

# Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting  
April 3, 2018

## March Highlights

- UNR’s “Greeks in the Streets” program took place on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Transportation was not provided to the students this year, so Rancho San Rafael Park was the only parks location due to its close proximity to campus. In total, 66 students participated from 9am to noon. Students were stationed along Sierra Street to remove debris and spruce up the vegetation that borders the park. In addition to introducing many students to Rancho San Rafael Park, this event is always a good opportunity for parks staff to make connections with student organizations.
- The annual series of classes providing horticulture training for new Arboretum volunteers wrapped up on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. There was a planned group volunteer day and BBQ scheduled for the following week that had to be postponed due to heavy snow accumulation, but new volunteers have still had the opportunity to get their hands dirty in the Arboretum greenhouse. Several volunteers also chose to take part in the docent training and have plans to assist the Americorp Arboretum Educator with several upcoming programs. Approximately 15 volunteers regularly attended the classes and plan to become regular volunteers.

## **March Volunteer Hours/Value:**

Intern hours were down due to no Job Corp interns available and regular volunteer hours were higher last year due to many Youth Employment Program hours spent on flood rehab and a large Job Corp welding project.

	<b>March 2018</b>	<b>March 2017</b>	<b>% Increase</b>	<b>Total for YTD 2018</b>	<b>Compared to YTD 2017</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
# of Volunteer Hrs	864	1,983.85	-56.4	2,373.75	4,196.10	-43.4%
# of Intern Hrs	52	279	-81.2%	113	482	-76.6%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$22,112.24	\$68,212.09	-67.6%	\$60,030.15	\$110,216.03	-45.5%

\*The hourly rate of \$24.14 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by [www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org).

## Upcoming Events

- The Arboretum Community Cleanup is scheduled to take place the morning of Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm. The event is held in cooperation with the Rail City Garden Center, KKOH, and the May Arboretum Society. This event is all ages and open to the community, and the Arboretum staff usually focuses on raking leaves and removing debris from the winter.
- Sites have been selected for the Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful “Great Community Cleanup”. Participating parks will include two locations at Rancho San Rafael (North & West), Crystal Peak Park, Mayberry Park, Hidden Valley Regional Park, Dorostkar and Ambrose Parks, and a seedling planting at the trail at Golden Eagle. All other Washoe County sites will focus on invasive weed removal.