



Park Districts Report – September 2015

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
October 6, 2015

SOUTH REGION **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Bowers Mansion Pool is now closed for the season. The last operating day was Monday, September 7th. The pool has been winterized and covered. We look forward to re-opening in 2016.
- Bowers Mansion will be providing tours through October 31st. Please attend if you haven't made it down in the last few years. The tour is approximately 30 minutes and packed with relevant historic information about the Comstock Era and the rise and fall of the Bowers family.
- Davis Creek Park remains busy on weekend days with campers enjoying the unseasonably warm weather this September.
- Galena Creek Park's Fish Hatchery and Camp WeChMe continue to remain the most popular park facilities for weddings. Each facility is booked each weekend with at least one if not multiple wedding celebrations.
- Sierra Nevada Job Corps continues with the mortar project on some rock walls in the Plaza Picnic Pavilion at Bartley Ranch Park.
- Vaughn Middle School hosted a cross country race on Thursday, September 3rd at Hidden Valley Regional Park. The event was a success.
- Damonte Ranch High School organized a high school cross country race at Bartley Ranch Park on Friday, September 18th. They had 250 racers in 4 heats.
- Sierra Nevada Performing Arts presented Cinderella on September 4-6 and 11-13. They had four rehearsal dates scheduled as well.
- Washoe County Sheriff's Office did their awards ceremony at the Robert Z. Hawkins amphitheater on September 24th. They had approximately 200 deputies and family members attend and concluded with a barbeque at the Flying B after the awards.
- Edible Pedal staged a century bike ride on Sunday, September 20th at Bowers Mansion Park. The Rotary Club of Reno Sunrise has put on this event now for 5 years and they expect 1000 racers to participate. They offer a 100-mile ride, a 50-mile ride, and a 10-mile family fun ride.
- The Truckee River Clean-Up was Saturday, September 26th. We had organized groups of volunteers helping at Crystal Peak Park, Mayberry Park, and Dorostkar Park. Over 200 volunteers assisted with the clean-up and the River Parks are looking better than ever!
- The Juvenile Diabetes Association organized the "Battle of the Rattle" 5K run, with the use of the Huffaker Hills Trailhead for a water stop. Their race was Saturday, September 26th.
- GBI planned an organized "Galenafest" on Sunday, September 27th. They had both a run and mountain bike race at the event. They also did a kids race for the little ones. The event was well attended, approximately 250 attendees for the both the race and the day's activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bartley Ranch Park will be the stage for the 25th Annual Reno Celtic Celebration. It will take place on October 3 & 4 from 10am-5pm each day. In celebration of the 25th annual event, they have reserved the entire park to accommodate more activities for festival goers.
- Reno Wheelmen is hosting a Cyclocross event at Hidden Valley Regional Park on Saturday, October 3rd. They anticipate 50 riders in 3 heats of 30 minutes, 45 minutes, and 60 minute rides.
- The Sierra Autumn Photo Exhibit will be displayed at Bartley Ranch Park's Western Heritage Interpretive Center. It will be open from October 1 – October 31 from 8am-5pm daily. Come by and vote for your favorite fall photo!
- Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation is doing a fundraiser at the Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater on Friday, October 30th. It will be the silent movie *Nosferatu*. There will be a live band playing music throughout the length of the movie. The show begins at 7pm.



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- The Great Reno Balloon Races were held at Rancho San Rafael on September 11, 12, and 13. Overall, the event went well. There was an issue with wasps but a pest control company was called out and spent the next two days on site just in case.
- The CrossReno cyclocross race was held at Rancho San Rafael on September 19th. Almost 350 riders participated and riders and spectators were entertained by several bands.
- Staff will be working with both special events to help bring the pasture back.
- AAA held a Day of Service at Rancho San Rafael on September 17th. Almost 200 AAA employees worked in the Nevada Farms and Families area of Rancho pulling weeds, painting murals, planting trees and flowers, and staining a barn. AAA also moved three tractors and a 1950's Dodge farm truck into the garage area.
- Dogs were allowed to have their day at Melio Gaspari Water Play Park at Lazy 5 on Sunday, September 20th. About 35 furry friends enjoyed the day at the park.
- Both Melio and North Valley Splash Park closed for the season, with the last day of operation being Labor Day. It was a successful season at both venues.

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- The Pumpkin Walk will be held in the May Arboretum at Rancho San Rafael on October 9th from 5:30-8:30 PM.
- Several cross country races are scheduled throughout October at Rancho.
- The very popular "Ranching at Rancho" program continues to draw crowds on Saturdays in the NFF.
- Pony rides are on Saturdays and Sundays in the NFF from 10-1 and are a favorite with families.