

PROSE

PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

September 2022

Project Highlight

Aquaplex Membership Drive

On Friday, August 26, in recognition of the anniversary for the opening of the Flagstaff Aquaplex, a one-day membership drive event was held. The results beat the goal established by PROSE leadership. Out of the one-day event, there were 157 new memberships and 82 renewal memberships, bringing forward a total of \$29,102.50 in membership fees!! Congratulations to the team.



Staff Spotlight

Robert Wallace
Open Space Supervisor

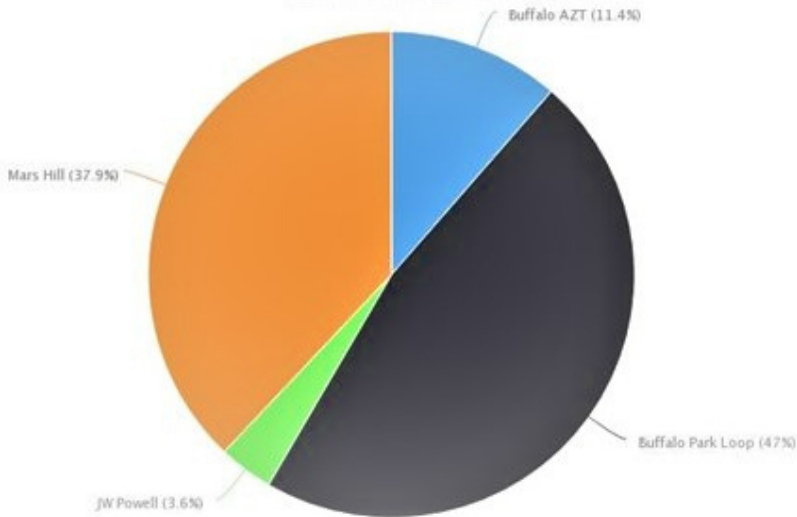


Robert has been working for the City of Flagstaff as the Open Space Specialist since May 2018 and recently received a promotion to Open Space Supervisor where he oversees the City's Open Space Program. In his position, he manages over 3,000 acres of designated open space: McMillan Mesa, Observatory Mesa, Picture Canyon, and Schultz Trailhead. His efforts involve developing policy, planning and implementing projects, securing long-term funding, and working with partners to ensure the preservation of open space lands. Currently he is excited to be working with colleagues to develop a new master plan that encompasses the different sections of PROSE. He is invested in preserving healthy ecosystems for the benefit and enjoyment of all. In his personal time, Robert enjoys hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing and paddle sports with his wife and son.

Parks

Compare Sites

2022-08-01 to 2022-08-31



Trail Counts

Rain or shine...our community walks, runs, pedals, pushes and strolls the FUTS. For the month of September, the Buffalo Park loop beat out the second favorite location of Mars Hill with over 338 daily passersby. Did you know that the Parks team maintains nearly 60-miles of the FUTS?

Thorpe and McPherson Disc Golf Courses

Have you seen the amazing work that the Flagstaff Disc Golf Club (FDGC) executed this summer? FDGC's members and sponsors have been busy volunteering many hours on improvements to both disc golf courses in our parks system this past summer and are paving the way to more improvements as we partner on the upcoming 2023 PDGA Masters Disc Golf World Championship in Flagstaff. A special thank you on the projects to FDGC, Blocklite, and the Parks team for partnering for the better.

Here is an amazing improvement to hole "I" in Thorpe Park showcasing the innovative and impressive work.



Recreation

Community Collaboration

The collaboration with our wellness partners was showcased during the North Country Health Care's annual children's health and wellness fair at the Flagstaff Aquaplex.



Wellness Connections

The wellness connection for all our recreation centers is vital, multi-generational, and a staple for the Recreation team to consistently be mindful with an informative lens for all of our patrons and the community. The connections vacillate between nutrition, exercise, and mental health wellness that each of our recreation centers provide. We also strive to meet the needs based on trends in the industry.

Open Space



Seeds of Stewardship

Open Space partnered with Arizona Trail Associations "Seeds of Stewardship" project to teach 4th and 5th graders from Flagstaff Junior Academy about native plants and invasive plants.

Students learned about a variety of invasive plants and the importance of keeping them under control.

After an educational session students were put to work on McMillan Mesa removing invasive plants!

Wednesday Weed Pulls

Invasive Weed Pulls came to an end in September as weeds let go of their seeds for the season.

Open Space has been working to prepare areas along the Rio de Flag at Picture Canyon so Northern Arizona Audubon can begin tree replacement.

Replacement will include new Chokecherry, Narrow Leaf Cottonwood, and Willow trees.



Events



Accessibility Improvements

September brings peak foot traffic to the Sunday Community Market. With increased foot traffic comes additional needs, such as defined accessible parking. Staff partnered with the Community Market to test temporary accessible parking ideas. This pilot will be mirrored at City of Flagstaff PROSE events in an effort to maintain inclusivity.

September Happenings

Events have been go, go, go this month kicking off with Flagstaff Art in the Park over Labor Day weekend.

Our partners with the Downtown Business Alliance have kept Heritage Square activated with music every Thursday evening, the much loved Friday Night Summer Concert Series, Movies on the Square each Saturday, and Sunday performances. Storm Troopers made a special appearance to kick-off the showing of Star Wars: A New Hope in Heritage Square.

