

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
June 2, 2020

Volunteer Updates

- There were a total of 559 volunteer hours for the partial month of March. The majority of those hours were 330 hours performed by two Eagle Scouts at Lazy 5 Regional Park. Jonathan Clayton refurbished 9 very old picnic tables (sanded, rewelded sections, and repainted) for the soccer field seating area project. Rhys De Haan cleared brush and weeds to create trails that weave in and around these new picnic areas and access the dirt trails in the open space. They are lined with rocks and filled with wood chips. They both did an excellent job.
- For April, all volunteering was suspended with the exception of 7.5 volunteer hours performed by an individual who was doing research on the Huffaker Cemetery.
- For Phase 1, it was decided to allow some modified volunteering for individuals and small groups while following these guidelines:
 - Only allow individual volunteers OR groups of 10 or fewer with prior approval by the Parks Volunteer Coordinator
 - Volunteers must practice social distancing amongst each other and the public. Parks staff can help facilitate this by placing volunteers away from busy areas of the park when possible.
 - Volunteers must have a face mask or bandanna on hand in case they need to interact with anyone.
 - Volunteers must supply their own cloth gloves (we can provide disposable) and bring their own tools.
 - We will not be providing sunscreen, water, or snacks at this time.
- We are working on a plan to allow our existing volunteer force to resume volunteering in the Arboretum. This plan includes limiting the number of volunteers by utilizing time slots and making assignments to spread volunteers out within the gardens. The May Arboretum Society donated funds to support volunteering which were used to purchase an online volunteer management system called Volgistics. This system is currently being set up and will be used to implement our plan as we transition volunteers back.
- The Parks Volunteer Coordinator is working closely with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful to develop best practices for resuming group volunteer activities. This includes the best ways to handle tool sanitation and how to best communicate safety procedures to the volunteers.