



## May Center Report – July 2020

### Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting



#### May Arboretum Report

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Staff continues work to keep the Arboretum open during COVID19 pandemic.
- ◆ The first phase of interpretive panel project for the arboretum were reviewed and edited by a review committee. The committee changes were submitted to Fallon Media (primary contractor) to make corrections and edits. The edits are then sent to the May Foundation for final approval. This project was funded by the May Foundation (**\$149,600.00**).
- ◆ The May Arboretum office is closed to the general public until further notice.

#### **May Arboretum Environmental Educational Programs**

- ◆ Nichole Tracey, AmeriCorps member and the Arboretum Educational Program Coordinator continues to post videos on Facebook and Instagram. Nichole's term will end in August.
- ◆ The horticulturist recently hired a new Arboretum Educational Program Coordinator. The start date for the new member is September 1, 2020. Many thanks for the May Arboretum Society for funding this position (**\$9,500**).

#### **Arboretum Upgrades and Projects**

- ◆ A new garden will be designed by Didier Design Studio LLC for a Cactus and Succulent Garden that will be built at the north end of the arboretum near Lear Garden. The garden will be approximately 1.5 acres and will include taxa from our state, Great Basin, Chihuahua, and Sonoran deserts along with and specialty collection from around the world. It will include a children section, learning center, water feature and a crevice garden. May thanks to the May Arboretum Society for funding the design of this unique garden for the May Arboretum (**\$41,760.00**).
- ◆ May Arboretum will be installing two new kiosks in the Arboretum thanks to the generous donation of the May Arboretum Society (**\$8,740.00**)
- ◆ The May Arboretum Society purchased a new water feature for Plaza Garden (**\$1,799.00**)
- ◆ The Arboretum will receive an irrigation upgrade in the conifer, native and the rock garden collections. This upgrade will replace the 25 + year old system (**\$4,000.00**).

#### **Arboretum Operations**

- ◆ The horticulturist proposal for 2 full time seasonal position was awarded to the May Arboretum (**\$96,876.00**). The positions are funded from June 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.
- ◆ Several new memorial trees were planted this month by staff.

#### **Visitor Data**

- ◆ Visitor data suggest during June of 2020, 5,396 people entered from the south entrance (Ranch House parking lot) while 2,744 entered from the west entrance (May museum entrance parking lot). The total number of visitors beginning January 1, 2020 through July 15, 2020 is 56,166. Compare to last during the same time, the arboretum experienced a 28% increase in visitors possibly due to COVID19.



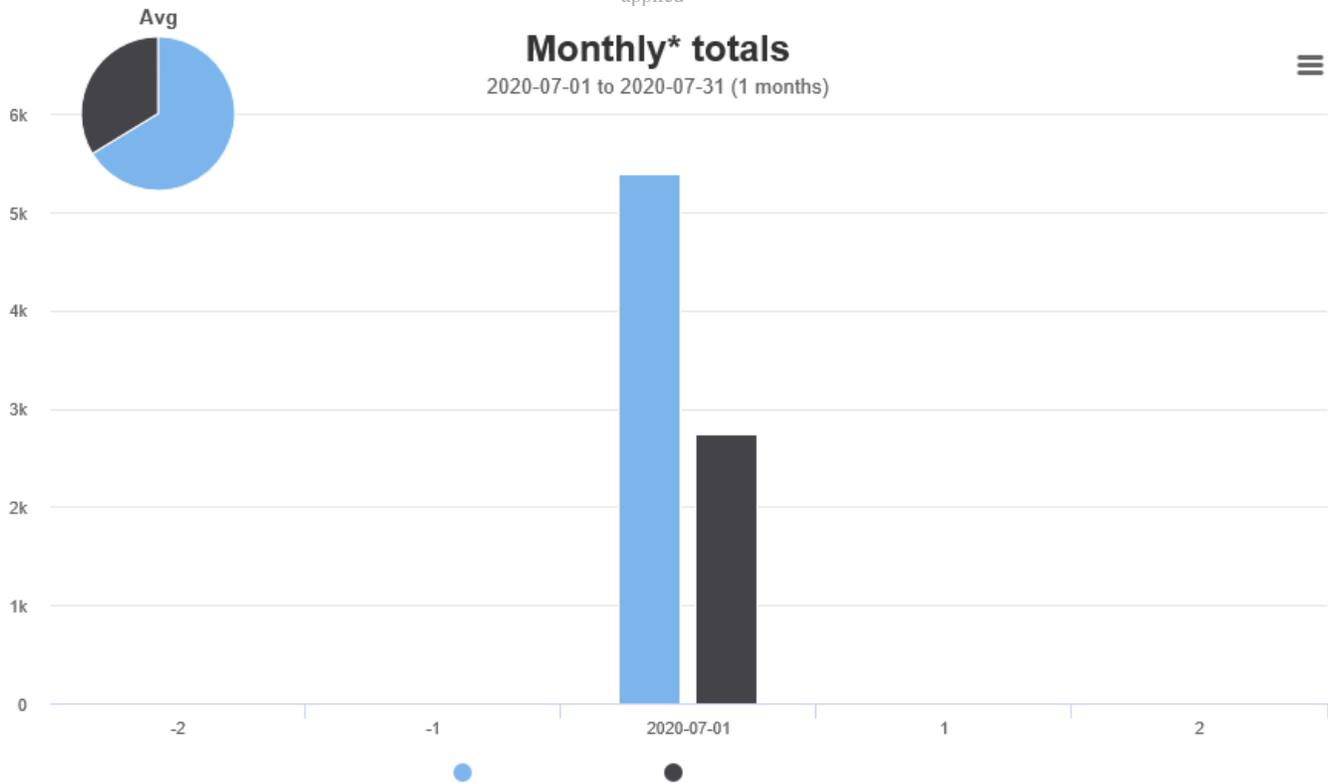
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Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ADT <sup>†</sup>	ADT <sup>†</sup> x365	Days with data
2020	So.Arbo Entrance <sup>D</sup>	2,941	3,966	4,668	8,648	9,348	7,833	5,396*						202.975	74,289	198
	West Arbo Entrance <sup>D</sup>	1,445	1,909	1,702	2,212	2,883	3,215	2,744*						74.657	27,324	198

ADT<sup>†</sup> = Average Daily Traffic  
 \* = based upon that month's ADT  
<sup>D</sup> = divide by 2 applied



Blue is the **south** entrance and black is the **west** entrance.

### May Arboretum Volunteer Program

- ◆ Volunteers have returned to arboretum. All volunteers work alone, wear a mask or have one on them, maintain social distancing, required to bring their own tools.
- ◆ In June volunteers recorded 160 hours which is equivalent to \$3,630.00 in service. Volunteer have become an essential part of the arboretum operations, saving the county thousands of dollars in labor each year.



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### May Museum Report

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- ◆ The Museum reopened to the public on June 24.
- ◆ “America the Beautiful” an exhibition of works by the Latimer Art Club opened on July 1 for Artown. It will be on display through July 31.