



Maricopa County Parks & Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

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Date: March 11, 2021
To: Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
From: R.J. Cardin, Director
Re: Director's Summary of Current Events

Listed below are activities the department has been involved with during **January and February 2021**.

Board of Supervisors Agenda Items:

Date/Status	Tracking Number	Summary
1/13/2021 Approved	C-30-20-021-X-00	Memorandum of Understanding to support the development of Sun Corridor Trail (SCT): Approve the MOU between Maricopa County, AZ State Parks & Trails, Cochise County, Coconino County, Mohave County, Pima County, Pinal County, and Yavapai County. The SCT will provide a continuous route approximately 1,500 miles in length from Douglas, AZ to Las Vega, NV. The Maricopa Trail will be linked with the SCT.
1/13/2021 Approved	C-30-20-016-X-00	Memorial Bench Donations: Accept the restricted monetary donation of \$1,000 for a memorial bench to be placed in Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area from Luke Kautzman and \$1,000 from Wayne Wilke for a memorial bench to be placed within McDowell Mountain Regional Park.
1/27/2021 Approved	C-30-21-022-X-00	Joint Program and Marketing Agreement with Aravaipa Running, LLC: This revenue-generating agreement will establish a relationship between the County and Aravaipa and delineate authorities and responsibilities for the parties to work in harmony to supplement the other's strengths as they work together to accomplish common goals and objectives for the education, cooperative marketing, operation and management of sustainable outdoor recreational opportunities and reflect the mutual interest in supporting and promoting healthy outdoor lifestyles within all the Maricopa County Regional Parks including the Maricopa Trail.
1/27/2021 Approved	C-30-17-016-M-01	First Amendment to License with Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District: The purpose of this Amendment is to amend the License Agreement to: (1) consolidate multiple licenses for trail use and trail marker placement along various canals and managed lands; (2) amend and clarify the description of such licensed property; (3) correct the term of the License Agreement; (4) clarify the license fee and maintenance responsibilities; and (5) define the responsibilities of the Licensee upon expiration or early termination of the License Agreement.
2/10/2021 Approved	C-30-21-025-X-00	Cooperative Agreement with Arizona Master Naturalist Association: This agreement delineates authorities and responsibilities to accomplish common goals and objectives for safeguarding natural and cultural resources while creating opportunities for education, recreation, and ecological services in and around the County's regional parks.
2/24/2021 Approved	C-30-21-027-X-00	IGA with City of Phoenix for the Sun Circle Trail: IGA for a portion of the Sun Circle Trail Segment 1. This IGA will establish a partnership to realign the 1964 SCT multi-modal trail section that followed the Aqua Fria River in the west valley onto an alignment that is already improved with an established trail, that is part of the Phoenix pathway system. This SCT is a connecting piece trail that connects the City of Avondale and the City of Glendale, through neighboring jurisdictions.

Administration

100 Miles in 100 Days Challenge:

- The 2020-2021 Challenge was completed on February 8, 2021. A full recap will be provided during the Park Commission's meeting in May.



Contract Administration:

- Lake Pleasant Regional Park: A Letter of Expression of Interest (LOI) for the development, operation management, and maintenance of Lake Pleasant Commercial Property at State Route 74 was issued on December 3rd through the Parks' website and BIDSYNC, with a response date of March 1, 2021. Staff has amended the response date to April 6, 2021, and have asked for the respondents to provide the estimated development cost and length of time for return on investment.
- Currently, Scorpion Bay Marina has hired a national recruiting agency to find a replacement for Cris McSparen, the former General Manager of the Marina. Cris unexpectedly lost his life on January 30. Currently, Jon Coulter, Vice President of Desert Troon is handling the General Manager responsibilities at the marina.
- The FY21 Concessionaire Attendance Report through January 2021 can be found on page 10.

Human Resources

• Welcome/Promotions/Transfers:

- Aaron Rothchild, Water Specialist, Trades Crew 1/19/2021
- Amber Gore from Interpretive Ranger to Asset/Inventory Coordinator, 1/25/2021
- Steven Branham, Contact Station Assistant, Lake Pleasant, 2/18/2021

• Farewells

- Allen Ockenfells, Trails Development Supervisor, 1/8/2021
- Peter Marsala, Park Maintenance Worker, San Tan 1/17/2021
- Robert Dean, Contact Station Assistant (Temp), Lake Pleasant 1/25/2021
- Rhylan Gosselin, Contact Station Assistant, Lake Pleasant 2/1/2021

• Vacancies

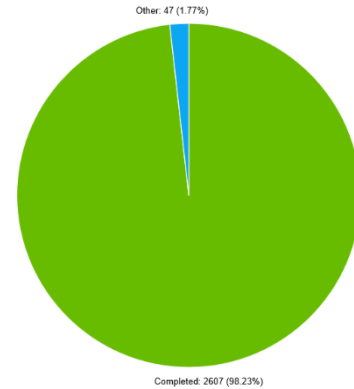
- Procurement Specialist, Headquarters – Recruitment reposted 2/08/2021, interviews scheduled 3/3/2021
- Park Maintenance Supervisor, Lake Pleasant – Recruitment posted 2/2/2021, interviews scheduled 3/5/2021
- Contact Station Assistants (4), Lake Pleasant – Additional interviews scheduled 3/4/2021
- Contact Station Assistant (Temp), Lake Pleasant – Applications under review, awaiting interview date
- Park Maintenance Worker, San Tan – Recruitment posted 2/16/2021, interviews scheduled 3/17/2021
- Contact Station Assistant (Temp), Cave Creek – Recruitment posted 2/9/2021, interviews scheduled 3/1/2021
- Interpretive Ranger, McDowell – Recruitment posted 2/8/2021
- Park Maintenance Worker, White Tank – On hold
- Trails Supervisor – On hold
- Trails Specialist – On hold
- Parks Education Supervisor, DOC – On hold
- Park Maintenance Worker, DOC – On hold
- Interpretive Ranger (2), DOC – On hold

Training Hours (Staff and Core Volunteers)

Department All Required Training Progress Chart

TheHUB Training									
Safety	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total YTD
FY21	542.97	144.78	113.51	144.04	103.66	65.04	57.29	60.34	1,231.63
FY20	165.95	225.92	73.05	285.34	177.69	191.15	136.84	77.49	1,333.43
Other*	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total YTD
FY21	21.28	18.29	36.96	84.37	14.7	17.75	43.52	13.46	250.33
FY20	37.50	92.18	48.79	54.71	17.07	19.53	103.67	64.80	438.25

* Other (new employee orientation, policy review, diversity, job skills, professional development, personal development)



Safety Tailgates (conduct by supervisors)

FY21	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total
TOTAL SESSIONS	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	4	47
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	38	30	40	38	59	70	62	58	395

Volunteer Hours (FY21 through February 2021):

TOTAL Volunteer Hours,															
by month	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD Total	Year End Total	
FY21 - All Hours	2,800	2,738	2,699	8,598	11,094	11,790	13,369	12,121		0	0	0	65,209	65,209	
FY20 - All Hours	1,900	1,955	3,884	7,020	10,497	12,463	12,711	12,213	13,177	7,229	3,933	2,768	62,642	89,750	
FY19 - All Hours	2,754	2,824	2,968	4,373	9,230	10,390	10,847	13,141	12,575	7,832	0	0	56,527	76,935	
FY18 - All Hours	3,506	4,936	4,915	6,682	11,841	12,353	13,804	12,148	13,250	8,708	3,813	3,422	70,185	99,378	
Financial Impact of Volunteers, by Month	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD Total	Year End Total	
FY21 Financial Impact	\$71,204	\$69,627	\$68,636	\$218,647	\$282,120	\$299,820	\$339,974	\$308,237	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,658,265	\$1,658,265	
FY20 Financial Impact	\$48,329	\$49,703	\$98,758	\$178,512	\$266,947	\$316,943	\$323,231	\$310,569	\$335,088	\$183,844	\$100,018	\$70,398	\$1,592,992	\$2,282,340	
FY19 Financial Impact	\$67,996	\$69,725	\$73,280	\$107,969	\$227,889	\$256,529	\$267,812	\$324,451	\$310,483	\$193,381	\$0	\$0	\$1,395,652	\$1,899,515	
FY18 Financial Impact	\$84,635	\$119,155	\$118,648	\$161,303	\$285,842	\$298,201	\$333,229	\$293,253	\$319,855	\$210,211	\$92,046	\$82,607	\$1,694,266	\$2,398,985	

Special Days of Service event listings:	Date	Attendance	Hours
White Tank - Volunteer 13K	1/6/2021	12	48
Desert Defenders - Cave Creek	1/13/2021	12	36
McDowell - Volunteer 13K	1/20/2021	2	8
Desert Defenders - White Tank	1/15/2021	14	42
Lake - LDS - Clean-Up	1/23/2021	107	321
Usery - Volunteer 13K	1/28/2021	5	20
McDowell - Adopt-a-Trail	1/30/2021	6	18
White Tank - MC Trail - Volunteer 13K	2/3/2021	2	6
Estrella - Volunteer 13K	2/10/2021	23	92
HRP - Volunteer 13K	2/10/2021	2	4
Desert Defenders - White Tank	2/11/2021	14	56
Lake - Volunteer 13K	2/18/2021	11	55
Desert Defenders - Cave Creek	2/18/2021	1	3
Lake - Homeschool - Clean-Up	2/24/2021	13	26
Desert Defenders - Spur Cross	2/26/2021	14	35

Website Analytics (November 2020 – February 2021)

PAGE VIEWS - MONTHLY TOTALS - 1,109,045

Year	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
2019	7,036	7,255	7,227	241,589
2020	228,352	256,770	281,305	264,824
2021	N/A	N/A	307,950	315,973
Increase/Decrease	3,145%	3,439%	9,47%	19%

TOP FIVE PAGE VIEWS
NOVEMBER 2020 - FEBRUARY 2021

NOVEMBER	JANUARY		
• Home page	14,453	• Home page	16,840
• Lake Pleasant park locator	12,846	• Lake Pleasant park locator	15,600
• Usery park locator	10,921	• White Tank park locator	14,971
• Park maps	9,837	• Usery park locator	14,648
• White Tank park locator	9,567	• Park maps	12,861

DECEMBER	FEBRUARY		
• Home page	15,554	• Lake Pleasant park locator	20,093
• Lake Pleasant park locator	13,535	• Home page	16,484
• Park updates/COVID	12,129	• Usery park locator	14,376
• Usery park locator	11,961	• Cave Creek park locator	12,963
• Park maps	11,815	• Lake Pleasant camping	12,851

Planning and Development Division

Project Management

- The Department Project Manager (PM) has several projects in the queue. The Goldmine Interim Trailhead project is moving forward. The area has been grubbed of vegetation, Cacti relocated to the main trailhead, and through collaboration with MCDOT (Maricopa County Department of Transportation), the department has been able to grade the parking area by providing survey and grade training for the MCDOT equipment operators. Additionally, the department is working closely with the Town of Queen Creek to cost leverage fencing and curb stops, all to reduce in-neighborhood parking, improve site safety, and improve the overall visitor experience.
- At the Desert Outdoor Center, the PM has completed the hardened Honeymoon nature trail from the top to the plaza area. The trail previously became impassable due to severe erosion and hindered access for students with mobility challenges. The new trail, similar to the Waterfall Trail at White Tank Mountain Regional Park, is a colored and textured concrete pour with stabilized decomposed granite turnouts, providing improved access for visitors of all abilities.
- The PM is also finishing the new Black Rock parking area at Area 4 in White Tank Mountain Regional Park. The parking lot, with approximately 35 spaces, will provide safer access for the Black Rock trail visitors, eliminating the main road crossing from the Area 4 parking lot. In addition, there is a protective pipe rail fence section, a new trailhead kiosk, and a connecting trail being installed to direct hikers right to the main trail.

Trades Crew

- The Trades Crew completed the grubbing of vegetation at the San Tan Mountain Regional Park Goldmine interim trailhead project on the north side of the park. The parking area will then be covered in a decomposed granite for dust control and durability, followed by installation of parking blocks and fencing provided by the Town of Queen Creek.
- At Lake Pleasant Regional Park, the Trades Crew repaired the access road from the host sites at the Agua Fria entrance. This repair project included crossing the Agua Fria river bottom and then south to the Arizona Game & Fish boat ramp area along the shore.
- At Lake Pleasant Regional Park, the Trades Crew completed final grading and cleaning up spoils at the new Group Campground host sites. These four host sites, now open, allow park staff to better manage operations in the area.
- Department electricians completed several improvements in the parks over the past two months including:
 - Installed a new motor on booster pump #2 at McDowell Mountain Regional Park. The booster pump system is the original system that receives water flow from the off-site water provider, EPCOR, and pumps the potable water uphill to the park storage tank for distribution throughout the park. Newer pump station technology will be requested through the FY23 CIP process.
 - Retrofitted the interior lighting to LED on restrooms 6 & 7 at Cave Creek Regional Park.
 - Completed the interior and exterior lighting upgrades at the maintenance compound at Cave Creek Regional Park.
 - Completed retrofitting the interior lighting to LED in the nature center at Estrella Mountain Regional Park.
 - Replaced the exterior light fixtures on the maintenance compound building at White Tank Mountain Regional Park.

Trails Crew

- The Trails Crew of one has been working on maintenance projects at San Tan, Estrella, and Cave Creek. The Trails Crew will connect both the new parking areas at White Tank Black Rock and San Tan Goldmine to their respective main trails.

Maricopa Trail, Sun Circle, and Trailhead Facilities:

- Agreement preparation/negotiations:
 - City of Phoenix – IGA for Segment 1 Sun Circle Trail was approved by the Board of Supervisors on 2/24/21. Signs will be posted between Indian School Rd and Bethany Home Rd soon; Segment 7 is in review by Maricopa County Attorney's Office (MCAO) and Real Estate Department.
 - ADOT – Received the permit for SR85 crossing Segment 33 ramp 2/9/21.
 - CAP – License application for Segment 76 submitted 12/15/2020.
 - Avondale – Segment 1 route determination completed and arranging field visit with Traffic personnel for sign placement.
 - SRP – License for Bush Highway Trailhead in review by MCAO and Real Estate

- Maintenance
 - Segment 18 – Completed rebuild of ¾ miles of the trail inside the Cahava Springs Subdivision in January 2021. Maricopa Trail + Parks Foundation and Town of Cave Creek led this effort
 - Segment 22 – Sears Fire burned the north eight miles of the trail. American Conservation Experience (ACE) Youth Corps crew completed the first eight-day hitch of erosion mitigation 2/24/21.
- Trailheads
 - Segment 27 – Bush Highway – Received 100% plans from MCDOT 2/8/21. Construction is scheduled for April 2021 (MCDOT) as soon as the final license from SRP is received.
 - San Tan Goldmine – Preparing for MCDOT to do subgrade preparation and training in March 2021.
- Route Determination
 - Segment 77 Vulture Mountain to Lake Pleasant – Submitted route to BLM 1/25/21. Refined new trail routes in January and February 2021.
 - Segment 76 White Tank to Vulture Mountain - Submitted route to BLM 1/25/21.

Natural Resources

- The Department Natural Resource Specialist has been planning for invasive species removal projects, however, due to the lack of regular winter precipitation, winter weed germination has been slow. Staff has taken this opportunity to improve training sessions for Desert Defenders and invasive species mapping. The Natural Resource Specialist will continue to monitor and map invasive species in the parks and schedule events as needed to remove these plants.
- Department staff has been working on the native seed propagation garden installation at Cave Creek Regional Park. This native garden will raise plant species of conservation value and the seed will then be utilized in the north park areas to help restore burned or degraded areas. Plants of conservation value are those species that are native, but rare, in the area and require extra effort and care to re-establish.

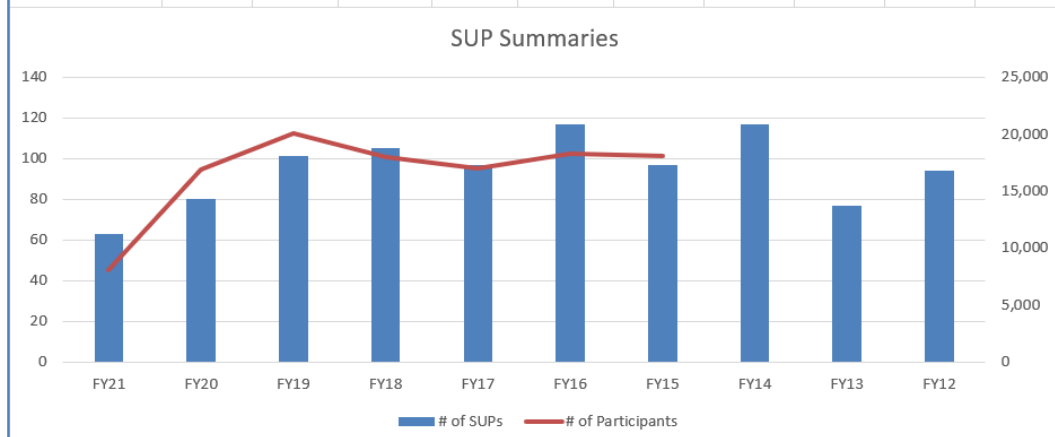
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Park Visitor Attendance (through February 2021):

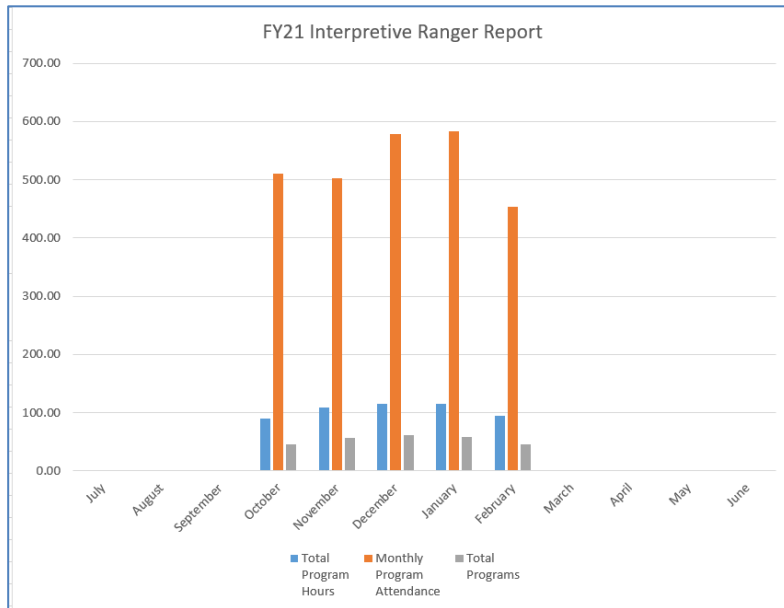
- Report found on page 11

Parks Special Use Permits (FY21 YTD):

	FY21	FY20	FY19	FY18	FY17	FY16	FY15	FY14	FY13	FY12
# of SUPs	63	80	101	105	97	117	97	117	77	94
# of Participants	8,015	16,852	20,099	18,018	16,960	18,297	18,094			
% of change from Previous Year										
	FY21	FY20	FY19	FY18	FY17	FY16	FY15	FY14	FY13	FY12
# of SUPs	-21%	-21%	-4%	8%	-17%	21%	-17%	52%	-18%	
# of Participants	-52%	-16%	12%	6%	-7%	1%				



Interpretive Ranger Programs (through February 2021):



Cave Creek Regional Park

- After relatively heavy rains, staff assessed the burnt areas near the Brush Fire's trails from last summer. Staff removed a Saguaro that collapsed onto the Go John Trail on the south side in the switchbacks area. There also appears to be a significant amount of debris movement of the smaller, lighter surface materials washing onto the trails. The trail edges are softening and collapsing in several places. We will need additional trail maintenance for these areas.
- Staff continues to work on the mine closure project; currently, they are working on mine #AC fencing and signage.
- A summer host position has been posted, and a candidate has been selected; if the background checks are approved, the couple will start on April 20th.
- The Interpretive Ranger met with two (2) Eagle Scouts and is scheduling projects for them to complete. He also met with members of a Rotary Club regarding tree donations/planting projects scheduled for April 17.

Estrella Mountain Regional Park

- Staff and volunteers worked on grooming and cleaning the entry areas and the Tres Rios Golf entry. Weeding, trimming bushes and trees helped beautify the appearance and make inbound and outbound traffic sightlines safer and more open.
- Port-a-johns got a facelift with hardware improvements, fiberglass repair, and new paint.
- There were three Special Use Permit events in January, with nearly 1,400 people attending. Aravaipa Running had 650 participants running, and MBAA had 650 biking participants. The horse event at the end of the month had 70 people.
- Estrella Park had the largest attendance for a Project 13K Cleanup day of all county parks and facilities with 24 county workers. They collected and removed 41 bags of invasive weeds, 38 bags of trash, 16 loose bulk trash items: 1 couch and 8 tires.
- Trash barrels were painted at Estrella and Buckeye Hills; some facilities received wood repair and new paint.
- Interpretive programs are filling to the maximum occupancy and patrons are enjoying a guided experience while getting outdoors.

Hassayampa River Preserve

- The Preserve saw over 1.5" of rain at the end of January. Due to the gentle nature of the rain over an extended period, the river level did not substantially change. The Preserve has seen cold temps this month, with lows getting below freezing almost every night of the month.

- The Trades Crew repaired a water leak near the host sites.
- Interpretive programs continue to fill up (10 people max) and are well-received by visitors. The Wickenburg Sun interviewed staff for several articles. Staff will be conducting orientation for several new volunteers over the next few weeks.
- A County safety representative evaluated the visitor center and spoke with staff about COVID safety precautions.
- Seasonal maintenance of facilities and trails continues. This winter, despite little rain, spring growth of grass is beginning, necessitating mowing along the trails.
- The Interpretive Ranger presented a virtual program about iNaturalist, a citizen science app, to the other rangers, supporting the Parks' Eco-Blitz promotion.
- Park volunteers assisted the Ranger by staffing a history table for Arizona Statehood Day.

Lake Pleasant Regional Park

- North Entry Station is now open Wednesday thru Saturday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The maintenance team continues to work on the various phases for designated primitive shoreline camping. Primitive camping is expected to return on Friday, February 5.
- A large volunteer group from a local church completed a wonderful job cleaning up trash in January.
- Host sites have opened within the Group Campground.
- Through the Arizona Game and Fish Department, nest watchers are scheduled to arrive in February to monitor Lake Pleasant's Bald Eagle breeding areas.
- Agua Fria Conservation Area boat launch was opened the weekend of February 26th. The area is expected to be open through the end of March from Friday thru Sunday from 6 am to 4 pm.
- The Dirt Spillway Primitive Camp area (15 campsites) opened at the beginning of February and has remained in high demand each week/weekend throughout February.
- The maintenance team is preparing the Dirt Spillway Overlook and South Park Primitive Campsites. Staff is waiting for more materials to complete the various phases of the remaining projects.
- The Lake hosted a homeschool group with 15 volunteers on February 24th to help clean up the shoreline and they did a fantastic job picking up trash/litter.
- The bald eagles are showing promising activity at several nesting sites. One site produced a failed clutch, but there is enough time in the season for another attempt. Another site appears to have fledglings within the coming weeks. A third site shows eagles regularly in the area but has not produced nesting attempts yet, possibly due to on-going interference from illegal OHV activity in the area.
- The park was the host site for the Iceman Triathlon (part of 4 Peaks Racing) at the end of February, with approximately 150 participants in attendance and socially distanced.

McDowell Mountain Regional Park

- Staff and hosts are still working to refine the new POS (point of sale system) for the park's specific needs.
- The park received some rain, sleet, hail, and even snow on Jan 25th.
- The annual park inventory was completed.
- A 13K Volunteer Event was held with two county employees who assisted maintenance staff working on the North Trail maintenance.
- *McDowell Meltdown* Special Use Permit event occurred with a total of 786 participants arriving throughout the event to participate in each mountain bike race starting in incremental waves.
- The campgrounds have been very busy during February and are expected to continue through March.
- Staff has installed new fire rings in the Ironwood tent campground sites.
- The maintenance crew is working with Trades to replace one of the main water pumps for the park.
- Some boundary fence repairs were made on our northern boundary.
- Staff removed over 15 water bars on the Pemberton trail to smooth out the trail.
- Two (2) special events were held in the park in February as part of the McDowell Mountain Cup Series: Pemberton 50K had 155 runners and Stoneman 14K trail run had 40 runners.
- Scottsdale Artists' School held a weeklong PAPA (Plein Air Painters of America) Week the last week of February with 60 students visiting the park over multiple days to paint in nature.

San Tan Mountain Regional Park

- San Tan sold 811 annual passes in January and 741 during February.

- The Trails Crew made repairs to San Tan and Dynamite Trails to allow safer passage on the Kubota. Work continues on the north side of Goldmine Trail to repair longtime erosion damage.
- Aravaipa Running held the annual *San Tan Scramble* race with a total of 459 participants and volunteers.
- Park staff hand-delivered informational flyers to the Wagon Wheel/Goldmine trailhead's immediate neighbors with details of the new parking lot construction timeline and scope of work.
- The Ranger and a Community Volunteer-led two separate guided hikes for the Arizona Archaeological Society to see the Hohokam petroglyphs and rock piles. The 15 members were from the San Tan, Phoenix, and Payson chapters.

Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area

- The following projects were completed with the trail crew volunteers: (1) raked loose rock from Metate Trail and dug out erosion control drains; and (2) placed plank bridges at creek crossings on Metate Trail and Spur Cross Trail.
- Due to the increased attendance on weekends, parking has become an issue at Spur Cross. Cave Creek staff has been assisting the Ranger with parking to ensure that customers are not blocked. A plan to enlarge and delineate the area is being discussed with staff and the Town of Cave Creek.
- Plank bridges were installed on the Dragonfly Trail and upper/lower Jewel of the Creek crossings.
- The area surrounding the entry station and entry gate was covered with gravel to help minimize dust.

Usery Mountain Regional Park

- There was a second Volunteer 13K project in January. Five County employees assisted maintenance staff with trimming, pulling weeds and removing dead shrub/tree limbs, etc., around the front and back of the Nature Center, which was a considerable improvement to the facility.
- Three dedicated volunteers have been assisting Usery Park's, Ranger B, in closing off several spider trails adjacent to the Blevins & Noso Trail(s). They have dedicated time every weekend in January to assist with this.
- The campground has continued to remain at full capacity in January, with Overflow Camping needed every weekend and several days throughout the week.
- Kudos to several of the Park Hosts at Usery Park; they have been extremely flexible with last-minute requests and taking on additional workdays due to being short "staffed" since November. Campground hosts have also offered to assist with coverage at the Entry Station, in addition to working their regular duties, which speaks volumes as to the dedicated, caring hosts we have onboard this season.
- Archery Range improvements in January included the Upper Practice Range and Lower Field Course closures, which resulted in approximately 24 target butts that were replaced or repaired, along with trimming, weeds, and grading the course.
- Three memorial benches were purchased in February to be placed on the Meridian, Blevins, and Vista trails.
- Maricopa County Sheriff's Office met with park staff in February to discuss some non-compliance issues the park is experiencing from the public with spider trail located within closed areas. They have agreed to actively assist as needed to help with this challenge.

White Tank Mountain Regional Park

- ASU student, Elliott Anuta, started his internship. Elliot works at Park's Headquarters part of the week to assist with natural resource data and at White Tank the other 2-3 days. Elliott has already been a great asset to the park and has enthusiastically jumped in to help park operations.
- A park visitor donated a screech owl house; Ranger Justin worked with park maintenance staff and our intern on mounting the house in a known screech owl habitat area.
- Ranger Justin, maintenance staff, volunteers, and our intern worked on digging up and relocating cactus and plants from the future Black Rock parking lot. Several small saguaros and other species were replanted around the Nature Center.
- West Valley Trail Alliance organized a trail maintenance workday and completed improvements on the Competitive Track trails just in time for a large mountain biking race the next weekend.
- White Tank hosted a Volunteer 13K picnic site workday. Thirteen County employees spent their morning weeding, raking, and improving many picnic areas used by the public. They did a great job beautifying these areas.
- The third week of January, contractors began construction on the new Black Rock parking lot. The area has already been cleared, graded, and the base layer has been spread.
- The new Black Rock Loop parking lot construction has progressed quickly this month. The curbing and asphalt have been completed, the next step is striping the lot and clean up.

- With visitation increasing due to the nice weather, White Tank has also seen an increase in rescues, including two helicopter rescues of lost hikers in February.
- Park maintenance, Ranger Justin, and volunteers have begun to demo the old pond by removing boulders, signage, and trimming back vegetation. This in preparation for a pond reconstruction project.
- On February 3rd, park maintenance and other White Tank staff worked with County employees as part of the County Volunteer 13K program cleaning up trash left behind at the Maricopa Trail Sun Valley Trailhead area.
- On February 6th – 7th, the Mountain Bike Association of Arizona held the *White Tank Whirlwind Mountain Bike Race*, which brought in 724 riders over the two days. The race ran smoothly with perfect weather. This was the largest turnout for this race to date.

Maricopa County Parks Concessionaire Attendance Report
 FY21 (through January 2021)

	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	YEAR	
	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	TO DATE	Growth %
	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19		
Victory Lane Sports Complex														
July 2020 - June 2021	11,020	11,810	12,957	13,664	12,762	12,762	11,735	-	-	-	-	-	86,710	
July 2019 - June 2020	8,150	6,955	7,322	15,042	15,548	8,428	10,000	13,788	7,891	-	6,535	-	99,659	60%
July 2018 - June 2019	9,100	10,056	13,134	16,318	18,119	15,173	12,440	12,317	22,727	11,023	14,209	12,173	166,789	91%
Sahuaro Central Railroad Preservation Society														
July 2020 - June 2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
July 2019 - June 2020	445	-	277	1,048	609	10,525	943	507	233	-	-	-	14,587	55%
July 2018 - June 2019	-	-	147	673	1,253	21,178	934	552	1,345	589	-	-	26,671	127%
Casey At The Bat														
July 2020 - June 2021	1,644	2,328	2,250	3,015	2,767	2,540	2,795	-	-	-	-	-	17,339	
July 2019 - June 2020	2,450	2,360	2,803	2,928	3,320	1,745	3,556	4,530	3,476	92	1,050	-	28,310	70%
July 2018 - June 2019	2,017	2,321	3,248	3,266	2,977	2,386	3,374	3,263	5,243	4,804	4,563	2,834	40,296	88%
Tres Rios Golf Course														
July 2020 - June 2021	-	-	-	-	596	2,815	3,096	-	-	-	-	-	6,507	
July 2019 - June 2020	838	861	869	1,057	1,867	2,158	3,691	3,528	3,144	2,383	1,738	-	22,134	90%
July 2018 - June 2019	1,119	1,093	1,537	959	2,403	1,938	3,010	3,734	3,950	2,004	1,922	950	24,619	68%
Paradise Vally Golf - Southern California														
July 2020 - June 2021	2,143	1,782	2,697	1,939	3,568	7,595	3,619	-	-	-	-	-	23,343	
July 2019 - June 2020	1,443	1,468	1,547	1,413	2,421	1,957	3,275	3,602	3,849	3,296	-	-	24,271	93%
July 2018 - June 2019	1,417	1,574	1,578	1,032	2,746	2,338	2,974	2,672	4,275	3,183	2,401	1,695	26,190	91%
500 Club Golf Course														
July 2020 - June 2021	4,814	5,373	5,458	6,575	7,644	7,755	8,889	-	-	-	-	-	46,508	
July 2019 - June 2020	3,942	4,165	3,867	2,742	6,586	6,020	8,083	8,387	8,883	9,060	8,697	-	70,432	98%
July 2018 - June 2019	3,967	3,994	4,365	3,409	6,985	5,976	6,900	6,682	8,815	8,685	7,381	4,681	71,840	107%
Six Flags Hurricane Harbor														
July 2020 - June 2021	1,117	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,117	
July 2019 - June 2020	122,835	54,978	36,381	8,559	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	222,753	55%
July 2018 - June 2019	103,871	48,539	27,710	2,620	-	-	-	-	20,429	31,093	46,060	122,835	403,157	97%
Cave Creek Trailrides														
July 2020 - June 2021	-	-	-	39	1,256	1,584	1,382	-	-	-	-	-	4,261	
July 2019 - June 2020	-	-	-	176	733	861	912	1,128	962	155	-	-	4,927	68%
July 2018 - June 2019	-	-	-	-	747	1,020	891	769	2,308	1,481	-	-	7,216	97%
Estrella Corral West Horse Adventures														
July 2020 - June 2021	-	-	-	60	157	228	160	-	-	-	-	-	605	
July 2019 - June 2020	-	-	-	-	62	75	90	63	46	-	-	-	336	29%
July 2018 - June 2019	-	-	-	-	127	137	277	218	266	137	-	-	1,162	78%
Buckeye Hills Shooting Range														
July 2020 - June 2021	831	725	773	1,243	982	675	833	-	-	-	-	-	6,062	
July 2019 - June 2020	407	427	554	887	1,050	718	870	883	342	164	995	-	7,297	121%
July 2018 - June 2019	335	402	406	363	509	651	656	440	744	580	544	423	6,053	166%
TOTALS														
July 2020 - June 2021	21,569	22,018	24,135	26,535	29,732	35,954	32,509	-	-	-	-	-	192,452	
July 2019 - June 2020	140,510	71,214	53,620	33,852	32,196	32,487	31,420	36,416	28,826	15,150	19,015	-	494,706	77%
July 2018 - June 2019	121,826	67,979	52,125	28,640	35,866	50,797	31,456	30,647	70,102	63,579	77,080	12,173	642,270	80%

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FY21	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21	May 21	Jun 21	MONTH TO DATE	YEAR TO YEAR	% of Change
FY20	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20	MONTH TO DATE	YEAR TO YEAR	% of Change
FY19	Jul 18	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	Jun 19	MONTH TO DATE	YEAR TO YEAR	% of Change
Cave Creek	1,122	911	1,325	4,688	12,084	12,121	3,100	8,520					43,871	43,871	73.5%
	363	505	959	4,233	9,450	9,775	13,542	14,572	16,079	11,336	3,145	1552	25,285	85,511	-3.2%
	494	533	535	3,697	10,054	10,809	12,813	12,949	17,991	9,709	2,786	658	26,122	83,028	-1.0%
Estrella Park	2,571	3,317	4,696	8,333	12,723	8,483	11,786	11,102					63,011	63,011	115.1%
	1,350	1,954	3,571	6,034	9,547	6,841	12,726	11,067	16,449	9,370	5,819	3,687	29,297	88,415	2.4%
	1,824	1,378	3,202	5,458	10,190	6,547	11,754	8,365	15,356	9,840	6,242	3,070	28,599	83,226	-5.7%
McDowell Mtn	2,667	2,275	3,806	10,302	16,229	17,207	10,567	14,237					77,290	77,290	75.5%
	1,095	1,407	3,520	11,570	12,574	13,877	17,846	16,006	18,997	13,822	5,654	2,779	44,043	119,147	5.5%
	1,079	1,700	3,105	9,391	13,026	13,441	15,980	14,635	19,255	9,518	3,930	1,798	41,742	106,858	1.6%
San Tan Park	8,080	7,029	11,102	16,676	27,144	20,844	28,733	27,145					146,753	146,753	139.7%
	3,941	3,832	6,009	12,801	17,839	16,810	27,717	25,062	33,803	26,313	17,551	9,622	61,232	201,300	-2.9%
	3,518	3,786	5,515	12,393	18,642	18,718	26,054	18,736	27,959	15,598	12,225	6,364	62,572	169,508	-0.8%
Spur Cross	171	121	354	1984	3,826	5,218	1,052	7,318					20,044	20,044	221.1%
	113	122	244	730	826	4,208	4,592	4,569	4,508	2,276	563	210	6,243	22,961	-19.3%
	140	111	247	744	1,286	3,256	4,526	2,261	6,172	3,898	817	224	5,784	23,682	-25.3%
Usery Mtn Park	5,981	7,587	9,683	18,705	33,071	28,940	36,833	31,140					171,940	171,940	100.4%
	5,562	5,959	8,133	16,411	26,374	23,339	34,431	33,957	44,356	25,954	12,914	8,453	85,778	245,843	-3.2%
	5,519	5,775	7,668	15,711	28,914	27,958	32,925	28,352	41,655	20,986	15,124	7,443	91,545	238,030	3.4%
White Tank	8,801	7,667	11,991	20,736	31,836	34,425	29,727	35,040					180,223	180,223	81.2%
	4,913	5,658	9,810	20,115	31,195	27,762	39,931	40,494	64,224	27,038	16,680	10,640	99,453	298,460	10.1%
	5,666	6,052	8,617	26,767	31,806	30,598	40,333	38,731	58,215	26,260	18,311	7,201	109,506	298,557	21.2%
Hassayampa	855	632	840	1681	1,984	1,204	856	1,886					9,938	9,938	86.2%
	453	418	591	1405	1,498	971	1,746	2,002	2,321.0	2,477	2072	1294	5,336	17,248	10.1%
	366	367	649	997	1,317	1,151	1,535	1,223	2,847	1,743	1386	929	4,847	14,510	39.1%
Lake Pleasant	101,160	96,366	79,426	58,720	40,177	22,387	23,659	31,563					453,458	453,458	55.4%
	90,616	63,458	51,411	37,125	31,095	18,054	32,436	40,902	69,504	75,153	116,342	98,916	291,759	725,012	4.6%
	90,890	52,385	53,848	28,787	31,278	21,794	29,689	29,004	74,331	81,478	79,342	100,981	278,982	673,807	0.9%
DOC	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-100.0%
	140	64	381	1,556	1887	1,330	1,622	1,630	1,030	-	-	-	5,358	9,640	14.1%
	27	120	384	1,305	1804	1,057	1,615	1,455	1,660	2,076	969	-	4,697	12,472	-14.8%
SYSTEM TOTAL	131,408	125,905	123,223	141,825	179,074	150,830	146,313	167,951	-	-	-	-	1,166,529	1,166,529	13.2%
	108,546	83,377	84,629	111,980	142,285	122,967	186,589	190,261	271,271	193,739	180,740	137,153	1,030,634	1,813,537	62.8%
	97,539	70,625	87,713	103,371	141,070	132,622	177,383	168,039	228,472	162,507	126,607	114,212	632,940	1,610,160	9.6%