

Park District Reports August 2021

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
September 7, 2021

SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Park Ranger I Thomas “Red” Muratori was promoted to Park Ranger II in the Truckee River District and Ranger Gabe Barbato relocated to the Pah Rah district. The Ranger I position in the Pah Rah district vacated by Red will be filled in a timely manner.
- Air quality has impacted operations at Bowers Swimming Pool and effected reservations at many of our outdoor facilities and campground.
- Hawkins Amphitheater at Bartley Ranch hosted the Sierra School of Performing Arts production of Annie. They had 10 performances with an average of 750 attendees for each performance.
- Bower’s park hosted the Bluegrass Festival August 20th thru the 22nd. The popular annual event returned in 2021, but attendance was down due to poor air quality.
- The Galena Creek Campfire Programs had another successful season with attendance approaching a 200 average.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Campfire Program on bears in the area will be happening at Davis Creek amphitheater on September 3rd. NDOW will give an educational presentation on bears in the area and how we can eliminate conflicts with them.
- The Reno Rodeo Foundation will be having a dinner and concert event at Bartley Ranch on September 11th. This will be their first annual event with the hopes of expanding it in the future.
- Bower’s swimming pool will close for the season on Labor Day Sept. 6th.

NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Park Ranger Gabe Barbato transferred back to the Pah Rah District. He began his time at Washoe County as a Park Ranger I at Lazy 5 and we are very excited to have him return as a Park Ranger II
- The Lazy 5 Summer Music Series has been well attended this summer despite the poor air quality. The average attendance has been over 700 people in attendance for the Wednesday evening concerts.
- The Melio Gaspari and North Valleys Splash Parks as well as the Regional Shooting facility have been heavily impacted by smoke and have been closed due to air quality for much of the last two weeks of the month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Lazy 5 Summer Music Series will end with a rescheduled Final Concert on September 1st featuring Escalade.
- The Great Reno Balloon Races will return to Rancho San Rafael September 10-12 for their 40th anniversary.
- Melio Gaspari and North Valleys Splash Parks will close for the season on Labor Day Sept 6th
- We will be hiring a new Park Ranger I for the Pah Rah District to fill the vacant position.