

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
March 6, 2017

February Highlights

- Despite the inclement weather, many volunteers are still staying busy with service activities such as pruning and removing overgrown vegetation at the Arboretum, picking litter and raking at several parks, presenting programming at the Galena Creek Visitor Center, working with the Range Master at the Regional Shooting Facility, and we still have students from the Washoe County School District's Transition Services program assisting with various projects at Bartley Ranch.
- The Lazy 5 Park Rangers have partnered with an organization called "Going Places", a provider of services for people with developmental disabilities. The organization will be transporting a group of 3-4 participants along with aids to pick up litter, sweep, and rake in the park each week. It is a great opportunity for all to get outside and enjoy the park.

February Volunteer Hours/Value:

Intern hours were down due to no Job Corp interns available and regular volunteer hours were higher last year due to a Job Corp welding project and Eagle Scout projects.

	February 2018	February 2017	% Increase	Total for YTD 2018	Compared to YTD 2017	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	768	1,306	-41.2%	1,509.75	2,212.25	-31.8%
# of Intern Hrs	29	182	-84.1%	61	203	-70.0%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$19,239.58	\$35,057.28	-45.1%	\$37,917.71	\$56,903.29	-33.4%

*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.

Upcoming Events

- Volunteer Coordinator, Denise Evans, has been busy meeting with staff to identify projects for the upcoming spring months. We are expecting volunteer project requests from UNR during their "Greeks on the Streets" event in early March, and have already begun planning for the KTMB Great Community Cleanup. We are also busy planning for several volunteer groups that want to come out this spring, and Starbucks employees will have their first service day of the year at Martin Luther King Jr. Park at the end of February.
- The annual series of classes providing horticulture training for new Arboretum volunteers will begin Tuesday, February 27th, running for three weeks on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. These classes have proven to be the best vehicle for recruiting and training new volunteers, and we are excited to have an eager new group of individuals joining our already strong volunteer force.