



PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

AUGUST 2026
NEWSLETTER

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

Buffalo Park at sunset



Take
the
Survey



Comment
on the
Interactive
Map



Share
Your Big
Idea



Help Us
Determine
Park
Priorities

Help Shape the Future of PROSE

PROSE is seeking community input to help develop a new Master Plan that will guide priorities and improvements for the next 10 years and beyond. The plan will identify key initiatives and strategies

for implementation. Community members can participate by completing a survey, adding feedback to an interactive map, sharing a big idea, and identifying park priorities. Additional opportunities to provide input will be available at upcoming community events and workshops. Visit the website to learn more about the Master Plan and how you can get involved.



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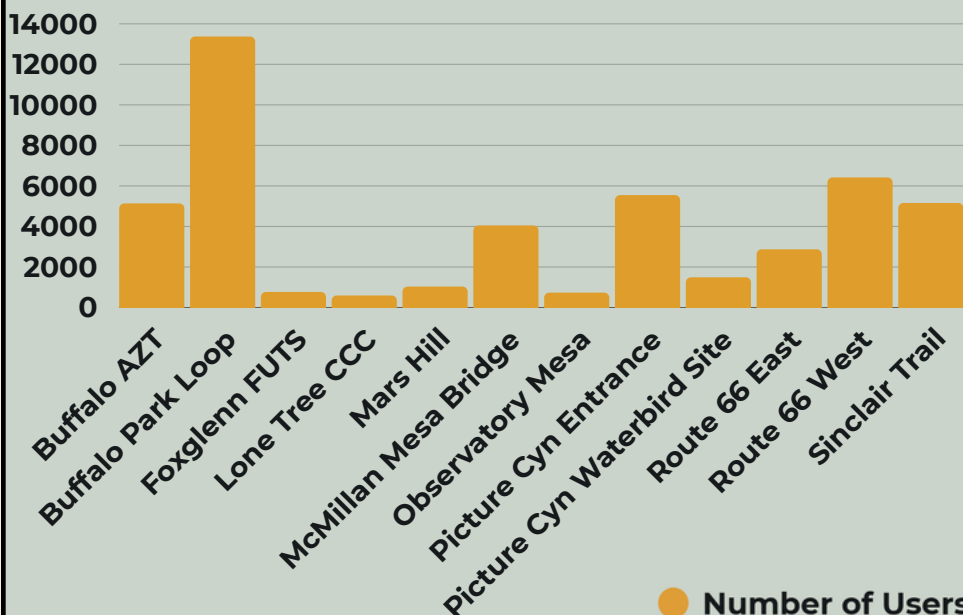
PARKS

Ponderosa Park Redesign Outreach Events

On two separate occasions, PROSE staff along with the assistance from colleagues in Planning & Development Services and a vendor, spent time with the residents of Sunnyside to do a deep dive into desired amenities and furnishings for the reconstruction of Ponderosa Park. In addition to the in-person conversations, an online survey was available for those that could not attend the fun dates onsite where overarching themes through both formats heard were gathering spaces, play spaces, walking paths and the ability to host neighborhood events. In addition to the info and input activities, ice cream treats were served on both dates for anyone interested, and the word in the park was the cotton candy flavor was amazing! Kids were also given a free FIFA branded soccer ball, courtesy of Mayor Becky Daggett.



July 2026 Trail Counts



RECREATION



Exterior of Hal Jensen Recreation Center with new paint

New Exterior Paint at Hal Jensen Recreation Center

Hal Jensen Recreation Center received a much-needed exterior refresh. The building was repainted in a fresh moss-green color, giving the facility a clean and natural look.



New paint close-up

Jay Lively Activity Center Programs and Events

Jay Lively Activity Center had a busy month hosting user-group events, community programs, and in-house activities. Both Summer Adult Hockey leagues continued strong participation. The center also hosted 29 well-attended public skate sessions, along with eight Open Hockey sessions averaging 10–15 participants and eight Stick and Puck sessions averaging approximately 20 participants. Enjoy these photos that recently became available from last month's Mountain Mash-Up Tournament!



Photo Highlights from July's Mountain Mash-Up Tournament



Community member singing karaoke

Karaoke During Lunch at Joe C. Montoya Community and Senior Center

Lunches at Joe C. Montoya Community and Senior Center have been especially lively with the addition of new engagement opportunities. This month, the center hosted its first karaoke session, which was met with enthusiastic participation. Staff look forward to offering more activities during lunch to create opportunities for seniors to have fun, connect with others, and showcase their hidden talents.

OPEN SPACE

Invasive Weed Removal Efforts

With the support of dedicated volunteers, the Open Space team has been hard at work removing invasive weeds at all three Open Space properties and along the Flagstaff Urban Trail System (FUTS) throughout the city. This summer's efforts

included tackling a dense patch of Scotch thistle and

knapweed along the Switzer Wash Trail. Managing invasive weeds is an

ongoing effort, and volunteer support continues to make a significant difference.

A sincere thank-you goes to everyone who

contributed to this important work!

Bags of weeds in the burn pile

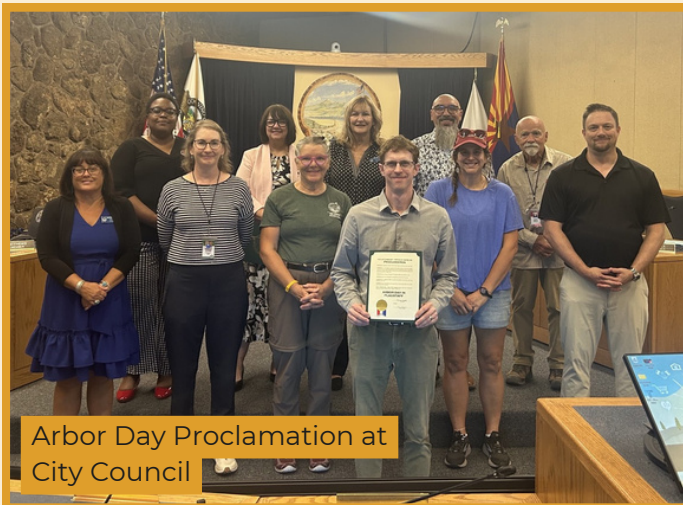


Volunteer with a massive Scotch thistle

Arbor Day Celebrations

The City of Flagstaff celebrated Arbor Day on August 25 with tree-planting activities across the community. Open Space and Parks staff joined a fourth-grade class from Marshall Elementary School to plant two Arizona ash trees near the Thorpe

Park ball fields. The trees will provide future shade, while giving students an opportunity to study their growth during visits throughout the school year. Students from Summit High School planted a young alligator juniper in their school garden and participated in a tree-themed scavenger hunt. At Picture Canyon, Open Space staff and Northern Arizona Audubon led volunteers in planting narrowleaf cottonwoods and installing protective enclosures to prevent deer and elk from browsing the young trees. Thank you to the NAU Greenhouse for providing the trees!



Arbor Day Proclamation at City Council



Marshall Elementary School tree planting event



Summit High School tree planting event



EVENTS, MARKETING & ATHLETICS

City of Flagstaff Athletics **INDOOR ADULT VOLLEYBALL**



October 4th – November 20th



\$275/ Team

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Registration is Now Open for Fall Session Adult Indoor Volleyball

Registration is now open for Fall Session Adult Indoor Volleyball! Coed and women's divisions are available across seven levels of competition, welcoming a wide range of skill levels.

Games run from the first week of October through late November and are played weekly between 6 PM and 10 PM. Teams play two games per night for a total of 14 games during the season. Games are held at Flagstaff High School, Coconino High School, Sinagua Middle School, and Mount Elden Middle School.

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