.

	December 2017	December 2016	% Increase	Total for YTD 2017	Compared to YTD 2016	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	308.5	1,325.75	-76.7%	17,021.75	17,910	-5.0%
# of Intern Hrs	150	0	100%	1,340.75	2,018.75	-33.6%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$11,068.19	\$31,234.67	-64.6%	\$443,270.75	\$469,521.35	-5.6%

January Volunteer Hours/Value:

Much like December, January decreases are mostly attributed to a large Job Corp welding project at the Archery facility and an Eagle Scout.

	January 2018	January 2017	% Increase	Total for YTD 2018	Compared to YTD 2017	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	741.75	906.25	-18.2%	741.75	906.25	-18.2%
# of Intern Hrs	32	21	52.4%	32	21	52.4%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$18,678.33	\$21,846.01	-14.5%	\$18,678.33	\$21,846.01	-14.5%

*The hourly rate of \$23.07 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by www.independentsector.org.