



PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

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

The new playground at
Ponderosa Trails Park



New Playground at Ponderosa Trails Park!

There is a new playground in town! The Parks section completed the installation of a new playground at Ponderosa Trails Park. The previous structure was twenty-five years old and due for replacement. The new playground offers opportunities for climbing, sliding, dangling and more in a relatively small space.

Aerial view of the new playground



Kids enjoying the new playground at Ponderosa Trails Park



PARKS

Thorpe Multi-Purpose Sod Project

In cooperation with the Flagstaff Soccer Club, Parks was able to implement a full closure of the Thorpe Multi-Purpose Field in order to establish a healthy new layer of sod. This project successfully replaced over 6,000 square feet and is open again for use.



Laying the squares of sod



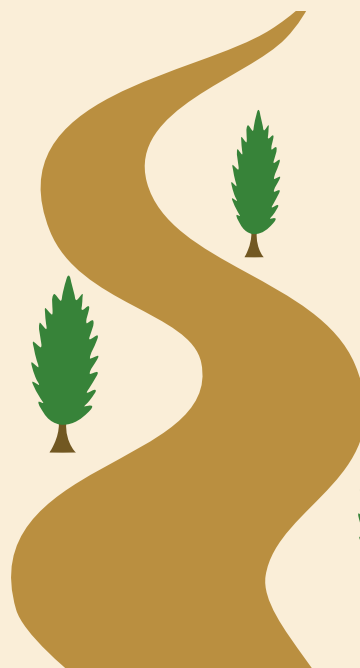
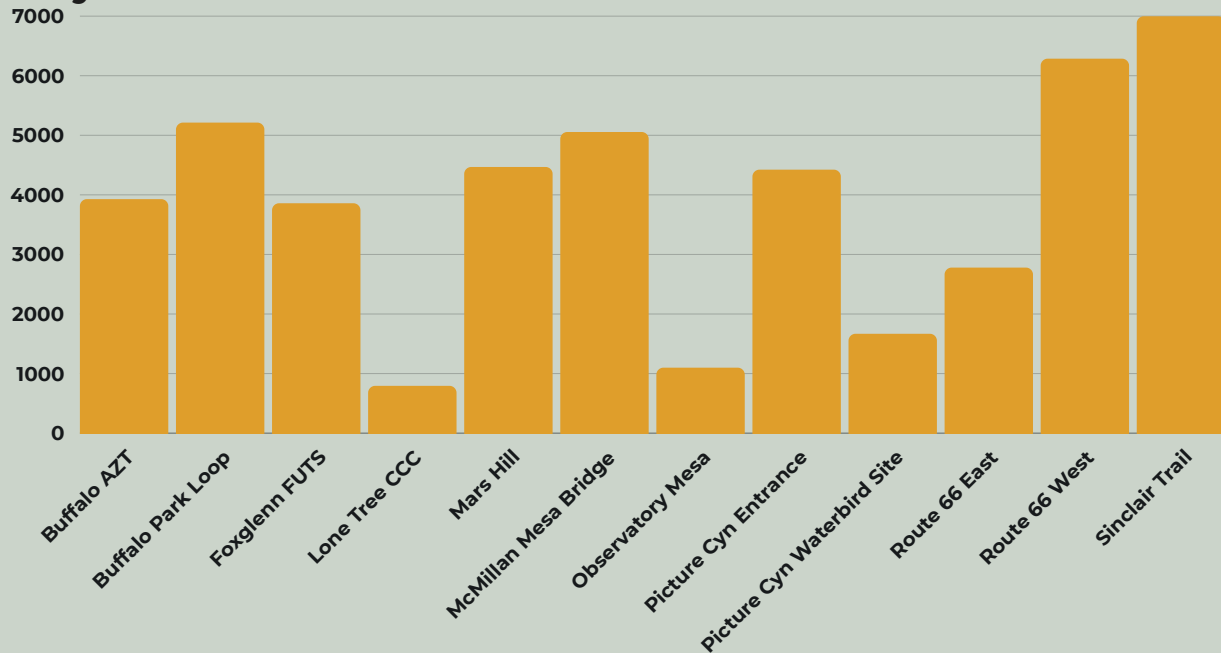
Prepping the soil



Finishing touches

July 2024 Trail Counts

Number of Users





RECREATION

Aquaplex

Joe C Montoya Community & Senior Center

Summer Day Camps

The Aquaplex Summer Day Camps are all wrapped up for the summer. What started with only six participants, ended with the maximum capacity of twenty. This was the first year Summer Day Camps returned to the Aquaplex since 2019. Staff learned a lot from this year's camps and are fully prepared to hit the ground running next summer.



Kids crafting

Joe C Montoya Community & Senior Center Donated Piano

Joe C. Montoya Center received a donated piano valued at \$2,000. This piano will replace the previous piano which was of lesser quality and sound. The center is excited about music performances to come!

New Class with Mountain Health Arts: Education of Making Music for Memory Loss



The new piano



The music class in action

In partnership with Mountain Health Arts, Joe C. Montoya is offering a new class titled, Education of Making Music for Memory Loss. This class is geared towards people with Dementia and Alzheimer's.



RECREATION

Hal Jensen Recreation Center

Jay Lively Activity Center

Hal Jensen Back to School BBQ

Hal Jensen Recreation Center hosted a Back to School BBQ to welcome both new and familiar teens to the center. Staff served food and shared some behavior expectations for the facility. This gathering saw approximately 160 youth.



Teens at the BBQ getting some food



Pick-Up Basketball in action

Tuesday Night Adult Pick-Up Basketball

Adult Pick-Up Basketball has been steadily increasing in popularity seeing approximately thirty players every Tuesday night. To meet this demand, Hal Jensen Recreation Center will be hosting this program on Thursday nights as well until Youth Basketball begins in November.



Jay Lively Activity Center Excavation Work

Jay Lively Activity Center completed work on the drainage project with the help of 108 Excavating.



OPEN SPACE

Event participants gaze at a Giant Sequoia



Arbor Day Tree Walk Event

In honor of Arbor Day, Open Space hosted a free event for the public to learn about both native and invasive species of trees. Approximately twelve people attended this walk around the neighborhood where our Open Space Coordinator identified different species and included some fun facts and tips about growing and maintenance.

Welcome Ashlee - New Open Space Educator!

Ashlee in good spirits after pulling invasive weeds



Open Space is excited to welcome Ashlee Flinely to the team as the Open Space Educator. Ashlee has ample experience in outdoor education and has jumped right into her new role with enthusiasm.

Thank you Desert - AmeriCorps ELC Member

Open Space's AmeriCorps Environmental Literacy Corps intern, Desert Mulford, has completed his term. His hard work has helped advance the Open Space education program to include elements of art and climate change awareness. We are thankful for all that Desert has done with PROSE and wish him well on his next work adventure.



Sylvia gifting Desert a bunch of Star Thistle

Greater Observatory Mesa Trail Plan

With help from Southwest Decision Resources, a third and final draft of the Observatory Mesa Trail Plan has been released to the public for input. The public is encouraged to review the plan online as well as at the public meeting on September 19th, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the downtown Flagstaff City-Coconino County Public Library.

Greater Observatory Mesa Trail Plan PUBLIC MEETING

Members of the public are invited to review the Greater Observatory Mesa Trail Plan, learn how it may affect them and provide input for the City Council's Consideration.

September 19th, 2024
5:00PM - 7:00PM
FLAGSTAFF CITY-COCONINO COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY
300 W Aspen Ave
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

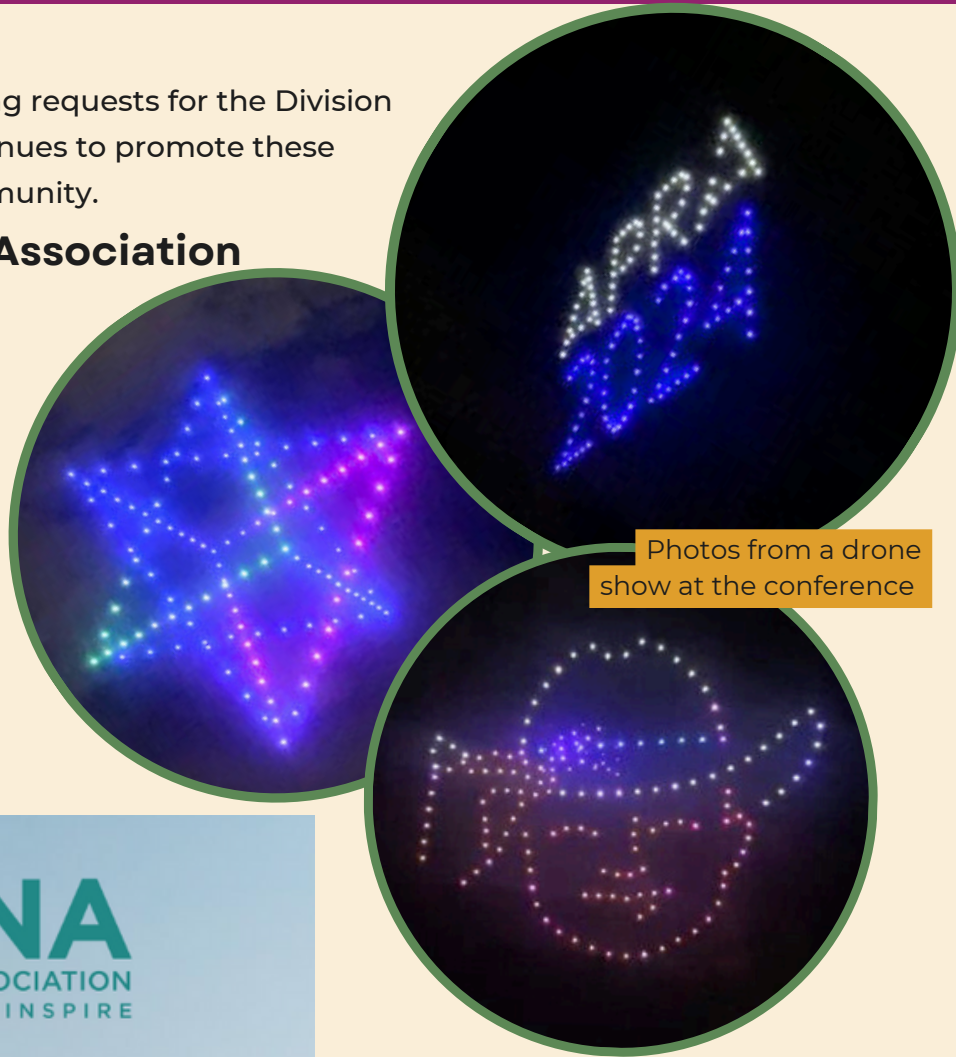
EVENTS & MARKETING

Marketing

Marketing completed twenty-one marketing requests for the Division throughout the month of August and continues to promote these programs and events throughout the community.

Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Conference & Expo

Seven representatives from PROSE attended the Annual Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Conference in Tucson. The conference offered opportunities to learn, network, and explore relevant products and services in the exhibition hall. Our Events and Marketing Coordinator was able to attend and came back with some ideas for potential events to bring to Flagstaff.



Photos from a drone show at the conference



Winter Event Planning and Preparation

In partnership with the Flagstaff Downtown Business Alliance, the Events and Marketing team has already begun preparation for this year's Winter Wonderland event. These kinds of community events require ample planning and preparation to run smoothly. The team is excited about ideas to make this year's event better than before. Be sure to save the date, December 7th!

