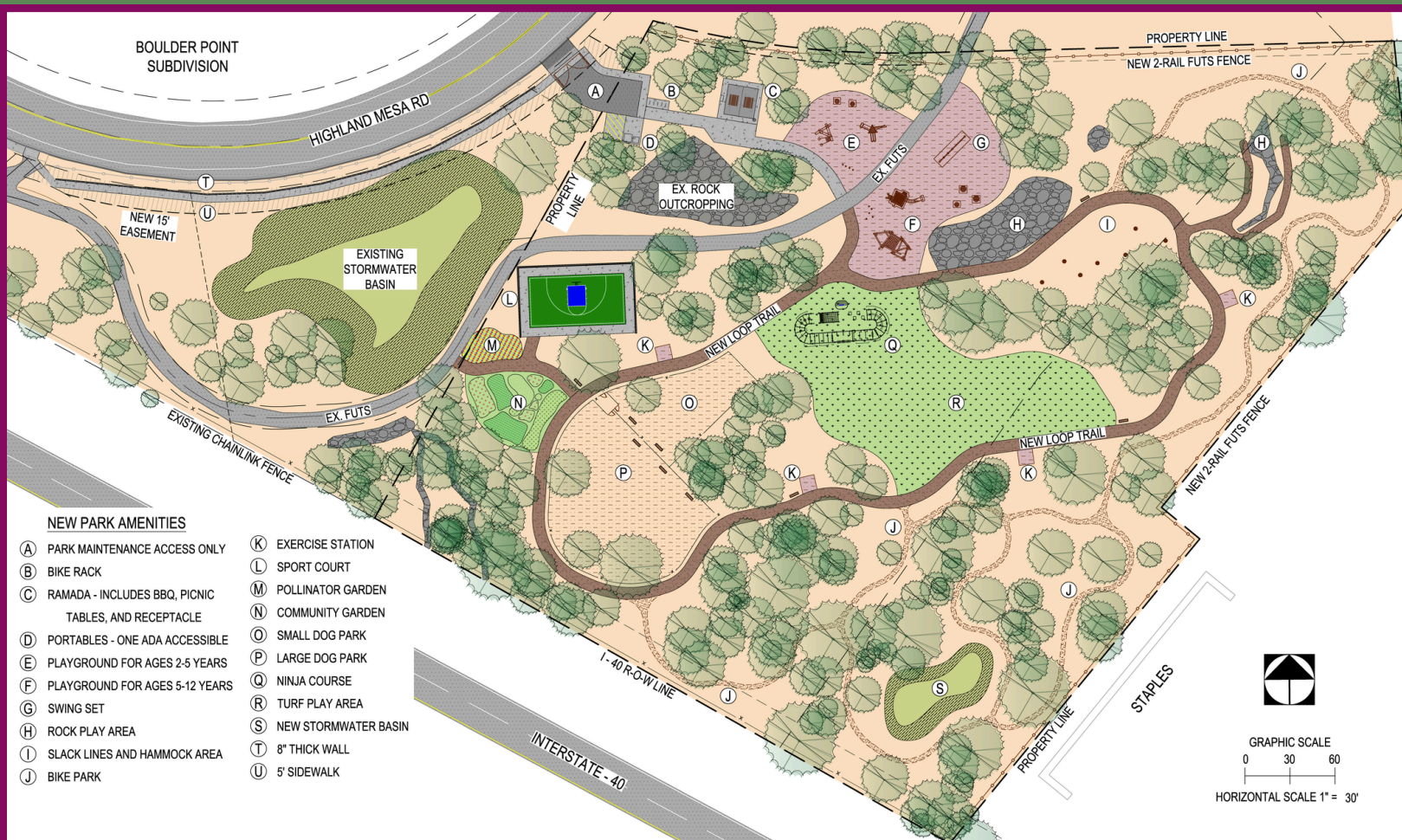


*Connecting our community through people, parks,  
natural areas, and programs.*



## Highland Mesa Park Concept Design Unveiled

A community-driven vision for the future neighborhood park has arrived! Highland Mesa Park will be the first park developed from undeveloped land in our community since 2003, marking a significant milestone in our shared outdoor spaces. This concept was shaped through extensive outreach and collaboration with the immediate community. Through surveys, public meetings, and input sessions, residents shared their ideas and priorities, helping to create a design that reflects the needs and character of the neighborhood. The thoughtfully designed concept embraces the area's natural beauty, preserving the existing tree canopy while seamlessly integrating a scenic bike path that follows the terrain. With a focus on sustainability and recreation, Highland Mesa Park aims to offer amenities that will be enjoyed by all. Stay tuned for more updates as this park comes to fruition.



# PARKS



Snow plow

## Moving Snow!

Winter precipitation finally came in March, and the Parks team was hard at work managing snow operations.

During two snow events, over 900 human-hours were logged across 8 workdays to handle high-priority snow relocation tasks. A big thank you goes out to the Parks team for their dedication to ensuring safety for the community during these winter conditions.

## Seedlings Sprout for Pollinator Gardens

As spring arrives, the Parks team has begun growing pollinator seedlings to support several pollinator gardens across local parks. These seedlings are initially nurtured under grow lights in the Parks maintenance shop before being transferred to the greenhouse in preparation for early summer planting. Varieties of milkweed, lupine, salvia, and more are being cultivated to help support local pollinator populations.



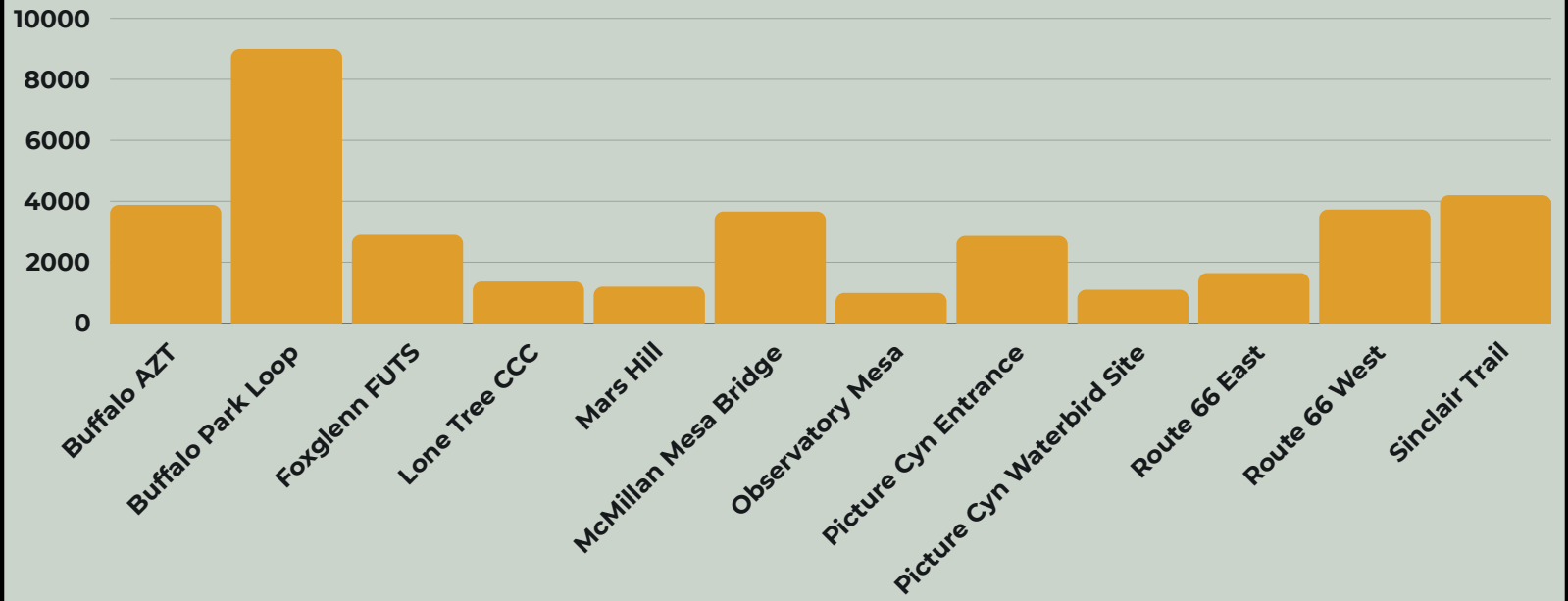
Seedlings



Last season's Pollinator Garden

## February 2025 Trail Counts

● Number of Users



# RECREATION

## Get in the Game: Futsal at the Aquaplex!

The Aquaplex recently introduced indoor futsal into the mix of programs available in the afternoon. Futsal is a fast-paced, small-sided indoor soccer game played with five players per team. It uses a smaller, heavier

ball, promoting skill development, quick passes, and teamwork in a fast, exciting setting.

Youth play from 4:00pm - 5:30pm,

and adults from

6:00pm - 7:45pm.

It's FREE with a day pass or membership —no pre-registration needed, just show up and play!



Futsal at the Aquaplex

A promotional graphic for futsal open play. It features a soccer ball on a wooden floor, a person's legs kicking a ball, and a person's legs with a ball. The text reads: "FUTSAL OPEN PLAY at the Flagstaff Aquaplex Tuesdays & Thursdays YOUTH - 4:00pm - 5:30pm ADULT - 6:00pm - 7:45pm March 18 - April 24 FREE with a day pass or membership! PROSE PARK RECREATION OPEN SPACE & EVENTS 928-213-2300".

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## Spring Break at the Aquaplex and Hal Jensen Recreation Center

Over the school years' Spring Break, the Aquaplex hosted a successful kids' day camp, with over twenty campers participating each day. Children enjoyed swimming, rock climbing, and a variety of games and crafts. Hal Jensen also provided youth activities throughout the week. While the snow disrupted some planned outdoor field trips, campers still had a great time with indoor games and activities.

## Jay Lively Activity Center Facility Improvements

Staff at Jay Lively Activity Center have been busy hosting groups and making facility improvements. The rink sound system has been upgraded thanks to donations made by the Flagstaff Figure Skating Club and Flagstaff Youth Hockey Association. Speakers have been repositioned toward center ice, with additional ones directed at the benches, ensuring improved sound quality for everyone. Fleet services is currently working on restoring the backup Zamboni.

Staff are busy preparing for the upcoming April hockey tournament, including training for scorekeeping. Thanks to our team's dedication, ice conditions remain excellent, with consistent resurfacing improvements earning praise from user groups.



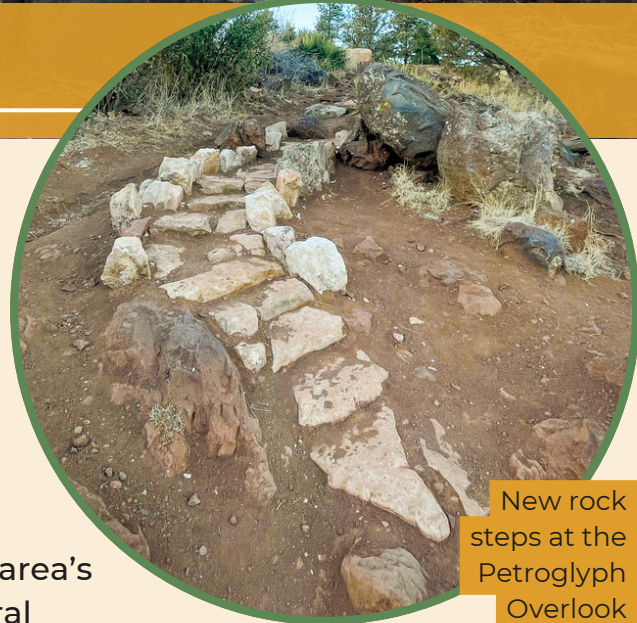
Zamboni on the ice



# OPEN SPACE

## Enhancing Picture Canyon: Recreational Trails Program Grant Project Completion

The Open Space Section is excited to share the successful completion of the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant project at Picture Canyon Natural and Cultural Preserve, made possible through the support of Arizona State Parks and Trails. This grant focused on restoring and repairing unauthorized roads and trails, and improving the visitor



New rock steps at the Petroglyph Overlook

experience while safeguarding the area's natural and cultural

heritage. Key improvements included trail maintenance along the Tom Moody and Don Weaver Trails, restoration of native vegetation, and the installation of new regulatory, boundary, archaeological site, and trail signs. Thanks to this project, Picture Canyon is better preserved for future generations, ensuring that visitors can continue to explore and appreciate this remarkable landscape.

New restoration area sign



## Open Space Field Trips in Action

The Open Space education program is in full swing with outdoor field trips, classroom visits, and partnered events. Open Space educators have reached a total of 686 community members, including 531 youth this year.



Students use a hula hoop to examine species diversity

Spring field trips are already scheduled, and summer outreach programming is quickly filling up.

Field trip at McMillan Mesa



# EVENTS, MARKETING & ATHLETICS



## Don't Miss Out—Softball Registration Still Open!

Spots are filling up, but there's still time to secure your team for summer Softball! Friday divisions have 9 spots open each, while Sunday and Monday divisions still have nearly 50 spots available. Get your team together and register by April 11th to avoid late fees and join us for an exciting season on the field! The season begins April 27th.

## Upcoming Events & Programs

### Daddy Daughter Ball - An Enchanted Evening

Come out for an enchanted evening at this year's Daddy Daughter Ball on Saturday, April 19th, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Hal Jensen Recreation Center. This special event welcomes all ages and genders to enjoy a night filled with dancing, professional photography, crafts, and a delicious dinner. Semi-formal attire is recommended to add to the enchantment of the evening.

The cost is \$50 per couple with an additional \$20 per extra guest. Be sure to **register by April 11th** at Hal Jensen Recreation Center, the Aquaplex front desk, or conveniently online.



### Aquaplex Kids Summer Day Camp

Summer camp at the Aquaplex is just around the corner! Designed for children ages 6-11, this summer camp runs weekly from June through July and is packed with a variety of activities, including swimming, rock climbing, games, crafts, and a new theme each week. Camp hours are from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM, providing a full day of engaging activities in a safe and supportive environment.

The cost is \$125 per week for members and \$150 per week for non-members. Learn more and register today online or at the Aquaplex front desk.



### Stay connected!

