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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 3/17/2026  
**To:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
**From:** Jennifer Waller, Director  
**Re:** Director's Summary of Current Events

Listed below are activities the department has been involved with during January and February 2026.

### OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR:

- A solicitation was published for a new management agreement for Paradise Valley Golf Course (PVGC), with proposals due March 31, 2026. The solicitation seeks qualified respondents to provide professional management and operational services under a new long-term agreement to ensure continued public access, high-quality operations, and the facility's long-term sustainability.

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEMS:

Date/Status	Tracking Number	Summary
01/28/2025 Approved	C-06-26-214-X-00	<b>REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION</b> Approve the following reappointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. 1. Megha Budruk renewal appointment. Term effective January 28, 2026, through December 31, 2027, nominated by the Parks and Recreation Director. 2. Samantha Stelp renewal appointment. Term effective January 28, 2026, through December 31, 2027, representing Supervisorial District 4.
01/28/2025 Approved	C-06-26-209-X-00	<b>DONATIONS - PARKS AND RECREATION NOVEMBER 2025</b> In accordance with County Policy A2508, accept the monthly donation report received from Parks and Recreation for November 2025, for a cash value of \$1,749.88.



**ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE DIVISION:**

**PARKS VISITOR ATTENDANCE REPORT (FY26 THROUGH FEBRUARY):**

FY26	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26
FY25	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25
FY24	Aug-24	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24
FY23	Sep-24	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
Cave Creek	1,269	1,643	1,750	5,111	11,972	11,957	15,220	15,125				
FY25	1,359	1,291	2,096	5,972	12,216	11,866	13,586	13,416	16,178	11,427	5,513	1,926
FY24	1,266	1,621	3,312	9,690	12,328	12,736	13,249	14,271	17,256	12,085	4,392	1,566
FY23	1,373	2,028	2,551	8,499	13,383	13,384	14,534	15,537	19,650	14,181	6,299	2,727
Estrella	945	867	3,848	5,302	8,704	10,102	13,833	13,550				
FY25	1,697	2,268	4,180	4,704	10,381	9,037	13,005	9,168	12,934	9,535	3,292	1,356
FY24	1,864	2,003	5,174	6,395	10,104	9,024	12,047	11,453	17,739	10,452	5,525	2,967
FY23	2,342	2,644	3,346	6,640	8,382	8,022	12,165	16,631	18,998	14,597	5,346	4,277
McDowell Mtn	1,526	1,493	3,041	19,421	13,427	12,041	14,865	17,767				
FY25	957	1,732	2,853	14,766	13,601	15,036	16,133	14,266	16,889	8,059	3,937	1,641
FY24	1,268	1,766	3,851	14,137	13,901	15,071	15,379	15,388	17,288	9,778	5,090	4,980
FY23	1,685	1,845	3,792	13,861	18,134	17,277	17,201	16,816	22,719	15,714	5,747	2,418
San Tan Park	4,055	3,869	6,610	10,988	20,547	36,296	28,974	22,308				
FY25	2,986	4,401	7,476	11,580	23,690	23,614	30,563	29,024	29,420	19,224	9,797	5,436
FY24	3,680	4,209	8,094	13,823	22,089	23,452	28,344	26,251	27,136	16,149	10,300	5,244
FY23	4,215	6,029	7,407	14,861	23,586	20,889	26,361	25,488	30,452	18,996	9,836	6,486
Spur Cross	252	231	602	1,540	3,631	3,797	5,286	5,250				
FY25	125	180	346	1,166	4,794	4,779	6,113	6,497	6,322	3,806	1,471	417
FY24	130	118	488	1,575	6,699	4,511	6,053	7,258	8,282	4,917	1,184	7,671
FY23	180	316	488	1,976	4,789	3,578	6,430	6,477	8,221	4,900	1,139	586
Usery Mtn Park	7,524	7,330	9,353	19,319	28,868	25,729	31,178	26,699				
FY25	8,517	9,234	10,223	16,648	33,016	29,963	34,002	32,218	37,145	25,229	14,702	7,671
FY24	7,169	6,670	10,119	17,968	32,940	34,058	34,879	37,369	44,888	26,124	14,814	8,118
FY23	6,500	6,544	7,043	16,879	26,760	24,845	29,889	29,695	44,722	29,472	13,158	8,231
White Tank	4,924	5,056	8,730	17,977	39,221	45,228	35,700	37,898				
FY25	4,285	5,302	7,123	15,727	33,197	31,583	36,753	38,496	48,457	27,904	15,262	7,814
FY24	4,393	6,164	9,396	17,812	26,356	28,524	33,741	39,129	46,464	25,763	13,906	6,682
FY23	7,264	8,845	9,345	20,459	27,457	26,239	38,467	39,100	50,150	29,236	13,361	8,585
Hassayampa	329	439	667	1,306	1,459	1,914	1,782	2,312				
FY25	268	380	655	968	1,882	1,391	1,832	1,932	2,626	2,097	1,630	647
FY24	339	411	795	1,133	1,752	1,536	1,461	1,951	2,716	2,375	1,238	471
FY23	463	546	671	1,202	1,500	912	1,535	1,610	2,573	2,366	1,398	840
Lake Pleasant	134,178	110,214	61,499	54,832	53,434	39,529	44,679	73,931				
FY25	141,534	94,866	78,349	58,878	52,444	42,847	49,020	63,061	87,919	101,406	146,916	133,030
FY24	146,522	76,963	81,319	73,010	47,229	37,638	42,195	62,353	95,518	101,975	146,615	157,420
FY23	146,746	87,426	95,022	78,576	56,935	48,903	55,380	64,152	92,599	146,533	142,552	153,447
DOC	180	248	267	571	404	2,806	486	1,444				
FY25	343	323	200	485	1,060	711	716	2,000	1,450	2,093	1,207	756
FY24	50	80	97	796	496	856	452	847	1,389	2,087	1,878	960
FY23	183	225	151	639	972	1,302	875	493	2,516	1,618	1,855	402
Agua Fria	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	153				
FY25	38	0	0	24	79	67	77	0	77	160	84	40
FY24	6	6	0	0	7	97	130	112	192	232	149	0
FY23	0	113	0	20	92	32	39	41	62	342	0	0
System Total	155,182	131,390	96,367	136,400	181,667	189,399	192,003	216,437	0	0	0	0
FY25	162,109	119,977	113,501	130,918	186,360	170,894	201,800	210,078	259,417	210,940	203,811	160,734
FY24	166,687	100,011	122,645	156,339	173,901	167,503	187,930	216,382	278,868	211,937	205,091	196,079
FY23	170,951	116,561	129,816	163,612	181,990	165,383	202,876	216,040	292,662	277,955	200,691	187,999



**FY26 BUDGET REPORT (PERIOD 08):**

Report ID: FIN-BA-MC010	Budget to Actual	Page 1 of 1
Run Date: 03/13/2026	by Department, Fund and Appropriation Unit Group	
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Dept	Dept Name	Fund	Fund Name	Approp Group	Approp Group Name	Revised Revenue	Actual Revenue	Revenue Variance	Revised Expenditures	Actual Expenditures	Expenditure Variance	Budgeted Structure Balance	Actual Structural Balance	Structural Balance Variance
D300	Parks and Rec	225	Spr Cross Ranch	NRNP	NonRecr NonPrijt	\$0		\$0	\$33,336		\$33,336			\$33,336
D300	Parks and Rec	225	Spr Cross Ranch	OPER	Operating	\$227,227	\$142,013.52	(\$85,213)	\$231,262	\$198,471	\$32,791	(\$33,336)	(\$56,458)	(\$52,423)
D300	Parks and Rec	230	Parks&Rec Grant	NRNP	NonRecr NonPrijt	\$188,500		(\$188,500)	\$188,500		\$188,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
D300	Parks and Rec	239	Parks Souvenir	OPER	Operating	\$215,823	\$130,404.84	(\$85,418)	\$233,327	\$194,918	\$38,409	(\$17,504)	(\$64,513)	(\$47,009)
D300	Parks and Rec	240	Lk Plsnt Rc Svc	NRNP	NonRecr NonPrijt	\$0		\$0	\$1,153,336	\$113,957	\$1,039,379	(\$1,153,336)	(\$113,957)	\$1,039,379
D300	Parks and Rec	240	Lk Plsnt Rc Svc	OPER	Operating	\$2,647,240	\$2,025,371.60	(\$621,868)	\$3,050,627	\$2,997,793	\$52,834	(\$403,387)	(\$972,421)	(\$569,034)
D300	Parks and Rec	241	Parks Enhncmnt	NRNP	NonRecr NonPrijt	\$0		\$0	\$558,664	\$19,646	\$539,019	(\$558,664)	(\$19,646)	\$539,019
D300	Parks and Rec	241	Parks Enhncmnt	OPER	Operating	\$5,271,756	\$3,643,831.99	(\$1,627,924)	\$5,429,125	\$5,310,439	\$118,686	(\$157,369)	(\$1,666,608)	(\$1,509,239)
D300	Parks and Rec	243	Parks Donations	OPER	Operating	\$25,432	\$27,643.29	\$2,211	\$25,432	\$12,084	\$13,349	\$0	\$15,560	\$15,560
D300	Parks and Rec	243	Parks Donations	WMD3	DaisyMtnTrls	\$0		\$0	\$16,664		\$16,664	(\$16,664)	\$0	\$16,664
D300	Parks and Rec	296	Coronavirus FRF	NRNP	NonRecr NonPrijt	\$9,254,482	\$11,923,223.43	\$2,668,741	\$9,254,482	\$11,923,223	(\$2,668,741)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sum:						\$17,830,460	\$17,892,489	\$62,029	\$20,174,755	\$20,770,532	(\$595,777)	(\$2,344,295)	(\$2,878,043)	(\$533,748)

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

**Welcome/Promotions/Transfers:**

- Adrian Rodriguez – Contact Station Assistant – 1/20/2026
- Trevor Campbell – Park Supervisor – Transfer – 2/16/2026
- Blake Spanier – Park Supervisor – Promotion – 2/16/2026
- Sylvia Perkins – Accounting Specialist – 3/9/2026

**Farewells:**

- Chris Matthews – Park Supervisor – 3/15/2026
- Tammi Watkins – Park Supervisor – 3/14/2026

**Current Vacancies:**

- Park Office Assistant Specialized – Cave Creek
- Park Development Superintendent – HQ
- Trades Specialist – Maricopa Trail
- Park Maintenance Worker – McDowell
- Park Office Assistant Specialized – San Tan
- Park Planner Senior – HQ
- Contact Station Assistant – Lake Pleasant
- Park Custodian – Lake Pleasant
- Park Supervisor – Hassayampa



**PARK OPERATIONS DIVISION:**

**NATURAL RESOURCES:**

- **February**
  - Greenhouse solar was installed. Over 200 diverse seeds were planted in pots and are starting to sprout. Pavers were installed around the greenhouse and native seed garden areas to prevent trampling.



**VOLUNTEERS:**

- **Lake Pleasant**
  - Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Day volunteer cleanup with 25 volunteers.
  - BSA Troop 439 held a clean-up at Lake Pleasant on January 11 with 20 participants.
- **Usery**
  - Trail Life Troop 2717 performed a service project with approximately 50 volunteers, helping to pick litter on the far East Side of the park.

**Hours (FY26 through February)**

TOTAL Volunteer Hours, by month	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD Total
FY26 - All Hours	3,343	3,396	4,395	7,840	11,072	12,486	13,492	13,251	0	0	0	0	69,275
FY25 - All Hours	3,701	3,338	4,187	6,273	10,495	11,605	12,687	11,011	12,437	9,070	5,298	3,542	63,297
FY24 - All Hours	3,759	4,148	4,158	7,290	10,170	11,379	12,796	11,492	12,023	7,957	5,319	4,409	65,192

Financial Impact of Volunteers, by Month	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD Total
FY26 Financial Impact	\$111,957	\$113,732	\$147,189	\$262,562	\$370,801	\$418,156	\$451,847	\$443,776	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,320,020
FY25 Financial Impact	\$123,946	\$111,790	\$140,223	\$210,083	\$351,478	\$388,651	\$424,888	\$368,758	\$416,515	\$303,754	\$177,430	\$118,622	\$2,119,817
FY24 Financial Impact	\$119,536	\$131,906	\$132,224	\$231,822	\$323,406	\$361,852	\$406,913	\$365,446	\$382,331	\$253,033	\$169,144	\$140,206	\$2,073,106

**TRADES:**

- **January**
  - Completed 13 of 18 work orders.
  - Completed 48 of 51 - 811 ticket requests.



- **February**

- Received 35 - 811 ticket requests.
- Completed 16 of 24 work orders.
- Installed interpretive/educational kiosk at Goldmine Trailhead in San Tan.
- Rewired and replaced floats for the septic system at Hassayampa.

**TRAILS:**

- **Maricopa Trail**

- Prepped and made minor repairs to various sections of the 32 miles of trail for the Prickly Pedal Race on February 1, 2026.
- Installed pipe rail fence around Sun Valley Parkway Trailhead.

- **Usery**

- Merkle Trail Repairs Project scheduled February 12 through March 12, 2026 - 14 of 16 culverts and several French drains have been installed to control water flows and erosion issues.

- **Training**

- Twenty-two staff members participated in Trails 101, a virtual training session that provided a general overview of trail maintenance.
- Fifteen staff members participated in Trails 102, part two of the trail maintenance series, geared toward providing hands-on training and real-world examples.



**DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:**

- **White Tank**

- Three new chilled-water drinking fountains with bottle fillers and dog bowls were installed at Areas 4, 6, and 7.



- **Desert Outdoor Center**

- Courtyard Drainage Repairs - Two downspouts and drains were installed to collect and divert rainwater to an underground piping system that discharges into the surrounding native desert areas, preventing erosion and other related issues.



## **DESERT OUTDOOR CENTER (DOC) AT LAKE PLEASANT:**

- **Maintenance**

- Final repairs were completed on the HVAC/Chiller control software.



- **Programs:**

- **DOC programs:** 6 schools with 594 students.
- **Park programs:** 95 programs to 1,060 participants.

## **ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK:**

- **Maintenance**

- **Boundary Fencing Project:** Lake Pleasant and Estrella Maintenance teams collaborated to construct boundary fencing for an area that has been heavily trespassed upon along the Junior National Golf Course.
- **Petroglyph Graffiti Removal:** Hassayampa River Preserve Park Supervisor and Estrella Mountain Regional Park Supervisor and Maintenance team collaborated with the City of Phoenix and the Arizona State Parks and Trails Site Steward Coordinator to remove graffiti from a petroglyph panel.



- **Events**

- January 17: Aravaipa Coldwater Rumble drew 600 runners and over 100 spectators.
- January 23: Mountain Bike Association Arizona Hedgehog Hustle drew 603 cyclists and over 100 spectators.



### **HASSAYAMPA RIVER PRESERVE:**

- **Events**
  - Maricopa County Board of Supervisors – Vice Chair Debbie Lesko, toured the park and recorded video footage highlighting the Hassayampa River Preserve.
  - Arizona State University Assistant Professor, Dr. Liza Roger, and her class visited to explore the preserve and will report back insights into the ecosystem and overall health of the Preserve.

### **LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK:**

- **Maintenance**
  - Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), and Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department (MCPRD) staff assessed roads at Sunset Ridge, Sun Fish Lane, and Desert Tortoise to plan repairs.
- **Training**
  - Bureau of Reclamation Archeologist Jessica Axsom provided in-depth training on cultural resource field practices to 20 staff members from Lake Pleasant, Desert Outdoor Center, Estrella Mountain Regional Park, Westside Superintendent, and Bureau of Reclamation staff.
- **Conservation**
  - The Arizona Game and Fish Department will provide funding for signage and buoys in the coming months to help support the Bald Eagle Closure efforts.

### **MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK:**

- **Projects**
  - Survey marking started for power lines into the south loop campsites.
- **Trails**
  - Trail Blazer organization from Fountain Hills received trail training and performed trail work in the Dixie Mine area.

### **SPUR CROSS RANCH CONSERVATION AREA:**

- **Events**
  - The 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area was held on January 9, 2026, and was attended by approximately 150 people.
  - The Prickly Pedal Mountain Bike Race took place on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, with nearly 200 riders participating.

### **WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK:**

- **Projects**
  - In January and February, MCDOT crack-sealed all of the roads.
- **Events**
  - The annual open house event on February 21 was attended by 261 park visitors.

