

# Park District Reports October 2019

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting  
November 5, 2019

## **SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Bartley Ranch hosted the annual Barks and Badges K9 fundraising event on October 12<sup>th</sup> in cooperation with K9 partners and Washoe County Sheriff's Office. The event was attended by approximately 2000 spectators.
- Bowers Mansion hosted a Civil War reenactment group on October 19<sup>th</sup> with "battles" conducted in front of Bowers Mansion. There were approximately 200 in attendance to witness the reenacted battles.
- Ranger Andy Brown led Fall Photo Hike events at Whites Creek, Galena Creek, Thomas Creek, and Crystal Peak Park. Attendees enjoyed moderate hikes with spectacular views of the changing foliage near or in the parks and along the trails.
- The Western Heritage Interpretive Center at Bartley Ranch Regional Park hosted a fall/winter photo exhibit. Artists from the community submitted 45 photos that were displayed and free to the viewing public all month.
- Crystal Peak Park hosted a volunteer planting project for the new Art Trail exhibit. Close to 200 plants were installed near the exhibit with about 30 volunteers digging through the rock to plant them and improve the area surrounding the new Art Trail installation.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- There will be an upcoming ArTrail ribbon cutting ceremony for the Crystal Peak installation. The date is October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.
- The Community Services Department will team up to cut and transport Christmas trees for the annual giveaway to foster and needy families toward the end of November.

## **NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS**

- On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the final Walk with Washoe explored the new section of trail at Rancho San Rafael with a group of around 30 people. The group heard about the history of the park and the families that had called it home.
- Washoe County hired a new permanent part-time Range Safety Officer at the Regional Shooting Facility to assist with range operation and help improve public safety at our public range.
- Lithia Subaru donated and planted 25 trees along the soccer fields at Lazy 5 to help provide shade and a nice place to sit for families. Other local volunteer organizations and County staff will now help to further develop the area with benches and new fencing.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Meet the Turkeys will be held at Rancho San Rafael on November 9<sup>th</sup> and will host over 200 people to learn about turkeys and other small farm animals as well as an opportunity to have your family photo taken with some of our local turkeys.
- The NIAA Northern Region Cross Country meet was held at Rancho San Rafael with over 800 racers and their supporters in attendance.