



Park Districts Report – May 2015

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

June 2, 2015

SOUTH REGION **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Waldorf School put in a May Faire at Bartley Ranch Park on May 9th. The event was successful and they hope to hold in here in the future as they continue to grow.
- Reno Tahoe Odyssey (RTO) runs through Washoe County's Truckee River Bike Path and has a relay station at Dorostkar Park. RTO has been doing this event
- The 3rd annual Horse Expo, organized by Comstock Equine, was a successful event. This is the second year they have used Bartley Ranch Park for their venue and they hope to continue every year.
- NV Energy Lineman's Rodeo awards dinner will be at the Flying B picnic pavilion on May 30th.
- Starsound Audio was out at the Hawkins Amphitheater on May 19th getting all sound and lighting equipment ready for the 2015 season. We have 43 dates booked for the theater as of now.
- Bowers Mansion opened for tours on Saturday, May 16th. We did a special re-opening and coupled it with a Civil War reenactment in the Comstock Pavilion area.
- Programs on the Porch at Bowers Mansion Park will begin May 29th with local musician Jesse French.
- Davis Creek Park kicked off the Memorial Day weekend with a nearly full campground. Despite the cold and rain, people were excited to begin the camping season. We had a total of 538 campers during the three day weekend.
- Galena Creek Park's Fish Hatchery and Camp WeChMe continue to be the busiest building rental facilities in our parks. We had our kick-off overnight camp at Camp WeChMe with Acts 2:42 for a retreat.
- GBI has been using the Camp WeChMe extensively for both day camps and overnight camps during the month of May.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Performances will begin at the Hawkins Amphitheater on June 5th with the Nevada Connections Academy. They will be having a private event for their graduates. There are six other performances scheduled.
- The Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation proudly presents the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West. This performance will be free to the public and Men Wielding Fire will be selling food and beverage for the show. We hope to fill the theater with jazz enthusiasts and patriots alike.
- Programs on the Porch will continue through the month of June at Bowers Mansion Park.
- Galena Creek Park will host the "Hike for Hounds" event put on by Natural Paws. The event will take place on ?? from ??.

NORTH REGION **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The vacant Recreation Coordinator position was interview for and filled. Christina Cravens joins the Washoe County Team bringing much experience in aquatics and other recreation areas.
- Christina, Temporary Recreation Specialist Shane Weckerly, Park Rangers, and Park Maintenance worked together to get both Melio Gaspari Waterpark and North Valleys Splash Park up and running for the Memorial Day Weekend opening. Weather did not cooperate and the parks were not operated on Saturday of the weekend. Sunday went well and then mechanical gremlins hit at North Valleys as we lost a pump.



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- The Classic Chevys hosted their annual Summer Salute Car Show at Rancho San Rafael on 5/23. Over 300 cars were “on the green” braving the not atypical Memorial Day weekend weather.
- The annual Battleborn Enduro Mountain Bike Race was held at Rancho on May 9th. Several hundred bikers raced from the Nevada Farms and Families area up Peavine Mountain and back.
- The annual 50/50 run was held at Rancho on May 16th. Approximately 300 runners ran either 50 miles or 50 kilometers up Peavine and back.
- The annual Kite Festival was also held at Rancho on May 16th. About 1,500 people came out to enjoy the first good wind day this event has enjoyed in several years.
- Jog with Your Dog was held at Rancho on May 17th.
- Staff continues to work with leagues at several parks to ensure good cleanup after use. This is a challenge every year as leagues change boards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Paws in the Park will be held at Rancho on June 13th. This is another pet related fund raiser.
- Picnic season is coming into full swing and pavilions are reserved more often than not on the weekends.
- Gaspari Waterpark and North Valleys Splash Park will open for full operation on June 13th. Gaspari will operate Wednesday-Sunday and NV will operate 7 days per week.