

# Park District Reports October/November 2020

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting  
December 1, 2020

## **SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Park Ranger Andy Brown was able to conduct two Ranger Hikes during the month of October. One at Galena Creek and the other at the Slide Mountain Trailhead. The group was limited to 15 participants and masks and social distancing were required.
- The Davis Creek Campground north loop was shut down for the season in October. It was another very successful season at the campground with revenues up compared to last year due to the limited camp sites available in nearby areas.
- The restoration planting at Bartley Ranch Regional Park managed by Park Planner Joanne Lowden was completed in November. The planting should eliminate much of the cheat grass and invasive plants that has invaded the hillside since the Caughlin Fire of 2011.
- At Bowers Mansion, the restoration work was completed, and we conducted tours on a limited basis through October. We did reach our average number of tours for October with 225 visitors to the mansion.
- Bartley Ranch Park and the Hawkins Amphitheater hosted two presidential candidate campaign events. Ranger and Recreation staff did an excellent job working with the Secret Service in order to ensure the events were safe and successful.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Ranger staff is planning to have the Christmas Trees for Special Families event again this year with some changes to the program due to Covid-19 guidelines. The trees will be cut down at Galena Creek Park, transported and dispersed to families out of Rancho San Rafael Park.
- Galena Creek Park is scheduled for a fuels reduction project along the power line right of way and along Mount Rose Highway. Rancho San Rafael Regional Park will be one of the Christmas tree recycling sites beginning on December 26<sup>th</sup> in an ongoing partnership with KTMB.
- Bartley Ranch Regional Park will be one of the Christmas tree recycling sites beginning on December 26<sup>th</sup> in an ongoing partnership with KTMB.

## **NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Park Ranger Bob Holland and Phil Brazier hosted a fall color walk in the Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. The group was limited to 15 participants and masks and social distancing were required. They were able to see some wonderful colors and had a great experience.
- Park Ranger Sarah Snell's Ranger Walk at Lockwood Trail was cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

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