

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
November 5, 2019

October Highlights

- On October 12, twenty-three volunteers in partnership with Washoe County, Nevada Land Trust, and REI spent the morning at Crystal Peak Park planting several hundred native species around the new Crystal Peak Portal art installation. In addition to helping with the planting, the Washoe County Parks work crew leader and his crew laid down weed barrier fabric and installed drip irrigation. The art installation and surrounding garden bed can be found bordering the top parking lot of the park.
- Despite the threat of an approaching storm, the Truckee River Cleanup on Saturday, September 28 was a huge success. Washoe County benefited from the efforts of 172 volunteers at Mayberry Park (44 volunteers), Dorostkar Park (40 volunteers), Lockwood Park (28 volunteers), and Galena Creek Regional Park (60 volunteers!). Projects included invasive weed abatement, seeding of native species, pruning along pathways, litter removal, and more.
- A group of 15 volunteers from a Wells Fargo branch in Sparks spent a Sunday morning volunteering at Lazy 5 Regional Park spreading wildflower/native shrub seeds and planting trees around the skate park and Hive building.

October Volunteer Hours/Value:

	October 2019	October 2018	% Increase	Total for YTD 2019	Compared to YTD 2018	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	2,178	1,556.5	39.9%	15,353.5	14,347	7.0%
# of Intern Hrs	0	1.25	-100%	254.75	810.5	-100%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$55,386.54	\$38,460.85	44.0%	\$396,917.79	\$374,238.67	6.1%

**The hourly rate of \$25.43 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by www.independentsector.org.*

Upcoming Events

- The Parks Volunteer Coordinator, Denise Evans and Natural Resource Planner, Joanne Lowden, will be working on three upcoming restoration projects that will include noxious weed removal and planting of native species. Work will begin in the Arboretum removing teasel and planting in one of the wetland areas with a UNR Sorority group, followed by a seeding and planting of native species in an attempt to rehabilitate old pasture land at Crystal Peak Park with Starbucks, and then a fire restoration project which will include seeding and planting in the Cold Springs Area with a local Boy Scout Troop.