



PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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



Buffalo Park Receives Best of Flagstaff 2024 Award

Buffalo Park was voted “Best Hiking/Biking Trail” in the Arizona Daily Sun’s Best of Flagstaff series. Parks staff attended the Best of Flagstaff Awards banquet to be recognized in person and receive a certificate and banner.

This is the second year in a row that Buffalo Park has received this award but the first time Parks staff have been able to attend the awards ceremony. PROSE is extremely pleased that the community chose Buffalo Park for this award. As Parks continue to maintain and improve this park, it’s always nice to know that the local community appreciates all it has to offer.



Parks staff at the awards banquet



New retaining wall at Foxglenn Park

PARKS

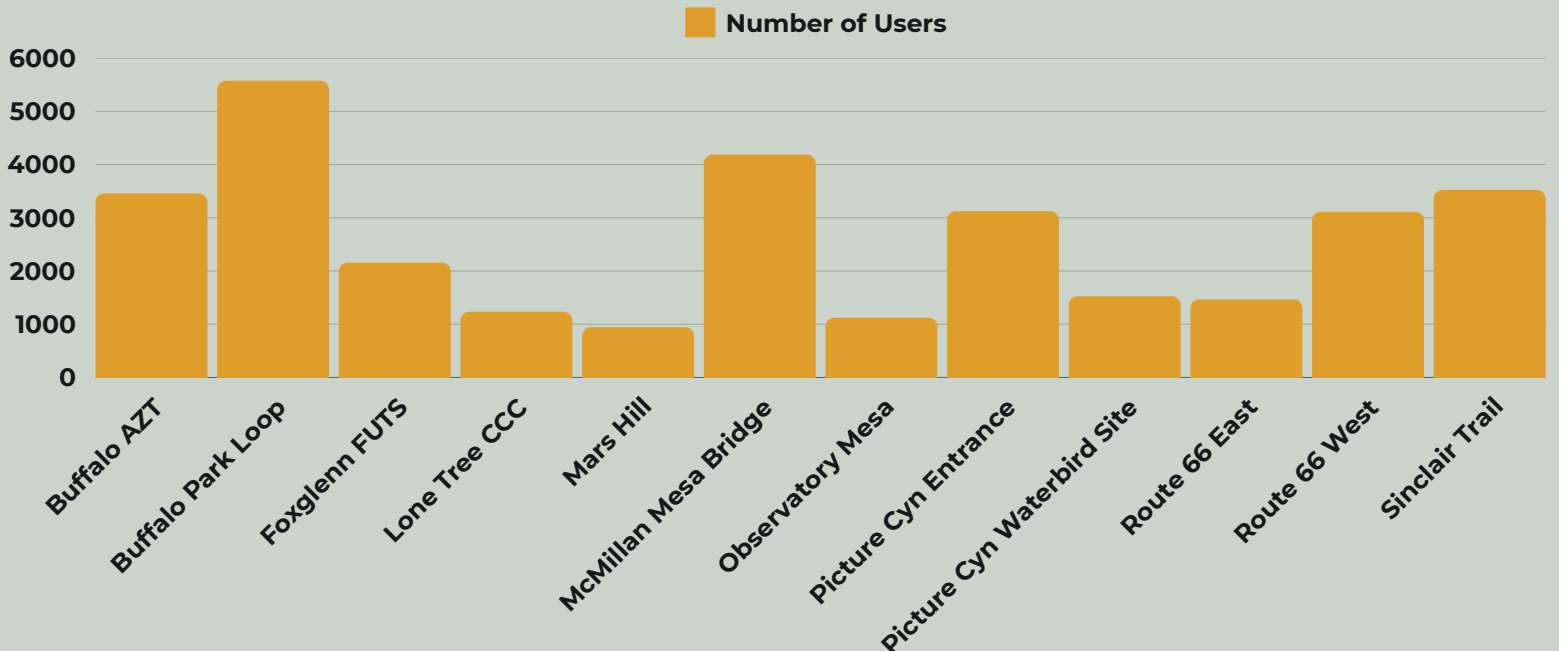
New Retaining Walls at Foxglenn Park

Parks staff constructed two new brick retaining walls around the basketball courts at Foxglenn Park. These walls add structural support to the landscape as they direct water flow around the courts and mitigate erosion on the slopes. The walls also create a new space for landscaping in the future, including pollinator areas, adding to the aesthetics of the community.



One of the retaining walls

December 2024 Trail Counts





Group photo of the Lifeguard Training

RECREATION



Lifeguards in training

Aquaplex Lifeguard Training

Aquaplex Recreation Coordinator, Audrey Curson, obtained her LGI (Lifeguard Instructor) certification this past November. This certification enabled her to instruct the first in-house lifeguard certification class. Seven participants completed the three day course which included online and in the water components. After passing the required skills test, and demonstrating competency in water rescues, CPR, and First Aid, they received a Shallow Water Lifeguard certification from the American Red Cross. The certification is valid for two years. Staff are excited to offer this class multiple times per year for both staff retention and community development.



Lifeguards practicing rescue drills

Aquaplex January Membership Sale

The January Membership Sale at the Aquaplex came to a successful close bringing in many new members to the center. In total, 756 new memberships were sold, generating \$72,082 in revenue, which is approximately \$8,000 more than in 2024!



The Aquaplex



RECREATION



The musicians:
Kelly Burns (left) &
Nicholas Shaneyfelt (right)

Jor C. Montoya Community and Senior Center Piatigorsky Foundation Concert

Joe C. Montoya Community and Senior Center hosted their annual Piatigorsky Foundation Classical Music Concert with approximately seventy community members who came to listen. The concert this year featured two amazing artists, Nicholas Shaneyfelt (piano) and Kelly Burns (tenor vocalist). The two artists showcased their wide range of musical abilities from heartfelt melodies

that evoked tears from the audience to playful songs with humorous lyrics. Many attendees stayed afterward to converse with the artists and were greatly appreciative of the opportunity to come listen.

Black History Month Blood Drive and Upcoming Dinner and a Movie Event

Hal Jensen Recreation Center kicked off Black History Month early with a Blood Drive partnered with Vitalant. The Blood Drive was a successful in receiving donations from over twenty people.

Staff at Hal Jensen Recreation Center are prepared to host Dinner and a Movie to honor Black History Month on February 20th from 2:30pm to 5:00pm. Traditional soul food will be served for dinner and the movie showing is called "The Hate You Give" that will be followed by some open discussion. This event is free and open to the public.

Hal Jensen Recreation Center
Black History Month
DINNER & a MOVIE
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Come enjoy some soul food and a movie in honor of Black History Month!
Signed waiver required for ages 12 and under

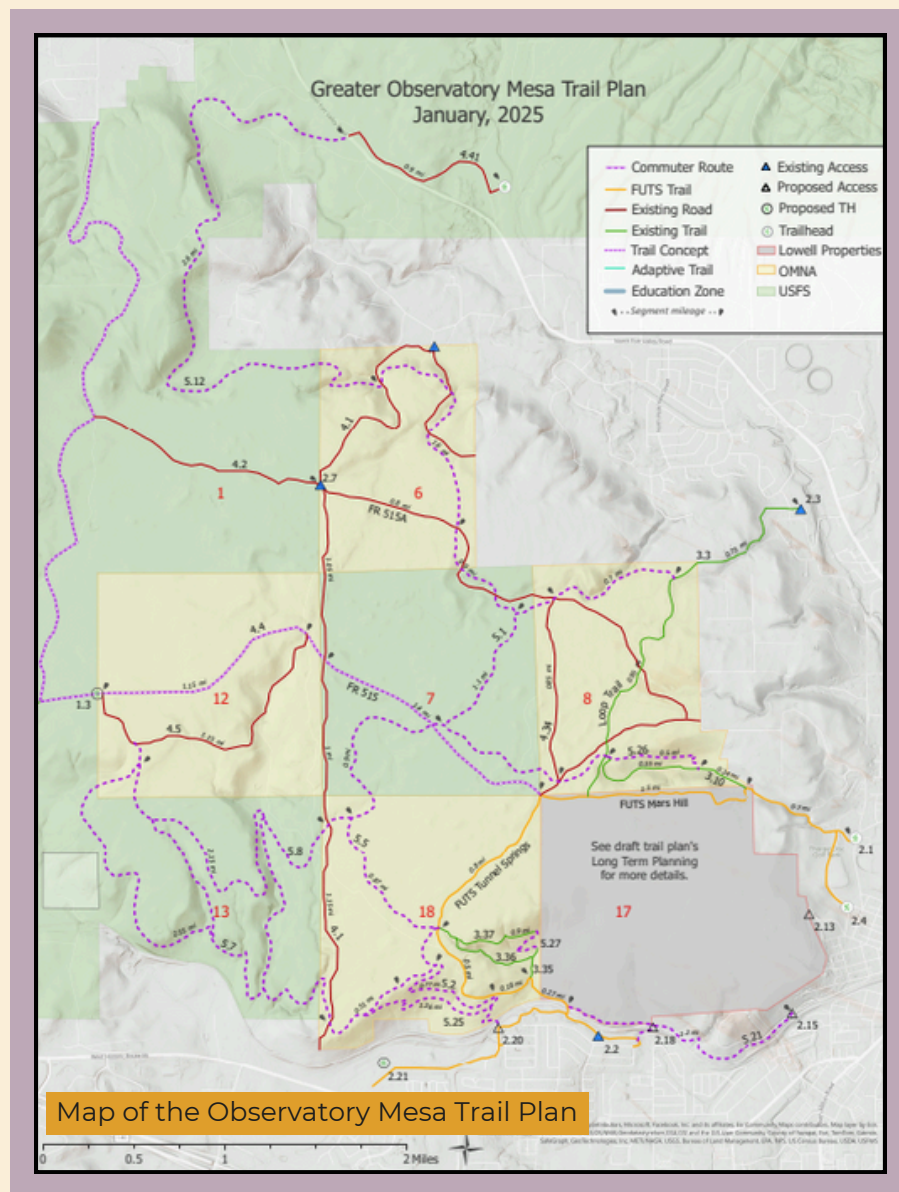
Thursday, February 20th
2:30pm - 5:00pm
Hal Jensen Recreation Center

FREE

OPEN SPACE

Greater Observatory Mesa Area Trail Plan Moves Forward

Open Space has been working closely with the community to develop the Greater Observatory Mesa Area (GOMA) Trail Plan, a thoughtful approach to trail management in this beloved natural area. Designed to balance recreation with conservation, the plan includes sustainable trail alignments, improved signage, increased access, and habitat restoration efforts. After extensive public input and revisions, the Open Spaces Commission voted on January 27, 2025, to advance the plan to the Flagstaff City Council for review. Observatory Mesa is a treasured outdoor space, offering stunning landscapes and potential recreational opportunities near downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. This plan, developed in collaboration with the City of Flagstaff, U.S. Forest Service, and Lowell Observatory, will guide future trail development while ensuring long term protection of the area's cultural and natural resources. To stay informed about the upcoming City Council date, visit our [website](#).





EVENTS, MARKETING & ATHLETICS

Successful First Session Adult Basketball

The first session of the Adult Winter Basketball League has officially wrapped up! Sixteen teams competed, each playing seven games within their division, but only two came out on top. Congratulations to Mike & Ronda's West (Division D/E) and Step Bros (Division B/C) for winning their division! Step Bros dominated with an undefeated 7-0 record, while both teams delivered high-scoring performances—Mike & Ronda's West with 122 points in their highest-scoring game and Step Bros with 144 points. Great job to all the teams on an amazing season!

Adult Softball Registration Opens on February 14th

Adult Softball registration will open on Webtrac on February 14th. Games begin the week of April 27th. Teams fill up quickly, so be ready to register early!



Registration Open for the Aquaplex Spring Break Kids Day Camp

Registration is now open for the Aquaplex Spring Break Kids Day Camp! This is the most affordable camp in town and includes fun activities like swimming, rock wall climbing, arts and crafts, games and more! Camp runs from Monday, March 10th to Friday the 14th with the option to sign up for one day or the whole week. Spots fill up quickly so register today!

Flagstaff Aquaplex

Spring Break

KIDS DAY CAMP

MARCH 10 - 14

Ages 5 - 11

Flagstaff Aquaplex

Monday 3/10	Tuesday 3/11	Wednesday 3/12	Thursday 3/13	Friday 3/14
Full-Day 7:30am- 6:00pm	Full-Day 7:30am- 6:00pm	Full-Day 7:30am- 6:00pm	Full-Day 7:30am- 6:00pm	Full-Day 7:30am- 6:00pm

Member Price:
\$25/ day

Non-Member Price:
\$35/ day

click here to SIGN UP!

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