

RivCo PARKS



Volunteer E-Newsletter

Sept 2022

**Weeds and Trash Gone: Volunteers
Restore Natural Beauty of Popular Trail**



Bain Street Clean Up - July 16, 2022



The Historic Mira Loma Community recently adopted the Bain Street trail, a two-mile stretch overgrown with tumble weeds and littered with trash. This trail is popular with the public and used by children getting to nearby schools. Though the cleanup task was large, it was no match for the group of over 50 volunteers and RivCoParks staff who gathered on July 16, 2022. Equipped with rakes, shovels, pick axes, trash grabbers, weed-eaters, appropriate PPE, and tractors, all braved the heat by arriving as the sun rose to get to work. Over the next couple of hours, volunteers regularly handed out bottles of water as large piles of tumble weeds were stacked along the trail and then loaded into trucks driven by volunteers and county staff to be driven to off site.

While lots of trash was moved into piles for pick-up that day, the Parks staff still had a bit of work to do and over the next week to transport over 20 trailers filled with tumble weeds to separate locations to be mulched. Work still to be done on the Bain Street Trail includes filling in low spots on the horse trail and regularly keeping up with litter that will continue to pile up along the fence line.

Any person or organization interested in adopting a Riverside County trail segment or volunteering at a future event, please contact Eric Boor at eboor@rivco.org.





Thank you to our wonderful group of volunteers and trail adoptees from the Historic Mira Loma Community for all your help to clean up 2-miles of trails off of Bain Street.



Upcoming Volunteer Event



Saturday, October 8, 2022 **Hidden Valley Nature Center Volunteer Day**

The beautiful Hidden Valley Wildlife Area and Nature Center in Riverside has a special project scheduled on October 8, 2022 to plant new riparian trees to help restore the environment in the area below Hidden Valley in the Santa Ana River. Staff will be working ahead of time to mow the area and auger new holes to plant the trees before Volunteer Day. If you can assist, please contact Eric Boor at eboor@rivco.org



2022 Volunteers of the Month

APRIL

Martin, who volunteers at Lake Skinner Recreation Area, was officially hired by RivCoParks as a full-time Park Maintenance Worker in June 2022. Martin loves fixing things and was nominated for this award by a very grateful camphost who he assisted with a power outage in their trailer. Read more about Martin's award on the [ParkBuzz](#).

Martin Medina



MAY



Josh Hankerd

Josh volunteers at Rancho Jurupa Regional Park, he's a reliable, hard worker. His efforts are instrumental in assisting both the visiting public and parks staff. Read more about Josh's award on the [ParkBuzz](#).

JUNE

Ellen Stern

Ellen volunteers at the Santa Rosa Plateau, a popular place to hike and take in the beauty of nature. Her knowledge and environmental stewardship has been invaluable to everyone, including other site volunteers who she helps regularly train. She offers encouragement with a smile to all those she encounters. Read more about Ellen in the [ParkBuzz](#).



Pat Huttunen

Pat is a volunteer at Mayflower Regional Park. She is well-known for going above and beyond in all she does to keep the park clean and guests happy. She always strives to learn more and expand her knowledge to assist where she is needed. Read more about Pat in the [ParkBuzz](#).



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