



Park Districts Report – January 2016

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
February 2, 2016

SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Christmas Tree Recycling concluded on January 10th. This is a cooperative program with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful to keep Christmas Trees out of the landfill. The trees are chipped into mulch that is used throughout the Washoe County park system in park to reduce weeds, and beautify parks. 3865 trees were recycled and chipped at Bartley Ranch Park.
- “Come in from the Cold” Winter Family Series began on Saturday, January 9th at 7pm. Northern Nevada Bluegrass kicked off the series with an evening of bluegrass music. The programs continue each Saturday evening through March 12th. The series is free, with a suggested donation of \$3/person to pay the presenter and help with the costs of future park programs.
- The Galena Visitor’s Center is open Friday through Sunday from 9am-4pm. Great Basin Institute, a private non-profit organization, provides programming each Saturday with a guided hike and an additional environmental education program. Please attend these information and fun programs throughout the year!
- The strong winter has provided staff many opportunities to plow the parks with new equipment at Galena, Davis, and Bowers Mansion Regional Parks. .

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Gardening in Nevada, a co-operative program with University of Nevada’s Cooperative Extension will begin February 2 at Bartley Ranch Park’s Western Heritage Interpretive Center. These programs will continue each Tuesday evening from 6-8pm through March 29th. They are free of charge and chock full of great gardening tips for gardening in the Nevada climate.

NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Dogs off leash are also becoming more and more prevalent throughout our park system. Additional off leash facilities throughout our region are needed and working toward citation authority with Chapter 95 would also be a useful tool.
- Being open on holidays (except for Christmas Day) has been a welcome addition to the Regional Shooting Facility. The users have been very happy with this decision.
- At the Regional Archery Facility, Nevada Division of Forestry will be thinning the urban forest. Crowded, diseased, and dying juniper trees will be cut and broadcast chipped to promote a healthy tree stand at the RAF for years to come. The work is funded by a grant obtained by NDF.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Park Ranger Marie Fong will be providing a butterfly program to be housed at the Visitor Center at Rancho San Rafael. The exhibit will highlight butterflies and moths found in Nevada.