

Park District Reports August 2020

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
September 1, 2020

SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Staff has been able to work on projects in the parks due to the decrease in facility reservations. They've completed many weed removal and trail work projects.
- Truckee Meadows Pickleball club in coordination with KTMB and volunteer coordinator Denise Evans, volunteered at Hidden Valley Regional Park and removed weeds and trash in the arena and around the park. They are in the process of becoming the adopter of Hidden Valley Regional Park.
- Starbucks also participated in a volunteer project at Bowers Mansion. They worked on clearing the weeds and invading turf on the dg path in front of the mansion.
- Bowers Mansion is in the final stages of the restoration work. There were some delays due to unforeseen necessary repairs, but the mansion should be open for limited tours on the first weekend of September.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bowers Mansion will start giving limited tours (5 or less in a group) starting the first week of September.
- The annual KTMB Truckee River Clean Up is scheduled for September 26th. Crystal Peak, Mayberry, Dorostkar, and Ambrose Park are included locations for the cleanup and park beatification projects.

NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Staff has been busy with daily tasks in all of the parks because of the increase in use throughout the park system.
- A community cleanup was held at North Valleys Regional Park on July 25th as part of the Great Community Cleanup. The group of 30 was led by a local Eagle Scout in partnership with KTMB and focused on invasive weed and litter removal.
- Bird Art in the Park was held at Lazy 5 Regional Park. This two day instructional series taught participants how to use your drawing and photography skills to help identify and document different species of birds you encounter in our parks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- As part of the Great Community Cleanup, we will be hosting a cleanup and work day at Lockwood Park on August 2nd. Volunteers will be doing general litter and invasive removal as well as wrapping trees to prevent damage to our riparian ecosystem from beavers.
- The Porsche Club of America will be holding a Show and Shine in Rancho San Rafael Regional Park on August 2nd. This will be in place of their annual Concourse event because the number of participants must be limited due to the COVID-19 guidelines.