



# Prescott Valley



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# Town News

## Red, White and Boom! Big July 4th planned for PV

Prescott Valley's Community Services Department is planning a big celebration this year in Mountain Valley Park on Sunday, July 4.

Guests are invited to start arriving at the park at 3 p.m. for activities and games, including an inflatable playground provided by Hero Party Rentals. The inflatable playground is FREE to all kids.

Enjoy live music from Atomic Surf from 4-5:30 p.m. and Hit Squad 17 from 6-8 p.m.

Food trucks will be on hand with delicious eats, and the beer garden starts at 4 p.m. and runs until the fireworks display at 9 p.m.

At 9 p.m., get ready for the largest and best fireworks show in Northern Arizona.

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and coolers, but please remember: No pets and no glass containers.

Mountain Valley Park is located at 8600 Nace Lane. There are NO entry or parking fees for this event.

For more information call Community Services at 928-759-3090.



## Drought continues but PV water supplies stable

The Arizona State Drought Monitoring Technical Committee recently reported that the 20-plus-year drought cycle in Arizona persists through most areas of the state, but Prescott Valley water supplies are stable, with ongoing conservation measures and recharge efforts.

Much-needed precipitation during March was not enough to overcome the dry conditions and April precipitation was again historically low at around 25 percent of long-term average.

It is evident that ongoing dry conditions require good water management. However, Prescott Valley's long-term water supplies are not at risk. The Town's primary water supply comes from a large aquifer located directly beneath the community. This aquifer

contains sufficient water for more than a century. The Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) strictly manages the aquifer so groundwater users will continue to have dependable supplies during periods of drought.

In accordance with ADWR requirements, the Town manages its well system to ensure that water is always available for its customers. One management practice is to occasionally rest the primary well field (Central Well Field). Soon after starting a rest period in 2018, the Town saw a notable rise in water levels in the Central Well Field. ADWR's annual measurements have shown a total increase of more

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than 150 feet since then. In fact, water levels in the Central Well Field are now higher than when the Town first purchased the wells from the Shamrock Water Company in 1999. The water level graph (or hydrograph) published by ADWR for the Central Well Field is shown at right.

Water levels in other areas of the aquifer serving other water users are not rising. ADWR information states that these water levels are dropping an average of 1 foot per year across the entire basin. This gradual decline can only be remedied cooperatively by all water users in the basin through the tools provided under Arizona law, including water reclamation and

recharge programs, water conservation, and importing additional water supplies from outside the basin. The Town is committed to being an active participant in these efforts.

For more information on Prescott Valley and Prescott Active Management Area water supplies, and conservation efforts and practices, visit [www.yavapaiwatersmart.org/](http://www.yavapaiwatersmart.org/)



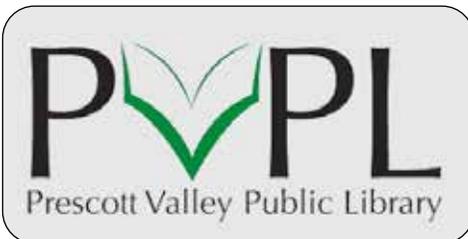
## Library grants boost technology, services for all ages

Prescott Valley Public Library (PVPL) was recently awarded 7 grants totaling \$54,000 through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), administered by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

The \$30,000 Tween Space grant will provide an inclusive area for library patrons aged 9 to 13 years old, including furniture, collections, and resources.

The Tween department also received a \$4,000 STEM based grant titled "Takey-Takey Makey-Makey" in which the library will provide take-and-make coding kits and programming that will inspire ingenuity and investigation.

The \$4,000 STEAM Explosion grant allows the library to expand their collection and programming for



children under 9 years old in areas of science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

College and Career Exploration is a \$4,000 grant offering straightforward and accessible college and career readiness programs and resources for teens, and will cover topics in college preparation, career exploration, and adulting skills.

The library will continue its hotspot lending service with the \$4,000 Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending grant which combines hotspots with Chromebooks in the library's Stay Connected Kits.

The Go Virtual grant, \$4,000, will allow the library to purchase an iMac and editing software and provide programming focusing on creating, editing, and sharing virtual content.

The Grow and Create grant and its \$4,000 in funds will be used to set up a seed library and related classes that will complement the library's already popular and successful food pantry.

Staff wrote numerous competitive grants, which is a very tiring and difficult process.

"I couldn't be more proud of the staff and the hard work that they've done," said Casey Van Haren at the May 13th Town Council Meeting. "The writing is the hard part, but going forward and programming these grants takes a lot of time, too. Our librarians are amazing!"

The Prescott Valley Public Library is excited to share these new programs, which will start in Fall 2021.

# Summertime! New Splash Pad now open at Bob Edwards Park



Prescott Valley's Community Services Department opened its new Splash Pad with a ribbon cutting on May 19. Located at Bob Edwards Park, Splash Pad hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily from May to September.

Earlier this year, the Town of Prescott Valley was awarded a generous gift from the Raymond A. Jenkins family, with a portion of the money divided between Arts & Culture and Parks & Recreation. One of the projects recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission was the Spray Pad.

The end result is a 50x50 - foot pad with 35 water features. It includes a rough broom-finished slab with both embedded and vertical spray features. The Town chose Exerplay to construct the pad.

The final addition to finish the Pad will be equipment to collect and re-use the Splash Pad water for irrigation in the park.

The Splash Pad was a hit from the day it opened, and another Pad is in the budget for Antelope Park later in the year.

## WATER WISELY IN PRESCOTT VALLEY: WATERING & IRRIGATION TIPS

Proper watering and irrigation practices help to conserve water and keep your trees and plants healthy. Start today with these tips!

### Reset irrigation timers seasonally



Reset irrigation timers seasonally to account for fluctuating water needs, and skip the next watering cycle after a monsoon rain.



### Check for broken or clogged emitters and overspray

Remember to regularly check your irrigation system for broken or clogged emitters, and make certain water is not spraying walkways, driveways or roadways.

### Time your watering for less use and happier plants

Water only between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. when weather is coolest and evaporation is at a minimum.



### Use native, drought tolerant plants for landscaping



Did you know that more than half of the water consumed during summer months is for outdoor landscape watering? Remember to buy native when selecting plants for your landscape. Find a list of drought tolerant plants at [www.yavapaiwatersmart.org/](http://www.yavapaiwatersmart.org/) Check out the Prescott Valley Library grounds for an example of xeriscaping with attractive, drought tolerant plants.

### For more information

Visit the Yavapai Water Smart website at [www.yavapaiwatersmart.org](http://www.yavapaiwatersmart.org)



### Match your drippers to your plants watering needs



Different types of plants have different watering needs. Make sure you're not giving too much water to some plants and not enough water to others. You can adjust the flow to each plant with the proper drip heads.

# Mayor's Message *Prescott Valley Mayor Kell Palguta*

Hello Everyone I hope this month's message finds you healthy and happy.

By now many of you, if you are anything like my family, have probably been out enjoying the amazing weather that we have been having as well as all of the great events starting up.

Last month was Prescott Valley Days, which was great cumulation of concerts, parades, carnival rides and most importantly lots of fun. It was great to see all of the smiling faces of all ages of residents enjoying and celebrating Prescott Valley.

Our community also made history last month by kicking off the inaugural season of Prescott Valley's first professional Indoor Football team with the Northern Arizona Wranglers hosting the Phoenix Rattlers.

Although the score didn't go our way it certainly did not stop fans from having a good time with families and friends. Supporting a local event such as this one helps our community and and the arena to tell a story to other organizations who may be thinking to relocate to a market such as ours.

If someone told me back in 1996



would have laughed at them. Well guess what? Toby Keith, a country music star, is in fact playing here in Prescott Valley. Truly amazing and another great opportunity to show off how Prescott Valley is ready to get back to normal.

The Points of Pride, as I like to call them, are all of the great things that Prescott Valley has to offer. I'm curious as to what you think the best "Point of Pride" in Prescott Valley is? Could it be Fain Lake, Glassford Hill Summit Trail or maybe even our amazing Theater on the Green?

Regardless of what your answer is, we all have our favorite spots in our community, and that is what makes

Prescott Valley great.

So let's please continue to look out for our neighbors and treat them like family. My challenge for each of you is please go out and introduce yourself to at least ONE neighbor and learn their name. Don't worry if you have lived next to each other for years. Go knock on their door and tell them that the Mayor told you to stop by and say hi. This is a great way to make your living experience in Prescott Valley a better one.

One way to meet your neighbors is happening throughout the month of June. Party on the Porch (POP) is a month-long celebration of neighbors. Host a neighborhood party and invite one or more members of Town staff to update you on all of the things happening here. Find a list of POP party ideas on our website at [www.pvaz.net/](http://www.pvaz.net/)

I want to thank and each and every one of you for helping to make Prescott Valley an amazing place to live, learn, grow up and retire.

Get out and meet your neighbors, and enjoy your summer!

## Meet your neighbors, make new friends. Come Party on the Porch with us in June!

Do you know your next-door neighbor's name? Those folks who just moved in across the street?

Knowing your neighbors not only is a great way to make new friends, but it is shown to reduce crime. The Town of Prescott Valley, for the second year, is inviting residents to Party on the Porch with us during the month of June and

get to know your neighbors!

The Party on the Porch or "POP" event encourages neighbors through the entire month to host and enjoy activities that help us get to know each other.

The Town has posted a POP Toolkit on its website at [www.pvaz.net/968/Party-on-the-Porch](http://www.pvaz.net/968/Party-on-the-Porch). The toolkit includes neighborhood crime prevention and

other police information, and resources from Town departments.

If you'd like information on any of them, check out the speakers you can invite to your gathering. Check out our page through the month to get your POP popping!

For more information on Party on the Porch, call 928-759-3123.



Upcoming Events	
July 17	NAZ Wranglers Football Game
July 23-24	Antique Show & Vintage Market
July 28	Foreigner
July 31	Crossroads of the West Gun Show
Aug 6-8	Prescott Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show & Sale
Aug 14	Fandomania Comic Con
Aug 15, 21, 28	NAZ Wranglers Football Games
Oct 23	EnduroCross
Nov 12	REO Speedwagon / Night Ranger
Dec 27	Mannheim Steamroller Christmas

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