



# PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



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

## Aquaplex & Jay Lively Cleaning and Maintenance

The Aquaplex is open again after completing several facility projects during the annual cleaning and maintenance closure. Jay Lively Activity Center continues work on large scale projects to reopen soon.



## Spring Events are Here!

Event season is upon us as our parks and public spaces continue to be utilized daily for events large and small while our recreation centers offer a variety of enriching opportunities for the public.



West Flagstaff Little League Field looking well-groomed and ready for the season



# PARKS

## Playground Safety Training

Parks staff attended a Playground Safety Training taught by Parks Supervisor Lynold Herder, and Parks Technician Daniel White. The training reviewed how to inspect playgrounds for safety including elements of hazard identification, surfacing requirements, and risk management.



Fresh cut grass at W Flag Little League Field



Examples of old playground hardware

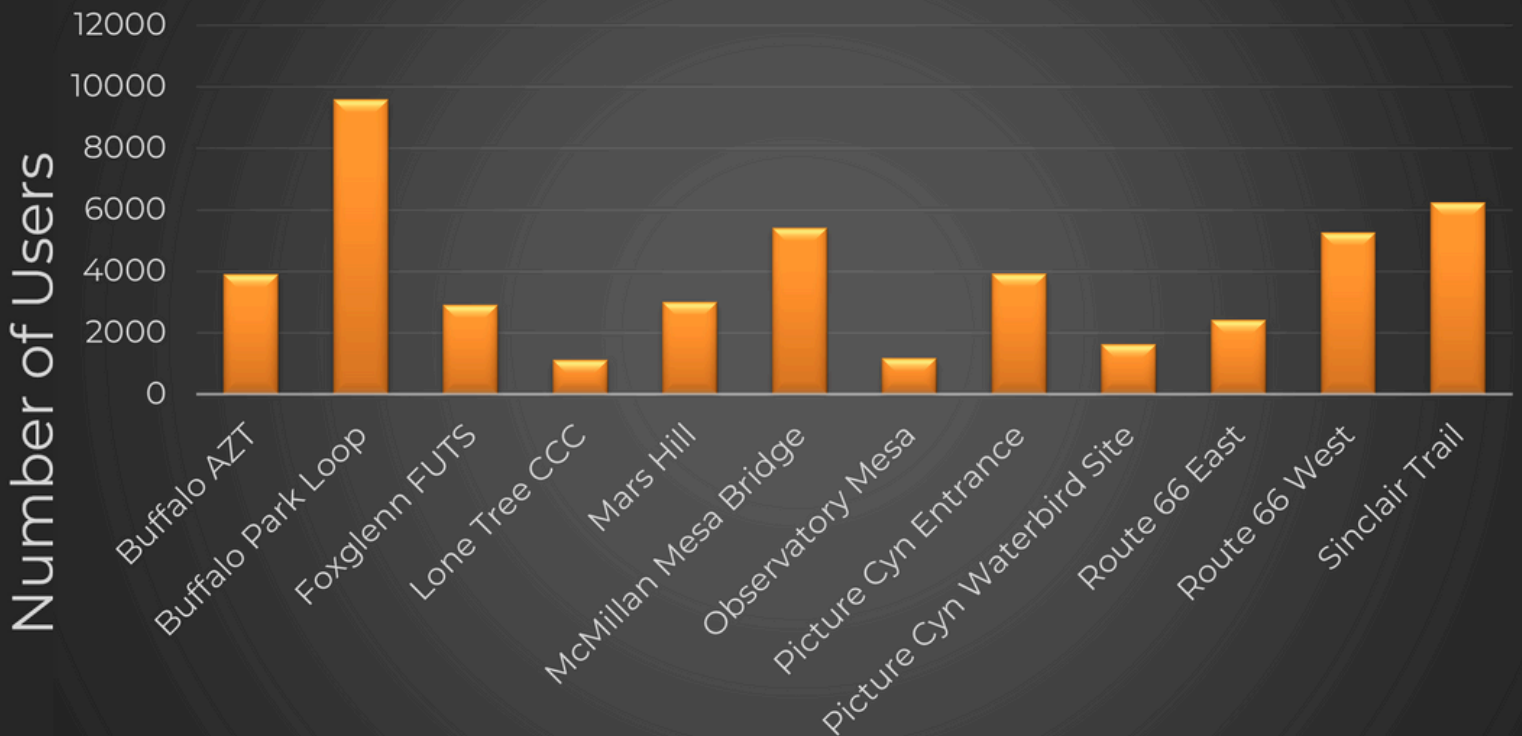
Daniel pointing to some slides



## Irrigation Improvements

After an energy audit was performed in partnership with the Sustainability section, Parks' smart irrigation systems were upgraded with new flow sensors and master valves. This improvement will help save water by automatically detecting breaks and offering a quick way to stop the flow, minimizing wasted water.

## April 2024 FUTS Trail Counts



Jay Livley staff photo in the iceless rink



# RECREATION

## Jay Lively Activity Center

### Cleaning and Maintenance Closure

Jay Lively staff have been working hard during the cleaning and maintenance closure. With the help of Facility Services, Parks, and some contract work, the center has been able to break ground on some much-needed maintenance and cleaning projects. Staff continue working diligently to complete these projects before the target re-opening date of June 1st.

#### Some work completed/in progress:

- New rubber flooring installed in previously hazardous areas
- Ice from rink completely removed and soon to be replaced
- Cracking in ice rink concrete inspected with cracks and other exposed areas throughout the surface filled with epoxy
- Ice rink surface, markings, lines and new logo repainting/installation
- Chiller lines exposed to inspect ice buildup around pipes (solution to the problem has yet to be determined and solved)
- Deep cleaning of the entire facility, sanding and staining all benches, paint touch ups, scrubbing dasher boards etc.

Chunks of ice ready for removal



Trenching outside the building

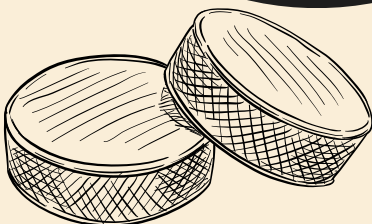


Staff pulling up the lines under the ice.



### Chillin' in the Pines Hockey Tournament Success

Chillin' in the Pines Hockey Tournament had another successful outing this year with ten teams participating in the B & C divisions and twelve teams participating in the D division.



Skate shredding the ice



Sidewalk chalk art in front of Hal Jensen



# RECREATION

## Hal Jensen Recreation Center

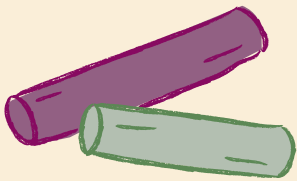
### Hal Jensen Chalk Your Walk Event

In partnership with ARTx, Hal Jensen hosted Chalk Your Walk, where artist Chas Frisco led community members in creating art with chalk on the sidewalk in front of the Center. The event was greatly appreciated by all ages and saw over 30 participants.

Artist Chas Frisco creating word art



Event participants creating chalk art



### NACA Garden Blessing

Native Americans for Community Action (NACA) hosted a Garden Blessing event to commence the growing season at the Community Garden plots.



Garden growth from last season

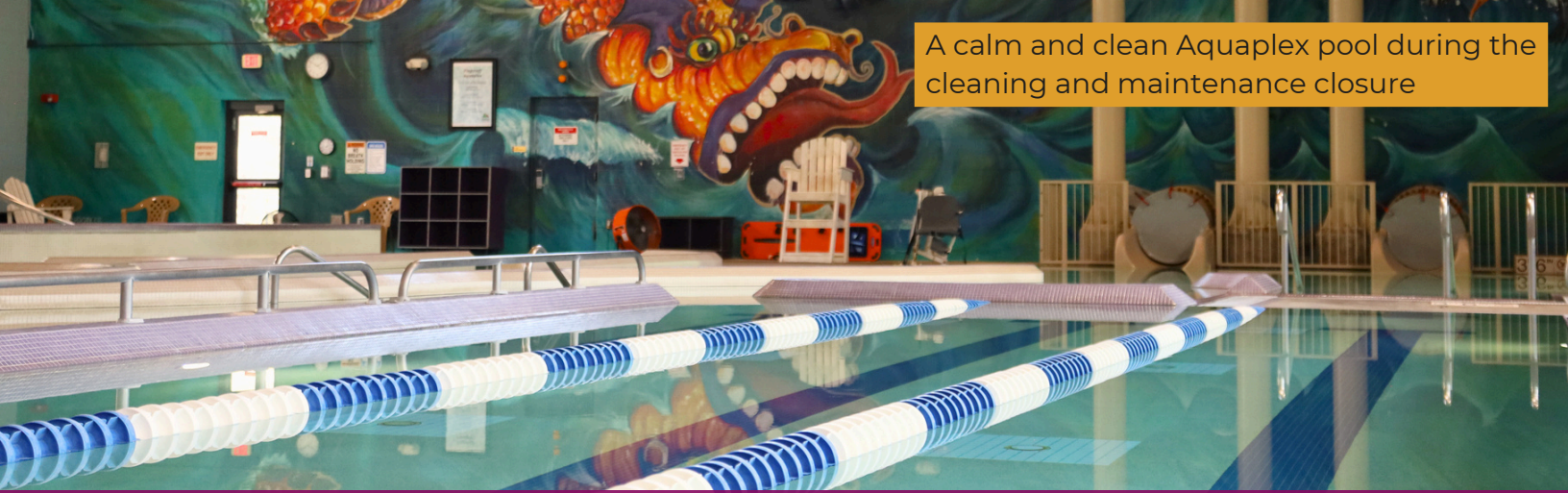
### Night Court

Night Court continues to grow in popularity, offering an opportunity for youth to practice their basketball skills in a fun late night setting.



Night Court action





A calm and clean Aquaplex pool during the cleaning and maintenance closure

# RECREATION

## Aquaplex & Joe C Montoya Community and Senior Center

### Aquaplex Cleaning & Maintenance Closure Complete

The Aquaplex utilized staff as well as contracted help to make diligent use of the annual cleaning and maintenance closure.

#### Completed cleaning and maintenance:

- New slip-resistant flooring installed in the Party Room
- Carpet in the Fitness Floor replaced with rubber flooring to match other areas
- Deep cleaning of the gym floor, track, carpets
- Stripped and waxed kitchen, community room, and movement studio floors
- Pool drained and refilled with fresh water and areas deep cleaned
- New slide pad installed
- Deep cleaning of all other areas and organization of front desk operations materials



Members of the public enjoying open swim after the re-opening

### Wild West Pool Party

The Aquaplex hosted a wild west themed pool party which saw over 80 attendees. Participants received a bandana, cowboy hat, snap bracelets, and snacks. The party room and pool area were decorated and games such as horseshoes and pin the tail on the donkey were set up while country music played.



Decorations and games at the Pool Party

### Tai Chi at Joe C. Montoya Community & Senior Center

Tai Chi classes have been well attended and growing rapidly. Plans for expanding this program to meet the popularity are in the works!



# OPEN SPACE



Watercolor painting of Elden by an event participant



Event participant painting a nature scene

## Plein Air in Open Space Event

Open Space hosted two Plein Air events in conjunction with ARTx. Each event featured a participating artist and offered an opportunity to create a painting or drawing while immersed in nature.



Event participant and their watercolor painting



## Public Outreach and Education

Open Space has been reaching the public through participating in several events this month, including the STEM City Festival at Fort Tuthill and Earth Day at Bushmaster Park. Staff and volunteers offered hands-on educational activities and information about Open Space properties and programs.



Booth at STEM City Festival

## School Field Trips

School field trips to Open Space have been in full swing! This month, students from Killip & Cromer Elementary visited Picture Canyon to learn about the watershed and do some



Students on a field trip at Picture Canyon



Booth at Earth Day

hands-on restoration and trail service projects in partnership with the Arizona Trail Association Seeds of Stewardship Program.

# EVENTS & MARKETING



## Event Season Begins!

The Events and Marketing team helped permit over thirty events that took place in our parks or public spaces this month. They also completed twenty-five internal marketing requests and continue working creatively to spread the word about upcoming events and programs.

### Some upcoming events and programs

**Flagstaff Aquaplex**

**SUMMER DAY CAMP**

**Two-Week Sessions**

June 17th - 28th  
July 8th - 19th  
July 22nd - August 2nd

Ages: 6-11 Years

Monday - Friday

7:30am - 6:00pm

928-213-2300

Member Price: **\$250** Non-Member Price: **\$300**

Click to register on WebTrac

**Flagstaff Aquaplex**

**LEARN TO ROCK CLIMB**

Ages 6-14

Tuesdays

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Click to register on WebTrac

**Hal Jensen Recreation Center**

**JUNETEENTH BLOOD DRIVE**

in partnership with **vitalant** Blood Donation

Monday, **June 17th**

12:00pm - 5:00pm

Hal Jensen Rec Center  
(2403 N Izabel St)

**CITY OF FLAGSTAFF PROSE**

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK**

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

JUNE	JULY
6/5 Tommy Dukes Jim Cullen Park	7/3 Arizona Hired Guns Peaks View County Park
6/12 Dennis Herrera Band Bushmaster Park	7/10 Big Daddy D and the Dynamites Mobile Haven Park
6/19 Cameron Jameson Cheshire Park	7/17 Optimal Delusion Raymond County Park
6/26 The Flag 5 Band Duck Pond Field	7/24 The Carbonics Bushmaster Park
	7/31 Ace Slim Jim Cullen Park

Join Open Space for June's

**FULL MOON BIKE RIDE**

Trail Head: **Buffalo Park**  
to ride Nate Avery loop & McMillan Mesa loop

Friday, June 21st  
7:30 - 8:45pm

**Introduction to Invasive Weeds Workshop**

Learn how to identify invasive plants. Bring your weeds to the experts! This workshop is in partnership with the **Climate Resilience Project**.

Tuesday, June 11th  
6:00-8:00pm  
Foxglenn Park Ramada

**Volunteer Weed Pull**

Pull weeds at the Flagstaff Aquaplex and along Industrial Drive. Wear long pants and long sleeves. Bring water, sun protection and gloves if you have them (there will be extra to borrow). All other materials and tools will be provided.

Wednesday, June 26th  
7:00-9:00am  
Flagstaff Aquaplex