



# Park Districts Report June/July 2019

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting  
September 3, 2019

## **SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hawkins Amphitheater at Bartley Ranch Regional Park hosted 20 separate performances during Artown. They averaged 800 in attendance for each of the performances with many of them sold out. In addition to the Hawkins Amphitheater productions, Park Rangers Bret Hartman and John Keesee hosted the Evenings on the Ranch programs on Wednesday evenings averaging 80 in attendance. Rangers Keesee and Hartman also led the moonlight version of Walk with Washoe at the Jones/Creek trailhead in Galena Creek Regional Park on June 13<sup>th</sup> with 40 in attendance.
- Park Ranger Nick Steuer hosted the Programs on the Porch at Bowers Mansion on Friday evenings in June averaging 100 in attendance.
- Park Ranger Andy Brown hosted the Galena Campfire Programs on Friday evenings in July averaging 125 in attendance for the weekly programs.
- Bowers swimming pool has seen increased attendance and a successful season with limited staffing available.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- The Hawkins Amphitheater will be hosting the Sierra School of Performing Arts rendition of Guys and Dolls. They will present performances on 8 different evenings during August.
- Bowers pool will be hosting a kids Triathlon on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The pool will also change operating days to weekends only beginning on August 17<sup>th</sup> due to the beginning of the school year.

## **NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Famfest was held at Rancho San Rafael on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Families were treated to a Live DJ with lots of dancing and a live dog Frisbee catching demo. There were opportunities to learn about and adopt pets and a chance to meet some of the children's favorite super heroes.
- The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Lazy 5 Summer Music Series began on June 12<sup>th</sup> and has had its most successful summer so far, averaging over 1000 people per show and highlighting a different local band each week. There are also different local food and beverage vendors in attendance each week.
- The Hive at Lazy 5 had two new murals painted on its exterior lead by Nevada Paiute and Yurok Artist, Lena Tseabbe Wright. Volunteers came out and assisted in the design and painting of the murals which paid homage to the history of the area and its people.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Hot August Nights Vintage Trailer Rally will be held at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park from August 7th through August 11th. The rally will feature vintage trailers from 1979 or prior and open house hours are Friday, August 9th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, August 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Rancho San Rafael will host the Washoe County Employee Appreciation Picnic on August 24, giving over 1,000 Washoe County employees and their families a chance to enjoy a day of relaxation in the park.
- Lazy 5 Regional Park will be hosting Obsolete Irons 47<sup>th</sup> annual Last Bash on August 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be nearly two hundred classic cars on display, silent auctions and food trucks. Proceeds from this event will benefit many local charitable organizations.

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## **SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS**

- The bridge crossing Hunter Creek on the Michael D. Thompson trail has finally been completed after years of planning and permitting. It's a great improvement for access across the creek to the trail.
- The Art Trail installation at Crystal Peak Park has been completed just in time for Burning Man. The new exit road at Crystal Peak will begin construction in mid-September.
- Hawkins Amphitheater at Bartley Ranch Regional Park hosted 8 sold out performances of Guys and Dolls performed by the Sierra School of Performing Arts.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- The annual KTMB Truckee River Cleanup will occur on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Mayberry, Dorostkar, and Ambrose parks will be included sites for the cleanup.

## **NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Rancho San Rafael Regional Park hosted the Hot August Nights Vintage Trailer Rally August 7<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>. The rally featured 30 vintage trailers and had open house hours that brought several thousand attendees to see the classic trailers on display.
- Washoe County Employee Appreciation Picnic was held at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park. This event was a great opportunity for nearly 1,200 Washoe County employees to enjoy some BBQ, games and a beautiful day in the park with their co-workers.
- Obsolete Irons 47<sup>th</sup> annual Last Bash was held at Lazy 5 regional on August 31<sup>st</sup>. There were hundreds of classic cars and trucks on display, silent auctions and food trucks. The proceeds from this event benefit many local charitable organizations.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- The Great Reno Balloon Races will be held at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park September 6-9<sup>th</sup>. Dawn Patrol will now take place on Friday as well as both weekend days. This event averages 120,000 people and brings thousands of visitors to Washoe County and the surrounding areas.
- The annual KTMB Truckee River Cleanup will occur on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Lockwood park will be one of the sites for the cleanup and the wrap up BBQ will be held at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park.
- The North Valley splash park and the Melio Gaspari splash parks last operating day for the season will be September 2<sup>nd</sup> (Labor Day).