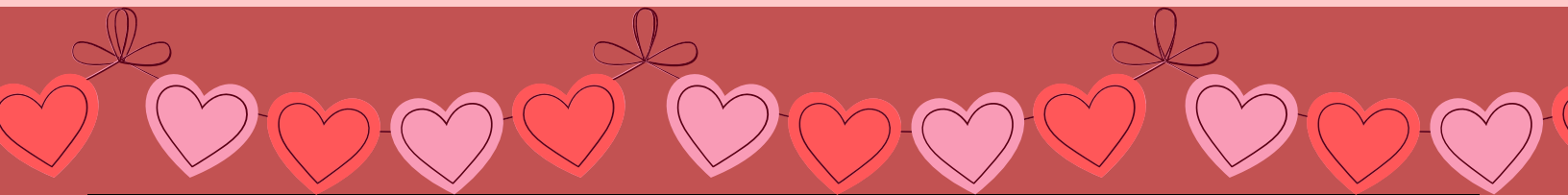


FEBRUARY Newsletter

Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space



**January Recap | Volunteer Opportunities |
Recreation Opportunities | Park Ranger-Led Events |
City Events | Quality of Life Initiative Anniversary**



January Recap



Throughout the month of January, a group of volunteers joined staff to help with the seeding efforts at Riverview Park! Volunteers and staff have been seeding areas in Riverview, that have been masticated by the CC Fire Department, with native grasses and wildflowers in hopes of eliminating the amount of weeds that may come up in the spring. Thank you volunteers!

On January 24th the Carson City Park Rangers hosted their annual Winter Wonderland Patrol, where participants joined to walk the trails at Riverview Park, discuss climate, snow, flooding, and how a Park Ranger's patrol might look during the winter!



To close out the month of January, the Park Rangers and Dr. Thomas Herring, Professor of Physics at Western Nevada College, hosted the first Sun viewing event at Silver Saddle Ranch! Telescopes were set up in front of the Red House and participants were able to look and learn about the Sun's dynamic surface, the solar system, and more!



Open Space Updates



Approximately 17 acres at Riverview Park had mastication work completed by the CC Fire Department in Fall 2025 to address a buildup of highly flammable sagebrush that had died as a result of flooding. Three noxious weeds were well established in the understory prior to this mastication, and their population size is expected to grow exponentially in the absence of the sagebrush. In hopes of offsetting the amount of noxious weeds that sprout in the spring, staff and volunteers performed seeding in select areas with native grasses and wildflowers!

Open Space Updates



With grant funding from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), segments of various trails along the west side of the Carson River were rebranded as a single five-mile-long Carson River Trail. This easy and accessible trail extends from the Morgan Mill Preserve Open Space to the Mexican Dam, and along the way a series of 10 interpretive panels and 2 high water markers explain the value of flood plans and Open Space and describe the cultural and natural history of the river corridor.

The trail consists of six segments: Empire Ranch, Eagle Creek, Riverview, Buzzy's Ranch, Silver Saddle Ranch, and Mexican Ditch. The Buzzy's Ranch Segment was included in Audubon's "Birdability" website which is *"...committed to making the birding community and the outdoors accessible, safe, welcoming and inclusive for everybody and every body"*.

Open Space Updates



Carson City is fortunate to host a water trail within our community. The Carson River Aquatic Trail currently begins just below the Mexican Dam and ends about fourteen miles downstream at the Santa Maria Ranch in Lyon County. For those who prefer to begin their float trip further upstream, navigating around the Mexican Dam presents challenges and hazards. In 2020, Open Space staff and the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) worked together to fund and construct a bridge across the Mexican Ditch Intake at the Mexican Dam, which was a first step in creating a safe pedestrian portage around the dam. More recently, Open Space staff worked with CWSD to plan a pedestrian boat ramp on the bank of the Carson River to allow for small non-motorized boats (kayaks, canoes, etc.) to safely “take-out” upstream of the dam and work in conjunction with the previously constructed bridge across the intake to complete a Mexican Dam Portage. The boat ramp was completed in October, using funding obtained by CWSD from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). A ribbon cutting is planned for spring, when weather and flows will accommodate a float trip!

Parks Updates



Out with the old and in with the new! The new Carson City Community Center sign has officially been installed. Local Redevelopment dollars at work, reinvesting in park infrastructure - this new sign will be much easier for park users to find the Community Center, especially at night, as the previous sign had not worked for years!

Parks Updates

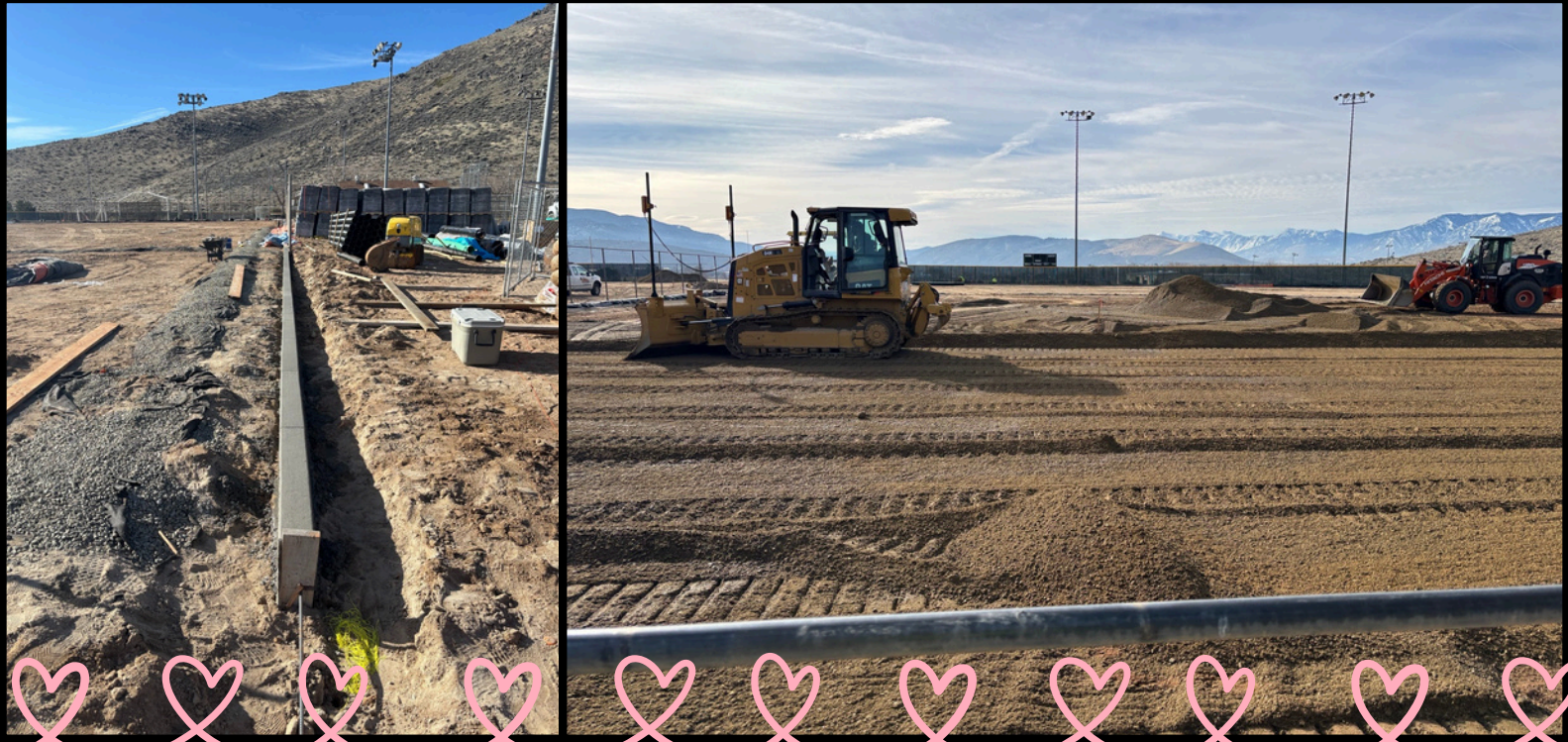


Carson City Parks staff have installed new above ground cattle guards at the entrances to Ronald D. Wilson Park! These new cattle guards are to help limit wild horses from entering the park. In the past wild horses have been known to cause damage to the playground surfacing and surrounding vegetation at this park, and we hope this new prevention method will help to address these issues in the future. When driving into the park, go slow and use caution when going over the collapsible cattle guards!



Pete Livermore Sports Complex ADA Improvements Project is in progress and on schedule to be completed in March.

Parks Updates



John D Winters Centennial Park Softball Project is in progress and slightly ahead of schedule, mostly due to the mild winter we have had thus far. That project is scheduled to be completed in April, weather pending.



Centennial Tennis Courts Restroom Replacement building was delivered and installed on 1/30. Coons Construction will be making utility connections and pouring back the concrete in the next month. The new restroom should be open to the public sometime in March. The new practice wall and other improvements will follow with very little to no disruption to the courts or restroom.

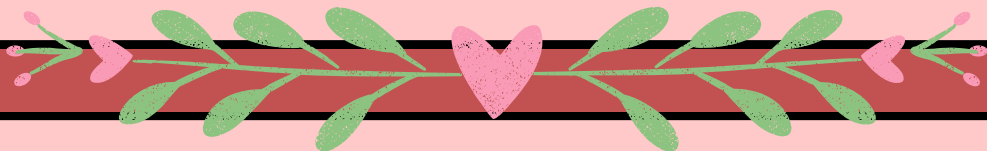
February Volunteer Opportunities 2026



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 VISIT THE PARK OR OPEN SPACE OF THEIR
CHOOSING ONCE PER WEEK, ENSURING IT IS
CLEAN, WEEDED, AND DOG WASTE FREE!



CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR AT
VOLUNTEER@CARSONCITY.GOV 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@carsoncity.gov
or call (775) 283-7348**

February Recreation Opportunities

2026



Adaptive Recreation



Movie at Galaxy Theaters

Lights, Camera, Snack! Join the Movers & Doers for a movie outing with a small popcorn, small drink and candy while enjoying a relaxed social experience.

Tuesday 2/10 | 5:00pm-7:30pm | \$10 Fee | Meet at Galaxy Theaters

Wilbur D. May Museum

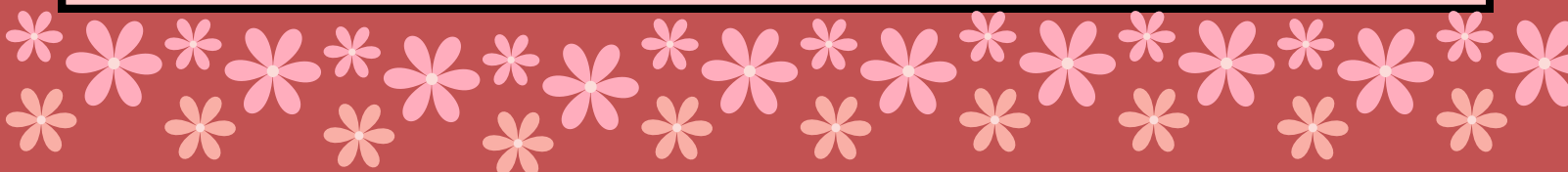
Join us as we visit the Wilbur D. May Museum that houses the private collection of Wilbur D. May: rancher, adventurer, and philanthropist. The Museum also hosts traveling exhibitions which will be available for us on our visit. Make sure to pack a lunch and water. Transportation is available.

Saturday 2/21 | 11:00am-3:00pm | \$15 Fee | Community Center

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 2/25 | 5:30pm-6:30pm | \$10 Fee | Community Center

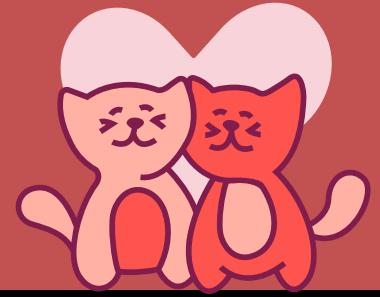


February Recreation Opportunities

2026



Youth Sports



UNR Basketball Day

Carson City Parks and Recreation is hosting a basketball day at UNR to watch the Wolfpack vs. Utah State Aggies. Discounted tickets are available through:

www.gofevo.com/event/CarsoncityMBB

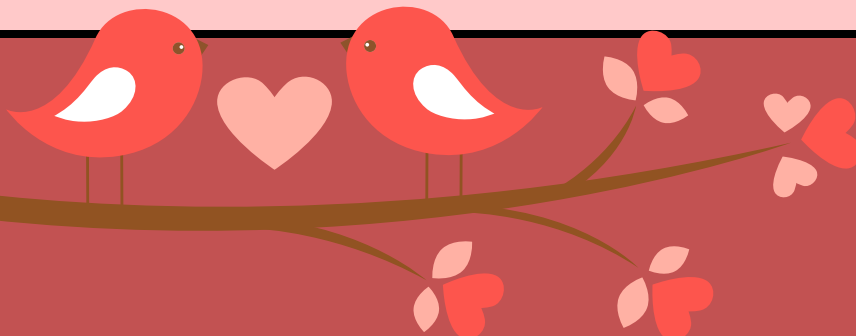
Saturday 2/21 | Game @ 7:00pm | \$18-\$29 | Lawlor Events Center

Tahoe Knight Monsters Hockey Night

Carson City Parks and Recreation is hosting a hockey evening at the Tahoe Blue Event Center as the Tahoe Knight Monsters take on the Kansas City Steelheads! Come on out to witness the newest professional sports team to our area. Registration closes March 12th. Follow the link below for discounted tickets:

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Carsoncity62>

Friday 3/13 | Game @ 7pm | \$26+ | Tahoe Blue Events Center



February Recreation Opportunities

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Adult Sports

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 (more females than males permitted). Registration open January 12th-February 22nd.

Mondays, Wednesdays 3/2 | Game Times: 6pm, 7pm, 8pm | \$350 Fee

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 2/24-3/5 | 9:30am-11:00am | \$75 Fee | MAC

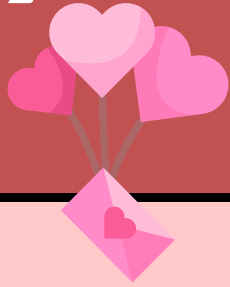
Pickleball with Mae: Pickleball for Advanced Beginners

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.

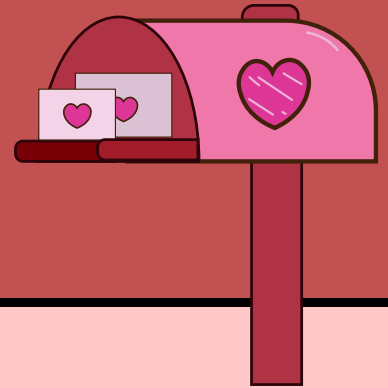
Tuesdays, Thursdays 2/24-3/12 | 11:00am-12:30pm | \$110 Fee | MAC

February Recreation Opportunities

2026



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.

1-5 years of age. 40-minute sessions.

Mondays 1/1-4/30 | 10am, 11am, 5:30pm | 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 1st & 3rd 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 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 1st & 3rd Thursdays, and 3rd Saturday and Sunday.

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

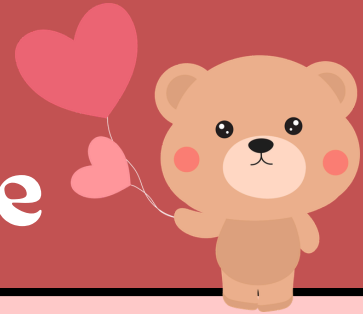


February Recreation Opportunities

2026



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 1st & 3rd 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? Join this class to learn how to have fun controlling your machine & if possible, get 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 1st Saturday and Sunday, and 2nd & 4th Thursdays.

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



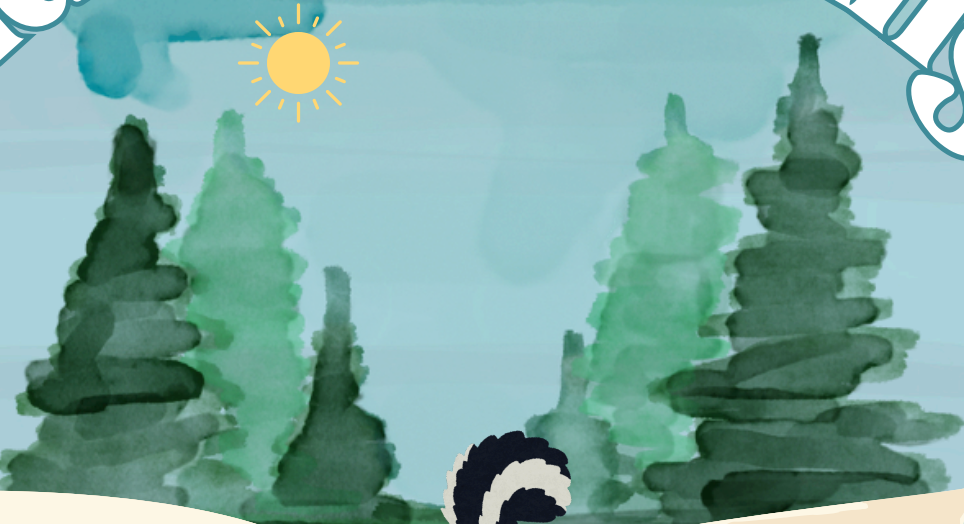


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SNOWSHOE SCHEDULE

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



Every Second Friday
10:30am–11:30am
Free and Fun for
all ages!

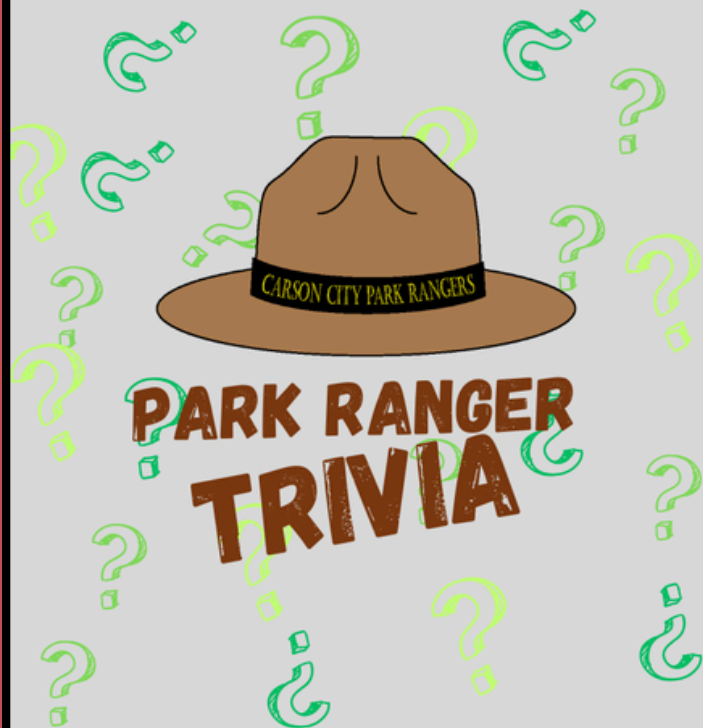
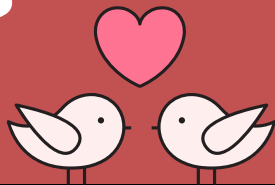


Join the Carson City Park Rangers at the Carson City Library for Read with a Park Ranger, happening Friday February 13th from 10:30am-11:30am. This free event is for kids of all ages!

This month we will be reading and learning all about skunks!

Park Ranger Led- Programs

2026



Carson City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
Park Ranger led programs

February 7, 2026

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**Carson City Library in the
Digitorium Room**

Join the Park Rangers for trivia all about Carson City Parks, Recreation and Open Space areas, wildlife, local history, plus Nevada! Prizes will be offered to first and second place winners.



Park Ranger Led- Trivia

Test your trivia knowledge with the Carson City Park Rangers! Compete against each other in a 20-question game of trivia. Topics will range from Nevada history, Carson City historical figures, wildlife, Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space and more! Prizes will be offered to first and second place winners.

Saturday 2/7 | 10:30am-12:00pm | FREE | Carson City Library

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Park Ranger Led- Programs

2026



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

February 21, 2025

9:30 AM- 11:30 PM

**Prison Hill - Koontz
Entrance**

Join a Park Ranger on the Odyssey trail and learn
about the historic Great Basin.



Park Ranger Led- Great Basin Hike

Ever wonder what it would be like to live in Carson City thousands of years ago? Carson City is located in the Great Basin and throughout time this area has experienced a lot of change, from the water to the animals, this land would look completely unrecognizable to us 15,000 years ago. Join a Park Ranger at the Odyssey Trail for a hike all about the history of the Great Basin and learn how this area has changed throughout time.

Saturday 2/21 | 9:30am-11:30am | FREE | Koontz Lane Trailhead

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Quality of Life Initiative - 30 Years!

2026 marks the 30th 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.

What does 30 years of Quality of Life look like?

Within these 3 decades, the Quality of Life Initiative has generated approximately \$76,460,450 in total tax and interest revenue and helped City staff to leverage approximately \$16,105,061 in grant funds! From the Quality of Life funds, \$1,878,000 has gone to the local Boys and Girls Club of Western Nevada and helped the City purchase 2,200 acres of Open Space lands using those Quality of Life Funds. In total, the Department manages 8,000+ acres of Parks and Open Space property - more per capita than the national average! Just one reason Carson City is such an amazing place to live, work and play.

The Quality of Life Initiative has not only helped support acquisition and maintenance of Parks, Open Space and Trails, but also funded the improvement and maintenance of recreational facilities like the Multi-purpose Athletic Center (MAC), the Rifle and Pistol Range, and the Aquatic Facility. In the 30 years of Quality of Life the Rifle and Pistol Range has seen over 19,000 visitors, the MAC has seen over 70,000 visitors, and the Aquatic Facility has seen over 140,000 visitors annually.

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.

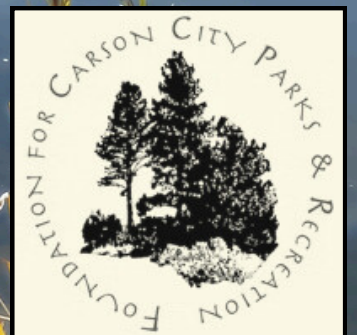
ABOUT

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!



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