

**City of Mesa
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes**

DATE: Wednesday, September 10, 2025
TIME: 5:00 PM
LOCATION: 708 W Baseline Road Bldg. #4, Board Room, Mesa, AZ

The Mesa Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a meeting open to the public at the date and time above.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Troy Campbell; Board Members Nina Fader; Benjamin Manning; Melanie Narish; Sean Lunny; Krista Rowley; Michelle Streeter; Alexis Zaring

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENCES: Marie Johnson

BOARD MEMBERS UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Cali Goldsby and Jeff Rush

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS – ALEXIS ZARING AND SEAN LUNNY

Alexis stated that she works for ADOT and loves the outdoors. She has lived in Mesa for 6 years and wants to get more involved in the community.

Sean said that he is a portfolio manager and has lived in Mesa for 7 years. He has 2 boys who participate in many activities that involve Parks and Rec and also wants to get more involved in the community.

4. PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Chair Campbell called for the Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Member Manning nominated Troy Campbell for Chair, seconded by Member Fader
Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES: Nina Fader; Benjamin Manning; Melanie Narish; Sean Lunny; Krista Rowley; Michelle Streeter; Alexis Zaring

NAYES: None

Abstained: Troy Campbell

Chair Campbell nominated Nina Fader for Vice Chair, seconded by Member Manning
AYES: Troy Campbell; Benjamin Manning; Melanie Narish; Sean Lunny; Krista Rowley; Michelle Streeter; Alexis Zaring

NAYES: None
Abstained: Nina Fader

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Member Rowley, seconded by Member Streeter to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 14, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES: Troy Campbell; Nina Fader; Benjamin Manning; Melanie Narish; Sean Lunny; Krista Rowley; Michelle Streeter; Alexis Zaring

NAYES: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments received.

7. APPOINTMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES SUBCOMMITTEE AND POSSIBLE DATES

After discussion Members Rowley, Member Narish and Member Manning volunteered. Chair Cambell stated that Member Rowley and Member Narish will be the primary members with Member Manning being the alternate. The subcommittee meetings will be on either Oct. 15th or 21st at 5:00PM.

8. RECREATION CENTER PRESENTATION Micah Bodine – Supervisor over Recreation Centers and Erin Diestler – Recreation Coordinator (see attached presentation)

Micah explained that there are 4 recreation centers and gave a brief overview of their locations, major programs and their staff organization. They have 13 full-time staff with part-time staff, plus 25 temporary agency workers who run the fitness and special interest classes.

Erin provided a more detailed overview of the programming and special interest classes offered at RMC and the tri-centers as well as the camps available for kids.

9. DIVISION UPDATES – Recreation, Commercial and Planning & Operations (see attached presentation)

RECREATION-Aimee Manis-Deputy Director, Recreation-Participation numbers were shared for adaptive, aquatics, athletics, recreation centers, and youth programs.

Member Rowley inquired why the pools close so early in the season when the weather is so hot. Director Moore stated that it was due to staffing and budget capacity.

COMMERCIAL: Roger Singleton – Deputy Director, Commercial Operations, presented information to summarize events and attendance at the Convention Center, Amphitheater, The Post, Dobson Ranch Golf Course, the Mesa Cemetery along with all the recent and upcoming Special Events. He also highlighted that Merry Main Street was awarded the Most Outstanding Event for Populations over 100,000 in 2024.

PARK PLANNING & OPERTIONS – Brandon Erno – Deputy Director, Planning and Operations, presented updates on progress at Reed Park with the playground replacement

project and projects getting ready for construction at The Courts at Eastmark and Signal Butte Park Phase II. He also mentioned projects that are still in the design phases as well as recently completed projects.

Member Fader inquired about whether the repairs at the Mountain Vista Trail had been completed. Deputy Director Erno stated that the contractors had completed readdressing the trail surfacing, and all work was finished.

Chair Cambell said that he heard from a resident that Alta Mesa Park had fire ants that had bitten his dog multiple times. Deputy Director Erno said that they would have someone investigate the concern.

10. DIRECTOR'S UPDATES- Andrea Moore-Director

- Director Moore introduced Lieutenant Chris Toth, from the Mesa Police Department, who is currently overseeing the Park Rangers. She added that the Park Rangers are still not working in the parks, but they are working towards a return to field operations.
- Most of the fee increases that were talked about in May have been put on hold by Council. The only increases that were accepted by Council were for commercial facilities and some ramada rental fees for this fiscal year. The fees will be reviewed through our annual review process with the subcommittee in October and recommendations will go to Council. Director Moore will be going back to Council in October to present an overview of our department's activities and to engage dialog with Council on our priorities as our Citywide budget is larger than where Council would like for it to be over the next 4 years.
- The Post and Neon Garden tour has been scheduled for October 16th, 2025, with more information forthcoming.
- Celebrate Mesa will be on October 11th, 2025. The Foundation for Mesa Parks and Recreation is no longer sponsoring wristband sales, and we are still working with a new non-profit to take that over. Once solidified we will be asking for volunteers to sell the wristbands.
- Chair Campbell asked when the Mesa Sprint Triathlon is scheduled for. Director Moore stated that it is scheduled for September 27th but that it now runs solely through the foundation, and we are no longer partnering with them.

11. REPORTS OF MEETINGS OR EVENTS ATTENDED

- Member Fader attended the Neon Garden grand opening, the Mesa Tennis and Pickleball feedback discussion and participated in Recess for Adults
- Member Narish attended the Neon Garden grand opening
- Member Rowley attended the Neon Garden grand opening and visited all the pools except for Fremont
- Chair Campbell attended the Neon Garden grand opening, visited Christopher J Brady Park to view the new signage, and visited the Park of the Canals

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on November 12, 2025.

13. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED: 8-0, motion by Vice Chair Fader, seconded by Member Rowley. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.



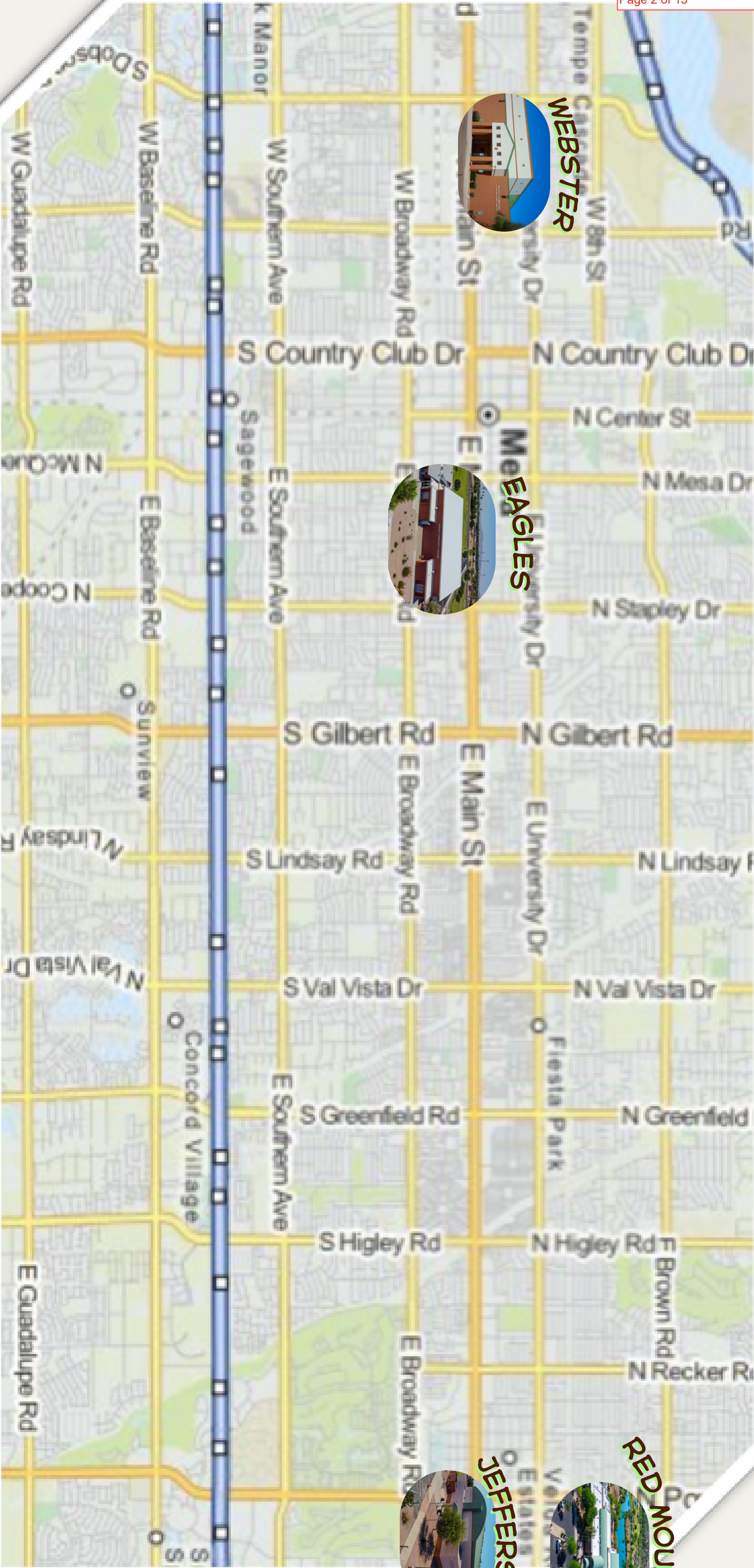
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Mesa Parks and Recreation and Community Facilities

Recreation Centers





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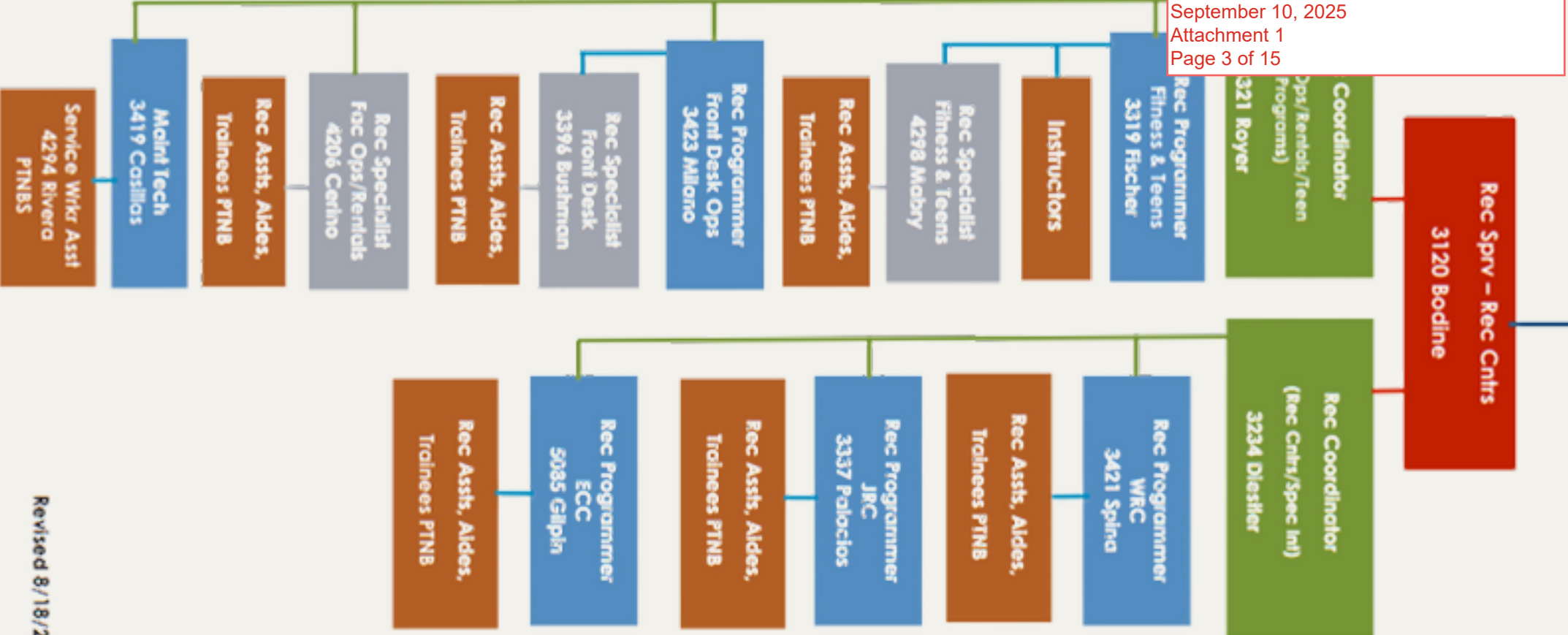
EAGLES



JEFFERSON



RED MOUNTAIN



Staff

Red Mountain Center

Tina Royer - Recreation Coordinator

Cheryl Fischer - Recreation Programmer (Fitness)

Carol Milano - (Customer Service)

Robert Casillas - Maintenance Technician

Victor Rivera - Service Worker Assistant

Michael Cerino - Recreation Specialist (Rentals)

Madi Bushman - Recreation Specialist (Front Desk)

Erin Mabry - Recreation Specialist (Teen Programs)

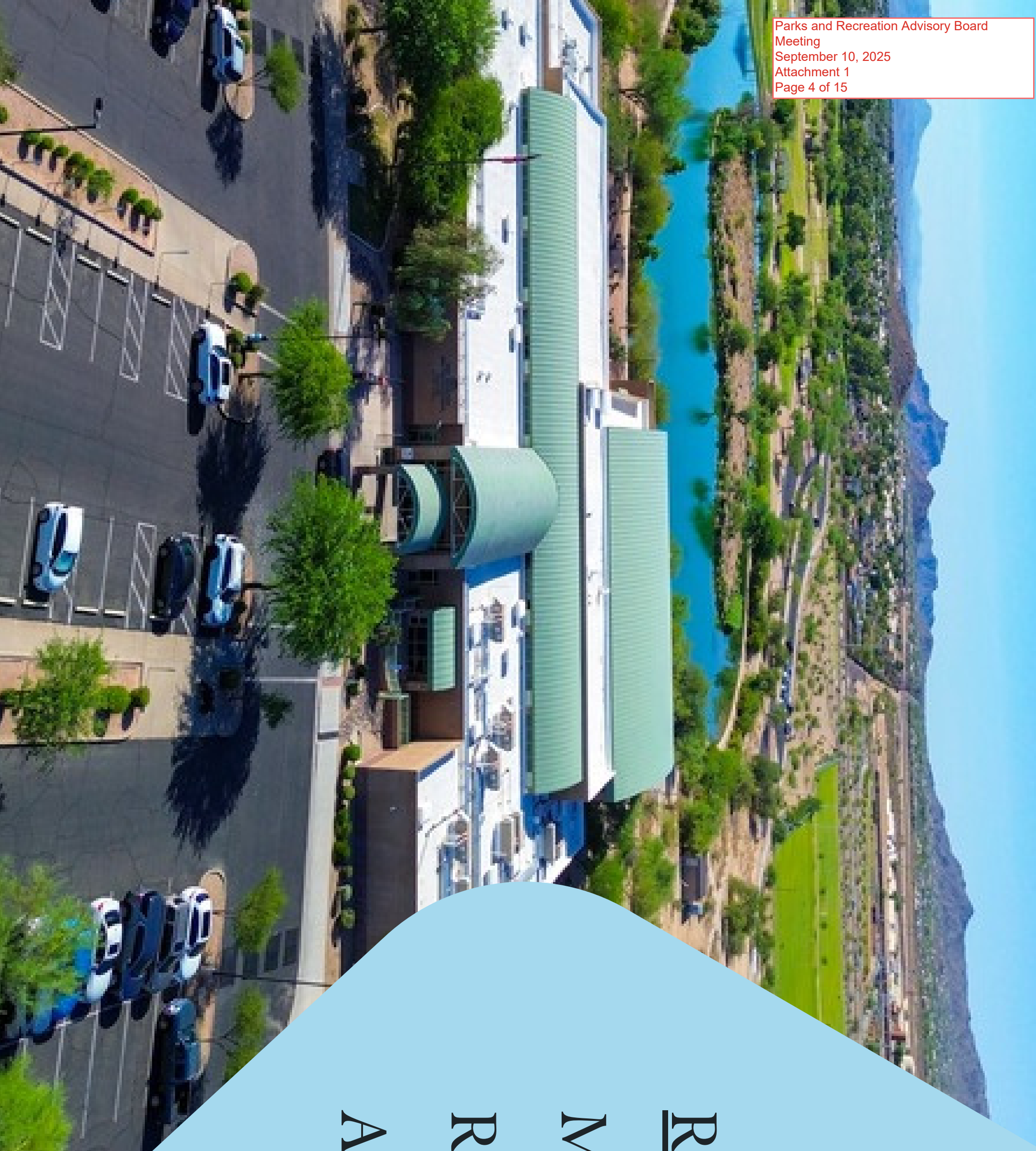
Eagles + Jefferson + Webster

Erin Diestler - Recreation Coordinator

Curt Gilpin - Recreation Programmer (Eagles)

Randall Palacios - Recreation Programmer (Jefferson)

Clayton Spina - Recreation Programmer (Webster)



Red Mountain Center

Memberships

Rentals

Attendance

MEMBERSHIP AND DAILY USE

Membership
Packages: 21,053

Membership
Visits: 139,552

Drop In Visits:
17,580

Total Through the
Door: 219,742

Increase of 9.3%
YOY



RED MOUNTAIN CENTER TENANT PARTNERS ATTENDANCE



6,727

Mission:

To enhance the quality of life and spark joy for adults with cognitive and physical challenges.

Vision:

Eliminate isolation, boredom, and care partner burnout.



15,423

MISSION

Our mission is to empower and support East Valley older adults to remain independent and engaged in our communities.

VISION

Our vision is for Aster Aging to be a leader in providing direct services and mobilizing resources that support the changing needs of our older adult population.



- Program and
Event
Attendance
- Private Rentals: 365 rentals, 14,871 guests
 - Special Interest Class Attendance: 4,536
 - Teen Programs: 10 events
 - Teen Attendance: 167 teens

Red Mountain Center Group Fitness & Wellness Classes

Monday

Kickbox 8:30AM
GF Gail

Yoga 8:30AM
C1&2 Traci

Silver Sneakers* 8:30AM
Donna/Robin

Back to Basics + Gym 9:30AM
Donna

Pilates 9:30AM
C1&2 Jayna

Zumba Gold* 10:30AM
GF Donna

Zumba MPR-C 5:00PM
Emerald

Step/Cycle/ Sculpt GF 5:00PM
Julie H.

Pilates 5:30PM
C1&2 Laura Anne

Yoga + 6:30PM
C1&2 Anna

Tuesday

Body Sculpt GF 5:35AM
Beth

Power Fit GF 8:30AM
Julie E.

Yoga 8:30AM
C1&2 Donna

Simply Stretch X GF 9:30AM
Donna

Body Sculpt GF 10:00AM
Donna

Zumba* 11:00AM
GF Robin

Silver Sneakers* 11:00AM
Amelia/Rhonda

Silver Sneakers Yoga* GF 12:00PM
Rhonda

Cycling++ 4:10PM
GF Beth

Pilates+ 5:00PM
C1&2 Steve

Sculpting & Abs GF 5:00PM
TBD

Tabata 6:00PM
GF Gloria

Guided Sound Meditation+ C1&2 6:15PM
Dawn

Wednesday

Tabata 5:35AM
GF Julie E.

Chakra Yoga 8:30AM
C1&2 Traci

Silver Sneakers* 8:30AM
Alisa/Donna

Kickbox GF 8:30AM
Gail

Back to Basics+ Gym 9:30AM
Alisa

Yoga Nidra+ C1&2 9:30AM
Romie

Silver Sneakers Yoga* GF 9:30AM
Donna

Zumba Gold* 10:30AM
GF Donna

Zumba 5:00PM
GF Catherine

Yoga+ 5:30PM
C1&2 Steve

Step GF 6:00PM
Robin

Thursday

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Julie E

Yoga 8:30AM
C1&2 Donna

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C1&2 Laura Anne

Tabata 6:00PM
GF Gloria

Stress Release Yoga C1&2 6:30PM
Anna

Friday

Pilates+ 7:30AM
C1&2 Julie H

Yoga 8:30AM
C1&2 Dawn

Silver Sneakers* 8:30AM
Ann/Robin

Step GF 8:30AM
Julie E

Back to Basics+ Gym 9:30AM
Robin

Gong Meditation C1&2 9:30AM
Dawn

Zumba* 10:30AM
GF Avette

Yoga 5:00PM
C1&2 Steve

Saturday

Yoga 8:15AM
C1&2 Anna

Tabata 8:15AM
GF Robin

Step/ Sculpt GF 9:15AM
Robin

Pilates+ 9:30AM
C1&2 Jayna/ Laura Anne

Zumba 10:15AM
GF Catherine/ Erin

All Classes run 55 minutes unless stated

* = 45 Minute class
X = 30 Minute class
+ = Family fitness class (ages 8 & up)

SPECIAL INTEREST CLASSES

- Martial Arts
 - Judo
 - Karate
 - Aikido
- Gymnastics
- Dance
- Ice Skating
- Dungeons & Dragons
- Danger Scouts (STEAM Program)
- Play Along Pals

Available for ages 2-18+





Eagles Community Center Jefferson Recreation Center Webster Recreation Center

71,664 total visits in FY25



Internal Programming

- Adaptive Basketball
- Youth Cheer
- Adult Volleyball
- Jr. Suns Basketball
- Adaptive Yoga
- HYPE Meetings & Events



Carnivals

- FREE to community members
- Receive additional funding from sponsors
- Inflatables, games, treats, live music, and more for all to enjoy!



Drop-In Programming

- Open gym hours
- Open fitness center hours
- Drop-in Pickleball

All our drop-in programs are \$2/youth & seniors and \$3/adult.



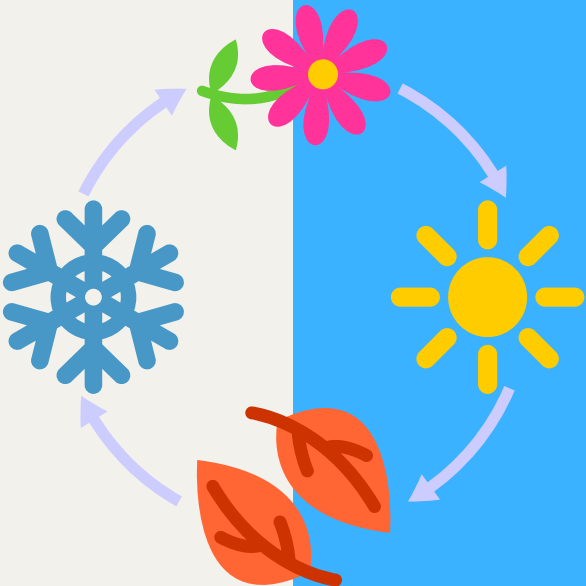
After-School Programs

- 60 - 90 children each day
- 2:00-5:30pm
 - 12:00-5:30pm for early release
- Snacks provided by MPS daily
- Group games
- Crafts
- Homework time



Summer Escape

- 8-week program
- \$120/week
- 7:00am-6:00pm
- Up to 60 campers at each site
- Ages 5-12
- TLTs ages 13-17
 - (Teen Leaders in Training)
- Field Trips & Swimming



Break Camps

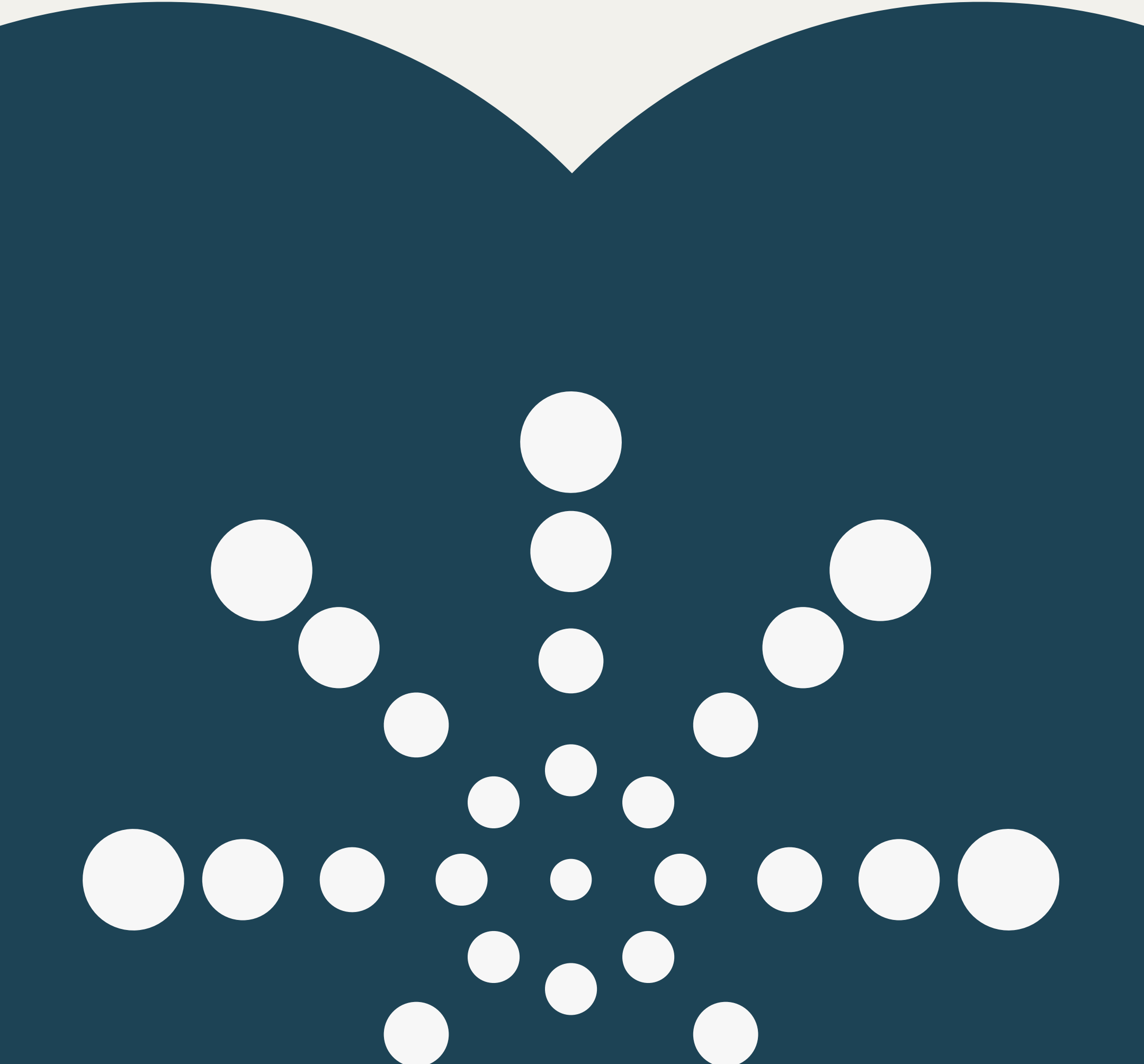
Fall Break, Winter Break, and Spring Break Camps:

- \$120/week
- 8:30am-5:00pm
- Ages 5-12
- Merry Main Ice Rink during Winter Break

Video

QUESTIONS

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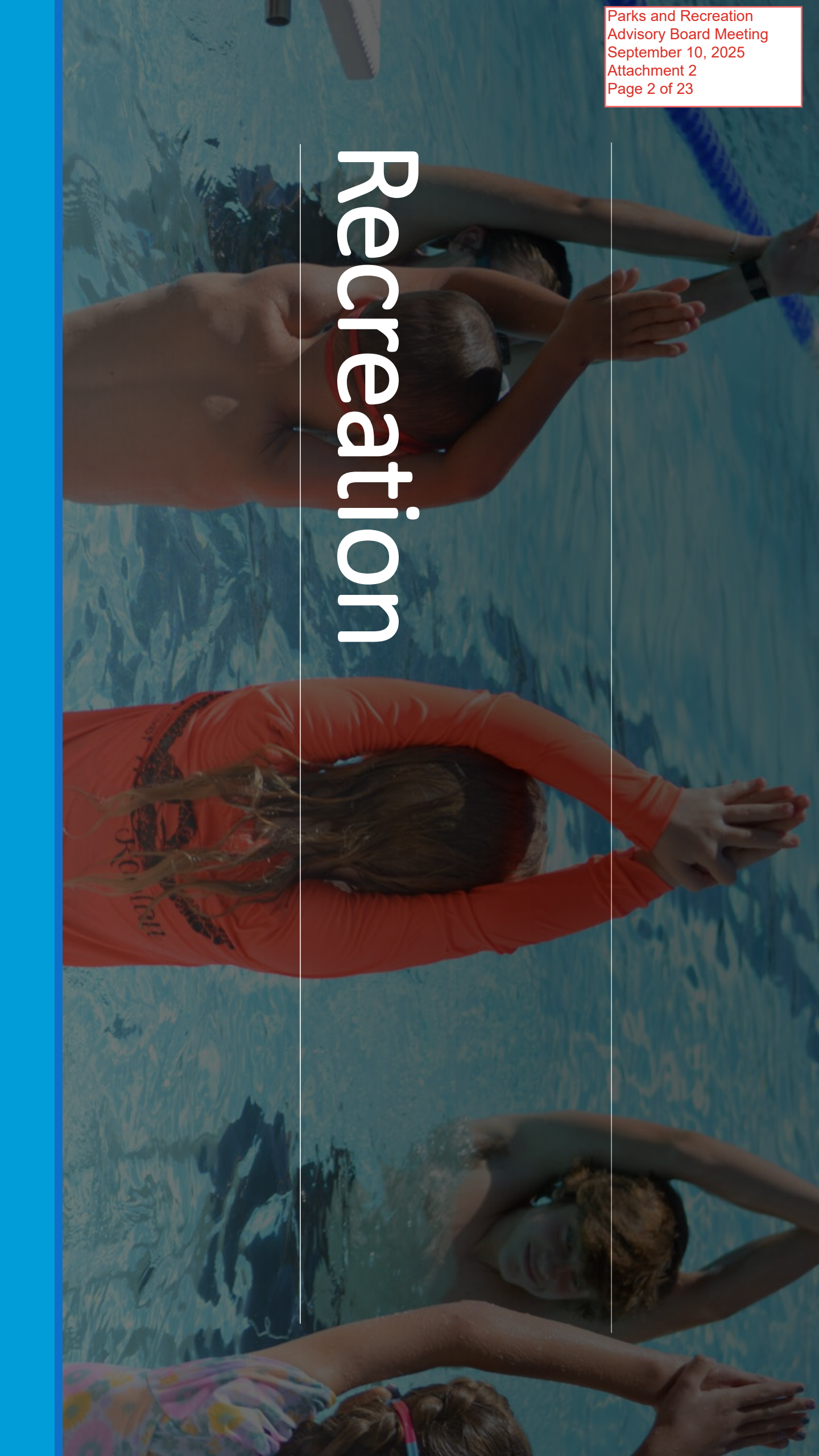
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SEPTEMBER 2025 DIVISION UPDATES



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PARKS, RECREATION AND
COMMUNITY FACILITIES





Recreation

Adaptive Update

142 Inclusion requests managed in July and August.

Adaptive programs had over 1000 registrants in 27 programs in July and August.

Camp Carley a outdoor focused activity in Prescott was a big summer hit .

Fall sports include SOAZ Swimming, Bocce, Bowling, and Pickleball.



Aquatics Update

Fall Swim lessons began with 264 registrants

Revenue for private pool rentals was over \$141,500 in July and Aug

Public Swim attendance 35,000 + and revenue of \$95,960.00

Taught 2,079 registrants learn-to-swim lessons July-Aug



Athletics Update

82 programs with over 2,250 registrants in the hottest months of the year.

1,369 court or field rentals in the last 2 months resulted in \$142,337 in revenue.

YS Olympic Camp was a success and is leading to thoughts of a Spring session as well.





Front Desk

- The Registration and Reservation team received a total of 3,497 calls and 2,150 emails.
- Park Ambassadors have assisted over 150 park rental events in the last few months. They are an important addition to our Customer Service. They guide visitors, provide information about park features, and ensure safety by monitoring events.

Recreation Centers Update

Red Mountain Center welcomed
35,293 visitors in July/Aug

Revenue for the 4 rec centers was
\$172,745 for July/Aug

Summer Camps concluded in July
and afterschool programs
resumed in August



Youth Programs Update

Fun N Fitness took the months of June and July off but started back up with a Birthday Bash!!

Summer camps ended with 3,126 attendees over the June and July months at 10 locations.

HYPE teen program has been selected by NRPA to be a presenter for new NRPA grant recipients.

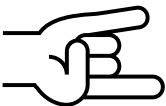
Volunteers gave 10,186 hours of service this in July and August. A value of \$342,468 staffing dollars saved.



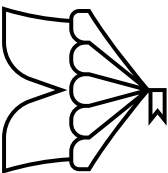
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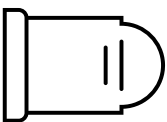
Mesa Convention Center
The Post



Mesa Amphitheatre



Special Events Office



Mesa Cemetery



Dobson Ranch Golf Course

Convention Center | Amphitheatre | The Post

CC/AMP REVENUES	
2016	\$ 2,955,692.90
2017	\$ 3,298,850.86
2018	\$ 2,816,358.39
2019	\$ 3,153,294.43
2020	\$ 2,742,921.70
2021	\$ 1,466,182.21
2022	\$ 6,565,357.51
2023	\$ 6,528,476.36
2024	\$ 5,915,999.36
2025	\$ 6,394,297.36

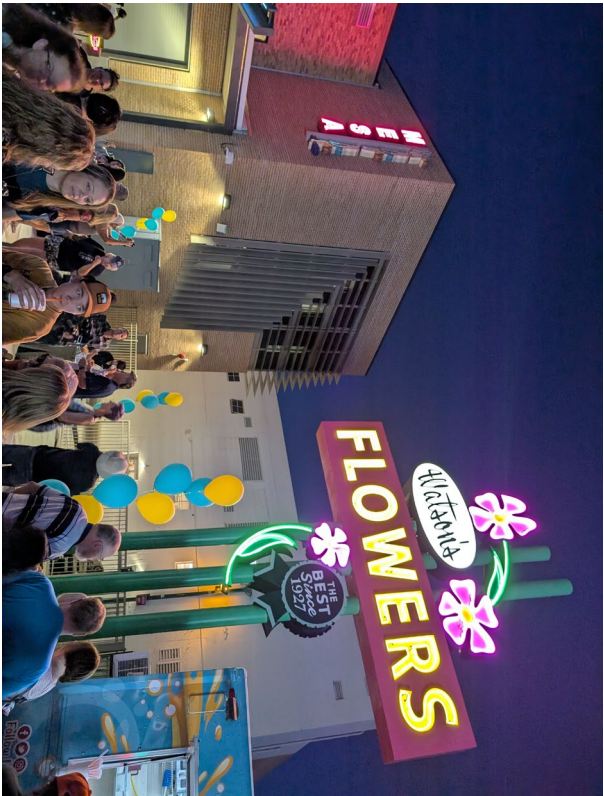
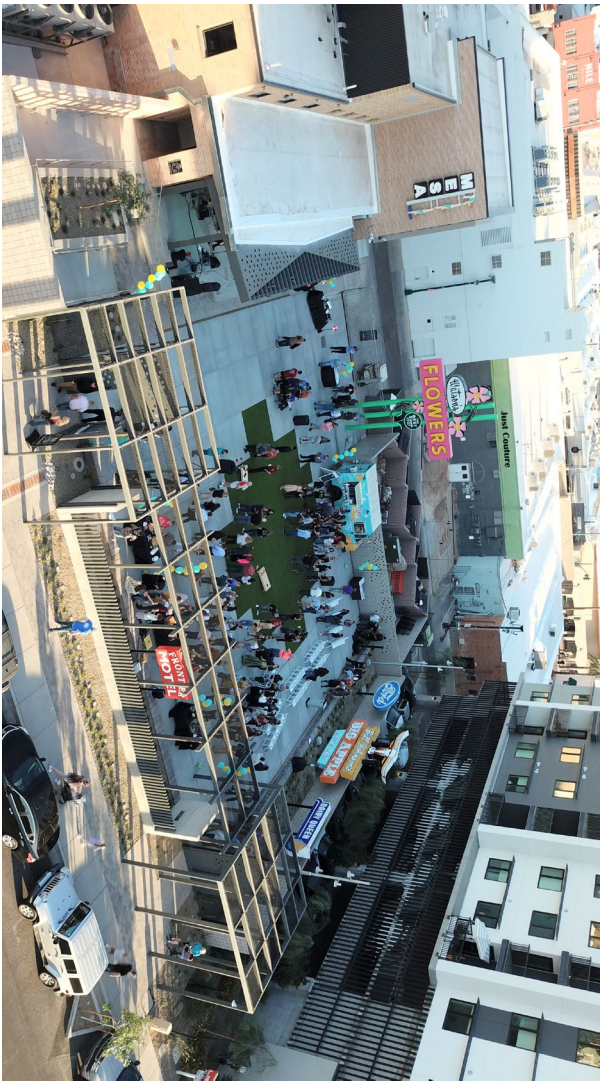
AMP UPCOMING CONCERTS	
October 4	Dwight Yoakam
October 10	The Story So Far
October 11	Turnstile
December 13	Turnpike Troubadours
February 14	Levity

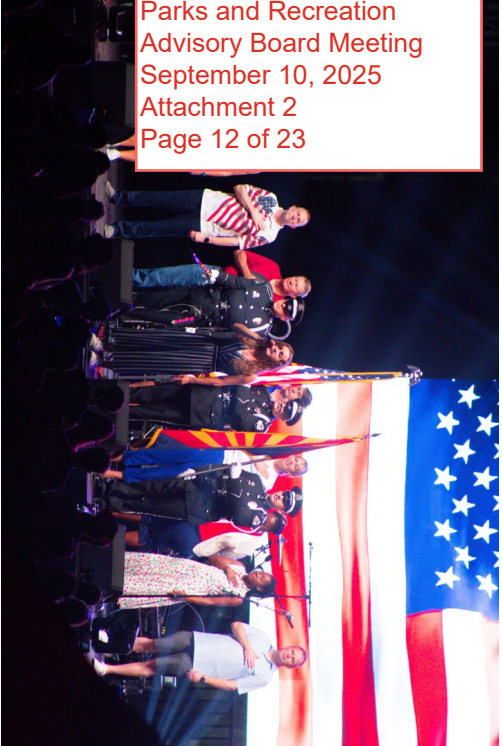
The POST (May-Aug) *	
Banquets	5
Consumer Shows	0
Meetings	4
Private Parties	5
Weddings	1
Other	3
Total Events	18

*HVAC chiller replacement project
June-July

Convention Center | Amphitheatre | The Post

- Grand Opening of the Neon Garden – 5/15
- Convention Center Conference Theatre LED Wall
- Collecting estimates for new Amphitheatre concert barricading
- Parks Board tour of The Post/Neon Garden – 10/16, 6pm





Highlights:

- Arizona Celebration of Freedom – 7/4/25
- America 250
- Contracts in the Works: Event Management, Eastmark Farmers Market, Pioneer Park Food Trucks
- Merry Main Street – *award winning!*



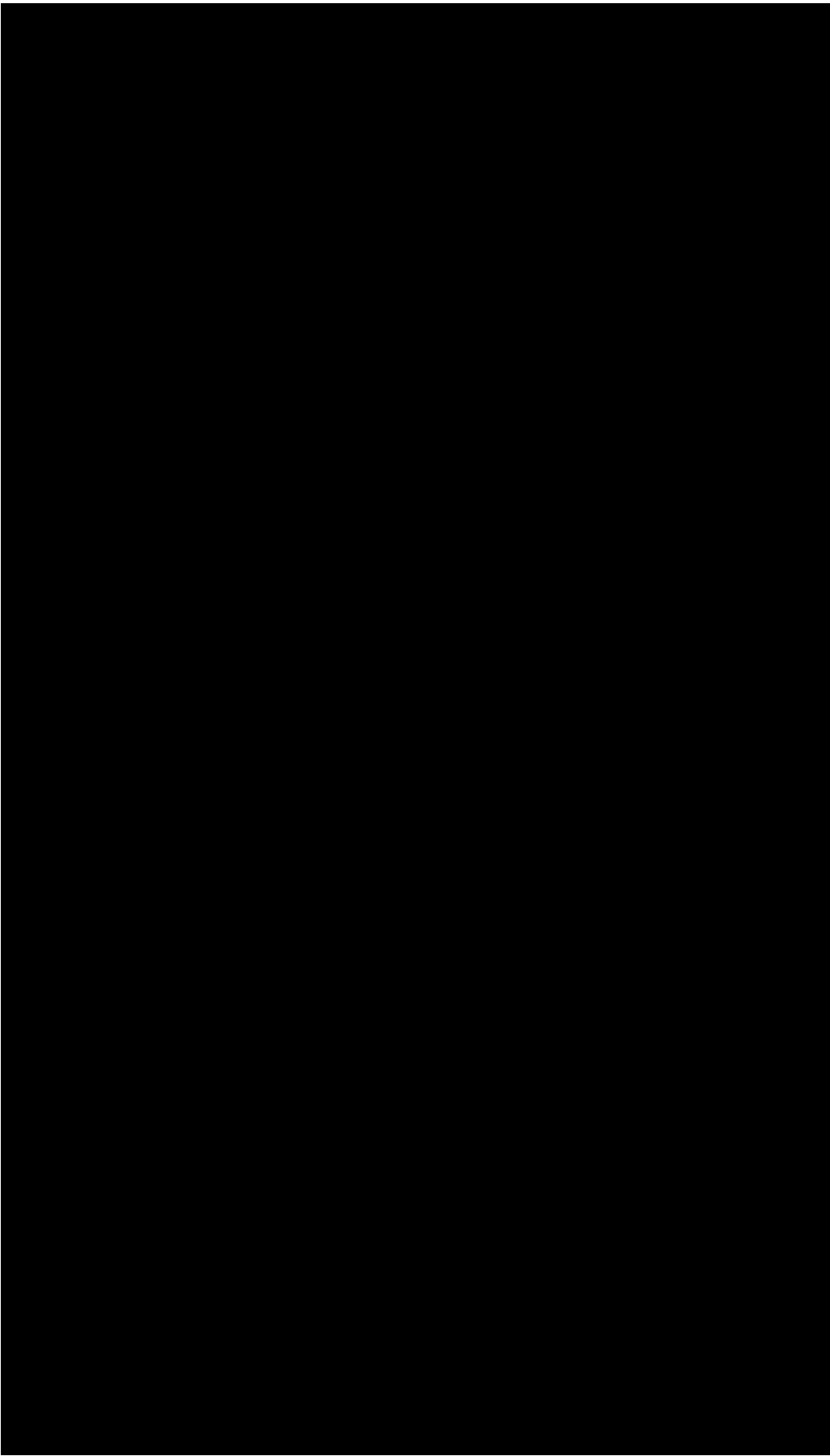
SPECIAL EVENTS

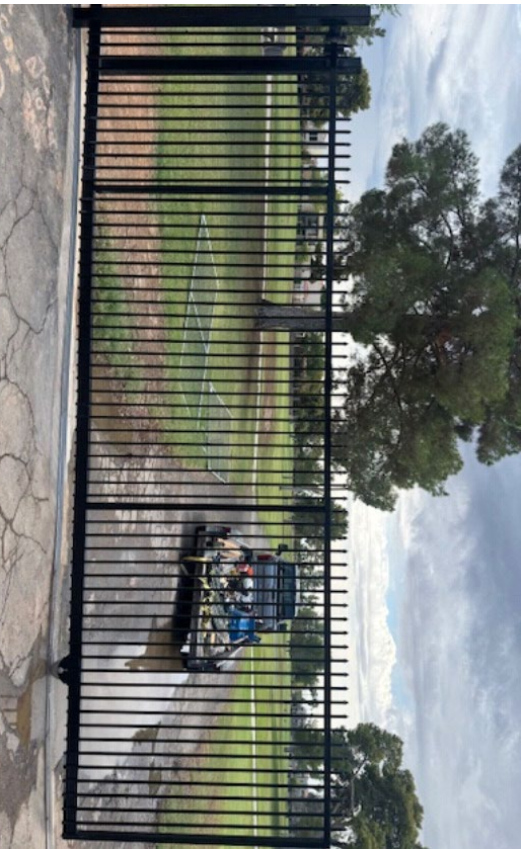
Upcoming Fall Events

- 9/13/25 – El Grito! at Pioneer Park
- 9/18/25 – DMA Sunset Market on Main Street
- 9/26/25 – Parking Day (CM Duff) at Robson/Main
- 9/27/25 – Mesa Sprint Triathlon at Skyline Aquatic Center
- **9/27/25 – Skate Party at Plaza Park**
- 9/27/25 – Walk for Alopecia at Riverview Park
- 10/3/25 – Eastmark Concert in the Park at Eastmark Park
- **10/11/25 – Celebrate Mesa at Red Mtn Soccer Complex**
- 10/11/25 – Eastmark Diwali Celebration at Eastmark Park
- 10/10/25 – DMA Sunset Market on Main Street
- 10/17/25 – Eastmark Halloween Spooktacular at Eastmark Park
- **10/24/25-10/26/25 – Mesa Pow Wow at Riverview Park**
- 10/25/25-10/26/25 – Dia de los Muertos at Mesa Arts Center
- 11/1/25 – Walk for Hearing at Riverview Park
- 11/7/25-11/8/25 – DMA Downtown Mesa BBQ Classic
- **11/11/25 – Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Mesa**



SPECIAL EVENTS





Dobson Ranch Golf Course Community Engagement & Outreach

- Range netting has been installed, keeping pathways much safer
- Dynamic, interactive target lighting installed at the range
- Kiowa Access Gate was replaced
- Additional trees, bistro lighting and new furniture installed to update the outdoor dining area
- Special discounts to City of Mesa employees and residents
- Preparing for over-seeding

Mesa Cemetery



- Revenue FY 24/25 - **\$1,851,331.70** (1% increase from last FY)
- 68 Graves Sold June-July 2024
- Removed 22 trees due to recent monsoon storm damage
- Continuing discussions with Engineering to relocate SRP pipe in preparation of developing the north section
- Barragan Property – Removal of dead trees, exploring redevelopment and expansion options
- Currently recruiting Cemetery Worker and Customer Service Specialist



Park Planning & Operations



Reed Park Playground Renovation

Project Components

- ADA upgrades
- Play equipment areas for ages 2-5 and 5-12
- Exercise equipment for ages 14 and up
- Shade structures
- Safety surfacing

Construction Costs

- CDBG Award \$1,317,806
- Operations Funding \$182,149
- Total \$1,499,955

Construction Schedule

- Start: April 2025
- Completion: October 2025



Reed Park Playground Renovation



Brookfield
Recreation
Landscape Plan
Eastmark Great Park - Phase 5
anderson



Projects Ready for Construction

- The Courts at Eastmark
 - Construction: Fall 2025 to Spring 2026
- Signal Butte Phase II
 - Construction: Fall 2025 to Spring 2026



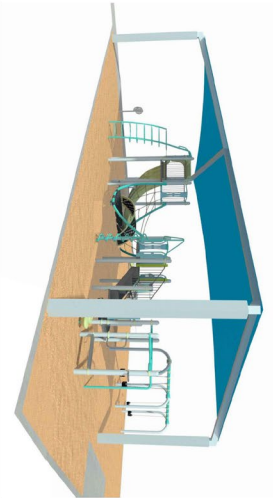
Projects in Design

- Aripine Park Playground Improvements – 60% Design Documents
 - Construction: Winter 2025 to Summer 2026
 - Public Meeting: 6:00 PM on September 11th at Aripine Park
- Countryside Dog Park (Bond 2018) – Design Development
 - Construction: TBD
- Fremont Aquatic Complex Demo (Bond 2018) – Design Development
 - Construction: Fall 2026
- Mesa High Aquatic Complex Replaster – Design Development
 - Construction: December 2025 to March 2026
- Mesa Tennis & Pickleball Center Court Lighting Updates – Design Development
 - Construction: Summer 2026
- Northeast Mesa Regional Trails (Bond 2024) – Design Development
 - Construction: TBD

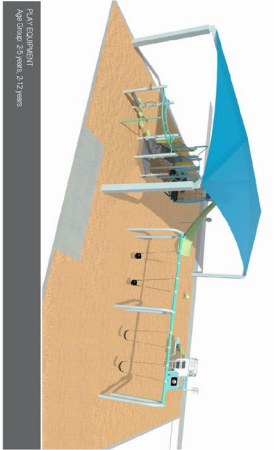
PLAYGROUND STRUCTURES



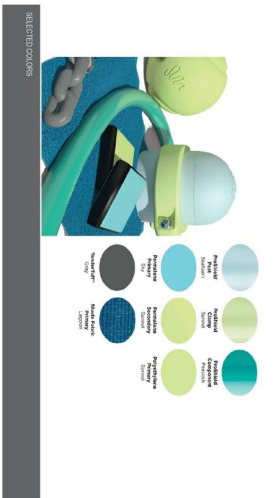
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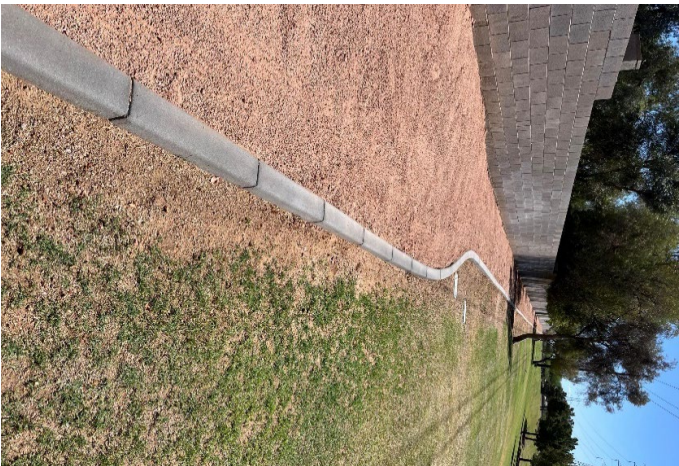
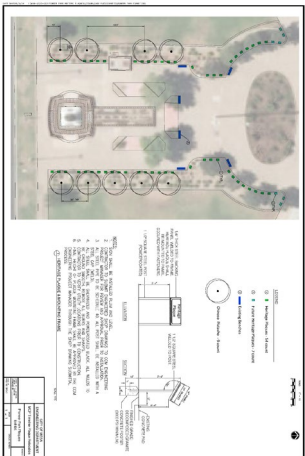
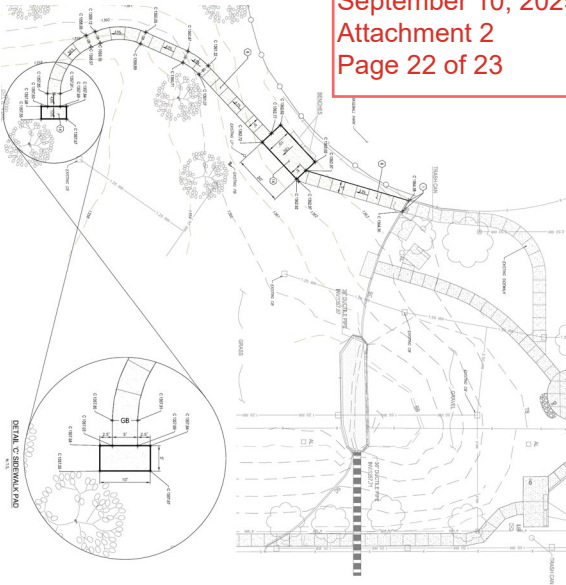
PLAY EQUIPMENT
Height: 27' max, 32' max



SELECTED COLORS

Projects in Design – Cont.

- Park Renovations (Bond 2024 – Augusta Ranch, Carriage Lane, Heritage, Meadowgreen, Monterey, Shepherders, and Woodglen) – 60% Design Documents
 - Construction: Winter 2025 to Summer 2026
 - Public Meetings: In planning – Hoping for November.
- Red Mountain Pool (Bond 2024) – Design Development
 - Construction: Fall 2029 to Spring 2031
- Shepherd Aquatic Complex Boiler Install – Design Development
 - Construction: Fall 2025 to Spring 2026
- Southeast Aquatic Facility (Bond 2024) – Design Development
 - Construction: Fall 2027 to Spring 2029
- Water Conservation @ Los Alamos Park (Bond 2024) – Design Development
 - Construction: Spring 2026 to Summer 2026
- Whitman Park Playground Improvements – 60% Design Documents
 - Construction: Winter 2025 to Summer 2026
 - Public Meeting: September 4th



Projects Completed Since We Last Met

- Carriage Lane Park Irrigation Renovation – Summer 2025
- Quail Run Park ADA Updates – Summer 2025
- Mesa City Plaza Timeline Plaque Relocation – Summer 2025
- Neon Garden at The Post – Summer 2025
- Northeast Regional Trail Feasibility Study – Summer 2025
- Turf Conversion at 54 Locations – Summer 2025

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