

# Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting  
March 2, 2020

## Volunteer Updates

*There was a delay in reporting hours due to the Volunteer Coordinator, Denise Evans, having a temporary reassignment to the Washoe County Health District to assist with vaccine distribution.*

- November Total Hours: We only had 356.75 volunteer hours this November, an almost 84% decrease from 2019 when we had 2,179 hours. Fall and spring are normally the busiest time of year, so this reduction of hours had a significant impact on our ability to wrap up projects for by the end of the year. Understandably, this reduction of hours was due to COVID and the statewide pause.
- December Total Hours: There were a total of 538.5 volunteer hours. In 2019, we had a similar amount with 502.25 hours as December is not normally a busy time of year for volunteering in the parks.
- January Total Hours: There were a total of 194.25 volunteer hours, approximately half of the amount in 2020. January hours can fluctuate significantly due to weather, and we did have some snow this year.
- The following COVID-19 modifications to volunteering will remain in place until further notice:
  - Individual volunteers and groups of no more than 25 people are allowed.
  - Volunteers must practice social distancing amongst each other and the public. Parks staff can help facilitate this by placing volunteers away from busy areas of the park when possible.
  - Volunteers must have a face covering accessible at all times in case they need to interact with anyone or use the restroom.
  - Volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves and tools whenever possible.

## End of Year Summary

Overall in 2020, Washoe County Parks had a total of 7,804.5 volunteer hours, which was a decrease of almost 57% from the previous year. However, this amount still equated to an estimated national value of over \$212,282.40 and is almost equivalent to an additional 4 full time employees. We are so grateful for every single volunteer that gave their time in 2020, and appreciate even just one hour, it all adds up and makes a difference!