



The Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation

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Carson City's First Disc Golf Course Nears Completion

The Eagle Valley Disc Golf Association, along with the Carson City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department, is developing a 27-hole disc golf complex on 100 acres at the east edge of Carson City off of Flint Drive. In 2016, the Association, a group of volunteer advocates who designed and provide labor for the construction and maintenance of the complex, and the City jointly applied for a federally funded Land and Water Conservation Fund grant administered by the Nevada Division of Parks. The application was successful, and a \$100,000 grant towards the construction of the course was awarded in 2017. Construction is underway and the course is expected to open sometime in early 2019.

Construction of the Disc Golf Complex includes the development of course parking and related infrastructure, as well as the course itself. When complete, the complex will contain 2 distinct courses— a 9-hole, family-friendly, novice course tentatively named the "Pony Express Course", and a 27-hole championship-level course, tentatively named the "Stadium Course." Subject to official approval, the proposed name for the disc golf complex as a whole, will be the "Carson Ridge Disc Golf Complex."



The view from a future hole on the course.

The grassroots effort by the Eagle Valley Disc Golf Association to make the complex possible provides a brand new quality outdoor recreational facility for area residents and visitors. Visit the Eagle Valley Disc Association's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/Eagle-Valley-Disc-Golf-Association-1683293901982554/. Contact the Disc Golf Association by email at gswifty1@gmail.com, or through the Foundation, at carsonparksfoundation@gmail.com. Hole sponsors and donations for the course's construction are still needed. Donations for the Disc Golf Complex, like other donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible.



The new dog fountain at the Sonoma Park Dog Park

Foundation Will Match Donations Made for Important Safety Improvements to the Sonoma Dog Park

In 2017, the Foundation polled dog park users to determine which of the projects, identified by Parks Department staff, they would most like to see undertaken at the dog parks in Fuji Park and Sonoma Parks. Overwhelmingly, the responses supported 3 projects, all having to do with providing or improving existing access to water for dogs. Using funds initially raised by the former "Parks for Paws" organization, transferred to the Foundation and designated for dog park improvements, the Foundation was able to fully underwrite those projects. Those improvements, which included the brand new dog fountain at Sonoma Park, were completed in June 2018. The Foundation acknowledges former board member and longtime advocate for Carson City's parks, the late Donna Curtis, for her early role in facilitating these projects.

Since these initial projects were completed, an urgent need for double gates to facilitate the safe access for dogs at Sonoma Park was identified. The Foundation is now soliciting donations which it will match up to \$3,000 for the construction of these gates. If you are interested in helping to underwrite this specific dog park improvement, or want to make a contribution to dog park improvements in general, you are encouraged to do so by making a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation.



Carson City Railroad Association Is Newest Foundation Partner

The Carson City Railroad Association (CCRA) is the Foundation’s newest partner. The Association is best known for the Carson & Mills Park Railroad, a narrow gauge railroad they operated in Mills Park every summer since 1981 until 2018, when the cumulative affects of age and flooding in 2017 precluded CCRA from safely operating the railroad. The Association is currently raising funds to replace the damaged and rotted ties and repair other damage to their roadbed so that this beloved Carson City summertime institution can get back on track.

The Railroad Association also has an extensive model railroad display inside their “depot” at Mills Park adjacent to the Teixeira Pavilion. In addition to the existing medium-size HO and HOOn3 layouts in the depot; they also have an N scale layout under construction.

CCRA welcomes new members and is a great way to make friends and hone your model railroading skills. Anyone interested in more information or helping out, can contact the Carson City Railroad Association at 775-887-2523 or through the Foundation.

Lone Mountain Headstone Project Receives Donation from the D.A.R.

Hundreds of burials in Lone Mountain Cemetery have no grave markers. The Lone Mountain Cemetery Headstone Project locates, identifies, and documents burials in Lone Mountain Cemetery with no permanent markers and provides headstones for these burials. These unmarked burials are the final resting places of people from all walks of life, including historic figures, ordinary citizens and the veterans of many of our country’s wars and their wives. A recent contribution from the Battle Born Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has funded the purchase of four headstones for veterans’ wives that are to be placed in spring 2019 (The VA funds headstones for veterans).

Additional contributions, which are tax-deductible, are sought from individuals and organizations in the area. One hundred percent of all funds raised go towards the acquisition and placement of headstones for unmarked burials. For further information about the Lone Mountain Headstone Project, contact the project’s lead, Melinda Cash, at (775) 241-2198 or jcash8888@aol.com



Mills Park’s Historic Wungnema House Open House Dates

Come to one of our open houses at the Wungnema House scheduled for November 28th and December 30th from 2:00pm until 5:00pm. Learn about the Hopi masons who built the house, as well as other distinctive homes and structures around the Carson City area.

Admission to the open houses is always free and everyone is welcome. The Wungnema House also serves as a meeting place for small community-based groups, organizations, and individuals who may rent the house for their meetings or gatherings. Contact the Foundation

for further information if you or your group is interested in renting the Wungnema House.

2018 Carson City Christmas Ornament Honors the Wungnema House!

There will be a limited number of the ornaments for sale for \$20, each at the November open house. Although the ornaments are available elsewhere in town, only those purchased from us will benefit the Foundation.



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