

# PROSE

## PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

April 2024

It's official! PROSE has a new mission statement and vision, along with values to keep the Division rolling in a strategic motion. Through facilitation with Lancaster Leadership from the one and only Julie Lancaster, the Division's full-time staff created, cultivated and collaborated to create the guiding statements in April.

Mission statement:

Connecting our community through people, parks, natural areas, and programs.

Vision statement:

Creating unique experiences and places to play.

Values:

Community enrichment

Conservation

All Inclusive

Authenticity



Above: Staff attending mission/vision/values training



Above: Trail Count graph

Spring is here, and the Parks turf maintenance operation is in full swing!

This team is responsible for turf maintenance operations throughout all parks. Staff responsibilities include dethatching, aeration, fertilization, overseeding, and topdressing of turf, as well as weekly mowing of all athletic fields. These efforts enable us to provide exceptional grassy play areas to all park and athletic group users.

Right: Staff performing turf maintenance



Did you know? Parks staff has a number of certifications required to effectively and efficiently maintain park grounds.

## Number of Certified Staff



**AQUAPLEX FACILITY CLOSURE**

**May 5th - 12th**

Please be aware that the entire facility will be closed for annual maintenance and cleaning during this time. We appreciate your understanding.

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**JAY LIVELY FACILITY CLOSURE**

**May 6th - 31st**

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Above: upcoming recreation facility closures for annual maintenance

Welcome back Mark Yarnall! Mark started employment with the city in January 2022 for PROSE at the Aquaplex, then spent some time at City Hall with Customer Service, as well as Planning & Development. Mark has rejoined the PROSE team as the Recreation Coordinator at Joe C. Montoya Community & Senior Center.

Mark earned a bachelor's degree in Recreation Management from Eastern Washington University and between working with City of Scottsdale, Coconino County, City of Flagstaff, and the private sector, he brings 8+ years of recreation and hospitality experience.

In his free time Mark enjoys cycling and staying healthy in order to keep up with his 3.5-year-old toddler and 8-month-old baby.

We are excited to have Mark back in the PROSE family and believe he will have an immediate impact at the Joe C. Montoya Community and Senior Center.



Above: Mark Yarnall



The Daddy Daughter Ball was a success! Sixty-five participants took to the dance floor to boogie. Dads and daughters enjoyed dinner, crafts, photos, and dancing, in celebration the return of this event post-pandemic.

Left: Daddy Daughter ball attendees

Open Space held a volunteer appreciation event on April 10, 2024. The dedication and commitment of these volunteers is truly remarkable and deserving of recognition. Their tireless efforts have created a meaningful on-site presence across Open Space properties and play a crucial role in promoting ethical use through education. So far in FY 2023-2024 volunteers have donated 1,400 hours, demonstrating their unwavering passion for conservation and community stewardship. Their dedication is the cornerstone of our success, and we extend our heartfelt appreciation for their ongoing support.



Above: volunteer appreciation group photo



In preparation for a field trip to Picture Canyon, Open Space staff did an in-class lesson at Cromer Elementary School about the Rio de Flag at Picture Canyon. They brought bins of soil/sand and had the students dig a straightaway, like the one coming from the Wildcat Wastewater Treatment Plant, to see how the water flowed, what erosion occurred, and what “plants” were washed away. Then, they dug a meandering stream like the one dug by Natural Channel Design at Picture Canyon, to see how the water flowed differently.

Above: students digging in soil

Right: students on a field trip at Picture Canyon



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# CONCERTS IN THE PARK

**Wednesday nights in June & July**  
**5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**JUNE**

6/5 Tommy Dukes  
Jim Cullen Park

6/12 Dennis Herrera Band  
Bushmaster Park

6/19 Cameron Jameson  
Cheshire Park

6/26 The Flag 5 Band  
Duck Pond Field

**JULY**

7/3 Arizona Hired Guns  
Peaks View County Park

7/10 Big Daddy D  
and the Dynamites  
Mobile Haven Park

7/17 Optimal Delusion  
Raymond County Park

7/24 The Carbonics  
Bushmaster Park

7/31 Ace Slim  
Jim Cullen Park

Events and Marketing completed 17 marketing requests and continues to drive efforts in promoting PROSE offerings through various marketing channels and media platforms.

Upcoming programming for May

Hal Jensen Recreation Center

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# Night Court

Play 5 on 5 basketball after hours  
at Hal Jensen Rec Center  
Grades 6th - 12th

**9PM - 11PM**

Every second Friday  
April - October

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## Flagstaff Aquaplex

# WILD WEST POOL PARTY

Saturday, May 18th  
11:00am - 3:00pm

# Wednesday Weed Pulls

Picture Canyon  
Natural and Cultural Preserve

May 22 7:00 am - 10:00 am	July 3 7:00 am - 10:00 am
June 5 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm	July 17 7:00 am - 10:00 am
June 19 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm	July 31 7:00 am - 10:00 am

Hal Jensen Recreation Center

# ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL

**Every Tuesday**  
**5pm - 7pm**

Ages 18+

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