



# Prescott Valley



## December 2021 Town News

### PV to begin New Year with celebration, Polar Bear Splash



If you're ready to bring in the New Year with some fun, Prescott Valley has just the ticket!

On Friday, December 31, the Town



Plan to come out and enjoy the New Years Celebration Dec. 31 and the Polar Bear Splash on January 8!

will host a **New Year's Eve Celebration and Fireworks Display**. Join us for games, hot chocolate, s'mores, and a big bonfire! The fun takes place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Findlay Toyota Center parking lot, 3201 N. Main Street. The fireworks will go off at 8:30 p.m. The event is free and suitable for all ages.

On January 8, hardy souls will

descend on the Mountain Valley Splash pool for the annual **Polar Bear Splash**. Come on out from 9 a.m. to noon and enjoy food, hot drinks, and winter themed games.

Then, either take the plunge into the ice cold pool and dive for prizes, or cheer on those who do! Jumpers must be 18-plus, and have ID to check in. Games are suitable for all ages. All activities are free. Mountain Valley Splash is at 8600 E. Nace Lane.

### Boys & Girls Clubs to get remodel completion

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Arizona – Prescott Valley is seeing continued improvement to serve area youth. On Thursday, Nov. 18, Town Council approved a contract that will allow for completion of a remodel of the original building.

The Town currently owns the BGCCAZ building at 8201 Loos Drive, which previously served as the CASA Senior Center, and leases it to the organization. In 2017, the Town used a Community Development Block Grant (combined with donations from the Fain Family, Phoenix Suns Charities, and the Boys & Girls Club) to expand the building with the



addition of a gymnasium. Prescott Valley's Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget includes \$1 million to remodel the original building. However, bids for the project came in with a higher cost than expected, and a 10 percent contingency was added to ensure adequate funding.

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## New utility billing system, WaterSmart Portal easier to navigate, monitor water use

The Town of Prescott Valley beginning Dec. 13 its online sewer and water payment system at [www.pvaz.net](http://www.pvaz.net) with a newer, more easily navigated version.

The change will coincide with the release of the Town's new Watersmart Portal, a water conservation program that features real-time notifications to customers if they have a leak, if their water use is higher than normal, and other water conservation and system messages. Water customers will have the option to sign up for these notifications, and can access their dashboard directly from the new payment system. About 15,000 customers will have access to the Portal to begin with, with the final 7,000 to be phased in over the next three years.

If you currently receive a paper water bill from the Town, there will be no change in your bill.

If you are signed up for online billing and payment, your bill will continue to be emailed to you, and you will automatically be registered to use



New WaterSmart Portal offers conservation measures such as real-time leak and water use notification, watering, landscape tips and more.



the WaterSmart Portal.

Customers who wish to use the new WaterSmart portal without online billing and payment will need to sign up for the portal at [www.pvaz.net](http://www.pvaz.net).

The Town of Prescott Valley encourages all water customers to use online billing and payment where possible. This fall, the printers of our Town News experienced a paper

shortage that caused many customers to miss their November Town News. If you are signed up for online billing, you'll also receive the Town News with important community information via email, and save Town resources.

The Town News is also available online at <https://www.pvaz.net/469/Town-Newsletter>.

## PV Council approves license agreement with Sunwest HC for youth sports complex

Prescott Valley Town Council on September 23, 2021, authorized purchase from Yavapai County of the Exhibition Center at the former Yavapai County Fairgrounds complex.

The ultimate intent of the purchase was to license the building and additional acreage (a total of 37 acres) to a third party for creation of a youth sports complex. The purchase transaction with the County closed in November, when the Town took official ownership.

On Thursday, November 18, during its regular meeting, Council approved a license agreement with Sunwest HC, Inc. to create and run the complex.

Under the terms of the agreement, Sunwest HC, Inc will be responsible for all maintenance, renovations, and utilities for the building. Any permanent alterations made to the building will become Town property at the end of the agreement. Sunwest HC, Inc will pay rent in the amount of \$100,000 in Year 1, \$125,000

in Year 2, and \$150,000 in Year 3. Rent in Years four and five will be based on a standard Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment using Year 3 as the base.

Sunwest HC and the Town of Prescott Valley will share any revenue from naming rights for the building, along with a surcharge on tournaments, which are expected to also bring in indirect revenues and other economic benefits to the Town as players and their families lodge in local hotels and eat in local restaurants.

As part of its operation during the term, Sunwest HC, as Wheelhouse Sports Complex, has indicated its intent to install two portable skating rinks and two volleyball courts inside the building along with other renovations and repairs. It also plans a BMX track in an open area south of the building. Wheelhouse Board of Directors



President Charlie Arnold said Wheelhouse plans three possible roller hockey tournaments in 2022, with a projected 500 players per tournament, and projects jobs for 20 people.

The term of the License Agreement is five years with potential two-year extensions. For updates, visit Wheelhouse AZ on Facebook.

## (Un)flushable wipes causing a problem with Town sewer system



The Town of Prescott Valley Utilities Department is asking residents to not put any paper products except toilet paper down the toilet. A recent increase in the use of disposable wipes is causing problems for the Town wastewater system.

Flushing wipes, even

“flushable” ones, paper towels and other garbage down the toilet wastes water and can create sewer backups and overflows. Because homeowners are responsible for their property’s sewer pipes, improper flushing can be costly.

This can also cause time-consuming backups in the Town’s public sewer pipes and at the wastewater treatment plant, with additional time and repairs potentially passed on to ratepayers.

Whatever ends up in your toilet can also impact the water environment, so it’s important to keep household wastes such as chemicals, unused or expired pharmaceutical products, paint thinners, and fats/grease out of toilets and drains and dispose of them properly.

## Don’t let a porch pirate or gift thief steal your holiday joy!

‘Tis the season to be jolly – not the season to be a victim! Online shopping continues to be more and more popular, which means thieves can again expect a plethora of packages at residents’ doorsteps.

The Prescott Valley Police Department has a few tips to keep gifts safe from porch pirates. “With everybody shopping online, packages are going to be delivered to houses more frequently. It’s the residents’ job to limit those opportunities for crime. If you can, have your packages delivered to your job, a neighbor or relative’s house, get a signature on delivery, or get a lock box.”

PVPD Cmdr. James Edelstein also recommends installing a porch camera. While it won’t prevent theft, it can help police find a suspect faster. He also encourages neighbors to look out for one another. If you see anything suspicious, immediately contact local law enforcement.

Prescott Valley Police Department can be contacted at (928) 772-9267 for non-emergencies, 911 for emergencies. Yavapai County Silent Witness is 1-800-932-3232.



## Piano, painting, dog obedience and more on tap at PV Parks & Recreation

### Learn to play the piano

Learn how to play piano or improve your skills! Playing piano is a great way to challenge yourself while having fun. Join experienced instructor Leasa Chase for a half hour or full hour lesson each week!

Classes are held at the Prescott Valley Civic Center. Classes are for ages 6 -18 years. Cost is \$20 per lesson.

Times are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 3-5 p.m., excluding holidays.

### Intro to Painting - Acrylic

Discover if painting is a new creative hobby you want to pursue! Instructor Tom Blank will teach you some painting basics as you create your own masterpiece.

All supplies provided. Ages 14-plus, and cost is \$30 per class.

Classes are held at the Prescott Valley Civic Center, 3rd Floor, 7501 E Skoog Blvd.

- December 16 • 5-7 p.m.
- January 27 • 5-7 p.m.



### Intro to drawing

Join art instructor Tom Blank for a fun and informative introduction to drawing.

You will

learn some tips and tricks, leaving the class wanting to start drawing as a new hobby or artistic endeavor. All supplies provided.

Class is for ages 14-plus, and cost is \$20 per class. Classes are held at the Prescott Valley Civic Center, 3rd Floor, 7501 E Skoog Blvd.

- December 9 • 5-7 p.m.
- January 20 • 5-7 p.m.

### Basic Dog Obedience

Learn the basics of training and build the foundation of a significant relationship with your dog in class with certified instructor Jann Watts!

Learn why it is so important from a dog’s perspective to be his leader. The instructor will teach all basic commands - heel, sit, stay, down, and come - and address many typical behavior issues such as barking, biting, housebreaking, jumping up, door bolting, and more.

This class will provide great mind and body exercise for both you and your dog. Dogs must be at least four months old and current on vaccinations, and handlers must be 16 or older. Please, no aggressive dogs for this class.

Dates and times to be determined (watch [pvaz.net](http://pvaz.net), Community Services, Activity Registration for updates).

Classes will take place at The Valley Warehouse, 5880 Prairie Lane, Prescott Valley. Cost is \$175.

**For more classes and activities, or for information, visit [www.pvaz.net](http://www.pvaz.net) or call 928-759-3090.**

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

Hello everyone!

Hopefully you have been noticing the improvements the Town has made in the past several months. One of my goals as Mayor has been to put an emphasis on our roads, along with creating safe passage for our bicyclists and pedestrians.

In October, Town staff conducted a community meeting in which more than 50 residents took time out of their day to add constructive input on where the Town should place crosswalks, stop signs and other traffic control devices. The Town also hired a consultant to review different areas of the community that would benefit from these improvements.

I often hear that in Prescott Valley we have too much of the dreaded "T" word – traffic. Travel through a growing Prescott Valley can sometimes seem daunting. The two biggest complaints I hear are about Highway 69 and Glassford Hill Road.



Highway 69 is a state highway, so Prescott Valley does not have any control over adding more lanes or improving timing of the lights. However, as Chairman of CYMPO (Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization), I can say that we have started the planning process for the Sundog Connector, which will lay out a new east/west roadway between Prescott Valley and Prescott. Although this road will not be developed overnight, we must start somewhere.

The Town of Prescott Valley does have control over Glassford Hill Road, and we've been doing a lot to help with traffic flow on that roadway. We have created and recently opened the Viewpoint Connector, which is the first

north/south arterial road in more than 25 years. We anticipate this will take more than 4,000 vehicles per day off Glassford Hill and Robert Roads.

Additionally, the Town will conduct a study of the traffic lights on Glassford Hill Road from Highway 89A to Highway 69 and reprogram the timing, which is a scientific and expensive process. This will improve traffic flow.

The third step in improving travel on Glassford Hill Road will be the construction of Jasper Parkway this coming spring. Jasper Parkway will start at Santa Fe Loop and travel south to Highway 69 at Stoneridge Drive. This road will help to reduce traffic on Glassford by allowing residents of Granville and Jasper an alternative route to Highway 69. This road is being paid for by the developer of Jasper.

Please feel free to send me any questions, concerns or comments about Prescott Valley by emailing [comrel@pvaz.net](mailto:comrel@pvaz.net).

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Act (ARPA) funds to cover the cost of the low bid and the contingency to complete the proposed remodel. The project would then be completed with \$763,279.00 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$946,132.00 from ARPA funds.

The remodel will update the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire alarm/suppression systems along

with other improvements to the interior space. The project was advertised on September 5, 2021, and the lowest bid was from T. R. Orr, Inc. at \$1.5 million. The proposed 10 percent contingency would add \$149,980.00, moving the total possible amount to \$1.6 million.

Construction is tentatively planned to begin in January 2022, with expected completion in spring 2022.

**GIVE A GIFT TO YOUR COMMUNITY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND**

*shop local!*



**Ice Skating at the T-Mobile Community Ice Rink**  
at the **Findlay Toyota Center** is now Open!

For event and ice skating info visit [FindlayToyotaCenter.com](http://FindlayToyotaCenter.com)

