

## **Pat O'Mara, Recreation Coordinator – Washoe County**

Pat O'Mara is the Recreation Coordinator for Washoe County. He has been active in Parks and Recreation for over 22 years. He started as a lifeguard for the City of Reno at the age of 16. By 1999, he was a head lifeguard, and in the summer of 2000 he began summers as a temporary pool manager. In 2002, he transferred briefly to the youth services department where he spent a year as the site supervisor for the before-and-after-school program. In 2003, he became a Recreation Coordinator for the City of Reno in the Aquatics Division. Over the next several years, he managed the different City of Reno Pools, while outside work, he and his wife welcomed two daughters Abby and Maddie in 2005 & 2009. In 2010, he transferred to the Youth and Senior Services division, where he supervised the 24 before and after school program sites, as well as the many school break camps.

In 2011, he was part of the City of Reno's reductions in force. Over the next year, he worked part time overseeing community centers, and started 3D CAD design at a local jewelry store. In 2012, he became a contractor for the City of Reno teaching First Aid, CPR and Lifeguarding at night. In 2015, he was able to return to the recreation field with Washoe County. In this current position, Pat is responsible for all sports league field coordination, a winter entertainment series, three aquatic facilities, an amphitheater, and is the lead administrator for the County's reservations and activities CRM software suite. Last year, Pat became a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional through the National Recreation and Park Association. He is active on the board of a local non-profit, and is a member of the City of Reno's Recreation and Parks Commission.

Outside work, Pat enjoys spending time with his wife of 16 years, Lara and kids, and especially visiting the Monterrey Bay. His daughters are active in swimming, and archery. They are currently working on the goal of traveling to each state in the Country and have managed to hit 15 so far.

