

Grant helps Senior Games organize volunteers

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In 2022, the Mesquite Senior Games will implement a new system of keeping the volunteer staff organized.

Volunteer organizer Beth Caplinger said Mesquite Senior Games received a grant from Nevada Volunteers to purchase new software that will help the volunteers register to help with events and track their hours.

The grant process was very competitive, Caplinger said, with \$152,000 available and 24 groups asking for about \$409,000. Caplinger said Mesquite Senior Games asked for about \$12,000 and received the full amount.

“With the new software, we can track info on hours that right now is tracked with an excel spreadsheet,” Caplinger said. “And before that, it was done on a legal pad.”

Caplinger said Mesquite Senior Games was awarded the grant on Dec. 15 and it goes into effect on Jan. 1. It was the second such “mini grant” provided to Mesquite Senior Games by Nevada Volunteers.

Amy Bradshaw, executive director of Mesquite Senior Games said the organization received a small grant in 2021 that was used to purchase clothing that designated the volunteers from the participants and spectators.

Bradshaw said the money from the 2022 grant will allow the organization to purchase volunteer management software along with computer equipment.

The grant will also help Mesquite Senior Games keep track of those who volunteer their time. Caplinger said the organization has about 90 names in their database, but some of those are duplicate entries and others that have moved out of the area.

Caplinger said about half of those listed on the database are active volunteers.

“We’re hoping with this, it will get more people interested,” Caplinger said. “We have a good group, but we’re still actively recruiting volunteers. Some of our bigger events take a lot of help.”



From left, Patt Garcia and Judy Maurer help as volunteers for Mesquite Senior Games. (Submitted photo)



Save the Dates for Mesquite Senior Games Spring 2022

March 4	Target Pistol
March 4	Shotgun Sports - Sporting Clays
March 5	Shotgun Sports - Skeet and Trap
March 7-9	Tennis
March 12	Bowling
March 17	History Tour
March 19	Fitness Hike
March 19	Table Tennis
March 25	Basketball Skills
March 26	Track & Field

March 28-29	Bridge
March 28-29	Horseshoes
March 31	Poker
April 1	Cornhole
April 2-3	Softball 50-55
April 4-5	Golf Celebration
April 7-8	Bike Race
April 9-10	Softball (60+ and over)
April 11-12	Bocce

*Dates are subject to change

Sign up for updates at MesquiteSeniorGames.org or call 702-345-3347. Registration opens soon! See you at the Games!