

# PROSE

## PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

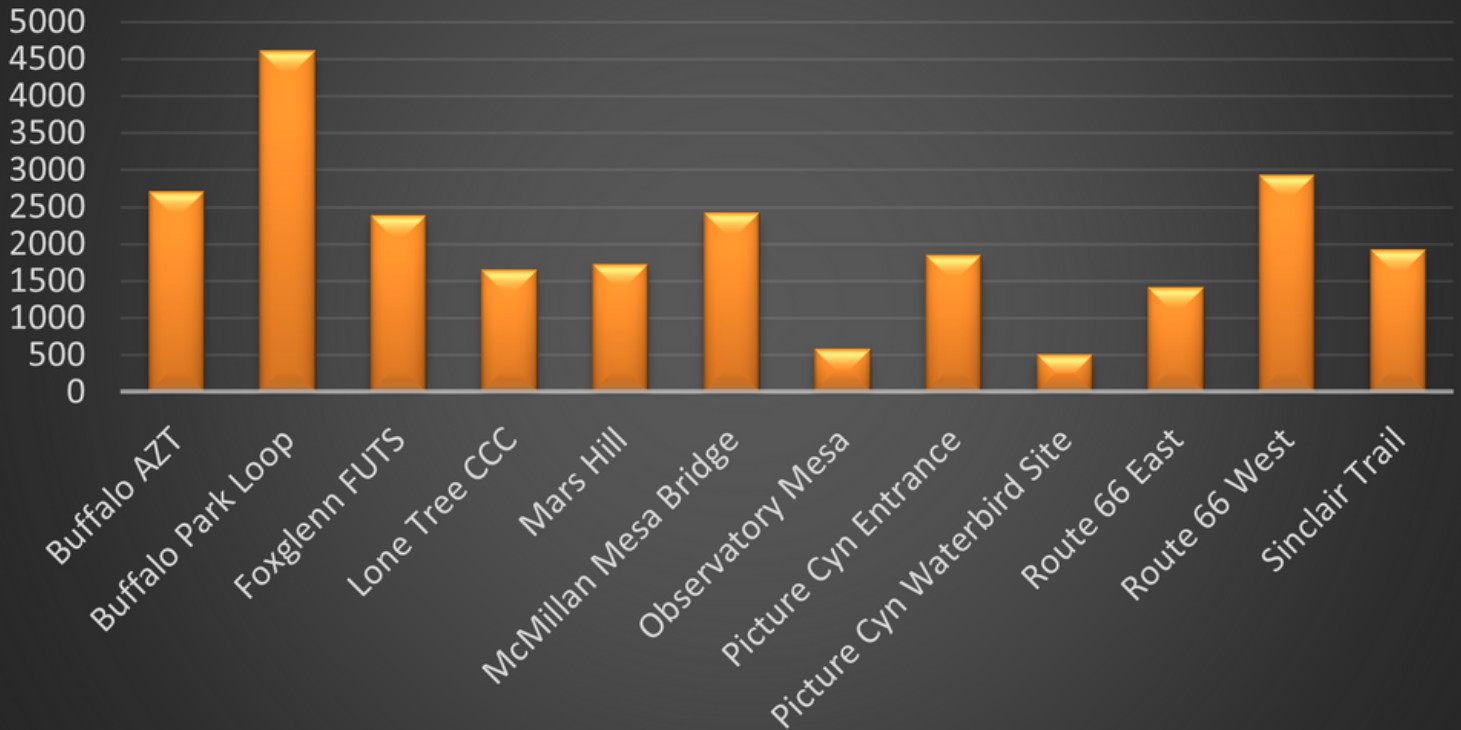
February 2024

The Division's largest regional park, Thorpe Park, has received an upgrade to the kiosk signage! The new signs are an upgrade but more importantly they are an identifier to over 200-acres of active and passive recreation. With the amount of leisure and programmed fun scheduled at a variety of locations within the 220-acres, Parks Supervisor Shawn Mullaney accepted the challenge to identify, design and install with other Parks colleagues the new kiosk signage.



The community experienced one of the larger accumulation snow events in early February providing an opportunity for the Parks team to perform the operation but with an added oversight pilot program. The team led by Gino Leoni successfully managed a pilot contract with a contractor to perform a concierge service in specific alleyways near Heritage Square in the downtown area. For more information on the concierge pilot program, please feel free to reach out to the PROSE leadership team!

# January 2024



For the month of January the commuter trail along Route 66 provided safe transportation to over 4,500 travelers. This east and westbound FUTS is vital to our commuter community members. With the minimal snowfall in the month of January, the Sinclair Wash provided leisure recreation through the riparian area with nearly 1,900 travelers. The team continues to discuss the challenges associated with the washout locations and overall trail maintenance including identifying a funding source.



The Aquaplex hosted a Beach Pool Party this month. 70 participants enjoyed games, activities, and refreshments while splashing around.

In celebration of Black History Month, Hal Jensen Recreation Center hosted dinner and a movie! About 50 adults and youth participated. Guests watched The Butler and enjoyed collard greens, okra, macaroni and cheese and cornbread to highlight Black ethnic cuisine.



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**ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS**  
are encouraged.



**City of Flagstaff PROSE**  
**Show Some Love at the**  
**Black History Month Blood Drive**

Wednesday, February 28  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Hal Jensen Recreation Center at 2403 N. Izabel St.

To schedule an appointment, scan QR code, visit [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org) (Blood Drive Code: HJRC), or call Vitalant at 877-25-VITAL (258-4825). Questions? Contact Crystal Warden-Gant at (928) 213-2762.

Donate blood and receive a \$10 gift card from our Rewards Store. Join us in spreading love, saving lives, and treating yourself this Valentine's season. Your gift can make all the difference!



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Hal Jensen hosted a blood drive on February 28. All 23 slots were filled making this another successful donation event!

The Open Space Commission has been preparing to review the Observatory Mesa Trail plan at their upcoming meeting on March 25, 2024. With a steadfast commitment to upholding guiding documents and preserving the integrity of the property, the commission's meticulous scrutiny aims to ensure that the proposed project aligns seamlessly with open space overarching objectives. Their focus extends beyond mere recreational enhancements; rather, they strive to recommend measures that not only cater to the recreational needs of the community but also uphold the property's purpose and conserve its natural beauty for generations to come. Through thorough analysis and thoughtful deliberation, the commission endeavors to develop a final recommendation that facilitates trails, access, and safeguards the ecological richness of the area.



The Open Space Full Moon Hike in January was featured by NAU Lumberjack. Click on the photo above and check out the article.

Welcome aboard Sarah Holditch! Sarah joins us from the Open Space section and is now the Events and Marketing Coordinator. She will be planning events for the division, permitting events on City property, and marketing PROSE. Sarah brings a passion for providing events to the community and comes with 10 years of experience coordinating events in town.

In her free time Sarah enjoys rock climbing, exploring with her dog Tucker, and serves as a board member for the Northern Arizona Climbers Coalition.

A colorful poster for "CONCERTS IN THE PARK Call for Musicians". The poster features a saxophone on the left and an acoustic guitar on the right, with musical notes floating between them. The text includes:

- CONCERTS IN THE PARK**
- Call for Musicians**
- FAMILY FRIENDLY**
- Performances on Wednesday nights in June & July**
- Send your demo to [SpecialEvents@flagstaffaz.gov](mailto:SpecialEvents@flagstaffaz.gov)

The City of Flagstaff PROSE logo is in the bottom left corner. The background has a vibrant, abstract pattern of purple, yellow, and green.

Spring Volleyball kicked off this month! The league is full and running five nights a week utilizing FUSD gymnasiums.