

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
December 3, 2019

November Highlights

- Lazy 5 Regional Park was very fortunate to benefit from the generosity of Lithia Reno Subaru who reached out wanting to donate funds to purchase trees, as well as the volunteer power to plant them. The park rangers at Lazy 5 put together a detailed plan of approximately 20 trees they would like in an area bordering the soccer field where they had planned to add picnic tables and shady areas for spectators to enjoy. In addition to the donation valued at almost \$4000, 23 volunteers spent three hours helping the rangers to plant the trees.
- Three separate restoration projects and plantings took place over the past month. The first was a wetland restoration project at the May Arboretum. A group of volunteers from Kappa Alpha Theta first worked to remove invasive Teasel throughout a section of wetlands and then began planting various native species. An additional group from our regular Arboretum volunteers finished up with a subsequent planting. Later in the month on Nevada Day, we worked with Starbucks on a planting of native species at Crystal Peak Park, and spent a Sunday afternoon in November with a group of Boy Scouts and EMS volunteers planting native species in a burn area next to Cold Springs Park.
- A group of 15 journalists visiting from Kyrgyzstan through the Northern Nevada International Center with UNR spent time volunteering at Bartley Ranch Regional Park. The group helped rake leaves and enjoyed a beautiful morning in the park.

November Volunteer Hours/Value:

	November 2019	November 2018	% Increase	Total for YTD 2019	Compared to YTD 2018	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	2,179	1,349.5	61.5%	17,532.5	15,696.5	11.7%
# of Intern Hrs	0	31.25	-100%	254.75	841.75	-69.7%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$55,411.97	\$34,090.72	62.5%	\$452,329.76	\$408,329.39	10.8%

**The hourly rate of \$25.43 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by www.independentsector.org.*

Upcoming Events

- We are working with a few volunteer groups, including Eagle Scouts and UNR volunteers, to squeeze in some last minute service projects before winter hits. In addition to park maintenance type projects and lot of leaf raking, volunteers will be on hand to help with the Christmas Trees for Special Families program at Rancho San Rafael Park.