



Prescott Valley



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Town News

Prescott Valley's longest serving Town Manager to retire

Larry Tarkowski, Prescott Valley's Town Manager of more than 16 years, has announced his retirement as of January 15, 2021.

The longest tenured manager in the Town's history, Tarkowski began his public service career as Prescott Valley's Public Works Director in 1989. He served as Interim Town Manager twice before being appointed Town Manager in 2005.

As a management philosophy, Tarkowski has embraced long term vision, coupled with aggressive infrastructure development, as foundational elements critical to the success of the rapidly growing Town.

Tarkowski is a member of the American Public Works Association, serving as a past President of the Northern Arizona chapter. He is also a member of the American Water Works Association and the International City Manager's Association. He has served as a member of the Governor's Water Management Commission, as

the Chairman of the Northern Arizona Council of Government's Transportation Sub-Committee, as the Chairman of the Yavapai County Water Advisory Commission, as a founding member of the Northern Arizona Water Users Association and was appointed by three different Governors to serve on the Prescott Area Groundwater User Advisory Council.

He was honored with the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award in 2002 and the Prescott Valley Heritage award in 2015. He has called Prescott Valley home since 1989, and raised his two sons here. He helped to build the



Larry Tarkowski

area's youth soccer program from its inception, spending many years coaching and refereeing youth and college soccer.

Tarkowski attributes his success to Prescott Valley's employees and citizens. "I want to thank the more than 35 elected officials and the hundreds of employee team members that have all embraced the concepts of passion, dedication, and customer service, which has encouraged the growth of this town from its humble beginnings to the robust community we have become," Tarkowski said.

"Being allowed to grow and mature as a professional, and being embraced by fabulous people that have chosen to work for the Town or live here as engaged neighbors has been all the reward a person could ever ask. I am humbled to have been a part of this great project. We should never tire of proclaiming that we have built the

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Three new Council members, one incumbent sworn in



Magistrate Judge Keith Carson swears in from left, Roger Kinsinger, April Hepperle, and Brenda Dickinson during the Dec. 10 Council meeting. Lori Hunt, right, was sworn in on Dec. 17.

Magistrate Judge Keith Carson on Dec. 10 swore in three new Prescott Valley Town Council members, and incumbent Lori Hunt on Dec. 17. The Town also honored three outgoing councilmembers at the Dec. 10

meeting.

Sworn in by Prescott Valley Magistrate Judge Keith Carson were April Hepperle, who was elected

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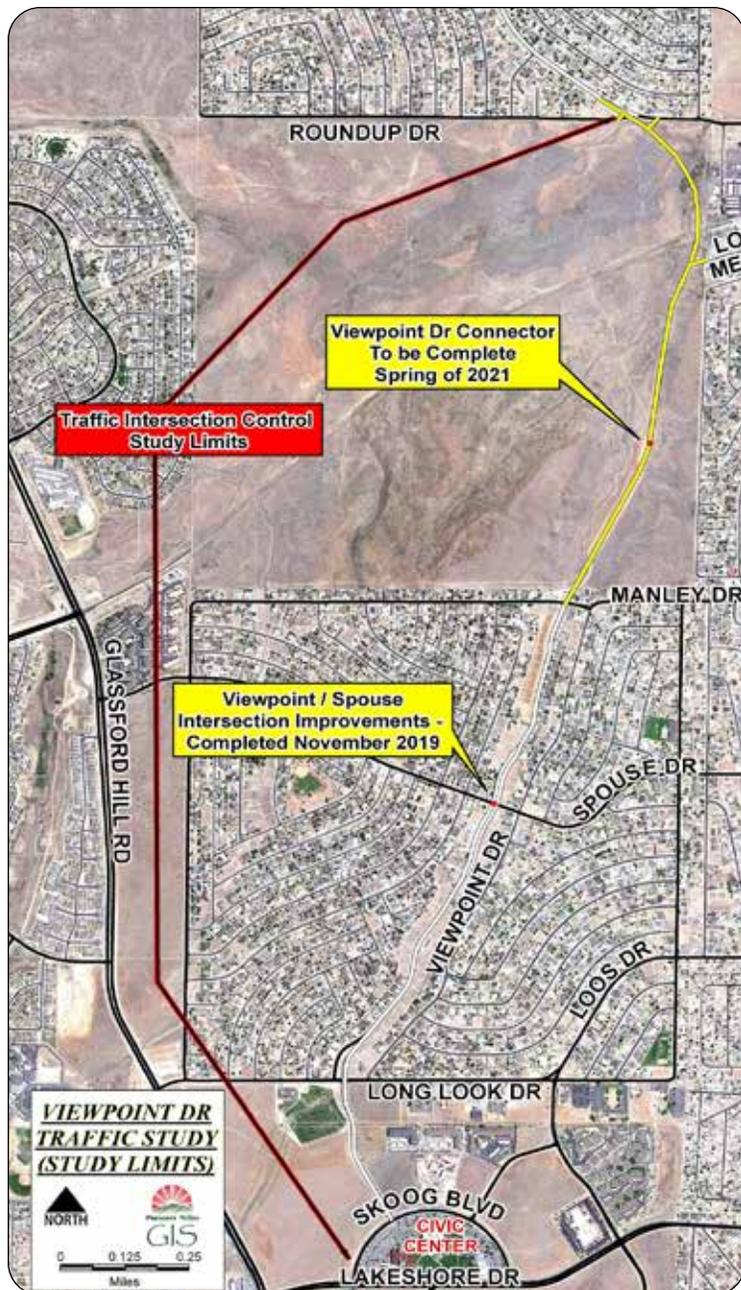
Town plans intersection study for traffic control recommendations

The one-mile section of the Viewpoint Drive connection between Manley Drive and Roundup will be complete Spring 2021.

This new roadway connection will change traffic patterns and add another north-south roadway corridor alternative to existing Glassford Hill Road and Robert Road.

In anticipation of traffic pattern changes and to provide for the best mobility conditions to the roadway network, the Town of Prescott Valley will conduct an engineering study to look at the six intersections from Lakeshore Drive to Roundup Drive for recommendations for traffic control changes.

A Public Meeting will be conducted at the Prescott Valley Public Library Auditorium on Wednesday, January 27 at 6 p.m. for residents to comment on the Study recommendations.



The Town of Prescott Valley honored three outgoing Council members during the Dec. 10 Council meeting. Vice Mayor Lora Lee Nye, who has served on Council since 2003; Council member Rick Anderson who has served since 2009, and as Vice Mayor several times from 2010 - 2017; and Council member Marty Grossman, who has served since 2013, were thanked for their service to the community. Council member Grossman was not able to attend.

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outright in Prescott Valley's Primary election, and Brenda Dickinson and Roger Kinsinger, who were elected in a November runoff. Incumbent Lori Hunt, who was appointed in 2019, was also elected outright in the Primary and was sworn in on Dec. 17.

'Miss Ruby' is new Tween Librarian

The Prescott Valley Public Library has welcomed Ruby Williamson, the Children's Department's newest staff member. "Miss Ruby" is filling the new position of Tween Librarian. Ruby moved to Prescott Valley from Texas, and will be working with the community's 9-13-year-old youths. Come on by and meet Miss Ruby and check out all of the fun activities and materials the library offers.



Ruby Williamson

Have a skill? We're looking for instructors!

Do you have a skill or interest to share? Come teach in the Town's facilities or our park system. We are looking for qualified instructors to teach part-time programs and classes in health, art, music, personal enrichment, children's activities, and more! For more information or to apply contact Parks and Rec at (928) 759-3090.

Council approves new Splash Pad for Bob Edwards Park

Earlier this year, the Town of Prescott Valley was awarded a generous gift from the Raymond A. Jenkins family. With the approval of the Trustee, the Town has worked to provide suitable projects for this generous private distribution.

One of the projects recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission is a Spray Pad in Bob Edwards Park. A proposal for the Splash Pad is to fund \$162,600 of the \$262,600 total cost from the Trust distribution and an additional \$100,000 from the Town's General Fund.

The proposed project is a 50x50-foot pad with a five-foot safety apron and 35 water features. It includes a rough broom-finished slab with both embedded and vertical spray features.

The Town has chosen Exerplay to construct the pad, which, under



Color palette and design for the new Bob Edwards Splash Pad, scheduled to open in May

Town Code, may do so without bid for construction if certain requirements and total costs are met.

On Dec. 17, the Council approved the contract with Exerplay Inc. in the total amount of \$262,634.07.

Additionally, the Town will install equipment to collect and re-use the Splash Pad water for irrigation.

The Splash Pad is scheduled for completion by May 2021, in time for the summer season.

Don't be a victim of Covid fraud - here are some tips to safeguard yourself

The FBI and the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of Inspector General have been issuing alerts about the increase in Coronavirus fraud as consumer and government agencies ramp up their efforts to protect the public from predators looking to make money off people's fears about getting the virus.

Be skeptical of offers to pay for a vaccine on your behalf. Because the Coronavirus is a public health emergency, it's unlikely you will have to pay for the vaccine. You should also beware of scammers claiming to be medical professionals and demanding payment for treating a friend or relative for COVID-19.

You can't pay to get your name on a list to get the coronavirus vaccine. Don't fall for scammers' promises about getting early access.

No government official will be calling you about getting vaccinated. No one from a vaccine distribution site or health care payer, like a private insurance company, will call you asking for your Social

Security number or your credit card or bank account information to sign you up to get the vaccine.

Watch out for offers of alternative cures for coronavirus. While waiting for a vaccine, don't get so impatient that you become a victim of a scam. If you're concerned about when you can get vaccinated, check with your health-care provider.

Unsolicited emails about COVID-19 - The following tips will help you recognize and avoid scam emails intended to download malware on your electronic devices, obtain your personal information, and steal your money.

- *Beware of online links that seek personal information.* A Coronavirus-themed email that seeks personal information like your Social Security number or login information is a phishing scam. Delete the email.

- *Check the email address or link:* You can inspect a link by hovering your mouse button over the URL to see where it leads.

Sometimes, it's obvious the web address is not legitimate. But keep in mind phishers can create links that closely resemble legitimate addresses. Delete the email.

- *Watch for spelling and grammatical mistakes.* If an email includes spelling, punctuation, and grammar errors, it's likely a sign you've received a phishing email. Delete it.

- *Look for generic greetings.* Phishing emails are unlikely to use your name. Greetings like "Dear sir or madam" are a sign that an email is not legitimate. Delete it.

- *Avoid emails that insist you act now.* Phishing emails often try to create a sense of urgency or demand immediate action. The goal is to get you to click on a link and provide personal information — right now. Instead, delete the message.

If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. If you have questions, please contact the Prescott Valley Police Department at 928-772-9267.

Mayor's Message *Prescott Valley Mayor Kell Palguta*

Greetings everyone. I hope you are as excited about the New Year as I am.

I would first like to start by congratulating Town Manager Larry Tarkowski, who will be retiring on January 15 after serving the Community of Prescott Valley for 31 years. Larry has been largely responsible for guiding the Town from mostly dirt roads back in the day to the state of the art community that we all love and enjoy today.

The Year 2021 will be exciting for the Town of Prescott Valley. The Town Council and I are committed to serving you, the citizens of Prescott Valley, and leading the town through a prosperous year.

Many projects are slated to be completed in 2021, ranging from the Bob Edwards Park Splash Pad, Mountain Valley Park Facility improvements and additional road safety improvements throughout Town.

Additional businesses and



restaurants are scheduled to join our community.

I am often stopped by citizens who tell me how much they love Prescott Valley and that

they are so happy that they made the choice to live in such an amazing community.

It is these interactions that remind me that we are very blessed and that the direction of the Town is very appealing to many residents. I am confident that as we continue to move forward in a positive direction you will be happy with Town's services and amenities.

So no matter what the Year 2021 throws our way, you can feel confident that the Town of Prescott Valley is prepared to take on the challenge.

We'll continue to move forward into the future in a positive manner and to do whatever it takes for the best interests of our community.

Our goal as Council is to ensure that the Year 2021 is a year in which the Town of Prescott Valley starts to create its own identity in regard to what we want to be known as throughout the State of Arizona.

We should all agree that Prescott Valley will never be like Prescott and Prescott will never be Prescott Valley. It is our job to figure out what that looks like. With your help we can make that distinction and make an even bigger and better name for Prescott Valley.

I welcome each of your opinions and ideas as we move forward toward that positive direction. The communication between residents, staff and Council has never been easier. I appreciate each and everyone of our residents for making Prescott Valley the most amazing place to live, work and play.

Happy New Year to you all.

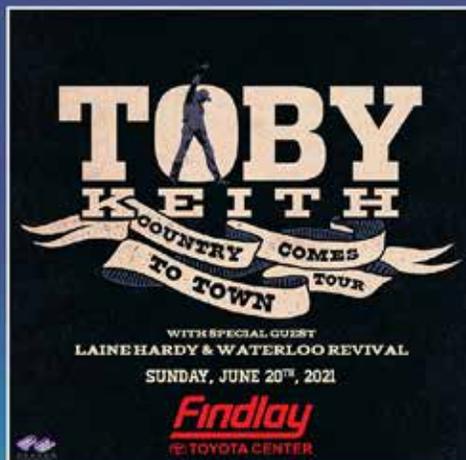
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largest, fastest growing, and most dynamic community in Yavapai County."

Mayor Kell Palguta said Tarkowski's leadership has helped to build the community Prescott Valley is today. "Larry has been a pillar of the Town of Prescott Valley for more than 31 years. His leadership and

vision has helped to mold Prescott Valley into the community we all love and enjoy. His knowledge and progressive thinking will surely be missed. On behalf of the Town of Prescott Valley, I want to congratulate him on an incredible career and wish him all the best in his retirement."

Larry Tarkowski built a large portion of the Glassford Summit Trail overlooking Prescott Valley.



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