



# PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

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



Electric lawn mower



Electric line trimmer

## Electrification of Small Equipment Begins in Parks

In partnership with the City's Sustainability Division, the Parks Section has taken an exciting step toward reducing emissions by beginning the transition to using electric small equipment. This initiative is funded through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, supporting efforts aligned

with the City's Carbon Neutrality Plan.

In April, Parks received a suite of new electric tools. These included lawn mowers, leaf blowers, pressure washers, line trimmers, battery packs, and chargers. These energy-efficient tools have just recently deployed in the field, helping to reduce noise, improve air quality, and lower the City's overall carbon footprint. Parks is proud to contribute to Flagstaff's sustainability goals by integrating cleaner, quieter equipment into daily operations.



Electric leaf blower



# PARKS

## Irrigation Training Field Day

Parks held a hands-on irrigation field day to help staff refresh their skills in preparation for the upcoming season. The training provided practical experience with irrigation system components and maintenance as the team prepares to activate the system for spring and summer operations.



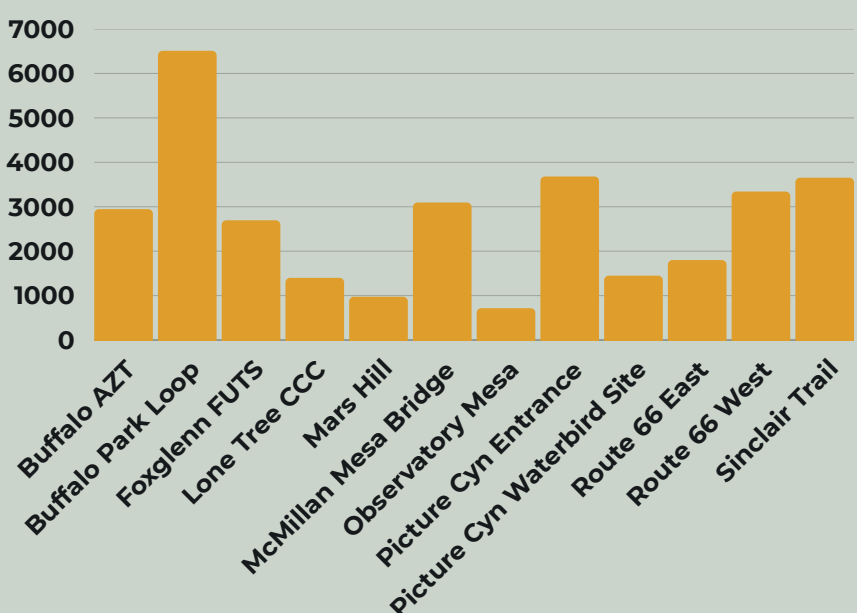
Lynold Herder leading the training

## Seasonal Hiring for Summer Operations

As the summer season approaches, the Parks Section kicked off recruitment in April for seasonal temporary maintenance staff. Interested applicants can find the seasonal job listing and apply through the City of Flagstaff's official recruitment page. This is a great opportunity to work outdoors, gain valuable experience, and contribute to the care of our community's beloved public spaces.

## March 2025 Trail Counts

● Number of Users



# WE ARE HIRING!

Positions:

- ▶ Parks Maintenance Worker (Full Time & Temporary)
- ▶ Parks Technician

APPLY ONLINE

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/flagstaff>

Dancing at Daddy Daughter Ball



# RECREATION



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## Hal Jensen Recreation Center Daddy Daughter Ball

The 2025 Daddy Daughter Ball, themed "An Enchanted Evening," was a memorable night for all who attended. With 70 participants, the evening featured dinner catered by Oregano's, lively entertainment from DJ Elijah Smith, and professional portraits by Once Upon a Time Portraits.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event so special!

## Aquaplex Open Sundays Starting May 11th!

The Aquaplex will begin offering Sunday hours starting May 11<sup>th</sup>, and will be open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## New Pricing for Personal Training at the Aquaplex

Affordable, flexible options now available for solo or partner personal training sessions.

**Flagstaff Aquaplex**  
**OPEN SUNDAYS!**  
**Starting May 11th**  
**9:00am - 3:00pm**

## Flagstaff Aquaplex PERSONAL TRAINING



**Pricing**

Your first session is a FREE personalized fitness assessment!

ONE SESSION	\$35
THREE SESSIONS	\$90
SIX SESSIONS	\$150

TRAIN SOLO OR WITH A FRIEND

Each session can accommodate one or two participants. Bring a workout partner and they'll receive 50% off their rate!

- Whether you are looking to lose weight, build strength or maintain consistency in your workouts, our trainers are here to help!
- All fitness levels welcome
  - Individualized workouts
  - Open to ages 15+

Sign up at the Aquaplex Front Desk or Fitness Floor.

Questions? (928) 213-2304

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## AARP Tax Assistance at Joe C. Montoya Community & Senior Center

AARP concluded their free tax preparation services at JCM. This annual program primarily supports seniors and individuals with limited income. JCM provided the space at no cost, and AARP volunteers assisted both scheduled appointments and walk-ins. Over 400 tax returns were filed during their time on-site.

**AARP Foundation**  
For a future without senior poverty.



# OPEN SPACE

## Greater Observatory Mesa Area Trail Plan to be Presented to City Council May 13th

The Flagstaff City Council will review and discuss the Greater Observatory Mesa Area Trail Plan during its work session on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, beginning at 3:00 PM. The public is encouraged to attend in person or online. The final draft of the plan reflects extensive public engagement, including three public meetings, multiple comment periods, and discussions at Open Spaces Commission meetings.

**Greater Observatory Mesa Trail Plan**  
**CITY COUNCIL REVIEW**




**Tuesday, May 13th**  
**3:00PM**

**FLAGSTAFF CITY HALL**  
 211 W Aspen Ave Flagstaff, AZ 86001

The Greater Observatory Mesa Area Trail Plan will be presented to Flagstaff City Council on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The public is welcome to attend in person or online.

## Archaeology Hike at Picture Canyon

In celebration of Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month, more than 40 outdoor enthusiasts joined our Open Space Steward volunteers for a guided archaeology hike at Picture Canyon Preserve. Participants learned about the area's rich cultural history while enjoying its scenic natural beauty.

## Education & Field Trips

This spring, Open Space welcomed over 100 students and educators to Picture Canyon for hands-on, place-based learning:



Kids visiting the Waterbird site

- Thomas Elementary 5th Graders partnered with the Arizona Trail Association and Open Space for trail maintenance and native seed planting as part of the AZT Seeds of Stewardship program.
- Flagstaff High School Earth Science students participated in five days of curriculum-enriching field trips, exploring watersheds, geology, and sustainability through guided hikes and reflective activities.
- Flagstaff Cooperative Preschool students enjoyed a nature walk with Open Space educators, observing wildlife and visiting cultural landmarks like the Waterbird Petroglyph.



Field trip at Picture Canyon

# EVENTS, MARKETING & ATHLETICS



## Grass Volleyball Registration Open

Summer Grass Volleyball registration is now open! The season begins July 1st, and will be every Tuesday evening from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Thorpe Softball Field. Teams of 6 can register for \$275. Register online through Webtrac.

## Aquaplex Upcoming Events & Programs

### Aquaplex Futsal Tournament

The Aquaplex is putting on a Futsal Tournament on **Sunday, May**

**18th!** Anyone age 12 and up is welcome to sign up. Registration is \$50 per team. Warm-up will begin at 9:00 AM, with games starting at 10:00 AM and running until the tournament wraps up around 5:00 PM. Whether you're playing for fun or going for the win, it's a great way to spend the day on the court. Teams can sign up online.

### Jazz Dance Class at the Aquaplex



The Aquaplex now offers a fun and energetic jazz dance class every Monday from 6:40 to 7:50 PM. This technique-based class welcomes all skill levels, and no prior dance experience is required. Dance shoes are recommended. Free for members and included with a day pass.



### Kids Summer Day Camp

Summer fun at the Aquaplex is just around the corner! Designed for ages 6-11, our camp runs weekly from June through July, packed with exciting activities like swimming, rock climbing, games, crafts, and a new theme each week! Register today online or at the Aquaplex!



# New Programs at Joe C. Montoya Community & Senior Center

## Flagstaff SKETCHERS

### Do you enjoy drawing and sketching?

Discover the joy of Urban Sketching – a global movement of people who come together to sketch life on location! Whether you're an experienced artist or just getting started, you're welcome here. We'll offer tips on materials for beginners, and plan local meetups where we'll gather, sketch, and share our world through art. No experience needed – all levels welcome!

### MEET-UPS:

First Monday of each month  
10:00am - 11:00am

First Wednesday of each month  
3:00pm - 4:00pm

Joe C. Montoya Community & Senior Center

(928) 213-2765

**FREE**  
No pre-  
registration  
needed!

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## Flagstaff Sketchers

Open to all skill levels, from beginners to experienced artists, this group meets monthly to sketch, observe, and connect through art. Tips on materials are available for those just starting out. Monthly meet-ups are held every first Monday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. and every first Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Participation is free and pre-registration is not required.

## Raise your Voice Creative Writing Workshop Series

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## Creative Writing Workshop Series

📍 Joe C. Montoya Community & Senior Center

📅 Weekly on Wednesdays

🕒 10:00AM - 11:00AM

**FREE**  
No registration  
required

Unleash Your Creativity Through Writing  
Join us for a fun, welcoming workshop where you'll explore the joy and power of creative writing alongside others. Whether you're a seasoned writer or just starting out, you'll find inspiration through a variety of prompts and exercises designed to spark your imagination. No experience needed—just bring your curiosity, your favorite writing materials, and an open mind. Sharing and discussion are encouraged but never required.

Come write, discover, and connect!

More information on our website 📞 (928) 213-2765



This creative writing workshop series offers a supportive space filled with inspiring prompts, a welcoming atmosphere, and optional opportunities to share. No experience is needed—just bring an open mind and something to write with. Meets weekly on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM and is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not required.

# Jay Lively Activity Center Upcoming Events & Programs

## Adult Hockey League

The summer sessions for Adult Hockey League B and D Division are now open for registration. Our D division is geared toward beginner players who want to enjoy the game in a supportive team-based format. Our B Division is for advanced and intermediate players looking for a competitive, high-tempo game in a league structured format. Registration closes May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Games begin June 1<sup>st</sup>. Register online through Webtrac.

## Annual Maintenance Closure

Don't forget—Jay Lively Activity Center will be temporarily closed from May 5th through 24th for annual maintenance and deep cleaning.

Jay Lively Activity Center  
**ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE**

Join our B Division—for advanced and intermediate players looking for a competitive, high-tempo game in a structured league format.

REGISTRATION CLOSES:  
**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

GAMES BEGIN:  
**June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Games are Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday nights at Jay Lively Activity Center

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!

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Join our D Division—perfect for beginner-level recreational players who want to enjoy the game in a supportive, team-based format.

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Stay connected!



**JAY LIVELY ACTIVITY CENTER ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CLOSURE**

**May 5th - 24th**

