



Park Districts Report – June 2015

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

July 7, 2015

SOUTH REGION **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater had 8 performances in June. We hosted a few music and dance recitals, the Food Bank fundraiser, Chautauqua, and the Air Force Band.
- Reno 5000 put on a running race at Hidden Valley Park on June 28th. There were 400 participants.
- Programs on the Porch continued through the month with increased participation each week. We averaged 75 attendees per program.
- The second annual Hike for Hounds event was at Galena Creek Park on Sunday, June 7th and was well received.
- Building and picnic reservations at all of the regional parks in the south region are picking up. High School Graduation weekend continues to be one of our busiest weekends for reservations.
- Bowers Mansion Pool opened to the public on Saturday, June 20th. The pool is open daily and swim lessons are being offered. We have increased the pool operating hours. In the past the pool was open daily from 12noon -5pm. We are now open Monday through Friday from 12noon-7pm and on weekends from 10am - 7pm. We hope the public enjoys the extended hours.
- The 2nd annual Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Kids Fire Camp took place June 22-June 25.
- Davis Creek Park continues to be a popular campground to beat the heat and get into the forest for the weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Evenings on the Ranch at Bartley Ranch Park begin on Wednesday, July 1. There will be free performances each Wednesday during the month of July. In conjunction with this event, The Historic Ranch Heritage Preserve will be open for folks to see as well as the July exhibit at the Western Heritage Interpretive Center.
- The Exhibit for the month of the July in the Western Heritage Interpretive Center at Bartley Ranch Park is Parks: Past/Present Perspectives. We thank the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation for making this photo exhibit available to us and the ability to add some Bartley Ranch specific photos as well.
- July will be the busiest month at the Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater. We have 16 dates scheduled for performances. Washoe County is a co-sponsor of both the Monday night series and the Thursday night "Soiree Under the Stars" series.

NORTH REGION **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Pony rides are back at Rancho San Rafael! Lorie's Ponies comes to the Nevada Farms and Families area at RSR on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays to offer rides for \$5. Washoe County receives a percentage of the revenue.
- Work continues at the NFF with Summer Youth Employment working on staining some of the shade structures.
- The Regional Shooting Facility got the green light and funding to open on holidays for Fiscal 16. This is very good news and a great step to help keep people from shooting in the desert on these very hot days when risk of fire is high.



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- The Summer Concert Series at Lazy 5 on Wednesday evenings has been very successful so far this summer with an average attendance of around 450 music lovers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Summer Concert Series at L5 will continue through July and into August.
- Festival of Color will have an event in the NFF on July 11th. They are anticipating around 400 in attendance.
- North Valleys Splash Park and Melio Gaspari Water Play Park will remain open during July. NVSP is open 7 days per week and MGWP is open Wednesday through Sunday.