

Park District Reports December 2021

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
January 4, 2022

SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Park Ranger staff assisted with handing out the Christmas trees at Rancho San Rafael Park. Ranger Andy Brown was Santa for the festivities.
- Bartley Ranch is a Christmas tree recycling site from December 26th thru January 10th. Mulch will be available to the public as the trees are chipped.
- The culverts at Davis Creek Park were cleared and will help prevent sheet flooding throughout the park.
- TMFPD assisted with felling hazardous trees in Davis Creek and Bowers Mansion parks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Come in from the Cold music program at Bartley Ranch Regional Park will resume on January 10th. The series will run each Saturday in January and February at the Western Heritage Interpretive center from 6pm-8pm.

NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Park Ranger staff handed out 70 trees to National Guard and foster families at Rancho San Rafael on December 2nd with ornament and hot chocolate kits with Santa and Smokey Bear in attendance. The remaining trees were donated Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada and St. Vincent's.
- Rancho San Rafael Regional Park is one of the Christmas tree recycling sites. The event began on December 26th and will run through January 10th. This is part of an ongoing partnership with KTMB to keep Christmas trees out of our landfills and open spaces areas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Staff at Rancho San Rafael Regional will begin to implement plans for programming to celebrate 40 years of being a Washoe County Park and an important part of our community.

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December 1, 2020

SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Park Ranger Andy Brown was able to conduct two Ranger Hikes during the month of October. One at Galena Creek and the other at the Slide Mountain Trailhead. The group was limited to 15 participants and masks and social distancing were required.
- The Davis Creek Campground north loop was shut down for the season in October. It was another very successful season at the campground with revenues up compared to last year due to the limited camp sites available in nearby areas.
- The restoration planting at Bartley Ranch Regional Park managed by Park Planner Joanne Lowden was completed in November. The planting should eliminate much of the cheat grass and invasive plants that has invaded the hillside since the Caughlin Fire of 2011.
- At Bowers Mansion, the restoration work was completed, and we conducted tours on a limited basis through October. We did reach our average number of tours for October with 225 visitors to the mansion.
- Bartley Ranch Park and the Hawkins Amphitheater hosted two presidential candidate campaign events. Ranger and Recreation staff did an excellent job working with the Secret Service in order to ensure the events were safe and successful.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Ranger staff is planning to have the Christmas Trees for Special Families event again this year with some changes to the program due to Covid-19 guidelines. The trees will be cut down at Galena Creek Park, transported and dispersed to families out of Rancho San Rafael Park.
- Galena Creek Park is scheduled for a fuels reduction project along the power line right of way and along Mount Rose Highway. Rancho San Rafael Regional Park will be one of the Christmas tree recycling sites beginning on December 26th in an ongoing partnership with KTMB.
- Bartley Ranch Regional Park will be one of the Christmas tree recycling sites beginning on December 26th in an ongoing partnership with KTMB.

NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Park Ranger Bob Holland and Phil Brazier hosted a fall color walk in the Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. The group was limited to 15 participants and masks and social distancing were required. They were able to see some wonderful colors and had a great experience.
- Park Ranger Sarah Snell's Ranger Walk at Lockwood Trail was cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

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