



Prescott Valley



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Town News

Prescott Valley's new Town Manager takes reins this month

Former Marana, Arizona Town Manager Gilbert Davidson has accepted the position of Town Manager vacated by the retirement of longtime manager Larry Tarkowski in May. Davidson is expected to be on board Monday, Aug. 9.

Davidson was one of four finalists of 59 applicants for the position. Executive Search firm Peckham and McKenney, Inc. Vice President Drew Gorgey narrowed the field to 12 candidates, out of which the Prescott Valley Town Council chose the four finalists. The finalists included Davidson; current Assistant City Manager of Missouri City, Texas Glen Martel; City of Las Vegas Deputy Finance Director Abbe Yacoben; and former Yavapai County Supervisor Jack Smith.

The four finalists spoke with members of the public during a reception on Monday, June 28, and final interviews with Town Council took place on Tuesday, June 29.

Davidson served as City Manager of Willcox, Arizona from 2002 – 2005

before becoming Deputy Town Manager and then Town Manager of Marana, Arizona, a town similar in population and growth to Prescott Valley. From 2017-2019 he was Chief Operating Officer of the State of Arizona Governor's Office, and currently is a Senior Consultant/Owner of Davidson Strategic LLC/University of Arizona.

"My family and I are honored and beyond excited to live in Prescott Valley and to be a part of the community and Town team. Prescott Valley has unique opportunities and boundless potential. I hope to build upon the incredible legacy already in place and strive to make sure Prescott Valley continues to be a great place to live, work, play, and visit. I believe strongly in service excellence and will lead with integrity, dedication, compassion, and innovation. I want to thank the Mayor and Council for this incredible opportunity," Davidson said.

"I'm excited for our Town and our citizens," said Mayor Kell Palguta. "We welcome Gilbert Davidson to



New PV Town Manager Gilbert Davidson, right, signs his employment agreement during the July 9 Town Council meeting as Mayor Kell Palguta looks on.

our community, and I'm completely confident that he is the person to lead us into the future."

2021 projects to improve Town's traffic mobility

The Town of Prescott Valley has numerous projects scheduled in its 2021-2022 fiscal year budget to improve traffic flow in the community.

Construction completed in the 2020-2021 fiscal year included the ongoing street maintenance program, Viewpoint/Pronghorn Ranch Parkway Intersection Improvements, Glassford/Spouse Signal Improvements, the Prescott Valley/Yavapai County partnership to widen Sunset Lane and install storm drainage and sidewalks between Glassford Hill Road and Prescott East Highway, the Glassford Hill Free Flow Right lane from Highway 89A to Glassford Hill Road, the Coyote Springs School Sidewalk project, and the one-mile new section opening for Viewpoint

Connector improvements.

The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget will include the following projects:

- Pavement Maintenance Program – Summer 2021: The Town will continue its pavement maintenance program through this summer. The program restores residential streets to historic widths and resurfaces to include periodic chip seal maintenance. Paid for with a dedicated half-cent sales tax which has allowed the Town to move to a more frequent maintenance schedule.

- Antelope Meadows Free Flow Right (partnership with Yavapai County) – Completion in September 2021: This project will improve the flow of right

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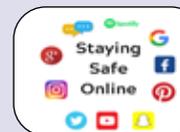
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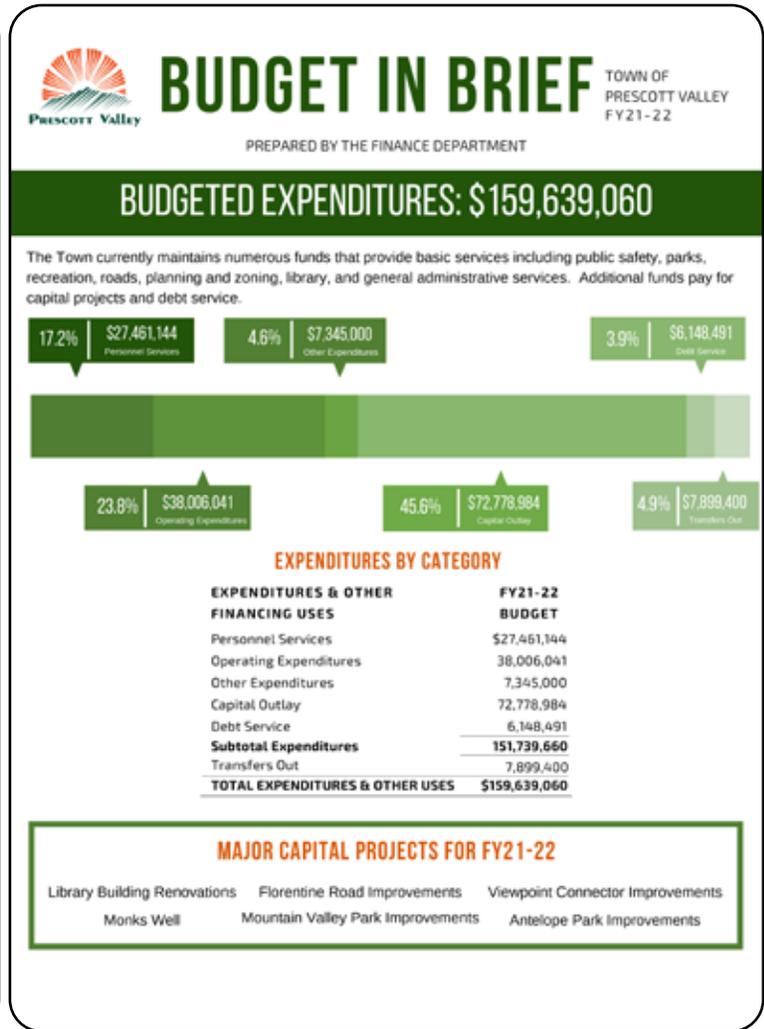
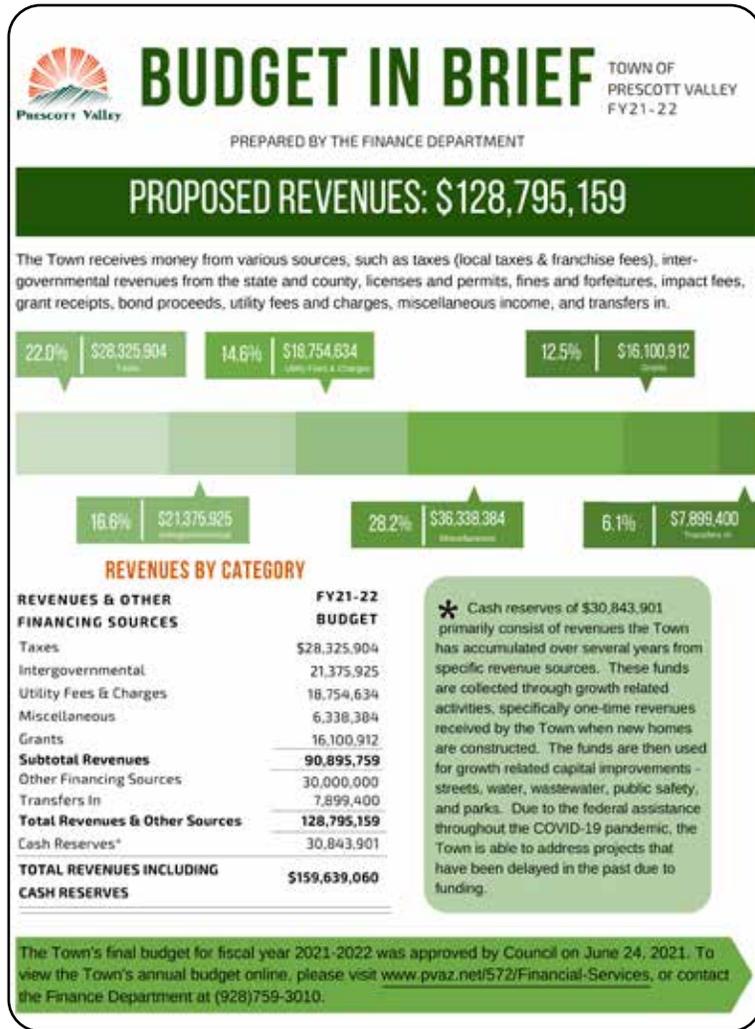
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turn lane traffic from Antelope Meadows onto Pronghorn Ranch Parkway. Paid for with Development Impact Fees and Yavapai County funding.

- Park View Drive Connector – Completion in September 2021: This project will provide roadway connectivity between Viewpoint Drive (Viewpoint Subdivision) and Antelope Meadows Parkway (Pronghorn Subdivision), to include double chip seal pavement. Paid for with Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF).

- Glassford Hill Road Pavement Rehabilitation – Completion in Spring 2022: This project will take up and replace the pavement on Glassford Hill Road from Highway 69 to Florentine Road. Paid for with HURF and half cent sales tax funds.

- Florentine Road Improvements – Completion in Fall 2022: This project will include improvements on Florentine Road from Navajo to Grizzly Bear Drive, to include replacing the open channel



on the north side with an underground storm drain system and sidewalk, and full pavement replacement. Paid for with HURF funds.

- Viewpoint Connector Manley to Spouse Drives – Completion in Spring 2022: This project includes construction improvements on Viewpoint Drive between Spouse and Manley Drives, to include expansion from two to four lanes

and sidewalks. Paid for with a third-cent sales tax passed in 2002, dedicated to maintenance and improvement of arterial streets within the Town.

- Viewpoint Channel Design Study – To begin Spring 2022: This is a continuing study to identify infrastructure to improve stormwater flow in the channel from Spouse to Long Look Drives. Paid for with Yavapai County Flood Control dollars.

- Starlight Sidewalk (partnership with Yavapai County) – Completion late Spring 2022: This project consists of sidewalk improvements on the east side of Starlight Drive between Sunset Lane and Bison Lane. Paid for with Yavapai County Flood Control dollars, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and HURF funds.

For detailed maps and more information as these projects move forward, please visit www.pvaz.net/906/Roadway-Improvements or call Public Works at 928-759-3070.

Sustainability, drought preparedness are Town water priorities

Residents of Prescott Valley are justifiably concerned about drought and its potential impact on water supplies. To be sure our community is ready for drought, the Town of Prescott Valley created a Drought Preparedness Plan and Council adopted it into Town Code in 2002. To comply with State Law, the Town regularly submits updates of its Drought Preparedness Plan to the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) for review and approval (see <https://gisweb3.azwater.gov/cws>).

The Town has committed millions of dollars to develop sustainable water supplies and create a drought-resilient water system. Specific Town actions include:

1. Improving water system capacity: During the 1990s, some neighborhoods in Prescott Valley would not have enough water to shower or flush toilets during high demand periods. In 1999, the Town purchased the private water company and immediately started improving the water system, including increasing its pumping and storage capacity. The Town now has 28 wells capable of pumping approximately 20 million gallons per day (MGD), or roughly four times the average daily water demand. Its storage tanks can hold 18 million gallons of water. These improvements allow the Town to provide water for high demand days or in case of equipment failure.

2. Water Conservation: The Town complies with ADWR's requirements to preserve groundwater supplies by excelling at water conservation. Prescott Valley conserves water by using high-

tech irrigation controllers that have saved millions of gallons of water and thousands of dollars since installation in 2014; providing public education on drought tolerant landscapes; maintaining xeriscape and educational information at its Public Library; providing water conservation education through its Town website; and implementing tiered water rates rewarding citizens who

conserve water with lower monthly bills. Because of these conservation programs there has been a net reduction in per-person water use of more than 20 percent in the past 15 years. Average per-person water use is now approximately 100 gallons per day, well below the 125 gallons per person per day goal set by ADWR.

3. Recharge: The Town follows ADWR's Fourth Management Plan (Plan) to preserve groundwater supplies by recharging reclaimed water. Approximately 65 percent of the water served through the Town's system is captured as wastewater, treated, and recharged back into the aquifer.

4. Importation: The most



The Little Pete Well, shown from inside the well house, serves Viewpoint, Pronghorn Ranch, and the north part of Prescott Valley, north of Tranquil Blvd. It can also provide water to the central part of PV by transferring water through the Granville Booster Station. This is one of 28 wells operated by the Town that provides a reliable water supply at all times.

significant measure prescribed by ADWR's Plan is to import water from the neighboring Big Chino groundwater basin. Although not yet constructed, this water pipeline would allow the Town and the rest of the water users in the groundwater basin to have a drought-proof water supply beyond the next 100 years.

5. The Town's Water Conservation Code and Drought Preparedness Plan provide responses for water system and water supply emergencies, something the Town works very hard to avoid.

Overall, Prescott Valley's Drought Preparedness Plan ensures customers have water at all times by ensuring infrastructure is drought-hardened and the water supply is sustainable.

Learn how to keep children & teens safe online with PVPD event

Save the date for this free PD community outreach

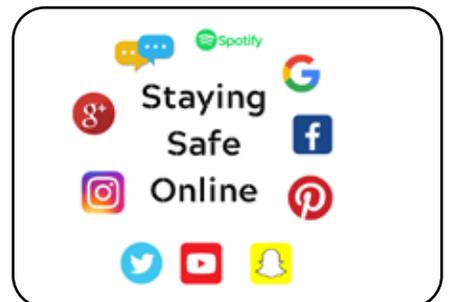
Learn from the Prescott Valley Police Department Special Victims Unit how to best keep your kids and teens safe online.

This educational event is for

parents, caregivers and anyone who has a child or teen in their life.

Staying Safe Online will take place on Wednesday, October 13 at the Prescott Valley Police Department training room, 7601 E. Skoog Blvd.

Please register online at Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/3eBmR2c>



Mayor's Message

Prescott Valley Mayor Kell Palguta

Hello everyone. I hope this month's newsletter finds you in happy spirits and hopefully you have enjoyed the copious amounts of rain from the monsoons.

Just as quickly as some doubters were quick to predict a "non-soon" we end up getting one of the wettest Julys on record for our town. This goes to show you that here in Prescott Valley good things come to those who are patient and positive.

This month is an exciting one for the Town of Prescott Valley because for the first time in more than 17 years we will have a new Town Manager.

After an exhaustive search that brought applicants from as far away as Puerto Rico, the Town Council selected former Marana Town Manager Gilbert Davidson. Gilbert comes with a tremendous amount of experience and more importantly, with a lot of energy and new ideas that will help take Prescott Valley to the next level.

I'm not big on bragging on someone before they have had a chance to prove themselves but in this case, from all of my research and conversations with



those who have worked for and with Gilbert, I am very confident that he will do wonderful things for Prescott Valley.

We as a community need to do what we

always have done - be positive and open minded to change and different ideas. There are a lot of great things in store for us in Prescott Valley and I'm glad I'll be here with each of you for the ride.

I would like to highlight an upcoming process in Prescott Valley known as General Plan 2035. Every 10 years our town, like all other towns and cities throughout Arizona, completes a comprehensive discussion/report about the direction that we as citizens would like to see our Town grow toward.

This report covers development paths, new roads, new open spaces, and much more. For the first time, the General Plan will have a Public Safety

and Education section.

Picture the General Plan as a set of blueprints designed to lay out the future of our Town. Rest assured that this report is not developed by Town staff alone, but with the assistance of citizens over several months of public meetings and retreats. Finally, the plan will go to you, the voters, for your final stamp of approval.

Currently we as a Town are going off the General Plan from 2025 in regards to how development occurs. For example, most of the development you see along Glassford Hill Road and in the master planned communities was planned and approved decades ago. A prior General Plan laid out the vision of what you see today.

I'm hoping that each and every one of you are able to get involved in this process and help to make Prescott Valley amazing for years to come.

I once again want to thank you all for being patient, polite and open to new ideas as Prescott Valley matures. So whether you have lived in Prescott Valley 30 days or 30 years, thank you for making our community the amazing place it is!

Broadband assistance available to low-income Arizonans

Broadband assistance is available to low-income Arizonans through the Federal Communications Commission's Emergency Broadband Benefits (EBB) program.

The EBB program will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month for broadband services for eligible

consumers. Additionally, the program provides a one-time device discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

However, as of June 7, only 82,000 low-income Arizonans out of

nearly one million have applied for EBB assistance.

Learn more about the program at www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit.

Eligible households can enroll in the EBB program through an approved provider or by visiting GetEmergencyBroadband.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 14 Jackson Browne
- Sep 23-26 PAKC Dog Show
- Oct 2 Jeff Dunham
- Oct 7 Cody Johnson with Easton Corbin
- Oct 16-17 Crossroads of the West Gun Show
- Oct 23 EnduroCross
- Nov 12 REO Speedwagon / Night Ranger
- Dec 19 Clint Black & Lisa Hartman Black
- Dec 27 Mannheim Steamroller Christmas

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