

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
April 6, 2021

Volunteer Updates

- February Total Hours: We had a total of 390 volunteer hours in February, which was quite a decrease from the 1,095.5 hours in February 2020. However, there has been a significant uptick in volunteer inquiries in the past month, although the group sizes are smaller and we are working more often with individuals.
- We are thrilled to begin working with many UNR groups again. In February, Mayberry Park hosted the Nevada Neuroscience Society, and Alpha Phi Omega and the UNR Pre-dental Society volunteered at Rancho San Rafael. Other volunteer groups this month included Grace Church, Boys Team Charity, and the Mayberry Ploggers (“Plogging” combines jogging and litter pick up.)
- The following COVID-19 modifications to volunteering will remain in place until further notice:
 - Individual volunteers and groups of no more than 25 people are allowed.
 - 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 covering accessible at all times in case they need to interact with anyone or use the restroom.
 - Volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves and tools whenever possible.

Upcoming Events

- We are currently planning for the Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful “Great Community Cleanup”, taking place on Saturday, May 1 from 8am-12pm. Planned Washoe County Park sites include North Valleys Regional Park, Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, Crystal Peak Park, Lockwood Park, Dorostkar Park, and two separate sites at Bartley Rancho Regional Park. Sites will be a combination of litter picking, weed removal, and planting at some locations. Volunteer groups will be limited to 25 people and KTMB requires masks to be worn at all times.