

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
September 3, 2019

June & July Highlights

- The May Arboretum celebrated their volunteers' accomplishments with a summer barbecue and award ceremony on Thursday, June 20. Twelve volunteers received a lapel pin and certificates hand signed by Governor Steve Sisolak for serving over 200 hours in the past year. One additional volunteer, Beverly Treadway, received a certificate from the governor for her significant leadership role in addressing an unmet need – the creation of the Arboretum bimonthly volunteer newsletter "Arboretum Connections".
- Patagonia employees have been very active in the community lately and we have been fortunate to host volunteer groups at both the Basque Monument at Rancho San Rafael and Davis Creek Regional Park. There is also a regular group of volunteers that come every Thursday to work on improvements for the Urban Roots camp within the Nevada Farms and Families area of Rancho.
- Various Boy Scout Troops (Pack 443, 110, 500) have volunteered their time to assist with the Lazy 5 Regional Park Concert Series, specifically cleaning up litter after the concerts. Approximately ten Boy Scouts will participate for up to two hours each week.
- July is normally a somewhat slow time of year for volunteering due to the heat and people taking vacations. Last year, however, the heat and smoke were especially bad. We have been fortunate to benefit from a few additional groups and individual volunteers this July due to the milder conditions.

June Volunteer Hours/Value:

	June 2019	June 2018	% Increase	Total for YTD 2018	Compared to YTD 2018	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	1,617.5	1,811	-10.7%	8,515.5	9,187.5	-7.3%
# of Intern Hrs	41.5	20	107.5%	219.5	415.5	-47.2%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$42,188.37	\$45,207.39	-6.7%	\$222,131.05	\$237,098.07	-6.3%

*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.

July Volunteer Hours/Value:

	July 2019	July 2018	% Increase	Total for YTD 2019	Compared to YTD 2018	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	1,306	750.75	73.9%	9,821.5	9,938.25	-1.1%
# of Intern Hrs	0	48	-100%	219.5	463.5	-52.6%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$33,211.58	\$19,721.14	68.4%	\$255,342.63	\$256,819.20	-0.6%

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August Highlights

- One of the volunteer positions we have for individuals is that of a “Trail Monitors”. One such trail monitor named Steve Olson spends 5-10 hours a month working on sections of the lower Galena Creek Trail. We so appreciate not only the work he does, but having another set of eyes and ears on the trail to keep us informed of any potential problems.
- Davis Creek has been enjoying a rotating group of missionaries who work on raking up areas of the park during their off time. This month, those couple of hours here and there ended up totaling 76.5 hours!
- The Summer Youth Employment group contributed over 500 hours to the total this month with 354 of those hours spent refurbishing picnic tables and raking pine needles at Galena Creek Regional Park while the rest of the hours were spent on weed abatement at Rancho San Rafael.
- The Regional Shooting Facility (RSF) has a new volunteer named John Macdonald. Since July, he has already volunteered 160 hours! All Regional Shooting Facility volunteers are certified Range Safety Officers through the National Rifle Association of America. In total, the RSF had 271 volunteer hours over the past month.

August Volunteer Hours/Value:

	August 2019	August 2018	% Increase	Total for YTD 2019	Compared to YTD 2018	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	2,078	1,214.25	71.1%	11,899.5	11,152.5	6.7%
# of Intern Hrs	35.25	220	-84.0%	254.75	683.5	-62.7%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$53,739.95	\$35,411.63	51.8%	\$309,085.57	\$292,230.84	5.8%

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Upcoming Events

- For the past 6 years now, Arboretum volunteers have been treated to a casual breakfast of bagels and coffee under the Lear Gazebo during media day of the Balloon Races. It is an amazing perk to volunteering at the Arboretum that we are happy to share. In preparation, volunteers have been spent two mornings over the past month getting the garden ready for not only their own enjoyment, but the public’s, for the big weekend.
- The Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Truckee River Cleanup is coming up on Saturday, September 28th. We look forward to participating and working with these eager volunteers to maintain our beautiful river parks.