

October Newsletter

Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space



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September Recap



On Saturday September 6th the Desert Pigs conducted a clean-up of a mass dump site out in the Sand Canyon area. 11 Volunteers came together to clear out two separate trails, cleaning up a total of 2 tons of trash!



The annual Move with the Mayor Clean-Up at Lone Mountain Cemetery was held on Saturday September 13th, where over 100 volunteers came together for two hours clearing weeds from almost the entire cemetery!



On Saturday September 27th the annual National Public Lands Day clean-up at Sand Canyon took place, where 18 volunteers joined to clean up 10+ large bags worth of trash.



September Recap



In September our Park Rangers hosted their very first Read with a Ranger program in partnership with the Carson City Library! Everyone had a fun time laughing through “Who Wet My Pants?” and discovering “A Bear’s Year” learning how a mama bear and her cubs adapt to the changing seasons.



On Saturday September 20th, Carson City Park Rangers attended Nevada State Parks 2nd annual Bear Fest at Spooner Lake State Park! Park Rangers led participants on a guided informational Bear Walk to talk about bear habitat, diet, identification, and more!



Also on September 20th, the Carson City Park Rangers hosted their Coyote Walk in the evening at Silver Saddle Ranch. Participants enjoyed a lovely desert sunset while learning all about coyotes!



SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH

FALL
2025!
Volunteer
Celebration

3:00pm-6:00pm | Silver Saddle Ranch

If you volunteered with the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department this year, we want to celebrate you! Join us for fun fall activities, food, awards, guided walks, and more!



RSVP to volunteer@carson.org

October Volunteer Opportunities

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Coming Up!



C-Hill Community Workday

This restoration project will kick off with a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday October 4th, at 9:00am at the C-Hill Trailhead (1499 McKay Drive). Following the ceremony, volunteers will ascend the hill on foot and by vehicle for a workday dedicated to disassembling the existing flag.

Saturday 10/4 | 9:00am | C-Hill | [REGISTER HERE](#)

Voltaire Canyon Clean-Up

Join us for another volunteer trash clean-up at Voltaire Canyon! We will be meeting on Saturday October 11th from 9:00am-11:00am. The site is located at 1188 Voltaire Canyon Road, near the large water tank. Voltaire Canyon is a dirt road with a few bumps and dips but can be driven by most vehicles.

Saturday 10/11 | 9:00am-11:00am | Voltaire Canyon | [REGISTER HERE](#)

Volunteer Appreciation

If you volunteered with the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department this year, we want to celebrate you! Join us for fun fall activities, food, awards, guided walks, and more!

Saturday 10/25 | 3:00pm-6:00pm | Silver Saddle Ranch



October Volunteer Opportunities

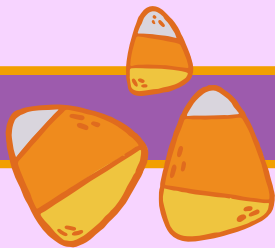
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Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

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 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@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
or call (775) 283-7348**



University of Nevada, Reno

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



What: Installing an irrigation system at the Carson City Community Garden!

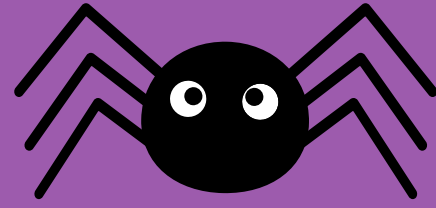
Where: Carson City Community Garden; 1044 Beverly Dr.

When: Monday, October 13th and Tuesday, October 14th 10am-4pm

We can use any extra hands to help us clean, trench and install the irrigation system for our community garden. Many of our gardeners rely on the food grown at the garden for their food source, and an irrigation system would make the growing and cultivating process much easier for our gardeners who work and travel and don't have the ability to water their crops on a regular basis. This would help prevent food and crop loss, as well as to keep the water bill lower and eliminate excess water waste! Stay the whole time or just come for a couple hours. Email aricardcarpenter@unr.edu if interested!

October Recreation Opportunities

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Adaptive Recreation

Corley Ranch Pumpkin Patch

Join us for the Movers & Doers annual pumpkin patch trip! This year we will be visiting The Corley Ranch in Gardnerville, NV where participants will enjoy the Animals on the Farm, Corn Maze Walk, Hayride, and you may pick your own small pumpkin!

Saturday 10/4 | 9:15am-1:30pm | \$15 Fee | Community Center

Halloween Dance

Dress up in costume and dance the night away. You are sure to have a Spooktacular time at this Halloween Dance!

Friday 10/17 | 6:00pm-8:00pm | \$5 Fee | Community Center Gym

Creative Crafts - Pumpkin Painting

Let's get creative! Join us in the Bonanza Room to paint your pumpkins for Halloween. Pumpkins will not be provided.

Friday 10/24 | 5:30pm-7:00pm | \$5 Fee | Community Center

Creative Crafts - Painting with Haley

Let's get creative! Join us in the Bonanza Room to paint and create your masterpiece.

Wednesday 11/5 | 5:30pm-7:00pm | \$5 Fee | Community Center



October Recreation Opportunities

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Youth Sports



Little Senators Instructional Basketball

This is a great instructional program for boys and girls who are in 1st or 2nd grade. Experience is not necessary to join this program as this program is designed to teach children the proper fundamentals of basketball. Participants will practice dribbling, passing, defensive positions, and proper shooting techniques. Includes 10 sessions and a basketball to keep.

Registration open October 1st-November 23rd.

1st Grade: Saturday 12/6 | 8:30am-9:30am | \$72 Fee | MAC

2nd Grade: Saturday 12/6 | 9:45am-10:45am | \$72 Fee | MAC

Youth Basketball League

The youth basketball program provides players the opportunity to develop basic skills, team play and sportsmanship. Teams are grouped by ability through our “warmups”. “Warmup” dates can be seen at carson.org/sports. All players are required to play a minimum amount of playing time in each game. Games are played at the MAC, Community Center and Middle Schools. Practices begin in December, and games begin in January. Practice times and games vary. VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED! Must be at least 18 and be able to pass a background check. Registration open

October 1st-November 23rd.

3rd-6th Grade: December-February | Time Varies | \$72 Fee

7th-8th: December-February | Time Varies | \$82 Fee



October 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.

Mondays 9/8-12/31 | 10:00am or 11:00am sessions | FREE

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.

1st & 3rd Saturdays, Tuesdays/Thursdays | 10/1-12/31 | \$22 Fee

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 break halfway through the class. Parent/guardian required to stay with participants under 18.

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 1st & 3rd Thursday | 10/1-12/31 | \$37 Fee



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Arts & Culture



Quilting Basics

This 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.

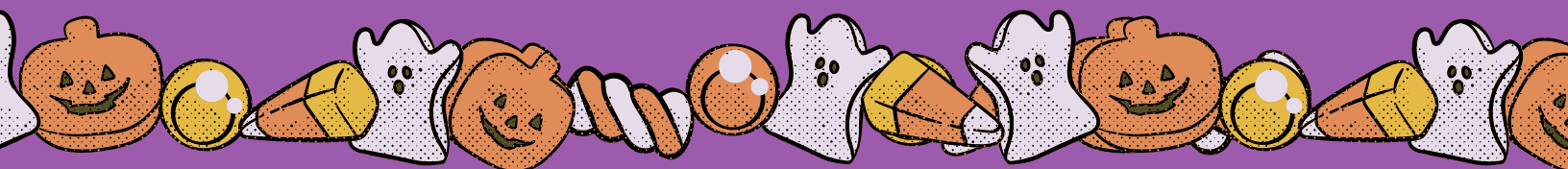
3rd Saturday/Sunday, 1st & 3rd Tuesday | 10/1-12/31 | \$37 Fee

I Can't Believe I'm Sewing

Come join the sewing machine class & have fun learning how to use & control your machine! Do you want to learn how to use your sewing machine? Do you want to learn how to make or fix and mend your clothes? Are you stuck trying to figure out how to finish a project? Then this class is for you! This class will teach you how to have fun controlling your machine and, if possible, give you instructions on how to finish your already started projects! Bring a snack for a break halfway through the class.

Parent/guardian required to stay with participants under 18.

1st Saturday/Sunday | 2nd & 4th Thursday | \$37 Fee



October Recreation Opportunities

Adult Sports

2025



“Can’t Dodge This” Dodgeball Tournament

This Dodgeball tournament is open to any business, organization, or group in Carson City or surrounding area. Teams must have at least 6 players. This is a double-elimination tournament. Games are best of 3. Registration is open

September 1st-November 1st. Pirate theme!

Friday 11/7 | 6:00pm-10:00pm | \$100 Fee | MAC

Adult Futsal

Join your friends and coworkers playing the wonderful sport of indoor futsal. Smaller fields and teams allow everyone to play and exercise while enjoying the social time together. Multiple leagues are available. Registration opens October 1st.

Women’s Division | Friday 11/14 | Time Varies | \$200/Team + \$56/Player

Men’s Division | Sunday 11/16 | Time Varies | \$200/Team + \$56/Player

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 & volleys), plus proper scoring instruction.

Tuesdays, Thursdays 10/7-10/16 | 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 10/7-10/23 | 11:00am-12:30pm | \$110 Fee | MAC

Skiing is Believing Mountain Bike & Skate Clinic

The Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department has partnered with Skiing is Believing on offering mountain bike and skating clinics for both youth and adults. These clinics are taught by certified coaches on west side trails. For more information on these programs or to register, visit skiingisbelieving.org or call (775) 525-0995.

Summit Camp - Adult (Ages 18+)

A one day, adult, introductory to intermediate mountain bike clinic intended to hone skills and technique on the bike so you can hit the mountain biking trails full throttle, or at your preferred speed! The program focuses on fundamental to intermediate level mountain bike skills and development through a series of drills, progressions and guided practice both on and off trails.

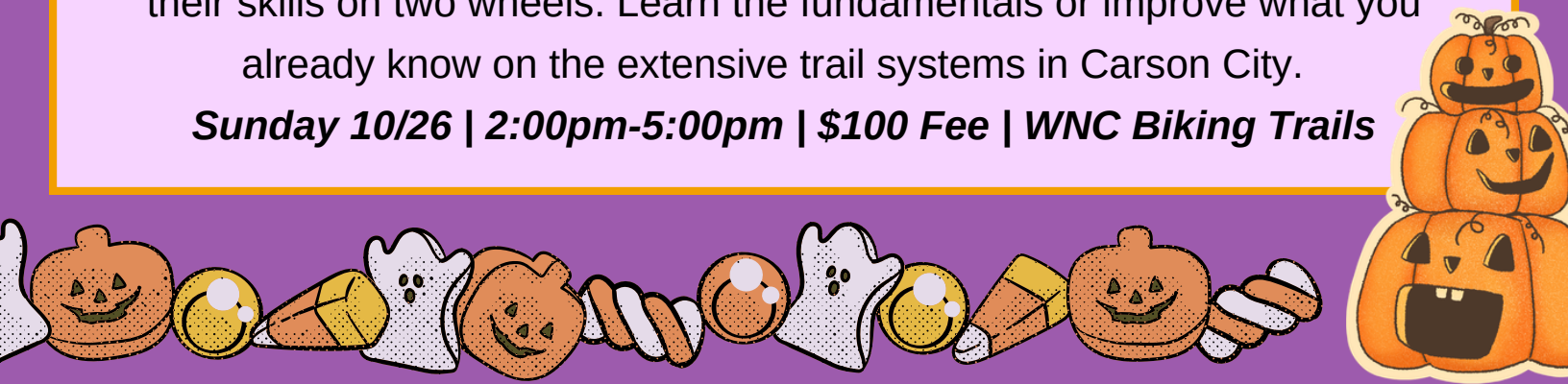
Saturday 10/4 | 2:00pm-5:00pm | \$100 Fee | WNC Biking Trails

Saturday 11/1 | 2:00pm-5:00pm | \$100 Fee | WNC Biking Trails

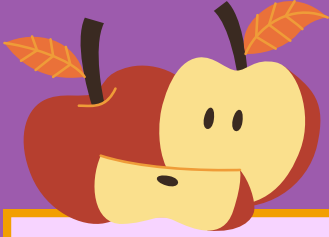
Women on Wheels Fundamentals (Ages 18+)

During this one-day mountain bike program, women will learn, practice and be introduced to the skills and positions that will make them a better more confident rider. Attendees will learn from an all-female BICP-certified bike staff, while surrounded by other supportive women who also want to improve their skills on two wheels. Learn the fundamentals or improve what you already know on the extensive trail systems in Carson City.

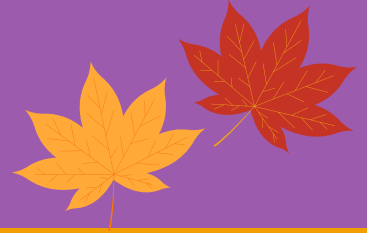
Sunday 10/26 | 2:00pm-5:00pm | \$100 Fee | WNC Biking Trails



Skiing is Believing Mountain Bike & Skate Clinic



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Women on Wheels Intermediate (Ages 18+)

A three-week progressive clinic for women focused on improving fundamental skills on the mountain bike and taking them to the next level! Riders will learn from an all-female BICP certified bike staff, while surrounded by other supportive women who also want to take their skills on two wheels to the next level.

Saturday 10/4 | 2:00pm-5:00pm | \$300 Fee | WNC Biking Trails

Gravity Girls (Ages 8-18)

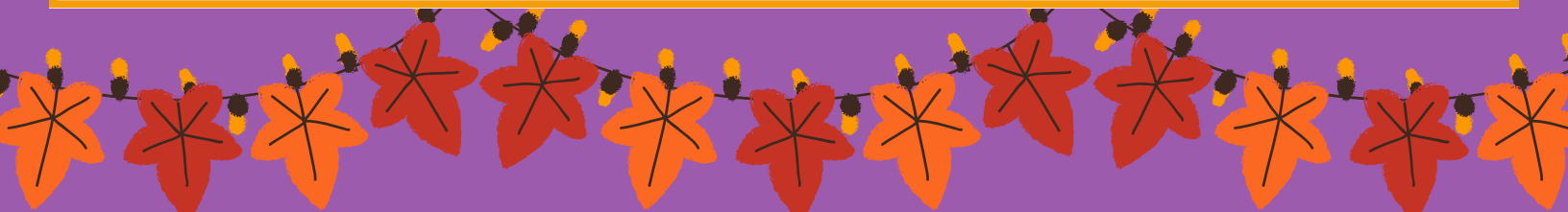
A one-day all-girls mountain bike clinic meant to help young girls fall in love with the sport of mountain biking as well as the alpine environment and terrain. Gravity Girls is intended to introduce biking skills and drills while developing confidence on the bike and beyond in a supportive all-girl environment.

Sunday 10/26 | 9:00am-12:00pm | \$100 Fee | WNC Biking Trails

Women on Wheels - Inline Skating (Ages 18+)

A four-week inline skating program, exclusive to women, preparing individuals with exercises and progressions specifically geared to improve their alpine skiing while also improving their skills on skates!

Saturdays 10/11-11/1 | 3:00pm-5:00pm | \$210 Fee | WNC Trails



YOU'RE INVITED!

TRAILS CHALLENGE RAFFLE

NOVEMBER 8 AT 10:00AM

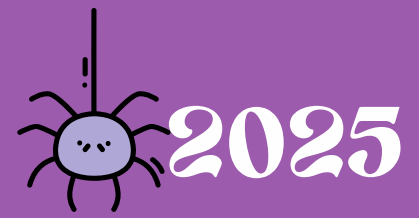
Guided Walk ~ Prize Raffle

If you are participating in the 2025 Trails Challenge, it's almost time to turn in your Trail Logs! Logs are due by November 1st, and participants who turn them in are invited to this year's Trails Challenge Raffle. Join us for a Park Ranger-Led Walk, prize raffle, and warm beverages!

**MILLS PARK
1111 E WILLIAMS ST, CARSON CITY NV, 89701**

RSVP to elarsen@carson.org

Park Ranger Led- Programs

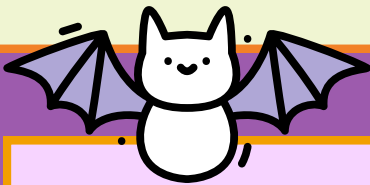


Cemetery Tour

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

October 4, 2025
6:00 PM-7:30 PM
**Lone Mountain
Cemetery**

Join a Carson City Park Ranger for a night of
spooky historical fun at Lone Mountain Cemetery!



After Dark Cemetery Walking Tour

Join a Carson City Park Ranger for a night of spooky historical fun at Lone Mountain Cemetery! Travel around the cemetery learning about the lives and deaths of Carson's famous historical figures. This tour will be about a one-mile loop under the darkness, so prepare for spooky happenings! Dress for the weather and remember close-toed shoes. A \$10 donation is not required, but strongly encouraged to Lone Mountain Cemetery.

Registration **REQUIRED!**

Saturday 10/4 | 6:00pm-7:30pm | FREE | [Register Here](#)

Park Ranger Led- Programs

2025



FALL COLORS HIKE

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

October 12, 2025

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Carson River Park

Join the Carson City Park Rangers for a
colorful stroll along the Carson River!



Fall Colors Hike

The 8th annual Fall Colors hike is back for another beautiful year! Take a relaxing stroll through the cottonwood groves of the Carson River and learn why the leaves change colors, what our animal friends are doing in preparation for winter, as well as everything you want to know about the Carson River.

Saturday 10/12 | 10:00am-12:00pm | FREE | [Register Here](#)



Park Ranger Led- Programs

2025



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

October 24, 2025
6:00 PM-7:30 PM
**Lone Mountain
Cemetery**

Take a ride with Hank Monk on his famous coach
through Lone Mountain Cemetery!
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.



Hank Monk's After Dark Cemetery Tour

Take a ride with Hank Monk on his famous stagecoach around Lone Mountain Cemetery for a night of spooky historical fun! This tour will take place upon the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch Mule Wagon on a ½ mile journey. Dress for the weather and remember close-toed shoes. Choose one of three 30-minute time slots happening on Friday the 24th. Registration **REQUIRED** due to wagon and staff capacity.

Friday 10/24 | 6:00pm-7:30pm | FREE | [Register Here](#)

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PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT

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4PM-7PM

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CHALLENGE

**K9
UNIT
2025**



MAIN EVENT

**K9 OBSTACLE COURSE +
K9 APPREHENSION**

DEMONSTRATIONS

SWAT + SPECIAL GUESTS

OCT 11

@ Fuji Park

9:30am - 3:30pm

Over 30 Dogs

Carson City S.O. | Douglas County S.O.
Lyon County S.O. | Washoe County S.O.
NV State Police | UNR Police | Reno Airport
Reno Police | Pyramid Lake

Register your K9 or team by contacting Sgt. Nate Brehm at 775-283-7845
nbrehm@carson.org or Dep. Jeff Pullen at 775-220-1143 jpullen@carson.org

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Wreaths Across America



Wreaths Across America is a heartwarming, national volunteer initiative intended to remember fallen soldiers, honor those who serve here and teach the next generation the value of freedom. Across the nation with thousands of simultaneous events from Arlington National Cemetery to Carson City's Lone Mountain Cemetery, millions will receive a meaningful tribute for their dedication and sacrifice.

WREATH SPONSORS NEEDED!



Saturday December 13th | 10:00am | Lone Mountain Cemetery

With approximately 2,200 veterans at Lone Mountain Cemetery, it is imperative that every veteran is included as part of this event. Volunteers and wreath sponsors are critically needed to ensure every veteran received a proper remembrance.

To volunteer or sponsor a wreath, please visit the Wreaths Across America website at wreathscrossamerica.org

Flora | Fauna Highlight



The Cottonwood tree (*Populus fremontii*) is iconic throughout the Carson River corridor. These trees can soar past 100 feet tall and get up to 12 feet wide. In addition to their truly awesome size, Cottonwood trees are known for their striking leaf color that transitions from a bright green in the summer to a golden yellow in the fall. The Fremont Cottonwood got its name from the explorer John C. Fremont who traveled through the Sierra Nevada area in the early 1940's.

Though beautiful and fast growing, the Cottonwood species has a relatively short lifespan in comparison to other tree species - averaging between 70-100 years! This species is known to be more susceptible to disease and pest damage, has weak wood prone to rot and breakage, and their large consumption of water often leads to drought unless planted in areas with plentiful water - so Cottonwood health is closely monitored by staff in Carson City.

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.

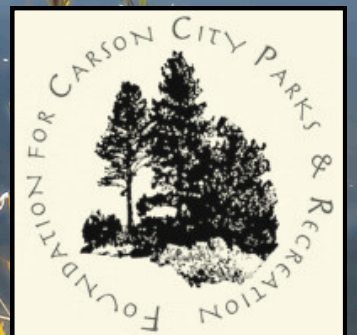
ABOUT

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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