



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting July 29, 2026

May 2026 Volunteer Hours = 1,893.25

Volunteer Contributions Included:

- Dedicated gardeners at the Arboretum, along with members of the May Arboretum Society, continued to maintain and enhance the gardens throughout the year. Additional volunteer hours were also contributed during the annual May Arboretum Society Plant Sale.
- UNR Cooperative Extension volunteers and community members helped cultivate the community garden at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park. Additional volunteers served as "chicken tenders," caring for the park's chickens, while others regularly assisted with litter removal and maintaining the pollinator garden by removing weeds.
- Employees from Abbi Advertising Agency volunteered an afternoon removing weeds from the Rancho San Rafael pollinator garden, while HOSA students from the Coral Academy of Science (Future Health Professionals) helped clear weeds behind the Rancho Playroom.
- Hive volunteers continued to support public access to the pickleball courts at Lazy 5 Regional Park by unlocking the courts on designated open gym days.
- Girl Scouts Troop 201 participated in a tree-planting project at Forest Park.
- Gear Hut, the adopt-a-park group for Huffaker Hills Trailhead, removed approximately 160 pounds of trash and weeds from the trailhead.
- TMCC Promise Scholars completed volunteer projects at Lockwood, Lazy 5 Regional Park (five separate workdays), and Sun Valley Regional Park.
- Individual volunteer Tim Torrel continued creating wildlife carvings at Davis Creek Regional Park, while other volunteers assisted with seasonal maintenance by raking pine needles.
- Great Community Cleanup (GCC) events were held at Crystal Peak Park, Dorostkar Park, Galena Creek Regional Park and Visitor Center, Lockwood Trailhead, North Valleys Regional Park, Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, Reno Food Systems at Betsy Caughlin Donnelly Park, Riverbend Open Space, and Swan Lake Nature Study Area. Across these events, 263 volunteers contributed 1,052 hours of service, removing more than 7,000 pounds of trash, 51,000 pounds of green waste, and nearly 30,000 pounds of invasive weeds. Volunteers also planted 114 plants and spread 34 cubic yards of mulch.



June 2026 Volunteer Hours = 759.50

Volunteer Contributions Included:

- Dedicated gardeners at the Arboretum, along with members of the May Arboretum Society, continued to maintain and enhance the gardens.
- Boy Scout Troop 10, park adopters at Bartley Ranch Regional Park, removed invasive weeds to help preserve the park's natural landscape.
- UNR Cooperative Extension volunteers and community members helped cultivate the community garden at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park. Additional volunteers served as "chicken tenders," caring for the park's chickens, while others regularly assisted with litter removal and maintaining the pollinator garden by removing weeds.
- Hive volunteers continued to support public access to the pickleball courts at Lazy 5 Regional Park by unlocking the courts on designated open gym days.
- Individual volunteer Tim Torrel continued creating wildlife carvings at Davis Creek Regional Park, while other volunteers assisted with raking pine needles, trail maintenance, and watering newly planted trees. Employees from Charles River Laboratories also contributed volunteer service to support park maintenance efforts.
- The Galena Forest community partnered with Firewise USA for a Galena Creek trail cleanup, reducing hazardous fuels, managing green waste, and creating defensible space.
- DR Horton Home Builders and the McQueen Red Cross Club each participated in volunteer service days at North Valleys Regional Park, focusing on weed removal and litter cleanup.
- Panasonic interns returned to Rancho San Rafael Regional Park for their annual summer volunteer event, assisting with projects in the Nevada Farms and Families area.
- Gear Hut, the adopt-a-park group for Huffaker Hills Trailhead, removed approximately 60 pounds of trash and weeds from the trailhead.
- Community volunteers also participated in a cleanup event at the Rancho San Rafael Regional Park pollinator garden, helping remove weeds and improve the appearance of the garden.