

FOUNTAIN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 22-23



WHO WE ARE



Fountain Hills Community Services (FHCS) is a small but impressive team that operates with a culture of passion and commitment. We shine brightest when it comes to increasing community advocacy, earning the trust of our leadership, and magnifying our limited fiscal resources. Encompassing five divisions with 13 full-time staff, we represent a very broad, public-facing department. Due to limited funding, financial forecasting can be one of our biggest hurdles, however, FHCS continually finds a way to excel. Our values push us to refine and improve, asking how we can do more, go further, and dream bigger.

MISSION

To enrich and provide an active quality of life for all residents and visitors through proactive community engagement, resolute stewardship of amenities and open spaces, and the enhancement of the overall health and well-being of our town.

COMMITMENT

1. Provide recreation that inspires personal growth, healthy lifestyles, and a sense of community.
2. Expand and strengthen outdoor experiences and opportunities to contribute to the region's attractiveness as a place to live, work, and play.
3. Optimize safe utilization of facilities, amenities, and open space.
4. Actively seek progressive, future-oriented options for funding, operations, and programs.
5. Embrace a collaborative spirit and support teamwork within the department and the community.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

COMMUNITY SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The commission acts in an advisory capacity in support of the Town of Fountain Hills Community Services Department's quest to provide exceptional customer service to enhance the quality of life by providing and maintaining safe, available, and accessible parks and facilities, recreation programs, events, and services that will meet the intellectual, social, cultural, and leisure needs of town residents of all ages.

NATALIE VARELA
CHAIR

CAREY REDDICK II
VICE CHAIR

STEPHEN BARNES
COMMISSIONER

CRAIG RUDOLPHY
COMMISSIONER

RON RUPPERT
COMMISSIONER

RORY WILSON
COMMISSIONER

SRUTI PEDDI
YOUTH COMMISSIONER

MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Fountain Hills McDowell Mountain Preserve, also known as the Preserve, encompasses a scenic area of mountainous, pristine land that will be preserved in its natural state for the benefit of this and future generations.

SCOTT GRZYBOWSKI
CHAIR

STEVEN NURNEY
VICE CHAIR

BILL CRAIG
COMMISSIONER

JANICE HOLDEN
COMMISSIONER

DJ WILLARD
COMMISSIONER

SHERRY IRWIN
COMMISSIONER

BRIAN JENNINGS
COMMISSIONER

HISTORY & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The purpose of the History and Culture Advisory Commission will be to advise the Town Council on matters relating to historic and cultural preservation, including making plans and policies for the identification, evaluation, and recognition of historically or culturally significant aspects within Fountain Hills.

DAVID CORLETT
CHAIR

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VICE CHAIR

WILLIAM MEADE
COMMISSIONER

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COMMISSIONER

DIANNE PRICE
COMMISSIONER

DEBORAH SKEHEN
COMMISSIONER

SANDRA URSINI
COMMISSIONER

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL



The Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) is made up of proactive teens here in Town that care about making a difference. Through MYC, these teens learn how our Town operates, leadership skills, and how they can make a difference for good.

ANNA WILLIAMS
CLASS OF '23

JASMINE PYCHA
CLASS OF '23

BROOKE LYONS
CLASS OF '24

OLIVIA MELLO
CLASS OF '24

SRUTI PEDDI
CLASS OF '24

AUTUMN RYNEARSON
CLASS OF '24

CHRIS TOWNE
CLASS OF '24

KEVIN WILLIAMS
CLASS OF '24

MILO ANDREE
CLASS OF '26

XANDER HEWETT
CLASS OF '26

NATALIE OWERS
CLASS OF '26

HANSON REMM
CLASS OF '26

JAYSONN THOMPSON
CLASS OF '26

DANIEL WILLIAMS
CLASS OF '26

COLBY WRIGHT
CLASS OF '26

COMMUNITY SERVICES HOURS

MYC participates in community service year-round. By volunteering at 8 Town events, Make a Difference Day, Fountain Hills Cares, and Adopt a Street MYC accumulated **296** service hours!

LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS

Mayor's Youth Council attended the LACT conference in August of 2022. The council represented the Town by participating in the Parade of Flags and attended workshops discussing networking, public speaking, and interview techniques.

BAM KAZAM

Expanded our comfort zones and built our group dynamic, including teamwork, leadership, and the ability to communicate through critical thinking escape rooms.

TEEN TAKEOVER EVENT

MYC Teen Takeover celebrated its second edition with great success. Over 75 teens arrived to the Community Center for an exciting day with fun, interactive, and social games and activities. The MYC Members and Recreation Staff planned and oversaw the event to ensure everyone had a fantastic time.

AWARDS

2022
**NATIONAL GOLD
MEDAL AWARD
WINNERS**
FOR EXCELLENCE IN
THE FIELD OF PARKS
AND RECREATION
MANAGEMENT



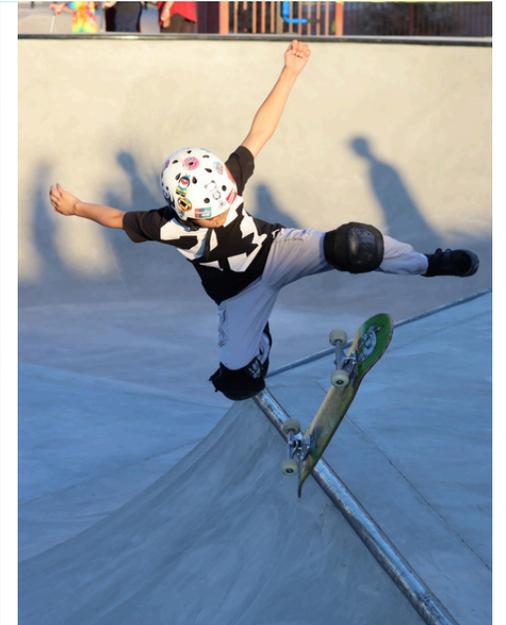
The National Gold Medal Award program honors communities in the United States that demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development, and agency recognition. Applications are separated into six classes, with five classes based on population and one class for armed forces.

Fountain Hills was the national winner in the Class Five (population 30,000 or less) category at the 2022 NRPA Phoenix Conference. The Community Services Department oversees and works collaboratively with many community organizations to maintain and provide services with Town parks, trails, Community Center, parks and recreation, community arts programs, volunteers, special events, Home Delivered Meals, and more.



2022
**APRA
OUTSTANDING
SPORTS
PROGRAM AWARD**
SKATE SCHOOL & CLASSIC

Fountain Hills Recreation was honored to receive the APRA Outstanding Sports Program Award for the Brilliant Victory Skate School and the Fountain Hills Skateboard Classic. This award recognizes the organizations, institutions, or agencies for developing, implementing, or coordinating Arizona's most outstanding sports program.



PARK ENHANCEMENTS

BY THE NUMBERS

25

TOURNAMENTS HOSTED

\$61,213

TOTAL TOURNAMENT AND FIELD RENTAL
REVENUE AT GEP

20,000

SQUARE FOOT ADDED TO THE DESERT
VISTA SKATE PARK



FOUNTAIN PARK

NEW FOUNTAIN TECHNOLOGY

Fountain Park was the recipient of many improvements this year. The start of the fiscal year brought in a new state of the art computer system with app capability's allowing the fountain operations, wind monitoring and fountain lighting to be monitored and controlled by staff remotely. This drastically increased response times for questions about the fountain operation as well as abilities to make quick changes needed during events. The other major advantage is the computer now calculates runtimes allowing for consistent usage of the three motors that operate the fountain thus reducing wear and tear on one motor more than the others.

ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

The restroom closest to the new playground underwent a complete renovation, including installing new flooring, toilets, partitions, sinks, and sewer lines.

Staff members noticed that the shade poles surrounding the playground had started to lean. Fortunately, they could adjust the poles at the base to straighten them and made slight modifications to prevent future leaning. As an additional improvement, new blue shade sails were installed to complement the playground's colors.

During the summer, the playgrounds in Fountain Hills were frequently used, even in the late evening. However, a challenge arose as there were no lights for the playgrounds. New LED lighting was installed to address this, enabling nighttime usage for the first time.

The sidewalk leading from the amphitheater to Panorama had a slippery surface when wet, posing a hazard. To remedy this, the entire concrete section was replaced, and a heavy broom finish was applied to the surface to add texture, effectively reducing the risk of slipping.



GOLDEN EAGLE PARK

FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Golden Eagle now boasts the finest ball fields in the area. However, in the past, spectators had to endure the scorching sun or bring their own tents for shade during play. Thankfully, this year, new shade canopies were positioned behind the backstops, offering a cool place to sit on bleachers and enjoy the games comfortably.

Moreover, the game-watching experience has been significantly enhanced with the installation of netting instead of fencing on field one. This netting ensures an uninterrupted view of the field, reminiscent of what one would find in major league fields.

Not only have the daytime activities received significant upgrades, but night games have also seen a massive improvement. Musco LED lighting was installed in June and will be fully operational by the end of July. These new lights are highly directional and have dimming capabilities, creating a less intrusive illumination during late-night field preparations. This upgrade not only benefits the spectators but also reduces light pollution in the surrounding neighborhoods.

ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

In addition to the field improvement, extensive painting was undertaken at Golden Eagle this year. The entire restroom building, handrails, and seat walls were given a fresh coat of paint, using updated colors that restored their luster and revitalized the overall appearance of the facilities.

NEW FEATURES

- New shade canopies
- Installation of netting on Field 1
- MUSCO LED Lights



FOUR PEAKS PARK

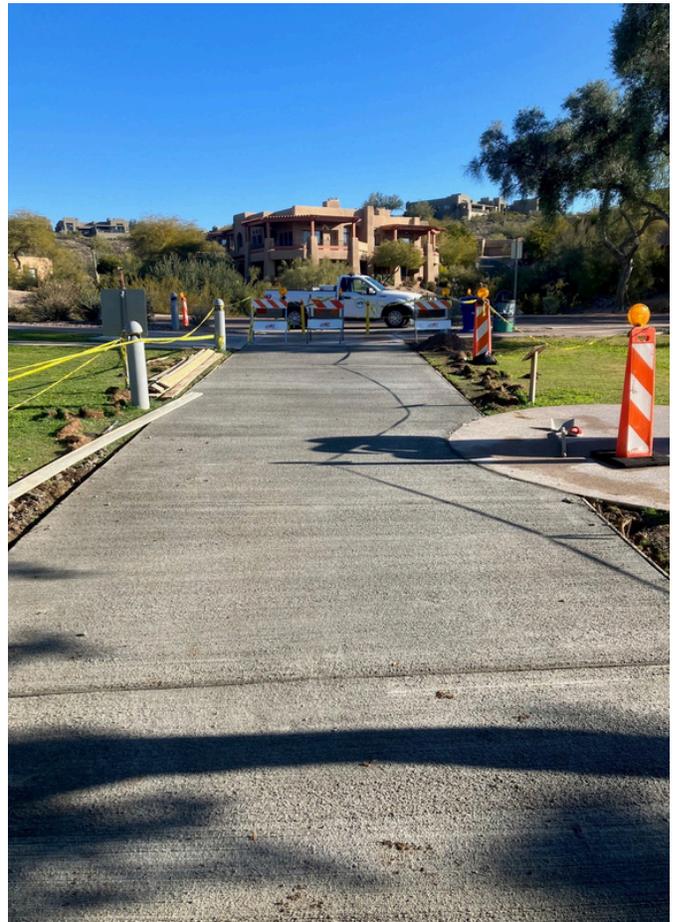
Four Peaks Park underwent an ambitious 5-year renovation project with the vision of becoming one of the most diverse neighborhood parks in the valley. The final year of this undertaking focused on extensive landscaping enhancements, including planting numerous shade trees and a unique Agave Garden near the pickleball courts, showcasing prototype plantings. Shrubs were carefully positioned throughout the park, complemented by granite installation to perfect the landscape.

New Ramadas were set up near the playgrounds to enhance visitor amenities, under which six picnic tables were placed for public use. Musco took measures to minimize light pollution and increase playground usability by installing new LED lighting. Additionally, the ball fields' backstops received a much-needed upgrade, replacing old, rotting kickboards with weather-resistant boards to prolong fencing life.

Moreover, the community's well-being was considered, as the park's bridge was sandblasted and seal-coated to ensure long-lasting usage. Due to increased park usage, parking became a concern, prompting the improvement of all parking lots with mill and overlaying new asphalt while expanding the parking capacity.

NEW FEATURES

- Two new ramadas near the playground.
- MUSCO installed new LED lighting for the playground.



DESERT VISTA PARK

EXPANDED SKATEPARK

Desert Vista started the first of a multiyear improvement plan this year. The improvements began with the expansion and renovation of the skate park and adding a pump track. This increased the size of the usable area from 10,000sqft to over 30,000sqft. The grand opening in June was a huge success with well over 250 people in attendance.

ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

A new ramada was also installed with ADA access to the playground. Granite was installed in several areas throughout the park reducing some of the turf areas and enhancing landscaping in others. The dog park had some grading done and new sod installed to help reduce standing water leading to puddling in the park after monsoons or irrigation leaks.

NEW FEATURES

- Pump track and bowl added to the skate park.
- New ramada



AVENUE LINEAR PARK

This year, Make a Difference Day made a significant impact by planting more than 200 new plants around town hall and along the Avenue of the Fountains. Thanks to this effort, the Avenue now enjoys vibrant blooming activity all year round.

ADERO

This year, the North Leg trail was added to Adero Canyon, courtesy of our incredible trail builders. This newly constructed trail offers hikers numerous fresh perspectives of the surrounding landscape and introduces exciting challenges for adventurers.



EVENTS

BY THE NUMBERS

20

COMMUNITY AND SPECIAL EVENTS

33,000

ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE AT TOWN-WIDE
COMMUNITY AND SPECIAL EVENTS

36

COMMUNITY PARTNERS INVOLVED IN
COMMUNITY AND SPECIAL EVENTS





FIRST AT THE FOUNTAIN

JULY 1

FOUNTAIN PARK

The annual event commenced with an electrifying performance by Rock Lobster, an 80's cover band, captivating the crowd with an hour and a half of sensational music. Attendees joyously danced to the rhythm until the stunning fireworks display began at 9:00 pm. Delightful culinary choices were abundant, courtesy of ten food vendors. The estimated attendance for this Independence Day Celebration exceeded 9,000. Notably, due to a shortage of fireworks, the event was scheduled to July 1st.



FAMIL FUN NIGHT

JULY 21

COMMUNITY CENTER

Dinosaurs came to life during the Family Fun Night at the Fountain Hills Community Center. With an impressive turnout of over 800 attendees, families embarked on a thrilling journey back to the Jurassic age, encountering a lifelike T-rex, navigating through a challenging jungle obstacle course, observing native Arizona reptiles up close, and indulging in delightful crafts and face painting activities.



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

AUGUST 19

FOUR PEAKS PARK

The Back to School Bash collaborates with nearby community groups like the Fountain Hills PTO and Fountain Hills Little League to provide various games and activities. A lively DJ ensures a festive atmosphere, while thrilling water slides and a dunk tank allow children to dunk their teachers. Furthermore, the MCSO showcased their vehicles and helicopter, and presented an impressive K9 demonstration. The event drew an estimated crowd of over 1,000 people. Presenting Sponsor: REMAX The Sonoran Lifestyle team. Platinum Sponsor: Roof King



SPOOKY BLAST

OCTOBER 29

FOUR PEAKS PARK

The second edition of Spooky Blast began with an impressive turnout of more than 3,000 people. The town collaborated with twenty-one businesses and organizations to set up engaging booths featuring games, activities, and candy. A DJ maintained the lively atmosphere and hosted a costume contest. Additionally, the event featured five inflatables and a Halloween-themed park, creating an eerie and enjoyable experience. Local food vendors provided diverse dining choices. Optum presented the 2022 Spooky Blast with Arizona Propane and Roof King as platinum sponsors.



CONCERTS ON THE AVENUE

WEDNESDAYS IN NOVEMBER AVENUE OF THE FOUNTAINS

The Avenue comes alive during the fall concert series. This series includes two artists, each located at a fountain. The solo artist is west of Verde River Dr, and the band is east of Verde River Dr. This concert series is funded by The Sonoran Lifestyle Team at Remax Properties. Remax remains open during the concerts and provides attendees with appetizers and beverages. The Avenue yard games are near each performer. One artist had to be rescheduled to the spring series due to inclement weather.



DAY OF PLAY

NOVEMBER 5 COMMUNITY CENTER

Day of Play is an event that highlights the wide range of programs and activities available in the Town. Attendees had the chance to engage in conversations with instructors. Additionally, a Touch-A-Truck activity allowed children to experience sitting in various vehicles like fire and garbage trucks. This year, a new addition was a bike safety session where participants rode around Centennial Circle, learning about bike traffic laws and ensuring proper helmet fitting from McDowell Mountain Cycles.



TURKEY TROT FUN RUN & WALK

NOVEMBER 25 DOWNTOWN FOUNTAIN HILLS

Our 32nd Annual Turkey Trot was a big hit with the community and region. This event saw 2,000+ participants, with 929 from Fountain Hills. The Turkey Trot has many runners from local cities and those out of state visiting during the holidays. The new start line provided picturesque views of the Fountain. Each year we include a branded Turkey Trot T-shirt as part of the registration. The Turkey Trot T-shirts are typically seen throughout the year on our residents. Presenting Sponsor: REMAX The Sonoran Lifestyle Teams



ROLL IN THE GLOW

DECEMBER 11 AVENUE OF THE FOUNTAIN

Roll in the Glow entered its second year as a highly anticipated event. The highlight of the occasion was the exhilarating lighted bike contest, where participants vied for the top three positions in each age category, earning well-deserved prizes. In a remarkable partnership, McDowell Mountain Cycles joined forces with the Town, offering support, managing packet pick-ups, and contributing to the pool of exciting prizes. Due to inclement weather, the event had to be rescheduled to the following Sunday as a stand-alone event. Presenting Sponsor: Optum



LIGHT UP THE TOWN HOLIDAY TOUR

DECEMBER 18 - 25
TOWN

We have recently established a cherished tradition known as the seasonal Holiday Tour around Town, dedicated to admiring the mesmerizing light displays. Enthusiasts embark on a scenic route, marveling at the illuminated houses and casting their votes for the most impressive displays. A total of 18 homes eagerly participated in the Drive, attracting the attention of 118 voters. Additionally, the Drive's digital map garnered an impressive viewership, with 12,000 individuals exploring its festive offerings.



NOON YEAR'S EVE

DECEMBER 29
COMMUNITY CENTER

This multi-generational event offered participants chair volleyball, cornhole, games, crafts, a photo booth, and the noon balloon drop. Snacks and beverages were provided by Morning Star. Participants enjoyed a photo booth followed by a craft to make a frame for their photo. The chair volleyball was truly an intergenerational activity with seniors and children playing throughout the morning.



MYC TEEN TAKEOVER

FEBRUARY 11
COMMUNITY CENTER

In collaboration with local organizations and businesses, the Mayor's Youth Council orchestrated an exceptional experience for the teenagers. The event was remarkable, offering a wide array of activities, all completely free of charge. Teens were treated to an exciting lineup, including inflatable attractions, delicious food, and beverages, engaging tie-dye sessions, exhilarating Nerf wars, enticing raffle prizes, a lively dance party, and much more!



IRISH FOUNTAIN FEST

MARCH 11
FOUNTAIN PARK

The event achieved record-breaking attendance and sales, with an estimated crowd of 8,100 people. The lineup featured exciting bands; Trotter's Wake, Kilted Spirit Band, Phoenix Pip and Drum Band, and Traveler - Celtic Rock Band. Attendees were treated to a wide range of activities, including a kid's zone, live performances, delicious food from food trucks, and the popular Crescent Crown Beer Garden. The Sonoran Lifestyle Team at ReMax Properties, the presenting sponsor, generously provided additional funding and set up a tent with games and prizes for the community to enjoy.



MUSIC FEST

APRIL 1

FOUNTAIN PARK

The Music Fest mesmerized a gathering of over 5,000 attendees with a captivating trio of bands. The legendary surf-rock ensemble, Los Straitjackets, headlining the event, accompanied by much-adored local talents I Am Hologram and The Black Hole. To ensure everyone stayed refreshed and in high spirits, Bone Haus Brewing and Grapeables provided a beer and wine garden while an array of food trucks catered to the appetites of concert goers. Adding to the festival's excitement, event organizers introduced a range of engaging cornhole and yard games.



EGGSTRAVAGANZA

MARCH 25

FOUR PEAKS PARK

In this year's edition, Eggstravaganza found a new home at Four Peaks Park. The event boasted an impressive egg hunt, with 16,000 eggs scattered across two ballfields. Estimated 500 attendees joined in on the fun. Local churches were present, offering exciting games, crafts, and beverages for all participants. Adding to the festivities, the event now included a delightful pancake breakfast hosted by the Noon Kiwanis. The beloved inflatables and the opportunity to take pictures with Hoppy the Bunny remained a hit among visitors. Presenting Sponsor: Carol Goyena of MCO Realty.



CONCERTS ON THE AVENUE

THURSDAYS IN APRIL

AVENUE OF THE FOUNTAINS

The Avenue comes alive during the spring concert series. Estimated attendance of 600. This series includes two artists, each located at a fountain. The solo artist is west of Verde River Dr, and the band is east of Verde River Dr. This concert series is funded by The Sonoran Lifestyle Team at Remax Properties. Remax remains open during the concerts and provides attendees with appetizers, popcorn, and beverages. The Avenue has cornhole and yard games near each performer, and town staff were onsite selling Fountain Hills State 48 T-shirts.



RECYCLE, RECREATE

APRIL 22

COMMUNITY CENTER

The second edition of the Earth Day Celebration was a fantastic event suitable for all ages. The highlight of the occasion was our grand cardboard fort construction contest! Throughout the event, participants enjoyed engaging in craft stations that emphasized recycling and planting. These stations offered exciting activities such as creating dog toys from old jeans, decorating bags made from repurposed event banners, crafting dinosaurs using corrugated signs, rock painting, and many other eco-friendly projects. Sponsor: Republic Services.



MOVIE IN THE PARK

MAY 13
COMMUNITY CENTER

Our Spring Movie in the Park was a blast! Families gathered at Four Peaks Park to watch the showing of Puss In Boots: The Last Wish. Swette Ice Cream Truck and Fountain Hills Water & Ice were on site to serve treats and snacks for those in attendance. This event was our largest Movie in the Parks attendance, with nearly 300 people in attendance.



SUMMER SERIES

JUNE AND JULY
FOUR PEAKS PARK

Fountain Hills generously presented the Summer Series, extending complimentary opportunities for our community to unwind, bond, indulge in play, and venture into new experiences. Every Tuesday, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, the Splash Pad served as a delightful venue, complete with a food truck and ice cream truck to add to the enjoyment. Additionally, Wednesdays from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM welcomed kids to participate in the excitement of Wacky Wet Wednesday, featuring slip and slides, water games, and even a fire truck for added thrill.



PARTY IN THE PARK

JUNE 17
DESERT VISTA

Our annual Party in the Park and Stargazing event added to the summer fun. The Recreation Department partners with the Dark Sky Association to offer stargazing from 8:00-9:00 PM. The party included water inflatables, yard games, food trucks, and a DJ from 6:00-8:00 PM.



SKATE PARK GRAND OPENING

JUNE 24
DESERT VISTA

More than 250 individuals participated in the joyous Grand Opening of the newly constructed skate park at Desert Vista. The celebration commenced with a captivating ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the park's official inauguration. To set the perfect ambiance, the event began with a skillful DJ, who played invigorating tunes. Following that, the crowd was treated to impressive skate and bike demonstrations by local riders, showcasing their talents along with the park's newly added elements. Throughout the festivities, attendees had the opportunity to explore various skate and bike vendors, partake in exciting giveaways and raffles, and savor delicious offerings from food trucks.

COMMUNITY CENTER

BY THE NUMBERS

316

RESERVATION PERMITS
SINGLE DAY AND RECURRING RENTALS

297

OPERATIONAL DAYS

EXCEEDED REVENUE PROJECTIONS BY

28%



AUDIO & VISUAL UPGRADES

There were significant upgrades in O'Flynn, Navajo, and the Computer Lab, including Large Screen TV Screens equipped with sound bars and wall-mounted AV ports. Our dedicated staff carried out these improvements, resulting in remarkable cost savings of over \$27,000 from the originally budgeted amount.

NEW STORAGE CONTAINER

A Climate Controlled Storage Container was recently set up behind the community center, specifically designed to accommodate the Medical Equipment Loaner program and ensure the equipment's durability over time.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS & EVENTS

Breakfast with Santa was a huge success in its first year of partnership with Noon Kiwanis, selling out all 200 tickets. Additionally, they organized a "Sensitive Santa" event, catering to children and families with special needs. Approximately 30 people attended.

Free Tax Preparation Services: The Community Center partnered with Masters of Coin/VITA to offer free tax preparation services for seniors and low to moderate-income families. The Fountain Hills location processed 160 returns from the first Mondays of February to April.

Munch and Music: FHCCA organized four free concerts from January to April. These concerts attracted an attendance ranging from 200 to 400 people per show.

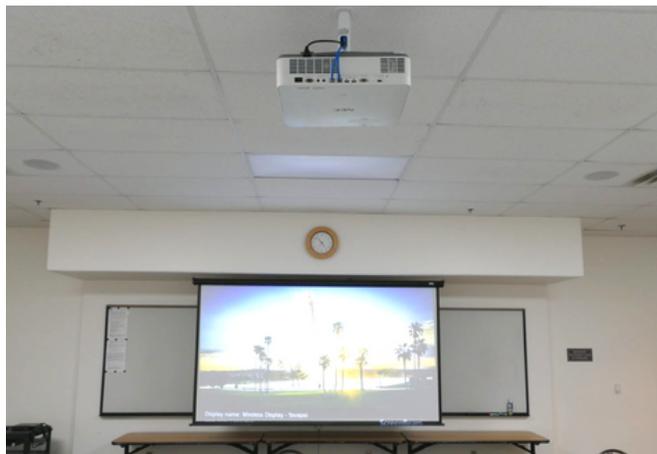
Dark Sky Festival: Dark Skies/FHCCA organized a Dark Sky Festival with an impressive attendance of 2,500 people.

Encore/FHCCA - Bingo: The Community Center provided space for 49 weeks of bingo play, offering a recreational activity for the community.

HOSTED MULTI-DAY EVENTS

The Fountain Hills Community Center served as the host location for several multi-day events, including:

1. The Municipal Clerk's Conference
2. Watch and Clock Convention
3. A Gun Show
4. Two Bridge Tournaments
5. The Phoenix Bible Students
6. Voting Sessions
7. Blood Drives



COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAMS

BY THE NUMBERS

1,290

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER

221

MEDIAL EQUIPMENT LOANED OUT
TO RESIDENTS

28,259

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION IN
MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS



The Members Division of the Community Center organizes a wide range of activities, presentations, events, social services, and support groups for our members and the broader community. Anyone aged 18 and above is welcome to become a member. Our members participate in diverse special interest classes, special events, presentations, and fitness and wellness programs.

To join the Community Center, individuals must be 18 years or older. The membership fee for residents is \$30, and for non-residents \$45.

NEW PROGRAMS

We introduced several new activities to our offerings, including the Open Paint Studio, evening Poker, and evening Mah Jongg. Additionally, we now hold a Traditional Hong Kong Mah Jongg class. Moreover, we have increased the frequency of our Bunco games from every other week to every week.

MEMORY CAFE

This year saw the introduction of the Memory Cafe, aimed at bolstering the town's Dementia Friendly status. The Memory Cafe serves as a social and resource hub, specifically designed to support individuals living with memory loss and their care partners. Caregivers have the opportunity to engage in educational and supportive sessions, while those with memory loss actively participate in a cognitive engagement program.

PARTNERSHIP WITH ENCORE MORE

Encore for More took part in sponsoring the AZ Speaks Series, featuring esteemed speakers who showcased Arizona's rich history and vibrant culture. Additionally, they supported the New Adventures Day Trips, which included exciting events like the Arabian Horse show, Organ Pizza, and visits to the renowned Heard Museum.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Residents needing medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, and canes, can access a lending service for durable medical equipment. This program remains an indispensable resource within our community. During the fiscal year 2022-2023, 221 medical equipment items were loaned out.



VOLUNTEER SERVICES

BY THE NUMBERS

556

TOTAL VOLUNTEERS

13,455

SERVICE HOURS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

\$405,399

TOTAL VALUE IN VOLUNTEER SERVICES



Our Fountain Hills Volunteers believe that one of the defining characteristics of our community is our resident's commitment to service. This commitment is demonstrated through the energy, skills, enthusiasm, vision, and support that they bring to our Town.

Our Volunteers deliver meals to homebound residents with the Home Delivered Meals program and provide transportation for medical appointments for disabled and/or over 65-year-old residents with the Give a Lift program. They also take part in assisting with our Special Events such as Make a Difference Day, Turkey Trot, The Irish Fountain Festival, and The Fountain Hills Arts & Craft Fairs... just to name a few.

In addition, they lead instruction in our various Community Center Membership programs, provide trail maintenance through the Trailblazer program, assist the Docent lead Art Walk program, and provide help and support during times of emergency with the Crisis Support Team. Many of them also utilize their professional skills to assist with projects for the Administration departments.

GIVE A LIFT

Give a Lift provides transportation for essential medical appointments to Fountain Hills residents that are physically disabled and/or age 65 and older. In addition, Give a Lift gave residents the opportunity for better healthcare and independent living, as well as a much-needed social connection to the community.

**Give a Lift: 346
672 Volunteers Hours Contributed**

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Make a Difference Day is a great opportunity for the entire community to come together and give 4 hours of Volunteer service to the vulnerable, elderly, and homebound residents of Fountain Hills with a variety of work projects. MaDD is held annually on the 3rd Saturday of October.

MaDD Completed Projects:

- 41 Residential Projects
- 100 Volunteers at Fountain Hills High School Campus
- 40 Volunteers planted over 200 plants at Town Hall and the Avenue of the Fountains.

MaDD Volunteers: 412

Service Hours Contributed: 2,450 Hours



HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Nourishing the home-bound residents of Fountain Hills with wholesome meals. Our mission is to ensure access to nutritious noon-time meals for individuals of all ages residing in Fountain Hills who may need meal support. This program assists those recovering from illness or surgery and enables home-bound individuals to continue living comfortably in their own homes. Each meal is expertly prepared by Fountain View Village and thoughtfully delivered by our compassionate team of volunteers.

Meals Delivered: 5449

Volunteer Hours Contributed: 1464

CARE CARD

Care Card was developed to help homebound seniors stay connected while reminding them they are cared for and not forgotten. Volunteers create and deliver greeting cards to homebound seniors in assisted & independent living Communities and seniors participating in our Home Delivered Meals and Give Lift programs.

Care Card Crafts and Coffee were started in 2021 to give Volunteers the resources and space to create crafts and cards for the Care Card program. Care Card Crafts & Coffee are held monthly at the Community Center and are open to the public. **480** cards were made and delivered throughout 2022-2023.

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES HOURS

Crisis Response Team

- 1525 Active Volunteer Hours Contributed
- 8640 On-call Volunteer Hours Contributed

Community Center Holiday Celebration

- 26 Community Partner Holiday Tree Displayed
- 32 Community Partner Wreaths Displayed
- 16 Holiday Quilts Displayed
- 830 Volunteer Hours Contributed

Season's Celebration

- Over 600 Guest attended
- 500 Cups of Hot Coco were served
- 275 Cookies were Decorated
- 56 Volunteer Hours Contributed

Volunteer & Activity Expo

- 79 Community Partners participated in the 2023 EXPO
- 420 Volunteer Hours were Contributed



RECREATION

BY THE NUMBERS

188

TOTAL PROGRAMS OFFERED

40%

INCREASE FROM FY 22 IN ADULT SPORTS PARTICIPATION

1,539

TOTAL NUMBER OF RECREATION PARTICIPANTS.
INCREASE OF 20% FROM FY22



YOUTH AND TEENS

RETURN TO RECESS

Return to Recess remains one of Fountain Hills' most popular youth programs, consistently reaching class capacity during both sessions. The program has successfully collaborated with various local groups and youth sports organizations, introducing young individuals to various sports and activities. By emphasizing teamwork, self-confidence, and the formation of lasting friendships, Return to Recess continues to have a positive impact on the youth in the community. This year, we proudly partnered with Fountain Hills Soccer Club, Fountain Hill Little League, Brilliant Victory Skateboards, Fountain Hills Disc Golf Club, Scottsdale United - Youth Lacrosse Club, Fountain Hills Pickleball Club, and Fountain Hills High School Volleyball Team. Sponsor: REMAX The Sonoran Lifestyle Team.

TEEN TRIPS

Teen Adventure Trips offers teenagers in Fountain Hills the chance to break free from the confines of their town and embark on thrilling adventures, discovering exciting activities while forging new friendships. The year's itinerary includes a total of nine meticulously planned trips featuring exhilarating destinations like Fear Farm, Cosmic Bowling, Urban Air Adventure Park, Octane Raceway, Paqua Park, Main Event, Axe Throwing, iFLY, and Arizona Diamondbacks. 103 enthusiastic participants are set to join these escapades, reflecting a remarkable 10% increase compared to the previous fiscal year (2021-2022).

FITNESS & WELLNESS

In the fiscal year 2022-2023, various Fitness and Wellness classes were provided, catering to different needs and interests. These classes included Yoga, Chair Yoga, Meditation, Tai Chi, and Essentrics Aging Backwards. Over 285 enthusiastic participants registered and participated in the Fitness and Wellness sessions.

Starting in May 2023, a change was implemented in the management and scheduling of the Fitness and Wellness classes. The responsibility for overseeing and organizing these classes was transferred to the Community Center Membership staff. This shift aimed to enhance the overall experience and ensure a seamless and efficient registration and scheduling process.



ADULT SPORT LEAGUES

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball, a recent addition to the roster of adult sports leagues offered by the department, has proven to be a success, gaining immense popularity. The department introduced 11 new pickleball programs, encompassing one-day workshops and weekly leagues, and an astounding 100 participants registered, with most programs having waitlists. In addition, the department enlisted the services of two professional Pickleball Instructors, who led workshops and guided the beginners league.

ADULT RETURN TO RECESS

Following the successful implementation of the Youth Return to Recess program, the department has now introduced similar initiatives catering to adults. These engaging programs offer a variety of enjoyable activities, such as cornhole, table tennis, pickleball, kickball, croquet, bocce ball, and beachball volleyball. A total of 28 enthusiastic participants have already registered for these adult-oriented programs.

CORNHOLE LEAGUE

This year, the cornhole league hosted two sessions, attracting a combined total of 52 participants. Notably, this number represents an impressive 18% increase compared to the previous year's participation levels.

TOURNAMENTS

TOWN SR. SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

The Town led Senior Softball Tournaments featured a total of four events. Among these tournaments, the fourth edition was introduced this year, specifically focusing on participants aged between 45 and 55.

On average, 24 teams competed in each tournament. Last year's total of 69 teams rose to an impressive 96 teams this year, representing a significant 30% increase in team registrations.

PROMOTOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

In the current year, Golden Eagle Park hosted 22 tournaments, organized by four distinct promoters, resulting in a revenue of \$45,695.

