

Prescott Valley



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Town News

Festival of Lights, Parade is Nov. 30!

Be sure and save the date for the 2018 Prescott Valley Festival of Lights and Night Light Parade starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30!

The festivities will kick off at the Prescott Valley Civic Center Theater on the Green, with music from the Coyote Springs Elementary School and Bradshaw Mountain Middle School choirs, a holiday message from Mayor Harvey Skoog, and reading of the Night Before Christmas with Chamber CEO Marnie Uhl. Bring your young children to read with Marnie!

At 6 p.m., the Mayor will give the signal to turn on the lights of the Civic Center and grounds. This is a spectacular event. The Town of Prescott Valley Public Works crews begin decorating on October 1 each year, and every year, something new is added!

Just a few minutes later, at 6:10 p.m., the annual Night Light Parade begins. The parade winds its way from the Event Center east on Lakeshore Drive and then circles the Civic Center. Parking is available at the Civic Center parking lots and around the outside of Civic Circle.

After the parade, be sure to take your little ones to Floor Three in the Civic Center and get free photos and a visit with Santa!

Then wander over to the library and check out the always awesome Create-a-Tree display. See you here on Nov. 30!



Support your community - shop local!

As the holiday shopping season approaches, Prescott Valley citizens are most certainly making lists, checking them twice and mapping out shopping strategies.

As you develop your gift list, please remember that shopping at any of Prescott Valley's retail locations, both locally owned businesses and national retailers, not only gets the gift you need but also helps to directly fund your community. More than half of the Town's General Fund is derived from the collection of a 2.83 percent sales tax assessed by the Town. When you spend your money at retailers in Phoenix, Prescott or elsewhere in Arizona, your money is funding other

communities.

Prescott Valley tax revenues are highest during the holidays. During November and December of 2017 and January of 2018, the Town of Prescott Valley collected \$3.56 million in sales tax revenue. That money is used to maintain the roads you drive on every day, support the police that serve and protect you and funds a myriad of other day-to-day Town services and activities. Certainly not every gift idea can be obtained in Prescott Valley but to the extent possible, please remember that shopping locally directly benefits you.

Have a safe and happy shopping experience and holiday season.

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PV Police get 4 new K9s, thanks to generous donors

The Prescott Valley Police Department has welcomed four new Belgian Malinois K9s, thanks to a generous donation from community members.

The donation came right on time, as the department has or will soon retire three K9s – Jake, Turco and Toyo. Turco will retire with PVPD K9 officer Paul Hines, Jake is retired with Officer Layton Cooper, and Toyo will retire with Officer Caleb Cozens.

Because Hines, an NPCA (National Police Canine Association) trainer, has family connections with the Netherlands, he was able to travel this past summer to Rotterdam, South Holland, to personally choose and purchase three K9s.

Hines said the four dogs purchased for PVPD all will be dual purpose patrol and narcotics detection animals.

Because he works with each of the officers in Prescott Valley's K9 program, he was able to choose dogs that he felt would fit their level of training and personalities. When he sent photos of the dogs to the officers while he was in the Netherlands, Hines built a little suspense, not telling them which dogs they'd be assigned until he returned. All have now received their dogs and after a bonding



New PVPD K9 teams include from left: Officer Layton Cooper and Kion; Officer Paul Hines and Groot; Officer Justin Ellison and Kato, and Officer Caleb Cozens and Chewy.

period, are in intense training, four hours per day, four days a week.

Officer Cozens is teamed with Chewy (Chewbacca), Officer Cooper with Kion (his daughter named the dog after the Lion King movie), Officer Ellison named his dog Kato from a suggested list from the donors, and Hines named the six-month-old Groot after a Marvel Comics character.

Hines said Cozens' Chewy is very social, raised in a family with a special needs child. "He just says, 'love me.' He reminds me of Joey (Hines former K9)."

Kion, paired with Layton Cooper, is easy going and social, and a little smaller

at 80 lbs.

Kato, the youngest and also the "rawest" of the new K9s, is paired with new K9 Officer Ellison. "They can both learn together," said Hines. "In two years, that will be a team that is hard to beat."

"Everyone seems super excited," Hines said. "I'm impressed to see the progress from day one."

Hines's goal is to have the dogs certified on narcotics the first week of November, and on patrol by mid-December.

When the dogs are settled in and certified, the Prescott Valley Police Department plans an event to introduce them to the public.

Usage information could help you lower your water/sewer bill

If you are a residential sewer customer served by the Town of Prescott Valley, here is some information that could help you reduce the cost of your monthly water/sewer bill

Each April, the Town of Prescott Valley calculates a new Winter Quarter Average (WQA) which determines your monthly sewer charge for the following year. The WQA is 90 percent of your November to March average water usage.

For example, if your five month total water usage (Nov-March) is 25,000 gallons, the average water usage for this five month period is 5,000 gallons a month; 90 percent of that 5,000 gallon average equals 4,500 gallons. Therefore, 4,500 gallons of sewer usage is the highest sewer volume amount for which

you would be charged per month from April until the new winter quarter calculation is figured for the following year.

This calculation acts as a cap for how much you can be billed in

Your WQA works in your favor to provide you with the lowest possible sewer charge each month.

regards to sewer. For example, if you used 8,000 gallons of water, you would be billed only for 4,500 gallons of sewer usage, since that is your established WQA.

But, if you used less than 4,500 gallons of water in a month, you would be billed the corresponding

volume amount for your sewer usage equal to the water usage.

For example, if your water usage for a given month during the year is 3,000 gallons, the sewer charge would be prorated to 3,000, not the 4,500 gallons calculated on your Winter Quarter Average. Your WQA works in your favor to provide you with the lowest possible sewer charge each month.

Since the WQA is based on water usage between November and March, any reduction in water usage during this time frame will also help reduce your overall water and sewer charges.

If you have questions, you can contact the Customer Accounts Division at 928-759-3020 or visit us at the Civic Center, located at 7501 E. Civic Circle.

GOVERNMENT BUDGET

Informational Open Houses



How will the Town of Prescott Valley spend your tax dollars in Fiscal Year 2019/2020?

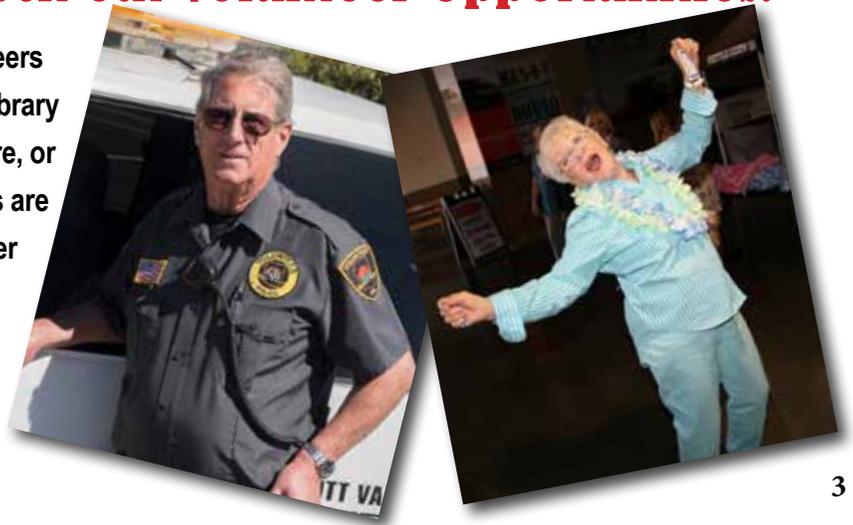
The Town of Prescott Valley has scheduled five Open House format public meetings in different areas of Town to give residents an opportunity to comment and ask questions about the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget.

- **Wed., Dec. 5 5:30 - 7 pm Quailwood Clubhouse, 12725 E Bradshaw Mountain Rd**
- **Mon., Dec. 10 5:30 - 7 pm Granville Clubhouse, 4401 N. Tuscany Way**
- **Mon., Jan. 7 5:30 - 7 pm StoneRidge Community Center, 1300 N. StoneRidge Dr.**
- **Wed., Jan. 9 5:30 - 7 pm PV Public Library Crystal Room, 7401 E. Civic Circle**
- **Wed., Jan. 16 5:30 - 7 pm Pronghorn Ranch Clubhouse, 7051 N. Antelope Meadows Dr.**

Town staff will be on hand to discuss budget questions and other concerns. For more information please call 928-759-3100. This is an open house format and you can come and go any time during the 90 minute meeting. No formal presentations will be given. This is an effort to solicit comments and input from residents of Prescott Valley BEFORE a budget is developed.

And while you're here...check out Volunteer Opportunities!

The Town of Prescott Valley has more than 165 volunteers who enjoy working in the Police Department, Public Library and Civic Center! Do you have a skill you'd like to share, or would you like to find out what volunteer opportunities are available? We'll have representatives from PV Volunteer Central at these Open Houses to talk with you about the possibilities of joining our dynamic and talented volunteer force!



Banned Books Week sheds light on our freedom to read

Casey Van Haren
PV Public Library

This past September the Prescott Valley Public Library celebrated Banned Books Week.

Libraries from all over the United States celebrate this week as a reminder that freedom to read is a democratic fundamental right.

Last year, books like *The Hate U Give*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* and *Thirteen Reasons Why* were in the top ten of 416 books challenged in libraries, schools and universities.

Having libraries that support diverse viewpoints and ideas, and encourage learning, creates an inclusive and healthy community. Libraries fight censorship and provide spaces for the community to talk about current events, issues, political involvement and advocacy.

Librarians and libraries embrace diverse collections, regardless of the topic, and make it accessible to anyone who wants it. We keep our personal beliefs out of selection and stress that everyone,

regardless of age, race, gender, or religion, has the freedom to choose what they want to read.

The American Library Association states that “the freedom to read is essential to our democracy. It is continuously under attack. The defense of the freedom to read requires of all publishers and librarians the utmost of their faculties, and deserves of all Americans the fullest of their support.”

Sometimes censorship can sneak up on you. It can be in the media, the information you search for on the internet, or even intimidation from groups with radical ideas.

We as Americans have the greatest melting pot of views and opinions that others may think extreme or wrong. These thoughts, creative expressions and innovative ideas help us to grow and progress.

Sometimes we take for granted our most prized freedoms, and reminders that censorship still happens is a wakeup call to support your library and your freedom to read.

PVPD Officer Gabe Holman is MADD Officer of the Year

Prescott Valley Police Officer Gabe Holmann was recently chosen the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Officer of the Year.

Officer Holman is dedicated to DUI detection and prosecution. He works graveyards on a regular basis for the sole purpose of removing drunk drivers from the roadway.

He regularly conducts briefing room trainings to assist other officers with DUI laws and techniques, and continues to seek out training in order to further his ability to process and prosecute DUIs. He also recently attended the Advanced roadside impaired driving investigation school to assist with DUI drug detection.

During 2018 Officer Holmann stopped, processed, and arrested



Officer Holman

27 people for Driving While Intoxicated. He conducts sound field sobriety tests and remains patient when dealing with difficult suspects. Officer Holmann regularly calls for a phlebotomist and does a great job documenting his stops.

He is also actively engaged in the Army National Guard.

Upcoming Events at the PRESCOTT VALLEY EVENT CENTER and ED ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

Date	Time	Event
November through January 7		ICE SKATING SEASON IS OPEN! www.prescottvalleyeventcenter.com/ice-skating
Dec. 1	Sat. 7:30 p.m.	 World Championship Ice Racing!
Dec. 8	Sat. 7 pm	 NAZ Suns Breast Cancer Awareness Night presented by YRMC <i>NAZ Suns vs Agua Caliente Clippers</i>
Dec. 16	Sun. 3 pm	 NAZ Suns Bucket's Birthday game with Quad City mascots attending <i>NAZ Suns vs Memphis Hustle</i>
Dec. 26	Wed. 7 pm	 Mannheim Steamroller Christmas with Chip Davis
Jan. 11-12	7 pm	 Toughest Monster Truck Tour!

More NAZ Suns games are scheduled, and events are added on a regular basis! For updates, see www.prescottvalleyeventcenter.com/