

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
March 3, 2020

February Highlights

- Lazy 5 Regional Park recently received substantial improvements facilitated by two separate Eagle Scouts equating to 350 service hours. One scout finished a pathway/trail through sagebrush connecting picnic coves along the south end of the soccer fields where the new trees were donated and planted with Subaru last fall. The other Eagle Scout finished refinishing the nine picnic tables and one bench that will be in each of the new picnic coves. The two park rangers assigned to Lazy 5 have worked hard to coordinate this series of events along with other groups and our maintenance division to greatly improve this area of the park.
- Groups have been taking advantage of the spring-like weather to get a jump start on volunteer activities. Three different groups have come out to Rancho San Rafael this month to litter pick and rake leaves, and BSA Scout Troop 46 has already spent 30 hours raking up pine needles at Davis Creek Regional Park.
- The Washoe County Regional Shooting Facility awarded three of their dedicated volunteers - Philip Henceroth, John Macdonald, and Ronald Holt with certificates of recognition from Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak for over 200 hours of volunteer service per year. In total, the three gentleman had well over 1000 volunteer hours in just one year between them.

February Volunteer Hours/Value:

	February 2020	February 2019	% Increase	Total for YTD 2020	Compared to YTD 2019	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	1,095.5	524.5	108.9%	1,401.5	1,301.5	7.7%
# of Intern Hrs	14	0	100%	14	0	100%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$28,214.59	\$12,949.91	117.9%	\$35,996.17	\$32,134.04	12.0%

**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 Arboretum is getting ready to get underway with several volunteer recruitment events including an open house for educational volunteers on February 25th and will begin monthly gardening classes to recruit gardening volunteers starting in April. Several individuals have already come forward looking for opportunities to volunteer.
- Various groups are already reaching out to set up spring volunteer events – a little earlier than usual due to the good weather but it seems to be a great start volunteer-wise to 2020. 😊