

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
June 4, 2019

May Highlights

- Washoe County’s Giving and Volunteering Committee is helping to organize groups of employee volunteers to help touch up and prepare trails for the ranger led “Walk with Washoe” guided walks. The first walk took place on Thursday, May 21st and about 8 volunteers arrived about an hour before the walk to help make sure the trail looked great for the walk participants.
- Another Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful “Great Community Cleanup” is in the books, with a total of 189 volunteers donating their time at Washoe County Parks. As always, we are so grateful to KTMB for their support and assistance in providing volunteers, dumpsters, and supplies. To celebrate a morning of hard work, all volunteers were invited to attend an appreciation barbecue at Bartley Ranch Regional Park.
- Several south wards of the LDS Church approach us each spring to do a large scale cleanup. This year, they chose to do a “May the Fourth” Star Wars theme, and the event was held at Davis Creek Regional Park and Bowers Mansion. In total, 124 volunteers came and raked a dumpster full of pine needles as well as spreading DG in the parking lot islands.
- Parks Volunteer Coordinator, Denise Evans worked with an intern from a UNR Community Engagement class majoring in Communications. Matthew Dariano spent his 24 hours updating the Parks website, compiling a volunteer database, and participated in coordinating the Great Community Cleanup.

April Volunteer Hours/Value:

	May 2019	May 2018	% Increase	Total for YTD 2019	Compared to YTD 2018	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	2,224.25	3,826.50	-41.9%	6,898	7,376.5	-6.5%
# of Intern Hrs	43	136	-68.4%	178	395	-54.9%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$57,656.17	\$97,834.13	-41.1%	\$179,942.68	\$191,890.68	-6.5%

**The hourly rate of \$25.43 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by www.independentsector.org.*

Upcoming Events

- Parks staff will be meeting with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful on expanding the Adopt-A-Spot program now that they have a dedicated employee assigned to helping to increase adoptions. We will be discussing strategy, parks to target, and procedures to make the program as effective as possible for us.
- The summer Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon for Arboretum volunteers will take place in June, and volunteers with more than 200 hours will be honored with certificates from the Governor’s office.