

# January Newsletter

*Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space*



Happy  
New Year

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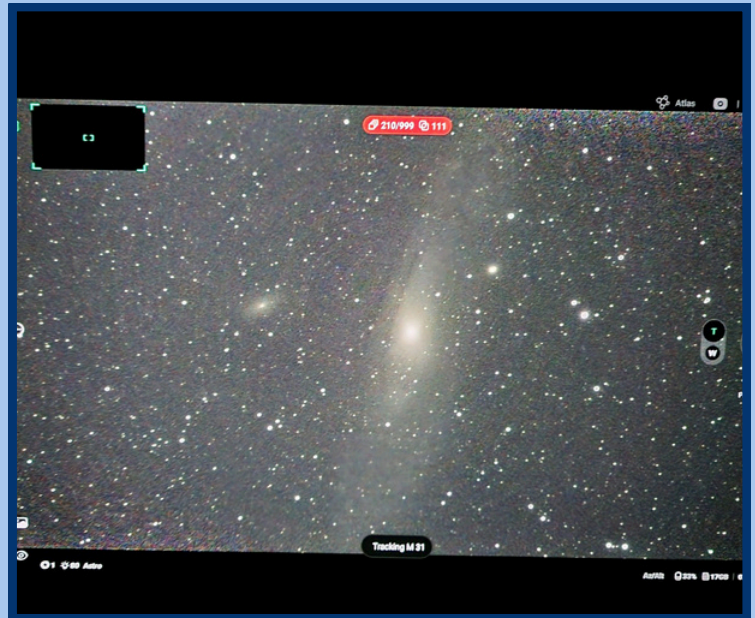


# December Recap



On Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> Park Rangers kicked off a busy weekend with Read with a Ranger at the library. They read *Counting Winter*, a story that explores winter through numbers, as well as *Bright Winter Night*, a story of woodland creatures that emerge from the forest to build a special surprise!

Later that Friday, Dr. Thomas Herring from Western Nevada College joined the Park Rangers at Silver Saddle Ranch with three telescopes and an inspiring talk about the galaxy!



The following Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, the Park Rangers wrapped up their last interpretive program of the year with their annual Holiday Hike at Riverview Park! Participants came in their festive holiday sweaters and learned about winter wildlife in Carson City!

# January Volunteer Opportunities

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## Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

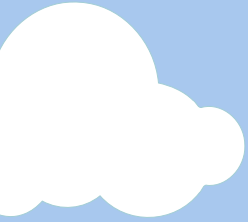
### **Park Ambassador Program**

The Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department is looking for volunteers to assist with the day-to-day operations at our parks and open spaces. We are looking for volunteers who can ideally visit the assigned park of their choosing once per week. Volunteers can assist with a wider variety of tasks, depending on their skill level. Some tasks may include (but not limited to): picking up trash, weeding, picking up dog waste, reporting vandalism and broken infrastructure, and other tasks dependent on your skillset!



### **Adopt-A-Trail Program**

The Adopt-A-Trail program is an environmental stewardship initiative and a chance for businesses, clubs, schools, and other citizen groups to give back to Carson City community by helping with care and maintenance of a trail. It aims to build civic pride and involve community members in positive outdoor recreation. Adopters coordinate 2-3 volunteer events per year at their adopted trail with activities based on their trails needs. Groups also get a sign at the trailhead promoting their group as the adopter.



**DO YOU LOVE SPENDING TIME IN YOUR LOCAL PARK OR OPEN SPACE? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?**

# **BECOME A PARK AMBASSADOR TODAY!**

**CARSON CITY PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO SPEND A MINIMUM OF 1 HOUR PER WEEK IN THE PARK OR OPEN SPACE OF THEIR CHOOSING, ENSURING IT IS CLEAN, WEEDED, AND DOG WASTE FREE!**

**CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR AT [VOLUNTEER@CARSON.ORG](mailto:VOLUNTEER@CARSON.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION!**



# WANTED:

## RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS



**Are you passionate about Rifle Range safety? Do you love spending time outside with others who enjoy shooting at the Range? The Carson City Rifle Range is looking for volunteers to assist with the day-to-day operations at the range including (but not limited to):**

- **Weed removal**
- **Picking up shell casings**
- **Enforcing the rules and policies of the range**
- **Answering questions/addressing concerns from range users**

**This is a fun and exciting opportunity for those 18 or older, who have a National Rifle Association Range Safety Officer Certification. Volunteer hours are flexible, and those who work a minimum of 8 hours per week will receive an annual pass to the Rifle Range!**

**For more information or to apply please contact the  
Range Coordinator at [nartam@carson.org](mailto:nartam@carson.org)  
or call (775) 283-7348**

# January Recreation Opportunities

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## Adaptive Recreation



### Goal Getters Jog, Walk and Do

The Goal Getters Jog & Walk program is a great way to beat the winter breeze and get your body moving. Each week participants will jog & walk at the Carson City MAC indoor track. Every lap a participant completes will be accounted for and the distance will be measured at the end of each session. As a team of Goal Getters participants will set out to go the distance!

**Mondays 12/1-1/26 | 4:00pm-5:00pm | \$5 Fee | Carson City MAC**

### Creative Crafts



Join us for Creative Crafts, where Movers and Doers can express their creativity, try new art techniques, and enjoy a supportive, social environment. No experience necessary - just bring your imagination!

**Wednesday 1/7 | 5:30pm-6:30pm | \$10 Fee | Community Center**

### Creative Crafts with Anna

Join us for Creative Crafts, where Movers and Doers can express their creativity, try new art techniques, and enjoy a supportive, social environment. No experience necessary - just bring your imagination!

**Wednesday 1/28 | 5:30pm-6:30pm | \$10 Fee | Art Building**



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## Youth Sports



### Skyhawks Multi-Sport Tots

Begin an athletic journey with Multi-Sport Tots! This program offers a variety of sports through fun, age-appropriate activities, enhancing balance coordination, and fitness. This engaging introduction to multiple sports is packed with learning and teamwork! (Parent participation is required with children under 4 years old). Registration open December 23rd-January 19th.

**Ages 1.5-2.5 | Mondays 1/26-3/9 | 5:00pm-5:40pm | \$80 Fee**

**Ages 2.5-3.5 | Mondays 1/26-3/9 | 5:45pm-6:25pm | \$80 Fee**

**Ages 3.5-5 | Mondays 1/26-3/9 | 6:00pm-7:10pm | \$80 Fee**

### Skyhawks Soccer Tots

Soccer Tots is Skyhawks flagship program! Playable on almost any surface, these soccer-themed motor skill classes are very easy for youngsters to get into. Younger age groups focus on developing motor skills and self-confidence; older classes focus more on developing core soccer skills and personal focus, and introduce an element of light competition. Instructor-to-student ratio is kept small to maximize individual development, and above all else we promote fun, fun, fun! (Parent participation is required for participants under 4 years old). Registration open December 23rd-January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Ages 1.5-2.5 | Tuesdays 1/27-3/3 | 9:00am-9:40am | \$80 Fee**

**Ages 2.5-3.5 | Tuesdays 1/27-3/3 | 9:45am-10:25am | \$80 Fee**

**Ages 3.5-5 | Tuesdays 1/27-3/3 | 10:30am-11:10am | \$80 Fee**



# January Recreation Opportunities

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## Adult Sports



### Self-Paced Marathon

If your New Year's resolutions include exercise, try this marathon that can be broken up at your pace and your schedule. You can walk, jog, or run. MAC staff will help track your distance. Includes a t-shirt upon completion of 26.2 miles, which is 208 laps on the MAC track.

Registration open December 8th-January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**1/5-2/28 | During MAC Hours | \$10 Fee | Carson City MAC**



### 365 on the 395: A Self-Paced Year-Long Challenge

Are you ready for a challenge? Join us at the MAC for a year-long, virtual 365-mile walking journey on the 395-highway. At your own pace and on your own time, MAC staff will help you log the miles that you walk, jog, or run every day throughout the year of 2026. You will be able to virtually track your progress as you reach notable sights along the route from Susanville to Alabama Hills on the beautiful US Route 395. Upon completion of the 365-mile journey, you will receive a t-shirt. Registration open December 8th-January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**1/5-12/31 | During MAC Hours | \$10 Fee | Carson City MAC**



# Carson City Parks & Recreation **2026 SELF PACED MARATHON**

**26.2 MILES**



**Only \$10!**

*Program dates: 1/5- 2/28*

*Register from 12/8 - 1/4:  
[www.carson.org/ccpr](http://www.carson.org/ccpr)*

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**2026 CARSON CITY PARKS & RECREATION**

**365 MILES ON U.S. 395:  
A SELF-PACED YEAR-LONG  
CHALLENGE!**



**BEGINS  
1/5/26**

**MAC ADDRESS - 1860 RUSSELL WAY**

**REGISTRATION OPENS 12/8/25!**

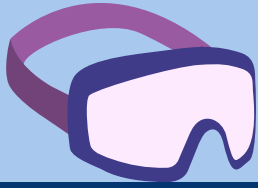
**WALK, JOG OR RUN!**

**COMPLETION INCLUDES T-SHIRT!**



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## Adult Sports



### **Pickleball with Mae: Introduction to Pickleball**

This is a 4-session class that will introduce new players to the fun sport of pickleball. Participants will learn the fundamentals for game play including game rules, basic serving and hitting (dinks and volleys), plus proper scoring instruction.

**Tuesdays, Thursdays 1/13-1/22 | 9:30am-11:00am | \$75 Fee | MAC**

### **Pickleball with Mae: Pickleball for Advanced Beginners**

This is a 6-session class that is meant for participants who are familiar with the basics of Pickleball. Participants will improve upon their skills in dinking, volleying, gameplay strategy, positioning, footwork, defense, etc.

**Tuesdays, Thursdays 1/13-1/29 | 11:00am-12:30pm | \$110 Fee | MAC**



### **Coed Volleyball**

Grab some friends and stay warm indoors during those cool spring evenings with our coed volleyball league! This is a 10-game season plus postseason playoffs and is a 6v6 league. Teams must have at least 3 females on the court. Registration open January 12th-February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Starts 3/2 | Games 6pm, 7pm, 8pm | \$350 Fee | Carson City MAC**

# January Recreation Opportunities

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## Arts & Culture



### Music and Art Tot Time

Early childhood arts activities including imitation and exploration in music and visual art. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required. 40-minute sessions.

**Mondays 1/1-4/30 | 10:00am | FREE | Art Building**

### My Toddler is Sewing!

Children will complete a flat foam sewing card cut into a shape while using a shoelace to complete their project. They can keep the sewing card for further practice. Parent/guardian required to stay with their child. Classes are 30 minutes in length on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday and Sunday, and on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

**1/1-4/30 | Sat/Sun 1:30pm, Tue/Thurs 3:00pm | \$22 Fee | Art Building**



### Hand Sewing for Beginners Boot Camp

Do you want to learn how to sew? In this class you will learn basic hand sewing which will include getting familiar with hand sewing safety, notions, tools, threading a needle, tying knots, pinning, eight hand stitches, three sewing techniques and a simple project. Bring a snack for a break halfway through the class. Parent/guardian required to stay with participants under 18. Additional art supplies not included. Classes on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday and Sunday.

**1/1-4/30 | Tue/Thurs 4:00pm, Sat/Sun 2:30pm | \$37 Fee | Art Building**



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## Arts & Culture



### Quilting Basics

The class introduces the basic skills and techniques needed to create a hand-sewn quilt block. The Quilting Basics class aims to equip students with the essential knowledge and skills to confidently create their own quilts and explore the vast and rewarding world of quilting.

Parent/guardian required to stay with participants under 18. Each class is 3 hours in length on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays.

**1/1-4/30 | Tue/Thurs 4:00pm | \$37 Fee | Art Building**



### I Can't Believe I'm Sewing!

Come join the sewing machine class & have fun learning how to use & control your machine! Do you simply want to learn how to use your sewing machine? Do you want to learn how to use a sewing machine so you can make or mend your clothes? Are you stuck trying to figure out how to finish a project because the instructions are confusing? I will teach you how to have fun controlling your machine & if possible, give you instructions on how to finish your project that is confusing. Bring a snack for a break halfway through the class. Parent/guardian required to stay with participants under 18. Classes held 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and Sunday, and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays.

**1/1-4/30 | Sat/Sun 2:30pm, Thurs. 4pm | \$37 Fee | Art Building**



# 2026

## SNOWSHOE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location
Jan. 3	5pm	Full Moon @ Chickadee Ridge
Feb. 10	10am	Donner Memorial State Park
Feb. 25	4pm	Sunset @ Spooner Lake
Mar. 14	2pm	Hope Valley

# Read with a Ranger

Friday January 9th

10:30am-11:30am

Carson City Library



Join the Carson City Park Rangers at the Carson City Library for Read with a Park Ranger, happening every second Friday from 10:30am-11:30am. This free event is for kids of all ages! This month we will be reading and learning all about mountain lions!

# Park Ranger Led- Programs

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Carson City Parks, Rec & Open Space  
Park Ranger-Led Programs

**January 24, 2026**

**1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**Riverview Park**

Join the Park Rangers for a winter themed Ranger Patrol! Look forward to climate and snow discussions, in addition to flooding and more!

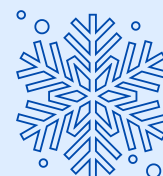


## Winter Wonderland Patrol

Join a Carson City Park Ranger on a foot patrol of the Carson River Trail system from Riverview Park. These unique Park Ranger adventures offer an experience similar to a Park Ranger's daily patrols of Carson City's trails. Participants may be able to address safety concerns, vandalism, and anything else that comes up. You can also look forward to climate and snow discussions, in addition to how riparian habitat and wildlife persists through bitter cold.

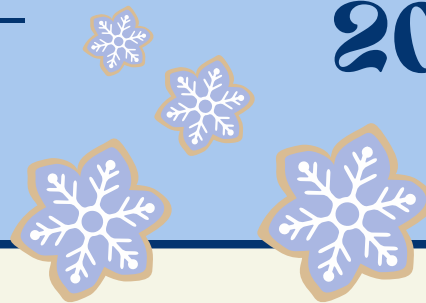
**Saturday 1/24 | 1:00pm-3:00pm | Riverview | FREE**

**REGISTER HERE!**



# Park Ranger Led- Programs

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## DAYTIME GALAXY TALK



Carson City Parks, Rec & Open Space  
Park Ranger-Led Programs

**January 31, 2026**

**11:30am – 1:30pm**

**Silver Saddle Ranch**

Telescopes will be set up around the Red House area and staff will be around to instruct on our Sun's dynamic surface, solar system, and more! Backup date is scheduled for February 28, 2026 if inclement weather occurs.



### Daytime Galaxy Talk

Join the Carson City Park Rangers and Dr. Thomas Herring, Professor of Physics at Western Nevada College, for our first Sun viewing event at Silver Saddle Ranch! Telescopes will be set up around the Red House area and staff will be around to instruct on the Sun's dynamic surface, our solar system, and more! Stop by anytime between 11:30am-1:30pm.

Please remember to bring your questions and dress for the weather!

**Saturday 1/31 | 11:30am-1:30pm | Silver Saddle Ranch | FREE**

**REGISTER HERE!**



# Quality of Life Initiative - 30 Years!



2026 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Quality of Life Initiative in Carson City! In 1996, Carson City voters passed ballot Question 18 that created a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% of sales tax which provides dedicated funding for our Department to benefit our community through acquisition of lands as well as developing, improving and maintaining our wonderful parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities. Stay tuned in to our monthly newsletters and our social media to learn about all of the amazing accomplishments in the last 30 years!

# DONATE OR JOIN TODAY!

## MISSION

The Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation is dedicated to improving citizens' experience with Carson City's parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities.

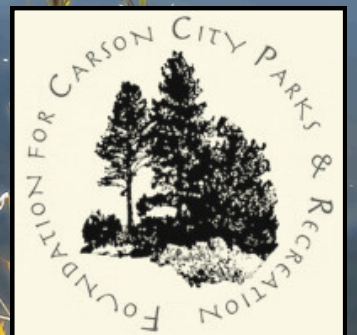
## ABOUT

The Foundation for Carson City Parks & Recreation, Inc (FCCPR) was established in 2015 as a non-profit member-driven 501(c)(3) organization. Operating as an independent, non-governmental organization, the Foundation is dedicated to bringing together members of the Carson City community to encourage and enable public support for the continuing enhancement of Carson City's parks and recreational facilities.

The Foundation promotes and supports individual and organizational-based projects to enhance indoor and outdoor recreational facilities and public use areas under the administration of the City's Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department.

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**LEARN MORE!**



# For More Information

**Follow us on Social Media:**



**Visit our website at:**

**[carson.org](https://carson.org) \*\***

**OR**

**Sign up for upcoming events at:**

**[www.carson.org/ccpr](https://www.carson.org/ccpr)**

**\*\* *Our website will be changing to  
carsoncity.gov effective January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.***