

# Park District Reports March-May 2020

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting  
June 2, 2020

## **SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Due to the Covid 19 guidelines beginning in March, most or all of our park buildings and rentable facilities were closed to classes or programs. Most of them were cancelled or postponed until further notice.
- Bowers Mansion is undergoing restoration and rehabilitation of the exterior decks, pillars, bannisters, and roofing. There will be some minor plaster work done on the interior. Completion of the restoration is scheduled for mid-June at this time.
- Bowers Pool is undergoing a deck expansion which will include rentable pavilions and shaded areas. This construction should also be completed by mid-June.
- Seasonal staff has been hired and all open positions are filled at this time which has been very beneficial for the district due to the substantial increase in attendance at all of the parks and trail heads.
- Historic Huffaker School at Bartley Ranch had the roof replaced in May. It is a metal roof with the same coloration of the previous shingles that were failing. The new metal roof matches other roof structures in the park and blends well in the park.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- We are hoping to open Bowers Mansion for tours once the construction is finished. They may be modified somewhat with smaller groups allowed on tours to observe social distancing.
- As we reach Phase 2, we will be opening the Davis Creek Campground.
- Most of our normal programs, events, or classes have been canceled or postponed through June.

## **NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Gabe Barbato was hired to fill the Vacant Park Ranger I position in the Pah Rah District.
- The majority of our facilities have been operating in a modified capacity, allowing the public to access trails and open space, but limiting contact with common surfaces and indoors spaces.
- Improvements were made to the East Keystone trailhead improving safety of the trail and limiting off-road access.
- A new section of trail was added to the Ranch Loop trail at Rancho San Rafael west of the wetland to provide a wide easily accessible path for runs and multiple user groups. Another section of the trail was widened to improve usability.
- Staff has been completing many projects to address deferred maintenance and potential hazards in the parks.
- Washoe County's Regional Shooting Facility re-opened to the public with a modified operation on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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- Construction of the lower section of the UNR downhill trail will begin mid-June and will finish the improvement of a very popular downhill mountain bike trail.
- Preparing facilities and staff for Phase 2 of modified operations including additional signage and working with user groups that will be returning in a modified capacity.