

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
June 5, 2018

May Highlights

- Washoe County Parks benefitted greatly from the contributions of 247 volunteers working over four hours during the Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful's "Great Community Cleanup". Volunteers removed dumpsters full of invasive weeds, performed trail maintenance, picked up litter, planted sagebrush seedlings, and completed other various maintenance and beautification projects. KTMB's volunteer appreciation picnic concluded the event at Lazy 5 Regional Park.
- The Arboretum had over 700 volunteer hours last month which is a few hundred more hours than average. The annual plant sale is a big contributor to this, but the Arboretum has also been keeping volunteers especially busy with activities in the greenhouse, as well as group mulching projects in Labyrinth garden. In addition, 22 individuals participated in the annual Arboretum Community Cleanup on Saturday, April 28th.
- Within just the last month, 23 students from Spanish Springs High School, Reed High School, and ACCT High School spent several hours painting a series of murals along the "Hive" building at Lazy 5 Regional Park. Students will continue work on the murals until the end of the school year.
- Boy Scout Pack 150 spent 54 hours raking pine needles and helping to prep Davis Creek Campground for the busy upcoming summer season. This is the second large group we have hosted at Davis Creek Park recently and the picnic sites and campground have improved greatly.
- Starbucks employees celebrated Earth Day by volunteering at both Galena Creek Regional Park and Bowers Mansion. The high energy employees raked and beautified the Bearmat Pavilion in Galena, and spruced up the mansion beds at Bowers.

May Volunteer Hours/Value:

Volunteer hours for reports are now due shortly after mid-month which makes it a little more difficult to compare apples to apples when looking at one month compared to the same month last year. Overall, the number of volunteer events is fairly consistent with last year, and intern hours are down because the Arboretum has one less Job Corp intern this season.

	May 2018	May 2017	% Increase	Total for YTD 2018	Compared to YTD 2017	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	3,826.50	3,054.65	25.3%	7,376.5	8,706.75	-15.3%
# of Intern Hrs	136	247	-44.9%	395.5	937	-57.7%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$97,834.13	\$79,701.83	22.7%	\$191,890.68	\$232,800.12	-17.6%

*The hourly rate of \$24.69 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by www.independentsector.org.