



Prescott Valley



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Town News

PV small businesses may now apply for Exterior Enhancement Grants

Eligible Prescott Valley small business owners may now receive a one-time grant of up to \$25,000 to enhance their business's outdoor spaces depending on the documented revenue loss related to Covid-19.

The Town of Prescott Valley was awarded \$7.6 million in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). On October 14, 2021, the Town Council approved the allocation of \$500,000 to the Exterior Enhancement Grant Program.

Outdoor enhancement may include installing or expanding a restaurant patio area, or improving the built environment of the neighborhood, such as building façade improvements.

Allowable enhancements include exterior painting, façade repair or improvement, awnings and canopies, fascia, trim, metal work, or other affixed decorative elements, fabricated signage, patio expansions, installation, or repairs, and landscaping



or other outdoor enhancements. All enhancements must comply with applicable zoning and permitting regulations.

Funds will be awarded to eligible businesses on a first-come-first-served basis. To be considered for award, businesses must:

- Submit an application by Friday, April 29, 2022.
- Be a privately held business located in the Town of Prescott Valley

and provide a valid business license.

- Have less than 50 employees as of July 1, 2021.
 - Be an active and operational business providing products or services to Town of Prescott Valley residents at the time of application submission.
 - Be in good legal standing with no court-ordered financial obligations.
 - Be operating in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws with no open code violations within the Town of Prescott Valley.
 - Document the reduction of revenue attributed to the pandemic.
 - Use the awarded grant dollars to cover allowable enhancements.
- Full application requirements and documents are available online. Small businesses can apply by visiting www.pvaz.net/1125/Exterior-Enhancement-Grant-Program.

All questions may be directed to 928-759-3010 or grants@pvaz.net.

Town's new utility billing system up and running

The Town of Prescott Valley has installed a new online utility billing system which offers a much more user-friendly experience for customers.

The new billing system is live now on www.pvaz.net, and those customers who pay their bills online must create a new account. The Town apologizes for the inconvenience of signing up for the new system but assures customers that the system is much easier to use.

Prescott Valley brought the utility billing service online simultaneously with its new WaterSmart Portal, a customer service program which is estimated to save the community 48 million gallons of water per year. The WaterSmart portal will provide:

- State of the art leak detection



– customers who set their WaterSmart account for real-time notifications will receive alerts if a water leak is

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New climate-controlled holding kennels installed at PVPD

The Town of Prescott Valley Animal Control contracts with the Yavapai Humane Society for animal control services.

However, Animal Control Officers often pick up lost or stray animals and hold them at the Prescott Valley Police Department until they are quickly reunited with their owners or transported to the Humane Society.

Often, pet owners whose dogs have escaped are out searching for them right away, and if they are being held at the Police Department, can retrieve them without a trip into Prescott.

The kennel area has also been home to a few other critters, such as the occasional tortoise, chickens, assorted birds, owls goats, and once even a wolf.

Wildlife, when found injured, is transported the appropriate rescue organizations.

In the past, the Department had only a dog run area with doghouses and covering to hold stray animals.

The new kennels may be divided to hold up to eight dogs safely and separately before transport to the Humane Society is available. This allows for Animal Control Officers to be quickly back on patrol.

The new kennels are equipped with heating and cooling as dogs may be held up to 72 hours to allow for the owner location/reunion. This will help to minimize trauma to the animals.

While the \$28,000 expense for the kennels was not a line item in

the 2020-2021 budget, the funds were moved from the Town's maintenance account as the need was deemed critical for the proper handling of animals in the Town's care.

The Prescott Valley Police Foundation, which assists the Police with many needs that are beyond the Department's budget, is accepting

donations from the public to help defray the cost of constructing the kennels.

Those who would like to donate can send a check to the Prescott Valley Police Foundation, P.O. Box 27532, Prescott Valley, AZ 86312. NOTE: Please specify "Kennels" on your check so your donation goes directly to the kennels.

You may also drop a donation at the Prescott Valley Police Department lobby, 7601 E. Skoog Blvd., Prescott Valley, also with a clear designation for "Kennels."

For more information on Police Foundation donations, please visit pvpolicyfoundation.org/





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Now accepting applications for:

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- Senior Planner
- Planner
- Police Chief
- Building Inspector
- Media Production Specialist
- Parks Maintenance Worker
- Police Officers - Lateral

pvaz.net/229/employment

When the snow flies...Prescott Valley crews are ready to roll

Plowing and cindering equipment is tuned up and streets crews are ready if winter throws any big snowstorms at us this year.



The Town of Prescott Valley doesn't get much snow, but what storms do happen can snarl traffic in a big way. The Town is ready for any snow or ice this winter may throw at the community.

Each fall, the Public Works Department conducts a Snow Readiness Rally. This past year, in November, crews confirmed that all vehicles were dressed out and safety inspections performed to be in top shape when the snow flies.

Additional training included equipment safety checklists, sander

operation procedures and safe snow chain application if necessary. Four streets crew members, in early November, attended an ADOT-sponsored snow simulator training in Flagstaff for snow operations training and safety.

Eighteen vehicles are equipped and ready for plowing, including everything from several 10-wheel dump trucks to 4x4 1-ton pickups and dump bed trucks. Eleven of the vehicles are equipped with plow and cinder boxes and seven vehicles with plows only. Support equipment includes backhoes,

a road grader and loader.

When a snowstorm hits, the big 10-wheelers and mid-size dump trucks first take care of the major arterial roadways in the community, such as Glassford Hill, Robert, Lakeshore, Florentine, and Viewpoint. Crews work to keep these major roads open through the storm. Major streets such as Spouse, Lake Valley, Bradshaw Mountain, StoneRidge and Antelope Meadows are next, and the low-volume residential streets follow until all snow is cleared. Icy intersections and steep grades receive priority.

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detected. The WaterSmart Portal leak detection feature is estimated to save more than 2.25 million gallons of water per year and reduce costs for customers who would typically pay for water leaks.

- Outage and maintenance notices – customers will receive immediate alerts when there will be an outage due to repairs or maintenance.
- Historic water use and conservation information – customers can see where their highest usage occurs and receive suggestions for water savings.

• The WaterSmart Customer Portal provides additional tools such as voluntary water conservation challenges. The water savings achievable through these water conservation tools are estimated to save an additional 46 million gallons of water per year.

Prescott Valley's average per-capita water use of 100 gallons per capita per day (GPCD) is one of the lowest in the State and is well below

the target level for Prescott Valley set by the Arizona Department of Water Resources of 125 GPCD. This level of water conservation was obtained through the self-directed efforts of the Town's water customers – demonstrating that water users in Prescott Valley actively seek tools to lower their water use and water bills.

In the past several years, Prescott Valley has converted its entire water system to the radio-read meters that improve efficiency and accuracy as well as provide water use information to the WaterSmart Portal. Currently, approximately 70 percent of those meters are Flex Net automatic read meters that provide hourly water usage

three steps to
START SAVING

- 1 Log on
www.pvaz.net
- 2 Register
Use your account number listed on your water bill as your registration code.
- 3 Personalize
Answer our simple profile survey to provide accurate comparisons to similar households.

data to the billing department. Through a Water Management Assistance grant from the Arizona Department of Water Resources, and matching Town funds, the Town will convert the remaining meters to automatic read over the next three years.

For more information on the new system or the WaterSmart Portal, please call Customer Accounts at 928-759-3020.

Mayor's Message

Prescott Valley Mayor Kell Palguta

Hello everyone! I hope you have settled into the New Year and are making great progress on your New Year's resolutions!

I trust you are all ready for an exciting and prosperous 2022. Myself and the Town Council have already been hard at work with planning for the future of Prescott Valley with the kickstart of a budget retreat in January.

We certainly have a lot of things to be excited and proud about. However, as we move forward there is still a lot of work that needs to be done in order to keep Prescott Valley the town that we all fell in love with. Whether you have lived here for 50 years or 50 hours you all made the decision to call Prescott Valley home.

I'll start this month by identifying different areas of focus that myself, council and staff would like to be focusing our energy on. Those are Growth, Traffic/Roads and Water Resources. I want each of you to know that these areas are of importance to our community and the way that each of our families go about our everyday activities. Of course there are other areas of our town and our future that we will be working on, but I would like to start with these three.

Growth is always on the top of everyone's mind and it is certainly on the top of mine. It's just like certain kinds of carbs or certain types of sugar - there is good growth and bad growth.

The "bad" exists in areas of our



country where communities experience such a fast growth rate that infrastructure, police and other town services are overwhelmed and the citizens ultimately suffer.

There was actually a point in Prescott Valley where Prescott Valley experienced such a growth spurt and more than 2,000 new home building permits were issued in ONE year.

Since I was elected in 2018, the Town of Prescott Valley's growth rate has been under two percent per year, which is what many experts throughout the country deem a healthy, controllable rate. This allows our town resources to keep up and maintain a healthy increase in services throughout our town.

Our crime rate during this same time has gone from the 16th safest city and town in Arizona to the 8th safest out of 91. This statistic is incredible and kudos should be given to the men and women of the Prescott Valley Police Department.

I'm sure by now we can all agree that we would rather be a part of a community that has people wanting to move here instead of fighting to get away from the community and move somewhere else. So now that the secret is out about how great our

community is, our goal must be to keep Prescott Valley an amazing and vibrant community set on attracting high paying jobs, providing an amazing education to our youth, enticing specialty medical physicians to our area, encouraging entrepreneurship through economic development and supporting small businesses, all while maintaining the feel of a small community. Some may argue this is impossible, where I will vehemently argue this is quite possible and in fact happening.

I'm confident that our staff is up to the challenge and with the addition of Gilbert Davidson as our new Town Manager, I have no doubt we as a town are headed in a direction where the citizen comes first, the services provided are top notch and the experience of living in Prescott Valley is second to none.

If you would like to share with me what additions we can make to Prescott Valley to make it a better environment or perhaps some changes you would like to see, I would love to hear from you.

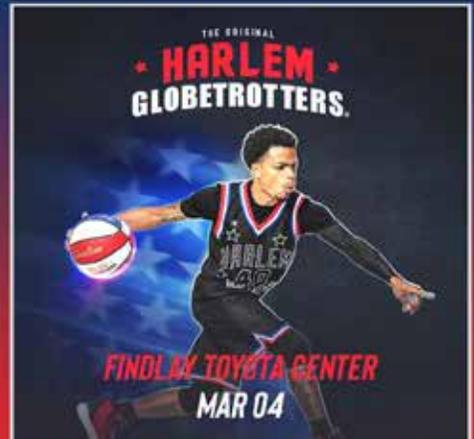
My office is always open and I'm an email or phone call away. Each and every one of you is what makes Prescott Valley and makes it the reason others want to be here.

I look forward to sharing more next month on the exciting direction Prescott Valley is headed and how in fact we will make it happen.

You can email me at mayor@pvaz.net or call 928-759-3100.



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