

# PROSE

## PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

January 2024

### Staff Celebration

Congratulations to Juan Avitia Herrera, Ian Andersen, and Amy Hagin who all received City Managers Awards for their incredible work in 2023.

Right: Oak Award recipient  
Amy Hagin



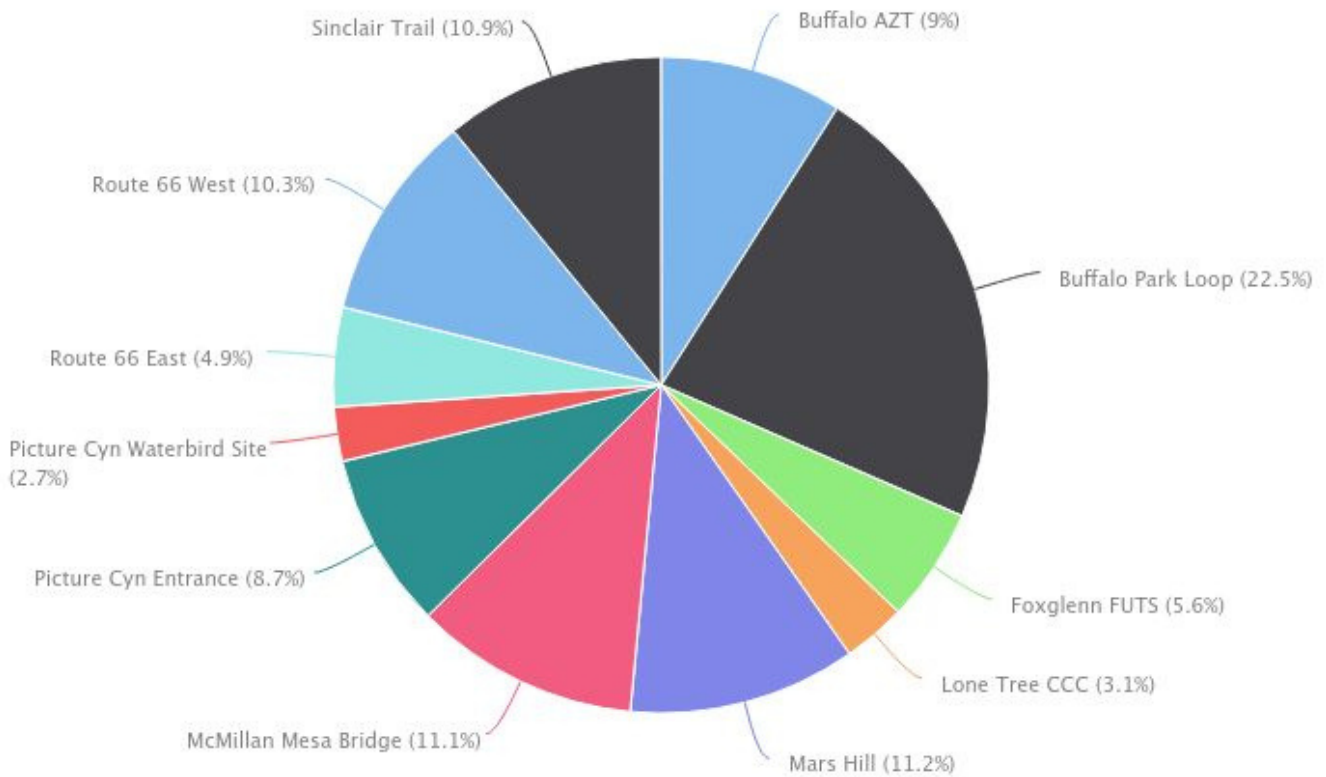
Left: Aspen Award  
recipients Ian  
Andersen and Juan  
Avitia Herrera

## Trail Counts

The month of December brought our community some chilly nights and a few snowflakes, but not much stops our trail user community and commuters or visitors to our open spaces and natural areas. The greater Buffalo Park and McMillan Mesa Natural Area continue to be our most traveled portions of the FUTS followed by the commuter routes along Route 66. As budget season kicks off, staff are collaborating with multi-modal planning and others to create a plan for repair and replacement of this community gem. Plus, seek funding from other sources including grants as protecting our assets is a top priority.

### Compare Sites

2023-12-01 to 2023-12-31



Site Name	Daily Average
Buffalo AZT	84.5 (9.0%)
Buffalo Park Loop	211 (22.5%)
Foxglenn FUTS	52.5 (5.6%)
Lone Tree CCC	29.4 (3.1%)
Mars Hill	105.3 (11.2%)
McMillan Mesa Bridge	103.7 (11.1%)
Observatory Mesa	0 (0.0%)
Picture Cyn Entrance	81.4 (8.7%)
Picture Cyn Waterbird Site	25.1 (2.7%)
Route 66 East	45.8 (4.9%)
Route 66 West	96.2 (10.3%)
Sinclair Trail	102.2 (10.9%)

## Thorpe Park Multi-Purpose Access and Gate Improvement

The Parks Section has been fitting in between snow operations this winter season on an improvement at the Thorpe Park Multi-Purpose fields adjacent to Clark Homes. The improvements include corrections to the access points to the turf field as well as gate improvements. The improvements are a direct result of speaking with our athletic user groups that receive permits on the field plus creating correct access for all in our community.



Above: Thorpe Park Multi Purpose gate

Even when it is cold outside, the ice rink is crushing it during the winter season. During December and a school break for the youth in our community, Jay Lively Activity Center alters the typical programming to provide longer and additional public skate times. From December 21st to January 4th, there were 20 public skate sessions, a handful of sticks and pucks plus some open hockey sessions. The altered programming witnessed 3,732 patrons bringing in \$30,256 in revenue! Many times interested skaters could be seen wrapped around the entry doors of the ice rink getting ready to lace up with their friends and family. The facility is truly a special winter season attraction for our community.



The Joe Montoya Community and Senior Center recently worked with Custom Sight and Sound to enhance the acoustics for the many patrons that utilize the Allen Room. This project has dramatically improved the sound quality of conversations, presentations, and musical offerings. Sound quality is particularly important based upon the patron demographic that mainly utilizes this space in the facility, providing better listening enjoyment for all.

Did you know that Zumba® is back?! The Aquaplex is ecstatic to bring back the fitness program that involves cardiovascular and Latin-inspired dance. Look for more fitness and aquatic programming as the coordinator superstars continue to make improvements to the offerings for members and day pass users.



We completed a year-long Heritage Grant Education Project and have received funding for an additional two years! We completed seven field trips to Open Space with Flagstaff Unified School District classrooms, 13 field trips with Youth Organizations, 16 volunteer work/education programs, three meetings with the Nature Education of Northern Arizona, six educational tabling events, 32 new partnerships with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math professionals and organizations, and in total 680 youth have engaged with an Open Space education program.



Above: Open Space participants  
Right: New AmeriCorp Desert Mulford

We recently hired an AmeriCorps Environmental Literacy Corps (ELC) member to our team! Desert Mulford will be working with the Open Space environmental education program.



## Snow Plow Engagement

The Berminator, Holy Sleet, Panda, Dwight D. Eisenplower, Darth Blader, Scoop Dog, Rhinestone Plow Boy, and Tater Tot hit the town and PROSE social media in early January for snow ops.

The fleet was met with positive engagement including 294 reactions, 43 shares, 30,843 impressions, and a reach of 30,181 making this our best performing post to date.



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**ADULT  
VOLLEYBALL**

**SPRING | LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS  
2024 | FEB 25**

### REGISTRATION

**Opens Jan 12**  
• Register online using QR  
Code below or in-person  
at the Flagstaff Aquaplex  
**Closes Feb 12**

**Registration fee**  
• \$275 per team  
**Late registration after 2/12**  
• \$325 per team

### LEAGUE INFO

**Sunday: Coed B, E, G**  
**Monday: Women's B/C**  
**Tuesday: Coed F**  
**Wednesday: Women's A**  
**Thursday: Coed D**  
**Friday: Coed C**

**Manager's Meeting**  
Wednesday, February 14 at 6 PM  
at Hal Jensen Recreation Center  
2403 N Izabel

