

2024 March Grounds 642 Total Grounds Hours for March

3/1/2024 34/430 Total Grounds Hours

Mark Koruga, Lee Blahnik, George Anderson, Dick Bierman, Dave Cooley, Rick Dow, Bob Fillion, Kevin Fuhrman, Bruce Grieshaber, John Kangas, Don Kelly, Dave Koch, Mike Mitchell, Bob Muldoon, Dan Ridder, Keith Smith and Jim Owen had another busy morning. Lee, Don and Dick spent the morning planting cactus. Bruce and Dave spent the morning cleaning up cactus. Keith spent the morning transporting trimmed cactus to the dumpster. The rest of us were in the Nature Park doing some major tree and bush trimming, pruning and creating a lot of piles of trimmings. We are thinking of taking the pole saw away from Mike (Just kidding). Lee and Jim took Miguel around the Nature Park to give us a bid on the cleanup. A Really Big Thank You for all you do.

3/5/2024 34/464 Total Grounds Hours

Mark Koruga, Lee Blahnik, Tom Becker, Dick Bierman, Jim Clausen, Dave Cooley, Bruce Grieshaber, John Kangas, Don Kelly, Mike Mitchell, Gary Moe, Bob Muldoon, Dan Ridder, Mike Seipel, Keith Smith, Dawn Weber and Jim Owen had another busy morning. Gary spent the morning sharpening chains. Lee, Dawn, Don and Dick spent the morning planting cactus. The rest of us went to the Ceifero park and took a dead branch out of a big tree. Dan tried to use the pole saw to cut it away and finally crawled up into the tree to work it loose. The crew started to cut up and trim the branches. Then they went to the Nature Park to do some more trimming. Dan and Jim took to pole saw to the shed where Gary was working and Gary discovered the chain was on backwards. We cleaned up the saw got the chain on properly and Dan and I went to join the crew in the Nature Park. We trimmed up a lot of dead branches, low hanging branches and some volunteers. We finally called it a day. A Really Big Thank You for all you do.

3/8/2024 20/484 Total Grounds Hours

Mark Koruga, Tom Becker, Rick Dow, John Kangas, Mike Mitchell, Gary Moe, Bob Muldoon, Dan Ridder, Dawn Weber and Jim Owen had an easy morning. Mark worked on the mower. Gary Sharpened chains. The rest of us picked up the 6 garbage cans that Dawn filled with cactus. Took them to the dumpster and called it a day. A Really Big Thank You for all you do.

3/12/2024 40/524 Total Grounds Hours

Mark Koruga, Lee Blahnik, Tom Becker, Dick Bierman, Jim Clausen, Dave Cooley, Rick Dow, Rick Fillion, Bruce Grieshaber, Don Kelly, Mike Mitchell, Gary Moe, Bob Muldoon, Dan Ridder, Dave Sandvig and wife, Mike Seipel, Keith Smith and Dawn (Thank You for the Treats) Weber and Jim Owen had a busy morning. We split up into 3 groups. Mark mowed in the Nature Park. Dave and Wife cleaned up the exercise areas. Dick, Don, Dan and Jim tried to replant a cactus for Jo Adams. We gave up cut it up and threw it over the fence. Some of our crew went behind Dawn and Mike's place and cleaned up some cactus issues. More to do there on Friday. The rest of the crew went to the Nature Park and loaded the trailer with some of our trimmings. Took it to the dumpster. Then went behind Dawn and Mike's and loaded up garbage cans of cactus and took them to the dumpster. We called it a day. A Really Big Thank You for all you do.

3/15/2024 30/554 Total Grounds Hours

Mark Koruga, Lee Blahnik, Tom Becker, Dick Bierman, Dave Cooley, Rick Dow, Bob Fillion, Bruce Grieshaber, Dave Koch, Bob Muldoon, Dan Ridder, Mike Seipel, Ron Sills, Keith Smith and Jim Owen had another busy morning. Ron did some weed whacking and cleanup in the Nature Park. Keith picked up the last of the barrels behind Dawn and Mike's and took them to the dumpster. The rest of us spent the morning behind Dawn and Mike's. We loaded up a big pile of cactus and other trimmings and Lee took that load to the dumpster. Mark and Bob went to the Nature Park and blew off the path.

We cleaned up the last of the big pile of trimmings and Lee took that load to the dumpster as well. Jim and Bob returned to the Nature Park and picked up Ron and took him to the OK Corral and he called it a day. We cleaned up the equipment and called it a day just as it started to rain. Gary the 170's could really stand a touch up. A Really Big Thank You for all you do.

3/19/2024 30/584 Total Grounds Hours

Mark Koruga, George Anderson, Lee Blahnik, Tom Becker, Jim Clausen, Rick Dow, Rick Fillion, Bruce Grieshaber, Don Kelly, Mike Mitchell, Gary Moe, Bob Muldoon. Mike Seipel, Keith Smith and Dawn Weber had a productive 2 hour morning. Mark worked on several projects at the shed. The rest of the crew headed to the corner of Golden Lynx and Ground Squirrel to clean up the park areas on both sides of the street. After that, we picked up the dead barrel cactus that had been chopped up and thrown over the wall behind Jo Adams' house. The loaded trailer was taken and emptied into the dumpster which is now completely full. Some sections of the barrel cactus were rescued with the possibility of being transplanted later. The whole crew then headed for the Nature Trail to join Mike Mitchell who was using a chainsaw to reduce numerous piles of branches that the crew had previously piled on the east section of the trail, near the golf course. Keith used his side-by-side tractor to collect cuttings for transport to the dumpster area. Mark sent the Felix crew to assist by loading branches onto their trailer for transport to the county dump site. There are no more branch piles along the golf course side of the Nature Trail, though some large piles of branches still remain in the middle of the Nature Park. We're expecting that Miguel will pick those up as part of our agreement with him. The work day concluded by collecting a couple of small piles of branches along the south end of the Nature Trail and depositing one final load in the area near the dumpster. As always, A Really Big Thank You for all you do. Next Friday, Mark would like us to dedicate the morning to treating blue agave plants in all of the park area to prevent grub infestations. A Really Big thank You to Lee for writing up this really nice report.

3/22/2024 28/612 Total Grounds Hours

Today's volunteer grounds crew was comprised of George Anderson, Dick Bierman, Lee Blahnik, Jim Clausen, Dave Cooley, Rick Dow, Bruce Grieshaber, John Kangas, Don Kelly, Mark Koruga, Gary Moe, Bob Muldoon, Mike Seipel and Ron Sills.

Ron Sills grabbed a weedwacker and headed for the Nature Trail to tidy up the edges. Mike Seipel was dropped off by the water tower with the DR trimmer and a blower to trim both sides of the path between the Springs and the Greens. Mark and Lee used 2 quads and 2 trailers and each took a crew with barrels of water and liquid insecticide to treat blue agaves throughout our parks. Lee and his crew worked the north side of the Springs. Mark and his crew worked the south side. Any left over water was used to nourish recent transplants along the Nature Trail. Then both and Mark headed for the park on Florido where Bruce and his crew were cleaning up mostly dead cacti. Both trailers were loaded and their contents dumped on a pile near the dumpster. The dumpster was not emptied by Republic yesterday, as scheduled. Bruce called Republic and was told they would empty the dumpster today.

Mark reported that he's taking our aging trailer to have a welder perform some badly

needed upgrades. The trailer will be in the shop for about a week. Meanwhile, Mark said we can use his trailer as a temporary replacement while ours is in the shop.

Jo Adams brought blueberry cobbler as a treat for the crew, which was greatly appreciated. Lee recommended that we only work on Tuesday next week and take Friday off to give our volunteers more time with family on the approaching holiday weekend. Thank You everyone for your hard work and for all you do to keep The Springs looking good. Report submitted by Lee Blahnik.

3/26/2024 30/642 Total Grounds Hours

The list of grounds crew volunteers this morning included Tom Becker, Dick Bierman, Lee Blahnik, Jim Clausen, Dave Cooley, Rick Dow, Don Kelly, Mark Koruga, Mike Mitchell, Gary Moe, Dan Ridder, Dave Sandvig, Mike Seipel, Keith Smith and Dawn Weber.

Keith Smith, Mark Koruga, Mike Mitchell and Mike Seipel, took the DR walk-behind trimmer and headed for the water tower area to clean up around the path between The Springs and The Greens. The rest of the crew loaded tools on Mark's trailer and then walked over to park number 6, between Viva and Cristal, to remove dead debris, including sections of an ocotillo that had recently broken off. Landscape work in park #6 is complete, and we can move on to other parks on the south side next time out. One trailer load was taken to Felix and loaded onto their trailer for disposal. Dawn Weber treated us all to tasty, home-made banana bread this morning. Thank you, Dawn. And a special tip of the hat to Dave Sandvig for keeping the exercise areas along the nature trail looking neatly raked and clean. We're not gathering at the shed this Friday in order to let our volunteers enjoy the holiday weekend with their loved ones. Thanks for all you do to keep The Springs looking ship-shape.

Other business: We've had a request from Pat and Vernell Lindemann at 3657 Rambles to move a large yellow barrel cactus from their back patio to the common area behind their residence. We've also had a request from Tish Mowrer at 1029 Blue Fox, to move a small prickly pear cactus from her yard and transplant it in a park of our choice.

Report submitted by Lee Blahnik