

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
May 3, 2022

March Volunteer Updates

- March Volunteer Hours = 898.75
This is an increase of almost 400 hours from last March and more closely resembles a pre-pandemic spring! We are happily seeing a trend of more groups interested in volunteering along with larger group sizes.
- Volunteering ramped up in the Arboretum as May Arboretum Society (MAS) members and other Arboretum volunteers began preparing the greenhouse for the MAS Plant Sale. Individuals also spent a significant amount of time volunteering in the Arboretum gardens, accounting for 100 hours of the 275 total Arboretum hours.
- Volunteer groups in the month of March included iServe UNR, the Nevada Pre-Dental Society, UNR's Blue Key Society, and the Wildwood Open Lands Foundation. All UNR groups volunteered at Rancho San Rafael Park and Wildwood helped clean up overgrown vegetation and picked litter at Betsy Caughlin Donnelly Park. Most volunteering in the month of March by both groups and individuals included extensive leaf raking and cleaning out ditches.
- Upcoming events – April is shaping up to be a productive month with lots of groups coming out to celebrate Earth Day/Week/Month and to take advantage of the general mild weather of spring.