

## Washoe County Update

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**HOT NEWS: Fire Services:** County Commission Terminates Fire Contract: The Washoe County Commissioners, acting as the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD), voted to give notice of its termination of the Interlocal Agreement for Fire Services with the Reno Fire Department (RFD) effective June 30, 2012. Per the existing contract's terms, termination notice must be received one year prior to a termination date. For the

past two years, both the Commissioners and the Joint Fire Advisory Board (JFAB) comprised of elected officials from both Washoe County and the City of Reno have met to address multiple issues that impact the cost of fire operations. Washoe County currently pays \$11.3 million annually to the Reno Fire Department toward the delivery of fire services for the TMFPD. **Financial analysis has shown that this funding is not sustainable given on-going property tax revenue reductions in that fire district's service territory, and will continue to result in declining ending fund balances.** In making the decision, the Board noted the decision to terminate the contract with the RFD was made based on the financial analysis presented to them; noting that while the region has saved approximately \$13 million, as a result of the interlocal agreement between TMFPD and RFD, current economic conditions make the current and proposed contract financially unsustainable and could lead to the fire district's demise. The Board praised County staff and RFD Chief Michael Hernandez for their commitment to try to develop solutions and providing fire services to the region. **The Board encouraged Chief Hernandez and other stakeholders to join the County in pursuing regionalization of future fire services.**

**HOT NEWS: Artown:** [www.renoisartown.com](http://www.renoisartown.com)

Artown is here: Artown highlights the arts in the Reno area each July with a packed calendar of events. Artown captures the imagination and brings, with it a celebration of distinguished artists from around the world, across the country and those that live in our community all for the sake of cultural diversity and artistic innovation. To experience the best and the latest in visual and performing arts, Artown features more than 400 events from over 100 presenters designed to inspire. For more information, visit: [www.renoisartown.com](http://www.renoisartown.com)

**Washoe County Manager's Office:** [www.washoecounty.us/mgrsoff](http://www.washoecounty.us/mgrsoff)

Management Wage Concessions: As recommended by the County Manager, Washoe County Commissioners approved an overall wage and benefit reduction of 7% for the County Manager, Assistant County Managers, appointed Department Heads, and non-represented Division Managers effective July 4, 2011 through June 30, 2012. This action is expected to save \$222,466 during the coming fiscal year, and will help meet the County's overall 2011-12 deficit projected to be \$36.3 million, which includes recent Legislative impacts. The 2011-12 budget is 21% less than just four years ago. The 7% overall reduction is comprised of an on-going 5% salary reduction, reduction of eligible merit increases from 5% to 2.5%, a

freeze on longevity payments at the amounts paid in fiscal year 2010-11 and a health care cost share of \$44.60 per pay period. This is the fourth consecutive year that Washoe County Management employees have taken wage and benefit concessions to help address budget deficits resulting from declining property tax and sales tax revenues.

Employee Wage Concessions: For the fourth consecutive year, Washoe County employees have voluntarily agreed to wage and benefit concessions that will help the County address a \$33.8 million deficit faced in the 2011-12 fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. The agreements reached thus far **with seven of nine employee associations**, which represent both line staff and supervisory County employees, are interim agreements that continue the concessions made by those associations for fiscal year 2010-11, until current negotiations are completed for fiscal year 2011-12.

The current negotiations are aimed at developing final agreements for the next fiscal year, whereby **all associations contribute their proportionate share** of the targeted \$11.6 million in on-going wage and benefit concessions. This target amount represents more than \$2 million already achieved in savings due to the outstanding efforts of the employees' Health Insurance Negotiating Committee, which restructured the benefit plan. The \$11.6 million employee concession target would mean approximately an **overall 7% reduction for employees, which could be achieved through a combination of reductions in current wages and/or benefit reductions, such as employees paying more toward their health care costs.**

Both of these have been done in the past, as well as no cost-of-living increases since the 2007-08 fiscal year. The associations that have agreed to extend the average 3.4% 2010-11 wage and benefit concessions into the next fiscal year until a new agreement can be reached are the supervisory and line employee associations, which include the Washoe County Employee Association (the largest representing 1,549 employees), the Washoe County Nurses' Association (representing 29 employees), the Washoe County Public Attorney's Association (representing 78 employees), and the Washoe County District Attorney Investigators Association (representing 11 employees). Washoe County has seen a reduction of its workforce by nearly 20% over the past several years, and has 2,658 employees at this time.

Bonds Refinanced: In 2001, Washoe County issued two infrastructure bonds. The first bond was for the Jan Evans Juvenile Justice and Incline Village Maintenance Facilities in the amount of \$16,815,000, which uses consolidated tax revenues as payment. The second bond was for Library, Parks and Open Space in the amount of \$22,785,000, which uses voter-approved ad valorem tax revenue as payment. With recent improved market conditions and the County's high bond rating, refinancing these bonds will save taxpayers \$1.7 million over the existing debt. Total payments on the two outstanding bonds will be reduced by 7% and 4%, respectively. As Washoe County enters its fifth-straight year of budget reductions, refinancing these bonds supports the County's strategic objective of sustainable economic resources.

Budget Update: County Commissioners voted to amend the County's 2011-12 budget to reflect the impacts of the 2011 Legislative Session, which enacted a number of laws that will shift revenues to the state, shift costs to the County, and reduce or eliminate state funding of county programs. The estimated fiscal impact of these legislative actions is approximately \$11 million in 2011-12 and \$12 million in 2012-13. Immediately following the close of the legislative session, County staff had estimated the fiscal impact to the

general fund alone would be approximately \$5 million. However, based on further analysis the legislative impact to the general fund has been reduced to \$2.5 million and includes the cost of a Special Election tentatively scheduled for September 13th.

Deficit Reduced: County staff had originally forecasted the Governor's proposed budget could impact the County's budget by as much as \$27 million per year over the next biennium. To prepare for the potential impact and to address long-term financial sustainability, County Commissioners directed Department Heads to prepare "worse case" scenarios of 10% and 25% operating budget reductions. These reductions would have been in addition to the wage and benefit reductions from all employee groups and the 1.7 to 3.7% reductions department budgets had already been reduced to meet the original general fund deficit. The Board directed that only the 10% reduction scenarios should be developed and moved the due date of those plans to July 29, 2011. While an overall 10% reduction is not necessary to meet the estimated additional \$2.5 million legislative impact, this planning is necessary due to the use of \$9.75 million in one-time fund balances to make up for the economic deficit. In addition, departmental plans will provide options for the County Commissioners as they deliberate on where additional reductions shall occur.

Work Still To Be Done: When the original 2011-12 general fund budget was adopted, County Commissioners approved a four-point plan to address the \$31.3 million deficit identified at that time: (1) \$5 million in operating budget reductions (actually achieved \$5.7 million in savings); (2) \$5 million in on-going savings achieved through a Fundamental Review of all County operations (expected to be completed and presented to the Board on August 9<sup>th</sup>); (3) \$9.75 million one-time use of fund balances (done) and (4) \$11.6 million in permanent employee wage and benefit reductions (currently under negotiations). The \$2.5 million legislative impact to the general fund budget has now increased the 2011-12 deficit to \$33.8 million. The 10% budget reduction plans will help identify where additional savings might be achieved. Washoe County has reduced its budgets since 2007 by \$154 million and a total of 769 positions have been eliminated. Spending levels are now at 2005 levels, with staffing at 2004 or earlier levels. Employees have foregone cost-of-living raises and have given back voluntary wage and benefit concessions that totaled more than \$9 million during 2010-11 alone. Negotiations are currently underway for \$11.6 million in wage and benefit cuts for the coming fiscal year.

Fundamental Review Update: The County Commissioners heard from Finance staff that the 2012-13 fiscal year will have to have a minimum of \$17.25 million ongoing savings. These savings need to be identified and implemented through the Fundamental Review of County operations. As Commissioners grapple with ways to address the 2011-12 budget deficit, they are mindful of the need for sustainable reductions given the fiscal outlook for 2012-13.

**Registrar of Voters:** [www.washoecounty.us/voters](http://www.washoecounty.us/voters)

Administrative Changes for the 2011 Special Election: Registrar of Voters, Dan Burk will implement administrative changes for the **2011 Special Election on September 13**, which will save Washoe County \$136,000. The Special Election is necessary due to Governor Sandoval's appointment of U.S. Congressman Dean Heller to the U.S. Senate seat that was vacated upon the resignation of Senator John Ensign. This resulted in a vacancy in the Second Congressional District seat to be filled for the remainder of the current term (i.e. until the 2012 General Election). Both the U.S. Constitution and Nevada law require a Congressional vacancy to be filled through a special election, if necessary. Administrative changes include: reducing the Election Day polling places from 95 to 68; reducing the poll

workers from 570 to 450; reducing Early Voting locations from 14 to 12; reducing total voting hours from 1370 to 885 and printing sample ballots in-house.

**Voter Registration:** Registrar Burk also reminds voters if you have moved recently or changed your name, you will need to re-register to vote. Many voters mistakenly assume that once they have notified the US Post Office or Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles of their move, that this also changes their voter registration information. If you have moved, but haven't re-registered with Washoe County, you will not receive a sample ballot. You can re-register by mail, in-person at the Registrar of Voters Office, located in the Washoe County Administration Complex on Ninth Street in Reno or at a Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles location by completing the Change of Address for Voters form. The Change of Address for Voters form is available online at: [www.washoecounty.us/voters/forms.htm](http://www.washoecounty.us/voters/forms.htm) To view your voter registration information, visit: [www.washoecounty.us/voters](http://www.washoecounty.us/voters) and click on the Your Voter Registration Status link on the left-hand side or call 328-3670.

**Washoe County Sheriff's Office:** [www.washoesheriff.com](http://www.washoesheriff.com)

**Door-To-Door Solicitor Calls on the Rise:** Washoe County Sheriff's Deputies have been dispatched to several calls regarding door-to-door solicitation, selling numerous items, such as magazine subscriptions, household cleaners, and residential security systems. Many have been reported as being extremely aggressive. Some solicitors may have the necessary licensing and Sheriff's Office work cards that are required for door-to-door sales in our county, yet many do not. In addition, there has been a rise burglaries possibly connected to solicitors "casing" neighborhoods. In the past, the vast majority of solicitors that have been contacted are not residents of Washoe County nor live in Nevada. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office offers these tips when dealing with solicitors:

- If you do not know the person, do not open your door. Don't feel obligated to greet the unfamiliar person knocking at your door.
- If you are not interested in the item being offered, simply close the door and lock it. You do not owe the person an explanation.
- Stand in front of your home and see what is visible from the street. If you can see your valuable items through the front windows, so can potential burglars.
- Always keep doors and windows locked. Storm doors or security doors are helpful when dealing with solicitors because you can see and speak safely through the door. Never allow an unfamiliar person into your house!
- Call your local law enforcement agency if a solicitor is aggressively attempting to gain access into your home and/or refusing to show proper identification.
- If you see criminal or suspicious activity, call our non-emergency dispatch at 832-WCSO (9276).

**Regional Parks and Open Space (RPOS):** [www.washoecounty.us/parks](http://www.washoecounty.us/parks)

**Take Your Daughter to Golf Day at Washoe Golf Course:** Two-for-one green fees and a chance for some quality family time on the golf course as Washoe Golf Course hosts Take Your Daughter to Golf Day from Noon to 6pm on Sunday, July 10, 2011. For more information, call 828-6640 or visit: [www.washoegolf.org](http://www.washoegolf.org)

**Washoe County Library System:** [www.washoecountylibrary.us](http://www.washoecountylibrary.us)

**REMINDER:** Adopt a Periodical at Your Favorite Library: Due to the ongoing budget cuts affecting Washoe County Library System, the number of magazines ordered next year will be again be lower than in the past. But, you can help by "adopting" a periodical (paying for a one-year subscription). The donations will allow the library to purchase popular magazines

that would otherwise be eliminated. The “sponsored” magazines will begin arriving at the library by January 2012. **All donations are tax-deductible. To meet ordering deadlines, the donation forms should be submitted by August 25.** For more information, call 827-1885 or email [chillyard@washoecounty.us](mailto:chillyard@washoecounty.us)

**REMINDER:** Summer Reading Program: One World, Many Stories: This year’s program runs until August 31 and encourages children of all ages to read for fun, knowledge and the opportunity to win prizes. Children and teens, who read for 15 days, will receive a free book and can finish multiple logs to win multiple books. For more information, visit your local library or [www.washoecountylibrary.us](http://www.washoecountylibrary.us)

**REMINDER:** Help Make Library Wishes Come True: Through the Washoe County Library’s Amazon Wish List you can purchase (donation) a book that will help build the Library’s collection. Due to the ongoing budget cuts affecting Washoe County Library System, the number of books ordered from operating funds next year will again be lower than in previous years. The donations will help the library build its collection and make more copies available to check out. To help, visit: [www.washoecountylibrary.us](http://www.washoecountylibrary.us) and click on the link to Amazon Wish List. Alternatively, you can go to Amazon.com, click on Gifts and Wish Lists and search for Washoe County Library. A personalized bookplate will be placed in the book acknowledging your donation; you can also indicate a donation in honor/in memory of someone else. **All donations are tax-deductible.**

**Washoe County Law Library:** [www.washoecounty.us/lawlib](http://www.washoecounty.us/lawlib)

**REMINDER:** Lawyer in the Library at Washoe County Law Library: Speak briefly with a volunteer attorney for free. On Tuesday evenings, the topic is Family Law and on Wednesday evenings the topic is General Law. The program is held at 75 Court St. in Reno. Sign-up is at 4:30pm with a limit of 10 participants.

**Washoe County Senior Law Project:** [www.washoecounty.us/seniorsrv/legal.htm](http://www.washoecounty.us/seniorsrv/legal.htm)

**REMINDER:** Home Preservation Seminars: The Senior Law Project continues to hold free home preservation seminars on basic foreclosure prevention and Nevada foreclosure mediation preparation. **These seminars are open to everyone.** For more information or to reserve a seat, call: 328-2656.

**Washoe County Social Services (WCSS):** [www.washoecounty.us/socsrv](http://www.washoecounty.us/socsrv)

Grant to Will Help At-Risk Families: County Commissioners accepted a \$400,000 grant from the State of Nevada Housing Division ([www.nvhousing.state.nv.us](http://www.nvhousing.state.nv.us)) to support a \$1.7 million federal grant. These funds will be used to help at-risk families in the County’s Social Services program by providing affordable, stable housing and, as a result, reunite families. WCSS has been selected to receive Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in its third round of grant funding (NSP3), in the amount of \$1,735,918. The NSP3 program focuses on rehabilitating 9 foreclosed multi-family units through local partnerships that include the Reno Housing Authority and both the Cities of Sparks and Reno. The units will be made available to house a range of different clients currently being served by WCSS. One of the common barriers for reunifying existing Social Services clients with their children is often affordable housing and this grant will support Social Services efforts to accomplish that reunification goal of affordable housing. For more information, call: 785.8600.

**Washoe County Public Guardian:** [www.washoecounty.us/guardian](http://www.washoecounty.us/guardian)

**Companionship Volunteers Wanted:** Do you have a few hours that you could spend talking with someone in our community, who could greatly benefit from a short visit? If so, please visit our website at [www.washoecounty.us/guardian](http://www.washoecounty.us/guardian) to find out more about becoming a Companionship Volunteer through our Public Guardian's office. This department cares for individuals deemed as wards of the County by a court, and they are looking for compassionate, dedicated volunteers who can supplement their monthly visits to these individuals.

**Washoe County Health District:** [www.washoecounty.us/health](http://www.washoecounty.us/health)

**New Health Officer Welcomed:** Dr. Joseph Iser began his new duties as the Washoe County Health District Officer. Dr. Iser most recently held similar positions in Nevada County and Yolo County, California and retired from 24 years active duty with the U.S. Public Health Service. He will oversee a staff of 200 employees responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Health District, which has jurisdiction over all public health matters in the County.

**Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District: (CTMRD):**

[www.washoecounty.us/water/ctmrd.htm](http://www.washoecounty.us/water/ctmrd.htm)

**Boundary and Fee Amendments Approved:** County Commissioners approved amendments to the boundary and fee ordinances of the Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District (CTMRD), which was created in 1995 to address tetrachloroethene (PCE) contamination in groundwater that is used to meet municipal water demand. Owners of water-using parcels in much of the Reno-Sparks area pay an annual remediation fee on their property tax bill that is used to fund the activities of the CTMRD program. The remediation fee rate will be reduced by 50% for FY 11-12 and FY 12-13, saving fee payers approximately \$2.5 million over the biennium. These savings are possible due to process improvements that allow for the dissolution of this fund reserve. For more information, call Chris Benedict at: 954-4642 or visit: [www.washoecounty.us/water/ctmrd.htm](http://www.washoecounty.us/water/ctmrd.htm)

**Washoe County Public Works (WCPW):** [www.washoecounty.us/pubworks](http://www.washoecounty.us/pubworks)

**REMINDER:** **2011 Overlay and Slurry Seal:** The County's 2011 Overlay and Slurry Seal construction projects have begun. The Overlay project now consists of 14 streets, 3 parking lots and one pedestrian path for a total construction cost of \$2,111,170. The project has 120 streets set for slurry and chip seal for a total construction cost of \$2,959,235. The list of the roads that will receive treatments is available online at:

[www.washoecounty.us/pubworks/roads.htm](http://www.washoecounty.us/pubworks/roads.htm)

**Sparks Justice Court:** [www.washoecounty.us/SJC](http://www.washoecounty.us/SJC)

**REMINDER:** **New Hours of Operation:** Sparks Justice Court will be closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30pm, effective Friday, July 1, 2011. The new hours of operation are necessary because of the Court's required \$37,000 budget reduction plan for fiscal year 2011-2012. During this lunch-hour and at 4pm, the Court's telephones will be forwarded to voicemail to allow staff time to process time-sensitive paperwork, as well as perform their other job functions.

**City of Sparks:** [www.cityofsparks.us](http://www.cityofsparks.us)

**Amended Wetland Construction Agreement:** The Sparks City Council approved an amendment to an agreement between the Cities of Sparks and Reno, and the Nature Conservancy for channel and wetland construction for the lower Truckee River restoration to reflect cost savings. In 2006, the Cities of Sparks and Reno agreed to fund restoration

projects on the lower Truckee River, as part of a regional plan for water quality benefits. Savings from construction has reduced funding needed for the project from the City of Sparks from \$822,472 to \$508,792.

Solar Project at Sparks Police Station: The City of Sparks and NV Energy are celebrating completion of a solar power project expected to reduce the city’s annual electric costs by as much as \$60,000. As part of its Sustainability Action Plan, the city has installed 300-kilowatts of solar power (photovoltaic panels) in the parking lot of the Sparks Police Department to generate energy and reduce the City’s electricity costs. The installation costs will be partially offset by a \$560,000 grant from the federal government’s Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, and three (3) rebates in the amount of \$1,493,100 (\$497,700 each) the City is receiving through its participation in NV Energy’s SolarGenerations program. For more information, call Karl Walquist, (NV Energy) at: 834.3891 and/or Adam Mayberry (City of Sparks) at: 353-7894.

**REMINDER:** Hometowne Farmers Market: Whole Foods Market is the proud sponsor of the annual Hometowne Farmer’s Market on Sparks Victorian Square Plaza, located across from John Ascuaga’s Nugget and in front of the Century Theaters. **The Market will be open on Thursdays from 4 to 8pm**, with live performers on stage from 6 to 7:30pm. Whole Foods Market and local growers will offer a wide variety of seasonal, unique and even exotic fruits and vegetables to the public. Parking will be available in surface lots surrounding the Victorian Square plaza, as well as in the two public parking garages located on C Street. **Alcoholic beverages are not allowed outside of the perimeter of the market, and attendees are not permitted to bring any glass containers, alcohol, or pets to the event.** For more information, visit: [www.sparksitshappeninghere.com](http://www.sparksitshappeninghere.com)

**Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District:**  
**May 2011 responses:**

Call Type:	Station						Total:
	13 Stead	14 Damonte	15 Sun Valley	16 East Lake	17 Spanish Springs	18 Cold Springs	
Structure Fires	7	2	2	2	4	4	21
Wildland Fires	1	1	0	1	1	0	4
Other Fires	4	1	1	1	0	2	9
Medical Calls	131	123	120	10	90	44	518
Rescues/Extrication	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Motor Vehicle Acc.	14	16	4	1	13	2	50
Hazmat/Hazardous	6	8	2	0	2	2	20
Activated Fire Alarm	11	13	3	1	1	2	31
All Other Calls	8	15	21	9	16	5	74
<b>Total:</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>728</b>

**Significant Events:**

- May 11 at 1822 hours at 1260 E. 10th St: First arriving crews found heavy smoke showing from the doors and windows of a residence. One occupant was located during an initial search. The victim was deceased and an investigation was initiated. No other injuries reported.
- May 22 at 1939 hours at 4048 Shinners Pl: Fence fire that extended to a tree and a barn. Fire damage to one wall of the barn and its contents. No injuries reported.

- May 25 at 1206 hours at Ackley St./Virginia St in Wadsworth: Three out buildings destroyed with fire spreading to the brush during a wind event. One firefighter injury reported.
- May 29 at 0829 hours at 10101 S. Virginia St: Barn fire with heavy timber construction. Extensive damage to the floor and one wall. Two firefighter injuries were reported.

**Nevada Department of Transportation:**

I-80 Design-Build Traffic ALERT - Stop on Red - Go on Green: Construction ramp signals will be installed on the on-ramps at the locations below - **no sooner than July 6, 2011.**

- Keystone Ave. to I-80 eastbound on-ramp
- Center St. to I-80 eastbound on-ramp
- Wells Ave. to I-80 eastbound on-ramp

The construction ramp signals are needed to improve operations and increase safety for the traffic control configuration, which will have two travel lanes in each direction along I-80. The signals will be in place for the duration of the 2011 construction season. The construction ramp signals are a basic traffic signal consisting of only a red and green light (no yellow). They will be operational during peak hours and other times as needed. **All cars stop on a red light, and one car at a time is released per green light and allowed to enter I-80. Nevada Department of Transportation is evaluating whether to keep the signals in place after the construction is completed.** For more information about the construction ramp signals, visit: [www.keeprenosparksmoving.com/signals](http://www.keeprenosparksmoving.com/signals)

**REMINDER: Nevada Attorney General:** [www.ag.state.nv.us](http://www.ag.state.nv.us)

New Consumer Protection Quarterly Newsletter: The Nevada Attorney General's Office has a new Consumer Protection Quarterly Newsletter. This free quarterly e-publication contains tips and alerts for Nevada consumers to assist them in recognizing scams and take precautions to protect themselves. To sign-up to receive the Newsletter visit: [www.ag.state.nv.us](http://www.ag.state.nv.us)



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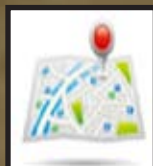
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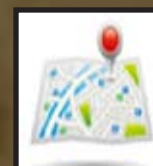
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# Graffiti



## What you can do

Your participation by reporting and accurately documenting *tags* help police and district attorneys build strong cases that result in prosecution. Here are ways you can help:

- ✦ Add motion lights or inexpensive video surveillance.
- ✦ There are key signs to look for if children are tagging. Juvenile taggers often *tag* their rooms, backpacks, shoes, even their purses/wallets. Also important – the school district prohibits spray paint on campus and would never include it in an art supply list.
- ✦ Report tagging in progress at (775) 785-4629 or if discovered after the fact, you can file online at [www.washoesheriff.com/graffiti.htm](http://www.washoesheriff.com/graffiti.htm)
- ✦ Take photos of the graffiti before you clean up.
- ✦ Don't post graffiti on social websites or any place that would advertise the graffiti. Taggers are looking for recognition.
- ✦ Remove the graffiti as quickly as possible to avert tagger notoriety and to prevent the paint from absorbing into the surface.
- ✦ Pressure wash unpainted concrete surfaces.
- ✦ Paint. Color match to original color if possible.
- ✦ File a graffiti removal request form at [www.washoesheriff.com/graffiti.htm](http://www.washoesheriff.com/graffiti.htm)

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# Graffiti



## What does it say?

### Graffiti comes in six basic types:

Graffiti is writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or spray painted illicitly on a wall or other surfaces in public view to get attention or recognition. When Graffiti is placed on public or private property without owner permission, it is not art, its vandalism and it's illegal. Graffiti is an expensive burden to our residents and contributes to community decay. The Sheriff's Office, partnered with the Reno and Sparks Police Departments are working to eradicate graffiti to protect our quality of life and ensure a more livable Truckee Meadows.

**Tagger** - Simple line letters normally painted quickly in two or three colors. Taggers may have *crews* whose members use one or more crew names plus their own *Moniker* or name they call themselves.

**Gang** - Graffiti can be used as a gang signal to mark territory or serve as an indicator for gang-related activity.

**Juvenile** - Incorporating pictures of body parts and/or offensive remarks aimed at an individual.

**Offensive** - Racist or messages that reflect prejudice

**Advertising** - Trying to get a message across. Not common in Washoe County

**Art** - The only legal display, commissioned graffiti is used as an art form for public or private property with the permission of the municipality or owner.