



Wetlands Park Friends

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GET AN INSIDER'S LOOK AT CLARK COUNTY WETLANDS PARK AT WETLANDS PARK FRIENDS "PEEK AT THE PARK" EVENT OCTOBER 22

LAS VEGAS, NV (October 10, 2022) . . . No matter if you have – or haven't – visited Clark County Wetlands Park (Park) before, here's your chance to learn about the Park from someone who was there from its earliest beginnings. Wetlands Park Friends (Friends) is proud to present: "An Afternoon with Friends: A Peek at the Park," October 22nd from 1-2:30 PM in the Park Nature Center Meeting Room, 7050 Wetlands Park Lane, Las Vegas. The lecture is free and open to Friends members, Park volunteers, and the public.

Special guest speaker Chris Leavitt will provide an insider's view of what it took to create the 2,900-acre, managed wild area and its many unique features. The lecture will be followed by refreshments and conversation.

Ms. Leavitt has been associated with the Park from its earliest days. In 1995 she was appointed to serve on the Park Master Plan Committee, charged with safeguarding the natural balance of this magical place. She went on to develop and manage the Park's volunteer and educational programs, retiring from the position in 2014. Her 40-year career includes positions at the Barrick Museum of Natural History (UNLV), Clark County Museum, and Clark County Wetlands Park. She was involved with place-based education and museum collection management (including live animal exhibits), exhibit research and design (including the exhibits at the Wetlands Park Nature Center); and volunteer management (including establishing and managing the Wetlands Park Volunteer Program). She currently serves as President of Wetlands Park Friends, the all-volunteer, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to help preserve and support the Park.

At 2,900 acres, Clark County Wetlands Park is one of the largest urban wetlands in the Southwest and serves as a popular destination for hikers and bird watchers. More than 300 species of birds and 70 species of mammals and reptiles have been spotted in the park, including beavers, coyotes, bobcats, and snakes. Entry to the park is free and features more than 20 miles of trails, including six miles within the Nature Preserve. The telephone number for Clark County Wetlands Park is (702) 455-7522. Nature Center, including Exhibit Gallery, Nature Store and Administration is open Tuesday through Sunday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Outdoor hours in the Park are dawn to dusk. It is recommended that visitors wear sunscreen, hats with a wide brim, sturdy closed-toe shoes, and bring plenty of water when walking the trails.

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Wetlands Park Friends is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to promoting conservation, awareness, and appreciation of the Park through its educational programs and activities. Its office is located inside the Park's Administration Building in the Nature Center; 7050 Wetlands Park Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89122. Its phone number is 702-806-6852. For more information, including how to become a Friend and donate, please visit: www.wetlandsparkfriends.org.

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