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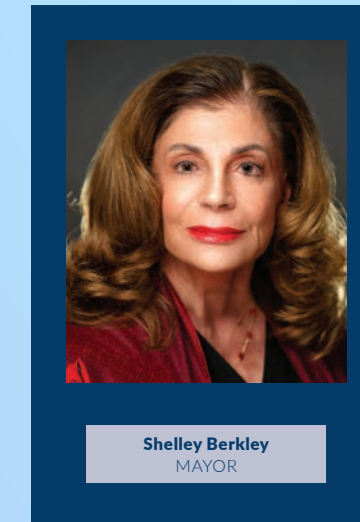


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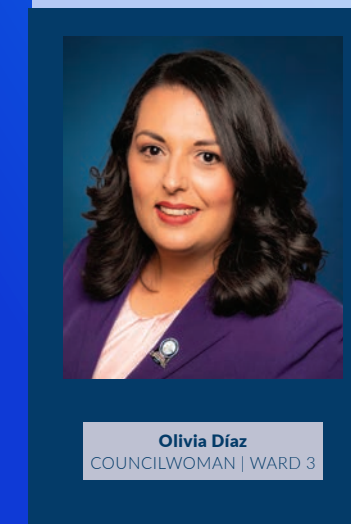
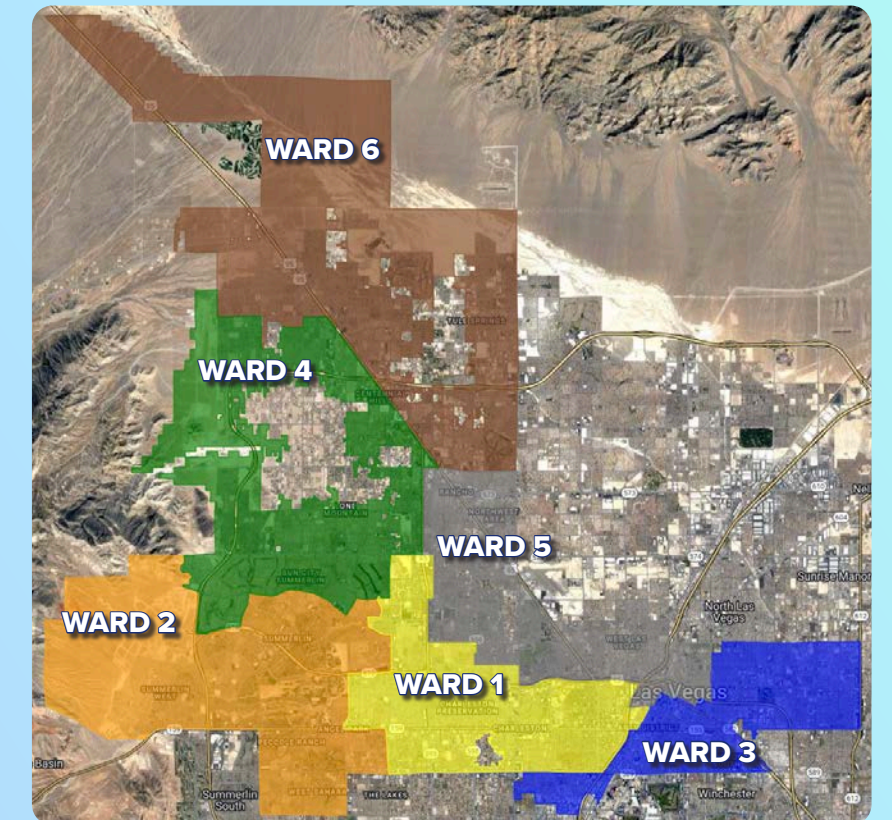
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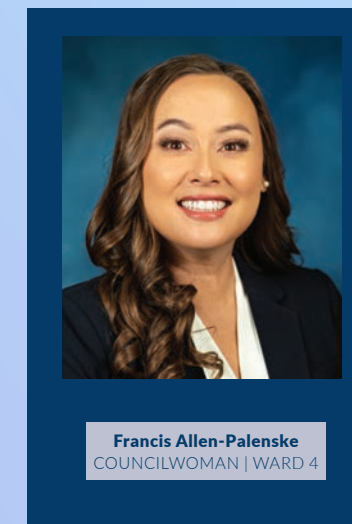
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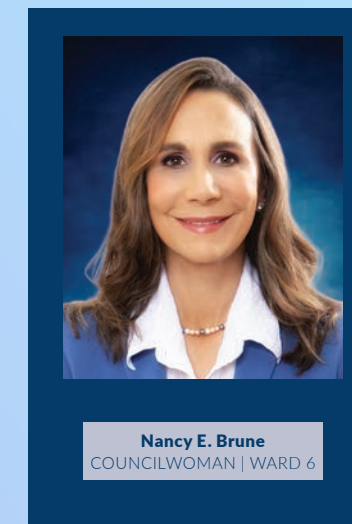
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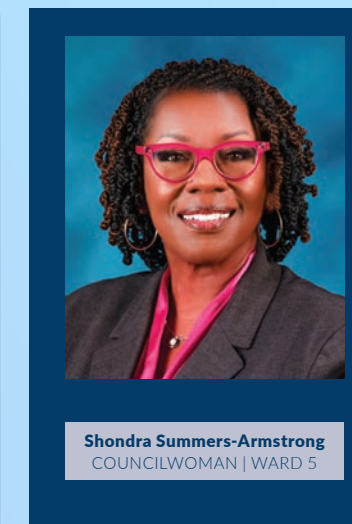
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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



The last time this department issued an annual report was in 2020, during the height of the pandemic. In the years since, we have experienced a remarkable period of growth that has placed our department on a truly positive trajectory.

One of the most significant milestones has been the reunification of our three divisions of Parks and Grounds Maintenance, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs after 20 years of operating in different departments of the city organization. This reunification has sparked new energy and collaborations, enabling us to work more efficiently and holistically, especially in coordinating special events and optimizing use of the city's sports fields.

The city's investment in the arts has also expanded in extraordinary ways. We have opened a brand-new performance stage at Carolyn G. Goodman Plaza, opened a 2,400 square-foot art gallery, installed 17 new artworks in Civic Center Building A, and advanced plans for two large-scale public art projects. Our three Arts and Culture Summits have brought together a vibrant cross-section of the creative community, further strengthening Las Vegas's reputation as a city that values and supports the arts.

At the same time, we've built new parks and revitalized older ones. We've made facility improvements to our recreation centers and offered programming that reflects the needs and character of the communities we serve. We've balanced league play with tournaments on our sports fields, allowing us to serve the sizable and diverse youth and adult sports community in Southern Nevada. Through it all, we've remained fiscally responsible, carefully managing resources in light of the city's broader budgetary challenges, including those related to the Badlands lawsuit.

Most importantly, we continue to serve our residents and visitors with pride. Nearly half a million people badge into our facilities each year, and according to Placer.ai, more than 14 million visits are made annually to 60 of our 87 parks. These numbers speak to the enduring importance of what we do.

If the pandemic taught us anything, it's that parks, recreation and culture are not luxuries. They are essential to our physical, mental and emotional well-being. I could not agree more.

With gratitude,

Maggie Plaster

Maggie Plaster

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DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

City of Las Vegas Core Purpose: Building Community to Make Life Better

City of Las Vegas Values: Kind, Committed, Smart

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Vision: Passionate and competent Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs staff will deliver exceptional programs, events, parks and facilities that are widely recognized and utilized by the community, ensuring an improved quality of life for all Las Vegas residents.

- \$76 Million Budget For Fiscal Year 2026
 - Δ \$67 million – general fund
 - Δ \$8.9 Million – special revenue (including grants)
- 230+ Full Time Employees
- 500+ Hourly Employees
- 87 Parks
- 40,000 Trees In Inventory
- 1,787 Acres
- 258 Picnic Shelters
- 44 Playgrounds, 80 Restrooms
- 177 Sports Fields (Including 54 Baseball Fields, 22 Multi-Use Fields, 9 Football Fields, 52 Soccer Fields, 7 Lacrosse Fields, 33 Synthetic Fields)
- 217 Trail Miles
- 8 Recreation Centers
- 1 Adaptive Recreation Center
- 3 Active Adults Centers
- 3 Cultural Centers
- 2 Year-Round Pools and 4 Seasonal Pools



LEADERSHIP



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ORGANIZATION

Administration

The Administration Division is responsible for overseeing a range of operational and strategic functions within the department. The division supports the department by providing financial guidance and oversight, maintaining software systems, ensuring adherence to organizational policies and procedures and facilitating communication across divisions.

- Budget and Pricing
- Contracts and Grants
- HR Recruitment
- Policies and Procedures
- Technical Support and Training

Cultural Affairs

The Cultural Affairs division focuses on enriching the community through arts and cultural programs. This includes performing arts, public art initiatives, gallery exhibitions, festivals and special events.

- Performing Arts and Arts Education
- Public Art and Galleries Program
- Council and Special Events
- Rentals and Reservations



Recreation

The Recreation division offers a variety of recreational and aquatics programs designed to keep residents of all ages and abilities active and engaged. Additionally, our Municipal Sports Unit manages sports field permitting, league play and tournaments to provide organized and accessible athletic opportunities for the community.

- Adaptive Recreation Program
- Active Adult/Senior Citizens Program
- Aquatics Program
- Citywide Sports Program
- Youth Programs/Summer Camp
Fitness Rooms/Classes

Parks and Grounds Maintenance

The Parks and Grounds Maintenance division is essential for maintaining the city's outdoor spaces, ensuring parks, sports fields, and dog parks are clean and well-kept for the public to enjoy. This division also cares for the city's urban tree canopy as well as the infrastructure and amenities within our parks.

- Park and Field Maintenance
- Urban Forestry
- Tree Nursery
- Trades Unit





STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In October 2024, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs launched a comprehensive strategic planning initiative, supported by the Strategic Services team. This effort began with a department-wide collaborative workshop involving representatives from all major divisions, during which a detailed SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis was conducted. The session served as a catalyst for a series of structured conversations to chart the department's path forward.

Our Shared Vision

Passionate and competent Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs staff will deliver exceptional programs, events, parks, and facilities that are widely recognized and utilized by the community, ensuring an improved quality of life for all Las Vegas residents.

To bring this vision to life, the department has identified three strategic priorities:

1. Train and Empower Staff
2. Standardize Practices Across the Department
3. Deliver the Highest Quality Services Possible

Priority 1: Train and Empower Staff

Objective 1: Establish clear expectations for job roles applicable to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

Objective 2: Develop and implement a comprehensive training program (in-house, offsite, etc.) that supports career development of staff.

Objective 3: Develop and implement a new groundskeeper job classification for Parks and Grounds Maintenance.

Priority 2: Standardize Practices Across the Department

Objective 1: Develop and implement standardized procedures for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs' most common processes.

Objective 2: Achieve and sustain CAPRA (Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies) accreditation for operational excellence.

Priority 3: Deliver Highest Quality Services Possible

Objective 1: Maximize the utilization of all recreation and cultural programs and facilities.

Objective 2: Ensure all special events meet established quality standards

Objective 3: Effectively communicate our high-quality services to the community.

Objective 4: Fully implement Cityworks software and ensure staff are educated about how the software benefits the Parks and Grounds Maintenance division.

Objective 5: Collaborate with Public Works to renovate facilities, ensuring they meet both current and future department and community needs.

This strategic framework will strengthen the department's internal capacity, streamline operations, and amplify the impact of our services for the benefit of the Las Vegas community.



DEPARTMENT MILESTONE

On Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024, our department proudly celebrated its 75th anniversary at Lorenzi Park. The celebration drew an estimated 500 attendees from across the community, highlighting the longstanding impact of our programs and services.

Founded in 1949 as the Department of Leisure Services, our department is one of the city's oldest departments. Over the years, it has played a crucial role in enriching our quality of life. We maintain the city's 87 parks and green spaces while also offering a wide array of recreational and cultural activities that cater to all ages, interests, and abilities, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to have fun!

Throughout the day, live performances and demonstrations were led by our Recreation and Cultural Affairs teams, offering a showcase of ongoing and upcoming programming. Activities were designed to be inclusive and family-friendly, encouraging participation from residents of all ages.

A highlight of the day was the ceremonial renaming of the Lorenzi Tennis Center to the Marty Hennessy Tennis Center. This honor recognized Mr. Hennessy's exceptional service to youth in underserved communities through the Inspiring Children Foundation, which integrates tennis with life-skills education and mental wellness support. His work has impacted thousands of young people over the years.





OPENING OF CIVIC PLAZA

The Las Vegas Civic Center and Carolyn G. Goodman Plaza officially opened on Sept. 4, 2025. This \$190 million development includes a new plaza that serves as a gathering space for community events, art exhibitions, and cultural activities. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs will be responsible for programming the plaza as well as the new 2,400-square-foot gallery.





ADMINISTRATION

BIG LEAGUE DREAMS SPORTS PARK: NEW OPERATOR AND PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

Since its opening in 2010, Big League Dreams Sports Park has been a valued community asset, featuring six professionally designed baseball and softball fields with stadium-style features that have served thousands of athletes and families.

This year, ownership of the park transitioned to Sandlot Youth Sports Holdings, LLC, which has acquired the operating contract and committed to investing \$2 million in improvements over the first 18 months of their stewardship.

Planned enhancements include:

- Re-turfing of all playing fields
- Increased community engagement through local programming
- Free youth clinics
- Quarterly community events

These improvements are designed to elevate the overall quality of the facility and reinforce the City's mission to provide accessible, high-quality recreational services to all residents. We are excited about this renewed investment and its potential to strengthen community ties and expand opportunities for youth and families throughout the area.

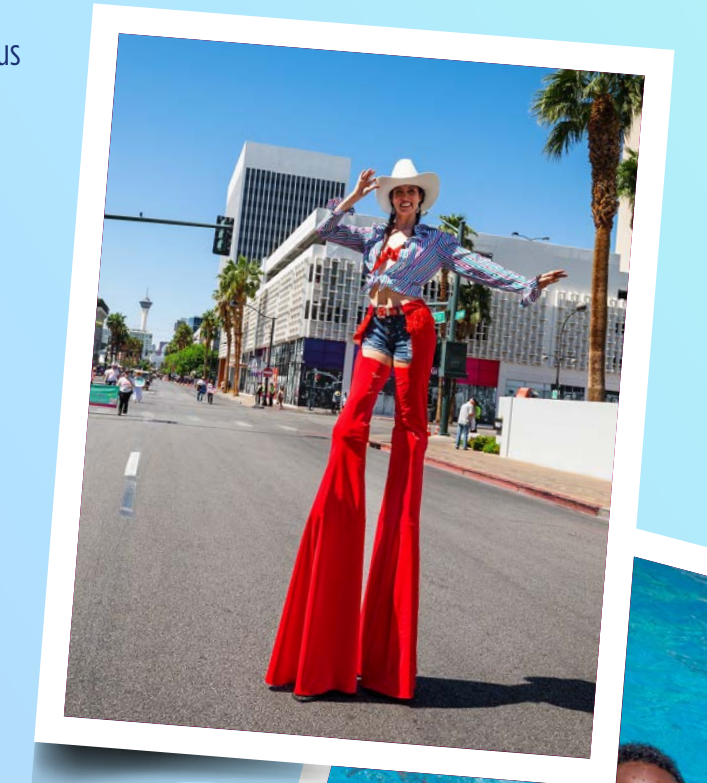




COMMUNITY IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2025, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs executed several agreements and partnerships across various programs. Here's a breakdown:

- ❖ **Performing Arts, Teaching Artists, Author & Public Art:**
 - 295 agreements supporting local artists, performances, and public art projects.
- ❖ **Visual Art – Gallery Loans:**
 - 279 agreements for gallery loans, allowing artwork to be displayed in various public spaces.
- ❖ **Facility Use:**
 - 29 agreements for the use of community parks, recreation centers and other facilities.
- ❖ **Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs):**
 - 4 MOUs signed with community and organizational partners, including:
 - o Girl Scouts/Scouting America
 - o UNLV School of Medicine (2)
 - o City of the World
 - o Farmer's Market
- ❖ **Community Partnerships:**
 - 4 partnerships with local organizations to enhance community programs, including:
 - o Las Vegas Raiders
 - o Get Outdoors Nevada
 - o First Friday
 - o Sandpipers of Nevada
- ❖ **Sports Park Operators:**
 - 3 agreements with sports facilities, including:
 - o Big League Dreams
 - o Darling Tennis Center
 - o Marty Hennessy Tennis Center





CULTURAL AFFAIRS

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Throughout Fiscal Year 2025, the Public Art and Gallery Program delivered a wide range of projects and exhibitions that celebrated local and regional artists and made art more accessible to both Las Vegas residents and visitors. These initiatives support our commitment to beautifying our shared spaces and increasing community engagement through art.

Below is an overview of the completed public art projects and gallery exhibitions from July 2024 through June 2025:

Ward 1

- AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Project - Budget: \$7,325 | 2 local artists commissioned
- Celebrating Life! 2025 Exhibition - Budget: \$10,500 | 187 local artists exhibited
- Vacancy Exhibition - Budget: \$500 | 2 local artists exhibited
- Veterans Arts Exhibition - Budget: \$500 | 19 local artists exhibited

Ward 3

- African American Heritage Exhibition - Budget: \$1,500 | 9 local artists exhibited
- Creativity is the New Formula for Life Exhibition - Budget: \$2,500 | 10 local artists, 4 national artists, and 14 international artists exhibited
- Civic Center Building Artwork Purchase - Budget: \$75,000 | 12 local artists, 1 national artist commissioned
- Civic Center Building Interior Artwork Project - Budget: \$100,000 | 3 local artists, 1 national artist commissioned
- Liberty Bell Restoration - Budget: \$69,280
- Lunar New Year Exhibition - Budget: \$500 | 62 local artists exhibited
- Mexican Mythologies Exhibition - Budget: \$500 | 21 local artists exhibited
- Miguel Rodriguez: All Outta Bubblegum Exhibition - Budget: \$500 | 1 local artist exhibited
- Neon Museum Cirque du Soleil Exhibition - Budget: \$300 with a \$30,000 grant from the Las Vegas Centennial Commission



Public Employee Art Exhibition - Budget: \$500 | 42 local artists exhibited

The Showgirl Museum Exhibition - Budget: \$12,207

Windows on First: Bailey Anderson - Budget: \$4,000 | 1 local artist commissioned

Windows on First: Sara Odam - Budget: \$4,000 | 1 local artist commissioned

Ward 4

Southern Nevada Law Enforcement Memorial Restoration - Budget: \$69,000

Ward 5

Historic Westside Legacy Park Honoree Plaques - Budget: \$9,180

Historic Westside Legacy Park Honoree Paintings - Budget: \$5,000 | 1 local artist commissioned

Berkley Square Banner Replacement - Budget: \$5,000

Contemporary Public Art Project: Bek+Col Rainbow Flora - Budget: \$10,000 | 2 national artists commissioned

Totals: \$387,792 | 373 Local Artists



SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Engagement through Council and Citywide Events

Council and citywide events play an important role in building community and neighborhood pride. In Fiscal Year 2025, these events provided residents across all wards with opportunities to come together, whether to celebrate, securely dispose of documents and medication, or build partnerships with local organizations and businesses.

The continued investment in these events reflects our department's commitment to supporting our mayor and councilmembers and improving the lives of Las Vegas residents through community engagement.

In Fiscal Year 2025, a total of 507 council and citywide events were held across all wards:

- Mayor – 3 events
- Ward 1 – 47 events
- Ward 2 – 51 events
- Ward 3 – 76 events
- Ward 4 – 59 events
- Ward 5 – 29 events
- Ward 6 – 108 events

Additional Highlights for Fiscal Year 2025:

- 490 citywide special event permits issued
- 194 film permits issued
- 504 park special event permits issued





RECREATION

CORPORATE CHALLENGE

Since 1986, Corporate Challenge has provided a dynamic and healthy platform for local companies and their employees to stay active, engaged and connected within the Las Vegas community. In a time when unity and wellness are more important than ever, the event continues to offer opportunities for camaraderie and teamwork across a wide range of competitive activities.

Corporate Challenge promotes company pride and corporate wellness while fostering morale among employees. With 38 different events, there is something for every skill level and interest, making participation inclusive and family-friendly. Family members often join in the experience—helping train, supporting from the sidelines, or simply enjoying the festive environment.

As Nevada’s largest amateur sporting event, Corporate Challenge brings together more than 75 companies from across the Las Vegas Valley, including major employers and small businesses alike.



	2023	2024	2025
Number of Participants	7,106	9,694	10,249
Number of Spectators	4,145	5,017	7,799
Participating Organizations	39	54	55
Volunteer Hours by Companies	330.92	559.3	576.26

MASTERLOCK

Smart Lock Pilot Program: Making Our Parks Safer and More Efficient

In an effort to improve safety, reduce costs, and make it easier for our sports teams and staff to access fields when they need them, in August 2024, PRC installed smart locks at the following sports complexes:

- Bettye Wilson
- Ed Fountain
- Hadland
- Kellogg Zaher
- Majestic
- Mountain Ridge

These parks host a wide range of sports like baseball, softball, soccer, and football.

Why Switch to Smart Locks?

- Save Time & Money: No more lost keys or changing lock codes
- Better Security: Only approved people can unlock gates using an app
- Track Access: We can see who accessed a site and when
- Mobile Friendly: Staff can lock or unlock gates with a smartphone
- No More Combinations: Less time spent on maintenance

We're excited to bring this new technology to more parks to better serve our community and keep our facilities secure and efficient.



DEPARTMENT AWARDS

2025 NEVADA RECREATION AND PARK SOCIETY AWARDS

NRPS Awards are presented to individuals and agencies to recognize their professional and personal efforts in the fields of parks and recreation.

Program of Excellence Award Winners

- Adaptive Recreation Outdoor Adventure Hikes
- Adaptive Drama Club
- East Las Vegas Fall Festival
- Adaptive Cycling

Elmer H. Anderson Park Excellence

- Historic Westside Legacy Park

Silver State Legacy Park Award

- Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs





PARKS AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

CITYWORKS IMPLEMENTATION

In Fiscal Year 2025, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department began implementing Cityworks, a powerful asset and work management system designed to improve efficiency, organization, and accountability across all park and green space maintenance operations.

Cityworks introduces a centralized work order request system for Parks and Grounds Maintenance staff, ensuring all tasks are logged with essential details, including descriptions, exact locations, and required materials. This shift reduces redundancy, prevents task duplication, and ensures 100 percent traceability of maintenance activities.

Benefits:

- **Improved Workflow Management:** The centralized platform enables teams to prioritize tasks in real-time, reducing response times, and eliminating unplanned downtime.
- **Data-Driven Reporting:** Cityworks provides automated reporting on completed work, inspections, and safety checks, ensuring that we remain fully compliant with local and state safety and regulatory requirements.
- **Predictive Maintenance Insights:** The system tracks historical work order data, helping identify recurring issues, seasonal trends and equipment performance patterns. This data will support more informed resource planning and preventative maintenance scheduling.

Cityworks represents a major step forward in modernizing our department's maintenance operations, enabling us to:

- Enhance accountability and visibility across teams
- Ensure regulatory compliance through better documentation
- Support data-informed decision-making for future planning

Assist our department in maintaining the high standards of service delivery that the Las Vegas community expects and deserves.

GROWING A GREENER LAS VEGAS

We're proud to share that in 2024, we planted 1,023 new trees across the city and we're not slowing down. By the end of 2025, we expect to reach nearly 1,000 more, helping to grow a healthier, cooler, and more beautiful Las Vegas.

Our department manages two tree nurseries, each able to hold around 2,500 trees at any given time, with inventory rotating based on planting seasons, tree species, and community needs. We've also teamed up with the Nevada Division of Forestry at Floyd Lamb Park, where 1,500 young trees are being grown just for us. This partnership ensures we always have strong, healthy trees ready to plant. Looking ahead, we've set an ambitious goal: plant over 60,000 trees by 2050, focusing especially on neighborhoods most affected by the urban heat island effect. We're also working with the Mayor's Fund for Las Vegas LIFE to bring even more large-scale tree planting projects to life. Together, we're building a greener future one tree at a time.



COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS

As we reflect on the progress made in the past year, we are proud to present the completion of a significant number of capital improvement and projects that have transformed our green and community spaces. We look forward to the continued growth and development of our community as we embark on the next phase of park projects that will further elevate the spaces we all share.





WARD 1

Aloha Shores Park Tennis Courts

Repaired major cracks and resurfaced the court to improve safety and playability.

Coleman Park

Remodeled the playground for ages 2–5 with new swings and surfacing and upgraded the walking track with new rubber material.

Cragin Park

Cragin Park completed a full \$10.8 million renovation, including two new synthetic turf soccer fields, expanded natural turf areas, a baseball field with new lighting and amphitheater seating, and kinetic playground structures. Additional upgrades include sports lighting, fencing, signage, landscaping, a drinking fountain, picnic areas, trash enclosure, and a perimeter walking path.

On the Horizon

Ansan Sister Park

Rehabilitation includes removal and infill of the existing volleyball area, installation of new shade structures, updated site furnishings, and enhanced landscaping with upgraded irrigation. Additional improvements include replacing a section of sidewalk with a walking trail surface, upgrading site lighting to energy-efficient LED fixtures, and replacing the playground equipment and surfacing with new, modern features.

Bettye Wilson Sports Complex – West

The city of Las Vegas was awarded a \$19 million grant through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act to develop four synthetic soccer fields, along with supporting amenities.

Bob Baskin Park

Scheduled upgrades include resurfacing of the tennis and pickleball courts, handball court resurfacing in response to community feedback, and necessary repairs to the splash pad.

Charleston Heights Arts Center Overhaul

Initial funding was secured to begin renovations of the theater.

Essex Circle Park Skate Park

Planned improvements include the installation of a skate park, and the potential addition of a public art mural.

Gene Genie by Wayne Littlejohn

Installed this public art sculpture near the entrance to the UNLV Dental School on Shadow Lane, enhancing the area with a dynamic and engaging visual presence.

Star Child by Mark Brandvik

Installed at the northeast corner of Wellness Way and Shadow Lane, this towering sculpture stands over 7 feet tall. More than a landmark, Star Child serves as a source of inspiration, symbolically marking the intersection with creativity and imagination.

Firefighters Memorial Dog Park

Planned construction of a new three-section dog park, designed to accommodate small, medium, and large dogs. The addition will enhance the park's amenities and provide a dedicated, safe space for off-leash recreation and socialization for dogs and their owners.

Finding Your Wings by Matthew Murphy

This mural project is currently in progress and will be painted on the exterior of Mirabelli Community Center, adding a colorful and uplifting visual element to the facility.

Rancho Oakey Dog Park

A new dog park will be constructed at the corner of Rancho Drive and Oakey Boulevard. The facility is scheduled to open in 2026 and will serve as a dedicated neighborhood space for pet owners and their dogs.

The Healer by Luis Varela-Rico

This public art project is currently in contract negotiations and is planned for installation in the open “porkchop” area near Pinto Lane and South Martin Luther King Boulevard.



WARD 2

Kellogg-Zaher Playground

Fully replaced main playground with new equipment for both 2–5 and 5–12 age groups, as well as ADA-accessible features, including a merry-go-round and a seesaw/rocker.

Veterans Memorial Community Center Improvements

Installed an outdoor, multi-sport fenced area, providing flexible space for programs and community use. Relocated the front desk to the staff office area to improve collaboration and enhance customer service. Fully renovated the facility's bathrooms.

Veterans Memorial Park

Completed significant repairs on both baseball fields with major fence restoration and enhancements to the infields and outfields. Converted the grass on the south side to a dog park.

On the Horizon

Hualapai Canyon Trailhead Environmental Public Art Project

This project is currently in the artist selection phase with plans to integrate environmentally-themed public art into the trailhead area.

Kellogg-Zaher Sports Complex Expansion

This project will design a new synthetic turf soccer field, a shaded special event plaza, a new fitness court, and additional parking.

Poet's Walk Park

This project will transform 24 acres of undeveloped land at the Angel Park Detention Basin into a passive-use park and will include trailheads with connections to the existing Angel Park Trail.

Regional Aquatic Complex

A total of \$19 million (\$9 million from SNPLMA, \$10 million in city funds has been secured for the construction of a 50-meter by 25-yard competitive pool. The facility will also include dedicated training spaces for lifeguard certification and other aquatic programs.



WARD 3

Las Vegas Civic Center and Carolyn G. Goodman Plaza Complex

Las Vegas Civic Center and Carolyn G. Goodman Plaza officially opened following a \$190 million construction project. The complex spans approximately 140,000 square feet and includes a state-of-the-art event space, public plaza, and supporting infrastructure. Designed for flexibility and community use, the project emphasizes accessibility, sustainability, and downtown revitalization.

Stewart Place Park

Completely remodeled the playground, removed sand, and installed a new play structure for ages 5–12, an Eclipse rope climber, a swing set and a Cascade climber.

On the Horizon

Arts District Garage Mural Project

This project will commission an artist to create a permanent mural on the west-facing wall of the new Arts District parking garage.

Boulder Plaza Sculpture Project – The Seed by Randy Mendre

This public art project will be located at Boulder Plaza, and the design pays tribute to the origins of the 18b Arts District. Contract was awarded to CR2, and completion is expected in fall 2026.

East Las Vegas Family Dog Park

Construction has begun on a new dog park including three fenced dog runs, each with landscaping, lighting, shade structure, seating, dog waterers, concrete walkways and a perimeter fence. Completion is expected in July 2026.

Freedom Park

This project will replace the 50-year-old restroom adjacent to the Mojave parking lot, install a new mural on the replacement facility, as well as a new splash pad and sand volleyball courts with an adjacent shade pavilion.

3 on Main

Completed installation of three public art sculptures along Main Street, featuring works by artists Vezun, David Fay and Luis Varela-Rico. The installations enhance the streetscape with diverse artistic expressions.

Harmonic Ascension by Cliff Garten Studio

Set to be installed in Carolyn G. Goodman Plaza, this is the largest public art commission ever funded by the city. Fabrication is currently underway, with installation on track for spring 2026.

Historic Fifth Street School Auditorium Upgrades

This project will improve the auditorium acoustics and lighting by removing and replacing east and west wall-mounted sound panels, installing a curtain on the south wall to enhance sound quality, and upgrading the lighting system.

Stupak Community Center Mural Project

This project will install a large-scale mural at the Stupak Community Center, which will bring color and vibrancy to this active hub within the Gateway District.

The Night We Met by Krystal Ramirez

The first sculpture installed in Carolyn G. Goodman Plaza and a touching tribute to the rich history of Las Vegas, the piece creates a powerful dialogue between past and present, reflecting the city's evolving narrative. Through its thoughtful design, the sculpture invites viewers to engage with the cultural fabric of Las Vegas in a deeply meaningful way.



WARD 4

Cimarron Rose Park

Added a new pickleball court surface, resurfaced the basketball and four-square courts, and installed a Gaga ball pit and a security fence.

Police Memorial Park

Renovation included the addition of four new pickleball courts, an expanded parking area, and a new play structure designed for ages 2–5.

Skyridge Park

Removed an outdated playground and unsafe rubber surfacing and installed a new playground and safer rubber surface.

YMCA Durango Hills Pool Area

Removed a large area of grass and replaced with artificial turf and a rubber/rock mix for a more sustainable and attractive landscape; releveled, replastered and retitled of the existing pool; pool deck upgrades; and pool mechanical room upgrades..

On the Horizon

Cimarron Rose Community Center Mural Project

An artist will create a vibrant mural along the exterior walls of the Cimarron Rose Community Center.

Mountain Ridge Park Improvements

Proposed project improvements include enhanced pedestrian access, a calibrated walking/jogging path, shade shelters over baseball field bleachers, outfield and spectator netting between fields, conversion of bullpens into batting cages, field repairs, and protective armor at pitching mounds and batter's boxes.

Nevada State Veterans Memorial Relocation

The memorial, which includes 14 sculptures represented as 18 individual pieces, will be relocated from the Grant Sawyer Building (555 E. Washington Ave.) to Thunderbird Park (6105 N. Durango Drive), a city of Las Vegas–owned and managed facility.

Wayne Bunker Park Pickleball Complex

A combined \$12 million in Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act and city funds has been allocated for the development of 24 courts, a support building, and parking on a currently vacant parcel at the south end of Wayne Bunker Park.



WARD 5

Children's Memorial Park

One new playground for ages 2–5 and a fitness court were installed.

Doolittle Active Adult Center

Completed several interior upgrades, including a fully renovated kitchen with new flooring, updated flooring in the fitness room, fresh paint, new cabinets and bathroom improvements throughout.

Historic Westside Education and Training Center

Striving Populace (sculpture) and Striving (mural) by Adolfo Gonzalez

This public art installation complements a new facility designed to serve as a hub for workforce education in Las Vegas' Westside.

On the Horizon

Doolittle Active Adult Center Vestibule Replacement

Renovations will include the addition of an ADA-compliant vestibule with automatic doors, providing improved access for individuals with limited mobility.

Doolittle Pool Mural Project

An artist will create a large-scale mural to transform the brick wall surrounding the Doolittle Pool.

Ethel Pearson Park

Renovations will include fence rehabilitation, replacing old chain link with matching wrought iron fencing. Hard playing surfaces will receive new surfacing, and additional site furnishings and trees will be added to enhance the overall environment.

Lorenzi Park Pickleball Courts

This project includes the design and construction of four pickleball courts with slat privacy fencing and pathway.

Lorenzi Tennis Center

A total of \$3.2 million in Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act and city funds is being used to construct three new tennis courts and a permanent operations building. The facility will feature a full storefront, training center with locker rooms, and restrooms.

Patriot Park Splash Pad

This project includes the replacement of the existing splash pad surface and its primary play feature.

Waiting on a Light on the Corner by Sound Exchange by David Ryan.

Part of the Third Street Public Art Project, this artwork is currently underway and is scheduled for completion in spring of 2026.



WARD 6

Bradley Bridle Park

Installed a new pump in the horse corral/arena for dust control, added electrical service, and poured a new concrete pad.

Centennial Hills YMCA Pool Improvements

This \$15 million project enhanced both the indoor and outdoor swimming pools at the Centennial Hills Community Center, located at 6601 N. Buffalo Drive.

Floyd Lamb Park

Refreshed the horse corral/arena with new sand and irrigation for dust control, fence repairs, a new kick plate, horse gates and a storage shed for tools and tack.

On the Horizon

Centennial Hills Playground

This project will remove the butterfly playground, surface and splash pad and will replace it with new playground surface and splash pad.

Centennial Hills Park Tile Mural Project

Artist proposals are currently in development, with project completion anticipated in fall of 2026.

New Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Substation and City Park

A two-acre park will be built adjacent to a new Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department substation and should open in early 2027. The park will include three picnic pavilions, a skate park, walking trail and a playground. The park portion of the project is partially funded by a \$1 million donation from Green Valley Grocery.

Northwest Regional Park Phase 1A

Funded through a \$24.3 million Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act Round 19 award. A consultant has been selected, and an updated construction cost estimate has been reviewed. The project scope is currently being phased to align with available funding and development priorities.

Pop Squires Park Mural Project

An artist will create a mural on the concessions and restroom building at Pop Squires Park.

Teton Trails Park Buildout

Currently in the conceptual phase, this \$3.25 million project will develop new park infrastructure. Planned features include one synthetic multi-use field lined for 11v11 soccer, 7v7 short-sided soccer, and lacrosse; six pickleball courts; a new playground; and a new restroom building. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027.



PROGRESS TOWARD CAPRA ACCREDITATION

Our department is working toward achieving accreditation from the Commission for the Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). CAPRA Accreditation is a prestigious process that helps park and recreation agencies improve their operations by following best practices in the industry. It ensures that we maintain high standards for services and programs, benefiting not just our staff and volunteers, but the entire community.

Accreditation is available to agencies of all sizes and focuses on both quality assurance (making sure we meet high standards) and quality improvement (constantly working to do better).

Timeline for Accreditation:

- Kick-Off: January 2024
- Training Sessions: Spring 2024
- Gathering Evidence of Compliance: Summer 2024 – Present
- Verification of Compliance: Fall 2025
- Completed Accreditation File Due: December 2025
- CAPRA Site Visit: Spring 2026
- Final Accreditation Decision: September 2026

This process will ensure that we are continuously improving and delivering the best possible services to our community.



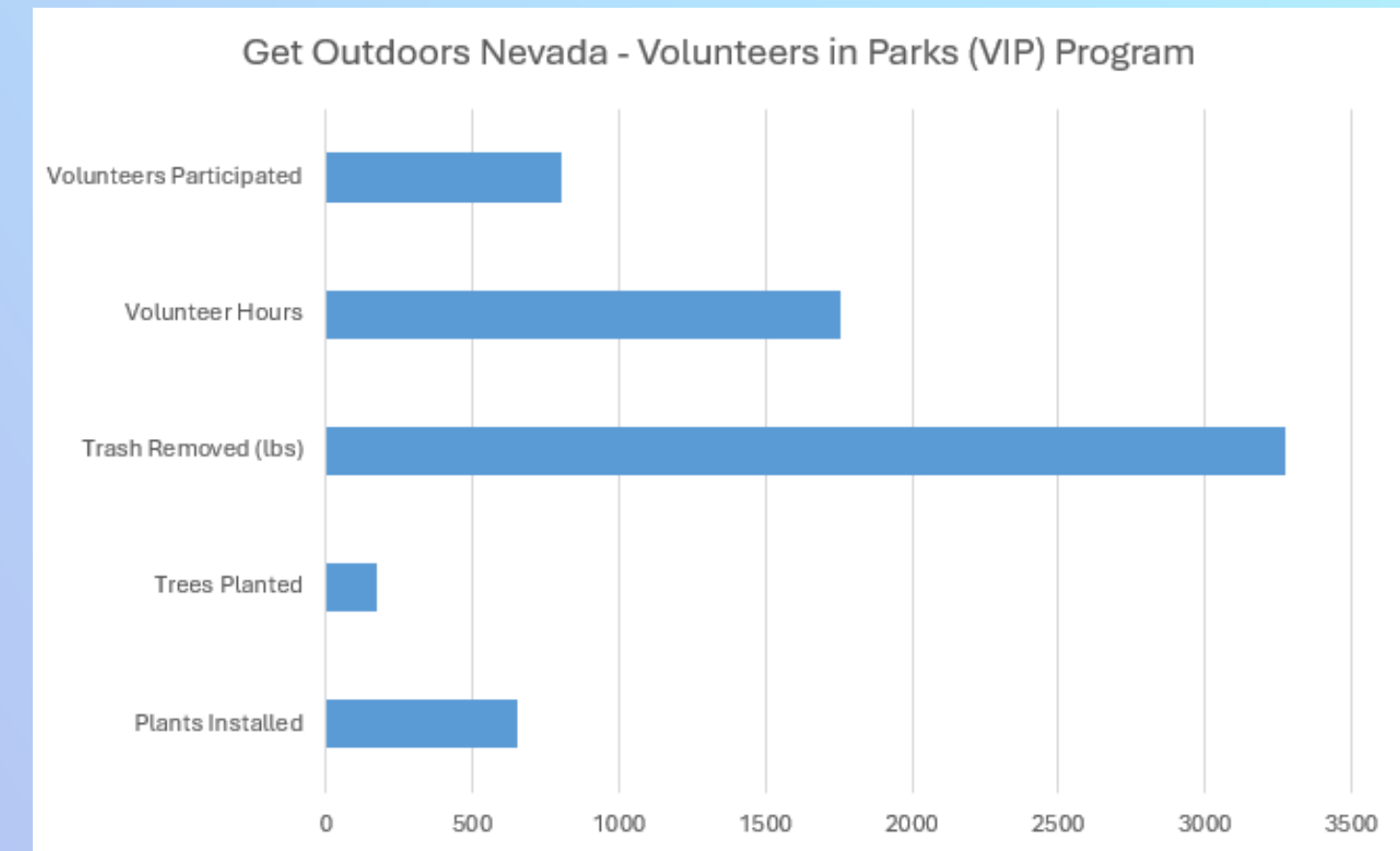


COMMUNITY PARTNERS

GET OUTDOORS NEVADA

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs collaborates closely with Get Outdoors Nevada to host clean-up events in partnership with City Council offices, build native habitats and coordinate youth programming.

As part of the Volunteers in Parks program, a total of 22 events were held during Fiscal Year 2025. These events engaged over 802 volunteers, who contributed more than 1,753 hours of service. Their efforts resulted in the removal of 3,273.6 pounds of trash, the planting of 170 trees, and the installation of 650 native plants, helping to enhance and restore our city's parks and natural spaces.





GRANTS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED

The Mayor’s Fund for Las Vegas LIFE gratefully accepted several generous donations from local community partners. These contributions will support a wide range of recreational and cultural initiatives across the city:

GRANT NAME	PERFORMANCE PERIOD	AWARD AMOUNT
Centennial Commission: FY24–25 Helldorado Parades	5/1/24 – 5/30/25	\$392,000
Outside Agency Grant : Doolittle Healthy Food Program	7/1/24 – 6/30/25	\$10,000
Outside Agency Grant: WLVA PVAC	7/1/24 – 6/30/25	\$15,000
Justice Assistance Grant: FY22–23 WLVA PVAC	7/1/24 – 6/30/25	\$30,000
NRPA Youth Coach Training	5/1/25 – 7/31/25	\$2,500
Float Like a Duck	6/1/25 – 8/31/25	\$5,000
NV Vets Adaptive Grant	9/30/24 – 9/30/25	\$6,500
Impact NV Tree Initiative	10/4/23 – 10/4/25	\$140,150
Arbor Day Foundation w/Draft Kings	10/23/25	\$18,750
Move United Adaptive Wheelchair Football Tournaments	6/1/25 – 12/1/25	\$32,000
SNICC Toddler Swim Grant	5/1/25 – 12/31/25	\$2,500
Stupak Donation	N/A	\$8,250
NRPA Mentoring	TBD	\$50,000
Outside Agency Grant: WLVA PVAC	7/1/25 – 6/30/26	\$20,000
Centennial Commission: FY26–28 Helldorado Parades	5/1/26 – 5/30/28	\$607,500
Justice Assistance Grant: FY23-24 WLVA PVAC	TBD	\$30,335.70
Justice Assistance Grant: FY24-25 WLVA PVAC	TBD	\$13,457
Community Development Tree Initiative	TBD	\$5,000,000
Mayor’s Fund: Public Art	N/A	\$30,461
Mayor’s Fund Community Healing Garden	N/A	\$19,336.28
Mayor’s Fund: Tree Initiative	N/A	\$148,817
Nevada Arts Council		\$7,000





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