



## Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting October 2023

### SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater at Bartley Ranch Regional Park will hosted the Sierra School of Performing Arts program “The Addams Family” from August 11<sup>th</sup> thru August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- KTMB hosted the annual Truckee River Clean Up on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Washoe County Parks clean-up sites included Crystal Peak, Mayberry, Dorostkar, and Ambrose parks.
- There was a Ranger Led Hike at Huffaker Hills on September 26<sup>th</sup> around the Loop trail highlighting the local plants and history.
- The Fall Harvest Festival was held at Bartley Ranch Regional Park on September 30<sup>th</sup> to benefit Nevada Youth Empowerment Program. It featured a petting zoo carriage rides and craft booths as well as many more fall activities.

### SOUTH REGION UPCOMING EVENTS

- On October 21<sup>st</sup> Bowers Mansion Regional Park will be hosting Bowers Mansion Living History Day. There will be various period demonstrations between 11am and 3pm as well as mansion history talks and self guided tours of the Bowers Mansion.
- Park Ranger Andy Brown will be leading Fall Photo Hikes on 10/21 at Galena Creek Park, 10/28 at Thomas Creek Trail and Bartley Ranch Regional Park on 11/4. They will begin at 2pm.
- Park Rangers Red Muratori and Brett Hartman will be doing an introduction to the new Washoe County Junior Ranger Program at South Valleys Library on October 19<sup>th</sup>.



## **NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS**

- August 29<sup>th</sup> Ranger Celia Walker led a Ranger led hike at Rancho San Rafael highlighting the history of the park and the ranching history of the Truckee Meadows and ended with a guided tour of the Historic Ranch House.
- The Obsolete Iron Car Club celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary “Last Bash” Car Show at Lazy 5 Regional Park on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was a little wet but still well attended.
- The Great Reno Ballon Races had beautiful weather and had record attendance September 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park
- The Master Gardeners will be hosting a talk on cold weather crops as well as a how to on putting your garden to bed for the winter on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-12pm in the Rancho San Rafael Community Garden.

## **NORTH REGION UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Rancho San Rafael Regional Park will be hosting the CMYK festival from 2pm-9pm. It features lots of music and food as well as Yoga and lots of dancing.
- Park Rangers Bob Holland and Celia Walker will be leading a hike to explore Washoe County’s Regional Archery Facility and take in the wonderful views on October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Meet The Turkeys will return to Rancho San Rafael on November 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be photo opportunities and lots of fall themed crafting tables as well as information on many local non-profit organizations.
- On October 11 Park Ranger Chris Smyzcek will be hosting a program all about the Mammals in Washoe County. The talk will be at 6pm in the Cottonwood Room at Lazy 5 Regional Park.