

PROSE

PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

May 2023



Staff Promotion

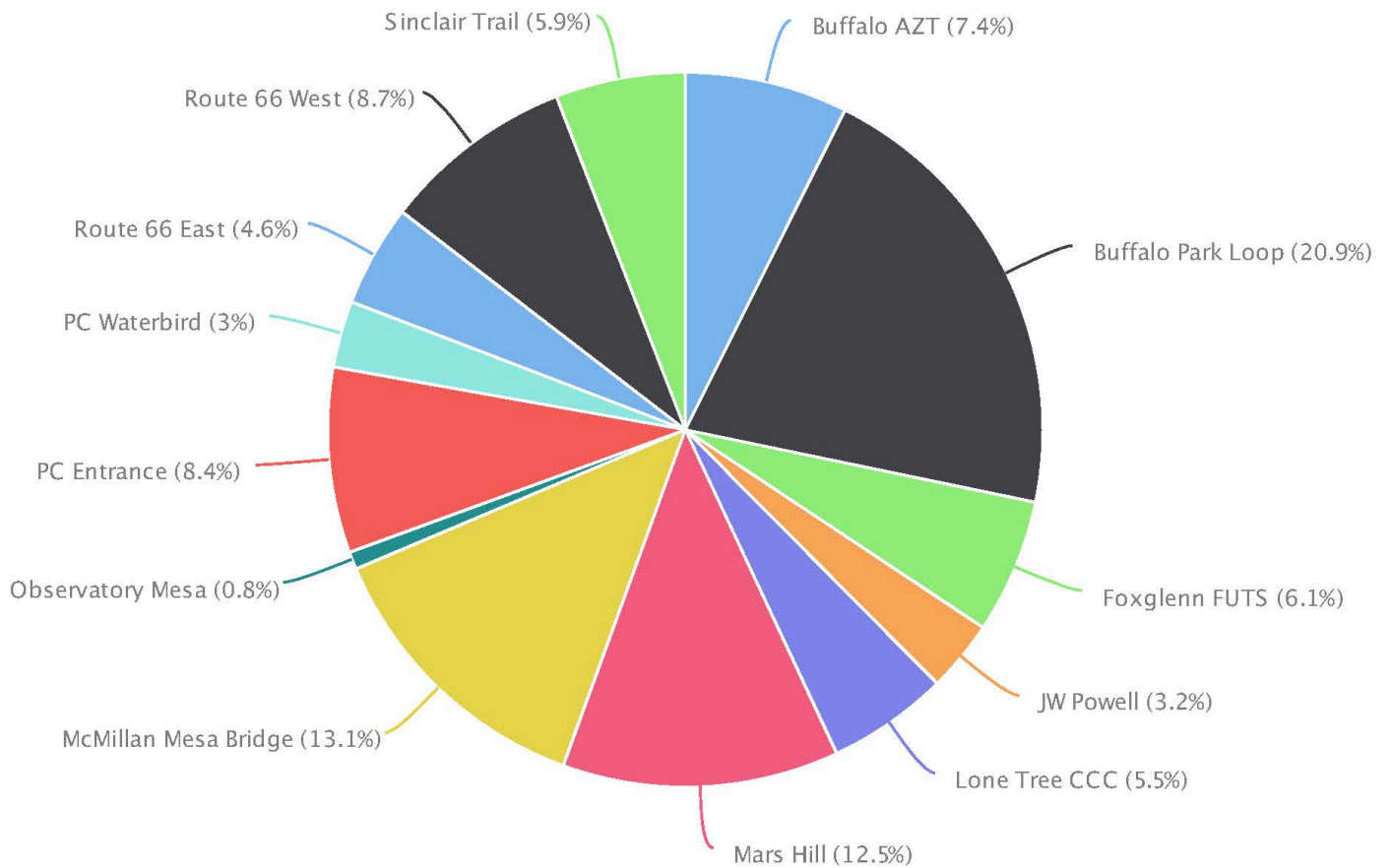
Congratulations to Crystal Warden-Gant on her recent promotion to Recreation Supervisor of Hal Jensen Recreation Center. Crystal is a Flagstaff native beginning her career with the division in 1995. She has worked at Cogdill Recreation Center (Boys and Girls Club) and Hal Jensen Recreation center. Crystal's love for community, youth, and recreation is shown through the impact she makes at the center each day.

New Colleagues

Parks has amazing new Parks Maintenance Workers that started on the team in late April and early May, Quintin Padilla and Ronald Pino. Both Quintin and Ron are not new to many of us as they both have been working with us in a temporary capacity for a few years but having them join the City of Flagstaff is a true treat. Please welcome them both to the team!

Compare Sites

2022-04-18 to 2023-05-03



Site Name	Daily Average
Buffalo AZT	84 (7.4%)
Buffalo Park Loop	237.7 (20.9%)
Foxglenn FUTS	69.3 (6.1%)
JW Powell	36.6 (3.2%)
Lone Tree CCC	62.4 (5.5%)
Mars Hill	142.3 (12.5%)
McMillan Mesa Bridge	149.1 (13.1%)
Observatory Mesa	8.9 (0.8%)
PC Entrance	95.5 (8.4%)
PC Waterbird	34.3 (3.0%)
Route 66 East	52.5 (4.6%)
Route 66 West	99 (8.7%)
Sinclair Trail	66.7 (5.9%)

Trail Counts

Sunny skies and warmer temperatures proved to be the key to another busy month on the Flagstaff Urban Trails System (FUTS). Although weather rarely deters our daily users, seasonal changes bring out the masses.

Kinda a Big Dill

On May 16th, the proposal for 8-pickleball courts and the resurfacing (overlay) on the existing tennis and basketball courts at Bushmaster Park was approved by City Council. This improvement to the existing courts fulfills a big need for the community and maintenance with the addition of new dedicated courts that the pickleball community has been desirous for years.

Staff will begin the design process with the contractor with identifying the northernmost location for the 4-pod courts and the least intrusive amount of tree removal inside the community park. Staff will also begin developing recommendations for City Council to consider to restrict the hours of lights on all of the sport courts.



Image of current dual striped courts at Bushmaster.

Three strikes and welp, you are out! Adult softball is back with enthusiasm as Recreation's athletics season heads outside. The crank of the metal bat can be heard Sunday through Friday nights at the Thorpe Softball Complex. On Tuesday nights at Thorpe Complex spikes can be felt as the adult grass volleyball league begins in the outfields of the softball fields! This first session of summer league is from May 7th through July 2nd.



Fields 2 and 3 at Thorpe Park Softball Complex received new scoreboards this fiscal year with Fields 3 and 4 scheduled for next fiscal year.

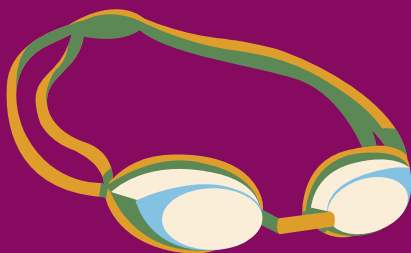
Garden Party

In celebration of the new Community Garden at Hal Jensen Recreation Center, NACA and Sustainability hosted a Garden Party (pictured below). Activities included a prayer ceremony, flower pressing, and rock painting.

The garden officially opens on May 20 to the public.



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Swim Lessons

Registration is underway for summer swim lessons. Group lessons will be available all summer long with first session registration available now.

Seeds of Stewardship

Open Space partnered with the Arizona Trail Association's "Seeds of Stewardship" program to bring several 5th grade classrooms to Picture Canyon and teach them how to work on trails and recreate outdoors with minimal impact on the environment. The Open Space coordinators helped provide guidance for trail service projects at Picture Canyon as well as some education about the history of Picture canyon and some of the plants and wildlife found out there. The groups re-naturalized unauthorized trails, dug water drainages in the trail to prevent erosion, pulled invasive weeds, and made signs to keep people on the trail.



Students learn how to properly use tools to do trail work.



Students are briefed on leave no trace ethics and safety as an outdoor group.



Left: Students learn how trails are used to mitigate erosion.

Right: Students use their tools to dig out a drainage canal and tamp down the berm.



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Concerts in the Park

JUNE

6/7 Thunder n' Lightning
Cheshire Park

6/14 Tommy Duke
Jim Cullen Memorial Park

6/21 Foxy Kushka
Bushmaster Park

6/28 Nolan McKelvey
Peaks View County Park

Wednesday nights in
June & July
5:30 pm



JULY

7/5 No Concert

7/12 Big Daddy D and the
Dynamites
Mobile Haven Park

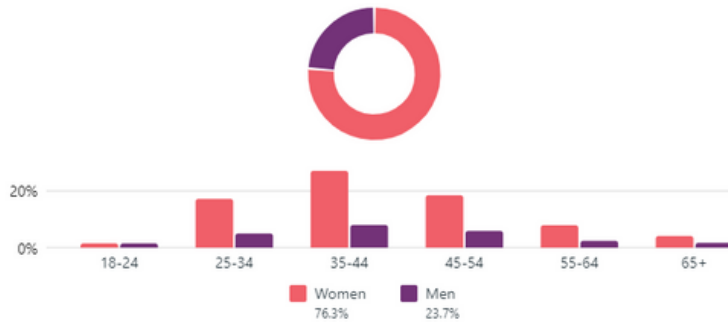
7/19 Optical Delusion
Jim Cullen Memorial Park

7/26 Two Hand Union
Bushmaster Park

Facebook Page likes ⓘ

6,887

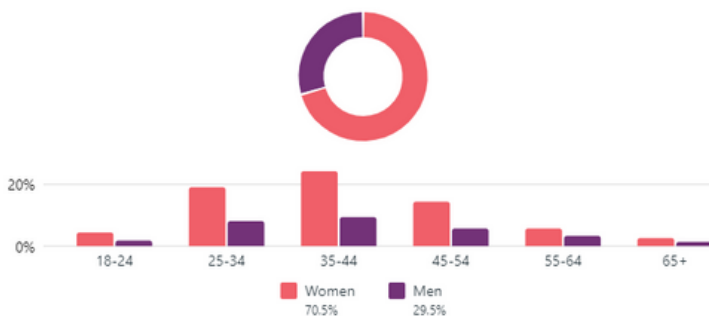
Age & gender ⓘ



Instagram followers ⓘ

3,809

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Social Media Insights

We continue to see growth in the PROSE social media audience with 6,887 Facebook likes and 3,809 Instagram followers, majority of which are in the Flagstaff area.

Our goal is to regularly reach our local market to ensure up to date information on events, recreation programs, park projects, and activities.

Pictured left is a breakdown of social media user analytics both by gender and age grouping.

Upcoming Events

Park Quest: A Geocaching Adventure
May 19-21

Doggie Dash 5k
May 20 @ Buffalo Park

Bike Bazaar
May 21 @ Heritage Square

Flagstaff Community Market
Every Sunday @ City Hall Parking Lot

Movies on the Square
Every Saturday beginning May 27
Heritage Square

Flagstaff Hullabaloo
June 3&4 @ Wheeler Park

First Friday Art Walk
June 2 @ Heritage Square

Sacred Mountain Prayer Run
June 3 @ Thorpe Park

Friday Night Concert Series
Every Friday beginning June 9
Heritage Square

Kids Squared
Tues/Thurs in June & July
Heritage Square

Jazz on the Square
Thursdays beginning June 1
Heritage Square

Music on the Square
Sundays beginning June 4
Heritage Square

Downtown Community Market
Every Wednesday June/July
Beaver/Aspen Parking Lot

Run 4 Life
June 17 @ Wheeler Parking
Lot

Together We March Parade
June 17 @ Downtown Parade Route

Pride in the Pines
June 17 @ Thorpe Park
Softball Complex

Flagstaff Urban Flea Market
June 10 @ City Hall Parking Lot