

WALK THE WALK WITH JACK WELCH

Schedule for the FOUR DAYS OF THANKSGIVING through NEW YEAR'S DAY - SATURDAY 1 JANUARY 2017

Please remember - during the snow season we never expect anyone to drive through bad weather to participate. There's always another day.

What is Our Festivus?

It's about a safe and sane holiday season that fully embraces having fun, but doing so without spending a lot of money. We're not interested in being mugged in January by the excessive bills that can be accrued during the November through December period. There are plenty of inexpensive or free events to attend and outdoor activities to do in and around Flagstaff.

Please feel free to suggested added events to the schedule. There will be weekly updates during the six weeks of Festivus so activities not on the current schedule can be added and advertised.

I hope you will all participate!

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HAPPY FESTIVUS - for the rest of us - EVERYBODY!

THE WALKING FOUR DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2016 THANKSGIVING DAY

An Open Space Traverse on Observatory Mesa

Start Location: Dog Park parking lot on Thorpe Road in Thorpe Park near the lighted softball playing fields.

Time: 1:00 PM

About 4 total miles we'll climb part of the Mars Hill FUTS to the Flagstaff Open Space located at the first big turn. Then proceed to the Flagstaff Loop Trail over to the other Flagstaff Open Space and back down off the mesa using the gravel road behind the Native American Boarding School.

BLACK FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2016

The Flagstaff Mall is a madhouse on Black Friday so we won't be starting there.

Our walk for that day is: *PICTURE CANYON IN THE LATE FALL*

Directions to Start Location: Drive on East Route 66 behind the Flagstaff Mall and when the Home Depot Store located at Rt 66 and Test Drive is on your left drive to the top of the hill directly in front of you and turn left at the Flagstaff El Paso road (Wildcat Waste Water Treatment Plant). Drive to the end of that paved road (about a mile) to the Picture Canyon parking lot.

Time: 9:00 AM

About 3 total miles as we explore the proposed FUTS route in Picture Canyon. Expect to also see signs of wildlife, Flagstaff's only water fall, native American ruins, petroglyphs and a beautiful canyon inside the Flagstaff city limits.

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2016

WILDCAT REACH OF THE RIO DE FLAG

Start Location: New Home Depot Store Parking Lot on the East Side of the building facing Test Drive & South of Route 66

Time: 1:00 PM

About 3 total miles we'll walk the city owned section of the Rio de Flag that will join the County section of the FUTS being developed along its route toward Picture Canyon. Walking Stick and boots may be necessary.

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2016

OBSERVATORY MESA

Start Location: Lowell Observatory Parking lot next to the forest

Time: 1:00 PM

About 3 total miles we'll access the old dirt road no longer in use that was replaced by the current paved road several years ago. Beautiful wooded area

TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Walk Into Winter

Start Location: Adult Center

Time: 9:00 AM

About three total miles of walking in and around the surrounding neighborhood

THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2016

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: City Hall in the City Council Chambers

Time: 4:30 PM

Discussion of local Bicycle issues including the new Bike/Ped Master Plan.

Everybody welcome! And Please Do Bring A Friend

FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

Walk Into Winter

Start Location: At the Flagstaff Mall in the parking lot behind Sears near the Food Court Entrance

Time: 9:00 AM

About 3 total miles of walking in and around that area. If the weather is really bad we can walk indoors in the mall but we always prefer being outside.

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER -morning-

Willow Bend Gift Making

Location: Willow Bend Environmental Education Center, 703 SawMill Road

Please park at the Police Department Parking Lot located at 911 SawMill Road and walk the short distance to Willow Bend

Time: 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM

This is a special Science Saturday event. Holiday Crafts! Create your own handmade gifts out of natural and reusable materials. Activities include recycled holiday cards, flower press ornaments, bookmarks, bottle cap decorations and more. Great learning activity for kids and adults. I always attend this event to watch the youngsters apply their do it yourself genius. Free (and fun) Event.

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER mid-afternoon

IT'S ELEMENTAL

A CRAFT SHOW FEATURING LOCAL ARTISTS

Location: Coconino County Center for the Arts, On Fort Valley Road next to Sechrist School behind the Pioneer Museum - Look for the trail engine on display in their front yard.

Time: 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM

The fundamentals of art and craft come into a clear focus through this annual exhibition of metal, wood, clay and fiber. I like to attend to see the many special items on display and also because the woodworkers have a special place to perform their magic. My friend Bob Fain - a noted local furniture maker - is one of those folks turning wood. I'll be there by 1:00 PM

There is no admittance charge

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER -evening-

Flagstaff Contra Dance

Location: Mountain Charter School, In the Ponderosa Trails Neighborhood, 311 West Cattle Drive Trail

Directions: From Lake Mary Road turn onto High County Trail (road) (Directly across from the Arizona Game and Fish Department). Then go left on South Wild West Trail, Right on West Cattle Trail Drive

The school is on your left

Time: 7:00 PM - Teaching session -Mandatory if you have never participated in Contra Dancing

Dance: 7:30 PM until 10:30 PM

Contra dancing is an active and aerobic activity, so wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

It's EASY! It's lots of FUN! Great EXERCISE! Make NEW FRIENDS! No PARTNER NEEDED! No EXPERIENCE NEEDED! EVERYONE WELCOME! Live Music ALWAYS!

All dances are taught and called.

LIVE MUSIC EVERY TIME!

Cost: \$10.00

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

IT'S ELEMENTAL

A craft show featuring well-known local artists

Location: Coconino Center for the Arts which is next to Sechrist School on Ft Valley Road

Time: Noon until 4:00 PM

The fundamentals of art and craft come into a clear focus through this annual exhibition of metal, wood, clay and fiber. I always like to attend because the woodworkers have a special place to perform their magic. My friend Bob Fain - a noted local furniture maker - is one of those folks turning wood. I'll be there by 12:15 PM

There's no admittance charge.

TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER

Walk Into Winter

Start Location: Adult Center

Time: 9:00 AM

About 3 total miles of walking in and around the surrounding neighborhoods

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: City Hall in the City Council Chambers

Time: 4:30 PM

Discussion of Bike/Ped plan for the city of Flagstaff plus our last "Flagstaff Walks" celebration

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER

Walk Into Winter

Start Location: Flagstaff Mall in the parking lot behind Sears next to the Food Court Entrance

Time: 9:00 AM

About 3 total miles of walking in and around that area

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER

Salve Making Adult Work Shop

Location: Willow Bend Environmental Education Center at 703 Sawmill road off Lone Tree Road. Please park on the Flagstaff Police Department Lot at 911 Sawmill road and walk the short distance to Willow Bend

Time: 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM

Willow Bend in partnership with The Forager's path will host a winter salve making workshop. Two salve making processes will be demonstrated. Both are effective and easily made at home.

SPACE LIMITED and REGISTRATION is required.

Call [928 779 1745](tel:9287791745)

Cost: \$25.00

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER

The Annual Downtown Evening Winter Parade

Everybody Welcome!

Members of the Walk The Walk group will be there plus other interested folks. Hot Chocolate at the KickStand Cafe afterwards. No details available yet, but I would appreciate you calling, e-mailing or telling me you plan on being a part of our annual event. Lots of fun. The evening flies by as does the parade.

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SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

LUMINARIA WALK IN AND AROUND THE COCONINO ESTATES

Start Location: Marshall School Parking Lot located at the corner of Bonito and Thorpe Avenues

Time: 6:00 PM

This 2+ mile walk is along the Luminaries lit streets of the Coconino Estates Neighborhood and features beautiful Christmas decorations, the Community Band entertaining passerbys from the open garage of Nat White plus a living choir and manger scene near the end of the walking route. Dress warm and bring a flashlight and expect a wonderfully unusual occurrence which seems to happen every year. This is an excellent opportunity to meet the many interesting folks who inhabit that neighborhood.

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER - Cold Weather Hat Competition

Walk Into Winter

Start location: Adult Center

Time: 9:00 AM

About 3 total miles of walking, BUT before we get started on our trek we'll take the time to judge the many different and unique winter hats being worn by those present. Once judged we will crown one of you the "Festivius Fedora Champion of 2016" and your award will be a "Goat Ropers Cap of Esteem and Less Glory" plus the opportunity to milk a local goat. No alpacas, camels or surly elephants allowed to participate..

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER - Giant Pretzel Appreciation Day

Walk Into Winter

Start Location: Flagstaff Mall in the parking lot behind Sears near the Food Court entrance

Time: 9:00 AM

About 3 total miles of walking followed by a sit down snack in the Flagstaff Food Court in front of the Giant Pretzel Fender's Stand. Water all around as we celebrate the "Good to eat, but bad for your alimentary canal" Fun Festivus. Someone will be crowned "The Pretzel Potentate" by acclamation of the assembled group of pretzel eaters and awarded a 2017 Nature Conservancy Calendar

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER

Walk The Walk with a Snow Shoe Option - Weather Dependent, Prop 413 - Greater Buffalo Park - South

Start Location: BASIS School Parking Lot

Time: 1:00 PM

Around 3 total miles as we explore this new section of Buffalo Park on the southern part of McMillan Mesa around the new Catholic Church. An excellent area inside the city to snowshoe.

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER

Walk The Walk with a SnowShoe Option - Weather Dependent, Prop 413 - Greater Buffalo Park - North

Start Location: The NACET Parking Lot - Business Incubator - First driveway to the left when you drive into Buffalo Park on Gemini Drive

Time: 1:00 PM

Around 3 total miles as we explore the new section of Buffalo Park on the northern part of McMillan Mesa near the Cedar/Forest Matt Kelley Bridge. Another excellent area inside the city to snowshoe

TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER - Doggy Festivus Appreciation Day

Walk Into Winter (tomorrow 21 December winter begins)

Start Location: Joy Montoya Community and Senior Center (Adult Center)

Time: 9:00 AM

First we'll vigorously pet the dogs present and praise them to high heaven for being such good puppies followed by giving their escorts a bag of doggy treats. THEN we'll walk about 3 total miles in and around the surrounding neighborhoods.

FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER

Walk Through Winter

Start Location: Flagstaff Mall in the parking lot behind SEARS near The Food Court entrance

Time: 9:00 AM

About 3 total miles we always walk outside unless the weather is super bad and then we could walk inside the mall, BUT that is our very last choice.

SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER

Festivus Walk the Walk with a Snow Shoe option - Weather dependent, Wildcat Reach near Picture Canyon

Start Location: Picture Canyon Parking Lot

Time: 1:00 PM

About three total miles we'll explore the newest FUTS connection inside the Wildcat Reach of the Rio de Flag.

SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DAY

Festivus Walk The Walk with a SnowShoe option - Weather dependent

Start Location: Lowell Observatory Parking Lot

Time: 1:00 PM

About 3 total miles as we explore the City of Flagstaff overlook.

TUESDAY 27 DECEMBER

Walk Through Winter

Start Location: Adult Center

Time: 9:00 AM

About three total miles of walking in and around the surrounding neighborhoods

FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER

Walk Through Winter

Start Location: Flagstaff Mall in the parking lot behind Sears near the Food Court Entrance

Time: 9:00 AM

About 3 total miles in and around that area. We can walk inside the Mall but that is always the last choice. We prefer to be outside.

SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER - NEW YEAR'S EVE

Walk The Walk with a SNOWSHOE Option - Weather dependent Buffalo Park

Start Time: 6:00 PM

Our traditional Snow Shoe through Buffalo Park on New Year's Eve. We'll hike if the snow is not very good or not present. Everybody Welcome and Please do bring a friend

SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER - EARLY NEW YEAR'S EVE

Downtown Celebration

Location: In front of the Weatherford Hotel, Corner of Leroux and Aspen

Time: 10:00 PM

SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER - TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Location: In front of the Weatherford Hotel, Corner of Leroux and Aspen

Time: Midnight

This is the traditional time to drop the pine cone into the New Year

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY!!

SUNDAY 1 JANUARY 2017 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Downtown Clean UP

Start Location: MIX Restaurant at Heritage Square

Time: 9:00 AM

Our traditional clean up the morning after the big celebration next door. We'll have a raffle of a few interesting items and then start the cleanup with the goal of finishing by 10:00 AM

Dress Warm - Bring Gloves and a good attitude!

SUNDAY 1 JANUARY 2017 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

This is the final FESTIVUS Event

THE POLAR PLUNGE

Location: Upper Lake Mary Boat Dock; Park anywhere in the lot but you have to walk down the concrete boat dock to the start point.

Time of the Polar Plunge: High Noon - Spectators Welcome!

Please wear rubber sandals as there may be fish hooks lurking on the bottom of Lake Mary. Signed Certificate of Participation awarded to everyone who does the plunge.

PLEASE BRING A CANNED GOOD (participants and spectators alike) TO BE DONATED TO THE FOOD PANTRY.

I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT FESTIVUS CELEBRATION AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR!