



# Prescott Valley



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# Town News

## Sunset Lane improvement project moves toward late Spring completion

After nearly 16 months of public utility relocations, the Sunset Lane project, a joint \$7.5 million effort between the Town of Prescott Valley and Yavapai County, continues to move toward substantial completion by May/June, 2020.

The project includes the widening, paving and installation of storm drainage and sidewalks on Sunset Lane from Pine View to Prescott East Highway. Town Council awarded the roadway construction project bid to Asphalt Paving & Supply, Inc. Lyon Engineering is the engineer on the project.

Currently, crews are completing underground water and drainage utility upgrades from Starlight Lane to Prescott East Highway. Installation of curb and gutter in that area has begun in preparation for paving the first three inches of the project's six inches of roadway pavement thickness.

Old pavement on Sunset between



Workers install storm drain on a portion of the Sunset Lane improvement project, a joint project from Prescott East Highway in Yavapai County to Pine View in Prescott Valley.

Starlight and Meadowview has been removed and crews are in the process of installing water, sewer and drainage upgrades in that area.

Please note that temporary delays, road closures and detours may continue to be experienced as this

project progresses. Please use caution and patience if traveling in the area.

For more information, please contact Ron Pine at Prescott Valley Public Works, 928-759-3035 or email [rpine@pvaz.net](mailto:rpine@pvaz.net).

## Protect yourself: Police to host presentation on scams

The Prescott Valley Police Department will host a "Consumer Scams and Identity Theft" presentation from 5-6 p.m. on Thursday, March 19.

This presentation will take place at the Prescott Valley Police Department Training Room, 7601 E. Skoog Blvd, in Prescott Valley. Prescott Valley Police Department is bringing this program to the community free of charge.

The presenter will be Betty Delano, who is Senior Outreach Coordinator for the Office of Arizona Attorney General, Mark Brnovich.

It is the goal of the Prescott Valley Police Department to give citizens the tools to make informed decisions regarding online activities and to alleviate fear among senior citizens about being victims of fraud.



Presentation topics will include information on the most recent scams going around and what red flags to watch out for; the definition of identity theft; what actions citizens can take to prevent from becoming a victim; and what to do in the event that someone does become the victim of identity theft. Reservations are not required.

For more information, please contact Community Services Officer Jodi Mullins at 928-772-5164 or by email at [jmullins@pvaz.net](mailto:jmullins@pvaz.net).

Prescott Valley Police Department can be contacted at (928) 772-9267 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

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# 2020 Census critical to funding of services for Cities & Towns

Cities and Towns, including the Town of Prescott Valley, are gearing up to count every person living in the United States, beginning April 1. The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency.

The 2020 Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire - online, by phone, or by mail.

It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

## Data critical to funding

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community.

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.

Think of your morning commute: Census results influence highway planning and construction, as well as grants for buses, subways, and other public transit systems.

Or think of your local schools: Census results help determine how money is allocated for the Head Start program and for grants that support teachers and special education.

The list goes on, including programs to support rural areas, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance for older adults.

## Political Representation

The results of the census also



determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Census results are used to adjust or redraw electoral districts, based on where populations have increased or decreased.

State legislatures or independent bipartisan commissions are responsible for redrawing congressional districts. The U.S. Census Bureau provides states with population counts for this purpose.

## Counting Everyone

Participating in the census is required by law, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau. A complete and accurate count is critical for you and your community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

## Your Information is protected

The Census Bureau is bound by Title 13 of the U.S. Code to keep your information confidential.

Under Title 13, *the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies.* The law ensures that your private data is protected and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

The answers you provide are used only to produce statistics. You are kept anonymous: The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or anyone else in your home.

## Data Protection and Privacy Program

Being responsible stewards of your

data is not only required by law, it is embedded in Census Bureau culture. Strict policies and statistical safeguards help protect the confidentiality of your information. Before releasing data products, the Census Bureau verifies that they meet its confidentiality standards.

## Secure Technology

From the beginning of the data collection process, the Census Bureau follows industry best practices and federal requirements to protect your data.

The security of Census Bureau systems is a top priority, and the Census Bureau's IT infrastructure is designed to defend against and contain cyberthreats.

## Census takers in your neighborhood

Your information is such an important part of the 2020 Census, that if you haven't responded on your own, the Census Bureau sends census takers to help make sure you are counted.

## How Can You Verify That Someone Is a Census Worker?

Census takers will visit homes in April to conduct quality check interviews, and then in mid-May to help collect responses.

If someone visits your home to collect information for the 2020 Census, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. Census workers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo.

If you still have questions about their identity, you can contact your Regional Census Center to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

## Census Jobs

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people to assist with the 2020 Census. Join us and help shape the future of your community.

*All information provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. For additional information, job information please visit [www.2020Census.gov/](http://www.2020Census.gov/)*

# Youth Arts Month showcases talents of local young artists



Youth Arts Month is recognized nationally, designated for promoting art and art education in the United States. Youth Arts Month is observed in March, with thousands of American schools participating.

It is the pleasure of the Prescott Valley Parks & Recreation Department to work with local schools and the community to offer a venue to exhibit the art of our talented Prescott Valley youths year after year.

The public is invited to attend the Youth Arts Month Artist Awards Reception on Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Building, 7601 E. Skoog Blvd. During this event and through the month of March, the artwork of kindergarten through 12th grade will be displayed in the Public Library and the Civic Center building. The Humboldt Unified School District combined orchestra will perform and refreshments will be provided for the event.

For information on this event please contact Parks and Recreation at 928 759 3090 or email [parks@pvaz.net](mailto:parks@pvaz.net).

## Parks & Rec Roundup

### Walking Club

The Prescott Valley Walking Club is a community walking club organized by Prescott Valley Parks and Recreation for the purpose of promoting a healthy lifestyle. Walking is a low-impact, light cardio workout that provides a range of health benefits including physical, mental, and social benefits. The Walking Club meets seasonally at 9 a.m. on Friday mornings at various locations in Prescott Valley. Members are not required to attend the regular group walk and can complete their walking anytime and anyplace at their convenience. The first walk will take place on May 22, 2020, with registration opening Feb. 1. There is a \$10 annual membership.

### Upcoming Classes

Interested in starting a new hobby or improve your health? Look no further! Prescott Valley Parks and Recreation has plenty of class opportunities for our community members ranging from dance and fitness classes for youth and adults, music and art, gardening, dog obedience and more!

### Spring Softball, Volleyball registration open

Coed & Men's Spring Softball starts the first week of March at Mountain Valley Park. Coed is on Sundays and Men play Wednesdays. We have three Men's Divisions and three Coed Divisions. Registration is \$270 per team and open to people 15 and up. Teams must have a minimum of 10 players.

Coed & Women's Spring Volleyball will begin March 17th at Glassford Hill Middle School. Coed is on Tuesdays and Women play on Wednesdays. Team registration is \$150 and open to people 15 and up. Teams must have a minimum of 6.

**For information on Parks and Recreation classes, programs, sport leagues or special events, visit [www.pvaz.net](http://www.pvaz.net) or call 928-759-3090.**

## Town seeks qualified homeowners for assistance with essential repairs

The Town of Prescott Valley is looking for qualifying local homeowners who need assistance with essential home repairs.

In the past several years, the Town has received and invested more than \$3 million from Arizona Dept. of Housing grants and almost \$1.6 million from the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program to assist over 85 low-income households with necessary repairs. These include resolving code violations, safety issues, weatherization,

heating and cooling appliances, roofing, and access for people with disabilities.

The Town is looking to immediately identify those who need assistance with essential repairs. The work must remedy building code violations or health and safety issues to qualify for assistance. Homeowners must have incomes below a certain percentage of the area median income.

For a single person household, income must be at or below \$37,050, or \$42,350 for a household of two.

Households with minor children, people with disabilities, or people over 62 are eligible for priority consideration.

Applications are available at the Community Development Dept. on the second floor of the PV Civic Center. Homeowners can also download an application from the Community Development page of the Town website at [www.pvaz.net](http://www.pvaz.net).

For more information, please contact Community Development at 928-759-3050 or email [comdev@pvaz.net](mailto:comdev@pvaz.net).

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

Greetings everyone! I hope this month's Message finds you in good health and spirits.

The Town of Prescott Valley wrapped up last month's Open Houses in numerous locations through December and January.

These events were meant to gain as much communication as possible from the public in regard to the direction of Prescott Valley. These events were well attended and continued our goal of making sure Town government is as transparent as possible.

You may be seeing some new buildings being constructed in Town, as well as hearing that new businesses are expanding into Prescott Valley. In the next few weeks Prescott Valley residents will be able to visit two new restaurants and a new convenience store. This is a sign that the Town is continuing to flourish and that business are recognizing that Prescott Valley is where they want to be.

In the upcoming months you will be hearing a lot about the 2020 Census. The amount of money the Town receives from State Shared Revenue is based solely on our population.



The Town of Prescott Valley does NOT have a Property Tax, so the town relies on local sales tax and State Shared Revenue as the primary form of revenue to run the town.

You will be hearing more from the Town of Prescott Valley about Census 2020, and if you should have any questions at all in regards to the process please feel free to reach out and contact us.

I will wrap up this month's Mayor's Message with a final thought on how we as a town can be better in 2020. Often times in the past cities and towns get too wrapped up in political turmoil, which ultimately ends up in a gridlock of ideas and solutions. The New Year gives all of us the opportunity to disregard the Republican vs Democrat attitude, which all too often we see play out in Washington, DC as well as down at the State Capitol Building.

This year, let's all be a part of one political party – the party of Prescott Valley. If we all take this attitude we will put our community and ourselves first and move forward with the one common goal of continuing to make Prescott Valley the greatest Town in the Southwest.

We as a community are much stronger working as a team toward specific goals and ideas. No one wins when complaints and negativity take the place of positive, open minded and goal oriented attitudes. Please know that the Town Council and staff want to hear from you, and we want to know what is working or not working throughout the Town. If you have a question as to why something is done a certain way please feel free to ask. This helps to quash any rumors that may develop or that you may hear from someone posting on a social media platform.

Please direct any questions to [comrel@pvaz.net](mailto:comrel@pvaz.net), or call 928-759-3100.

Have a great month and do not waste a single day, because we all know that tomorrow is not guaranteed.

## What's going on in Prescott Valley? Here's how to find out!

The Town of Prescott Valley is committed to keeping our residents up to date on information and events. Check us out in any of the following ways!

**Facebook:** Town of Prescott Valley; Mayor Kell Palguta; Prescott Valley Police Department; Prescott Valley Public Library; Prescott Valley Arizona Parks & Recreation.

**Twitter:** Town of Prescott Valley

**@PrescottVly;** Prescott Valley Police **@PolicePV.**

**Instagram:** Town of Prescott Valley, *prescottvalleytown*; Prescott Valley Parks & Recreation, *pvparcsrec*; Prescott Valley Public Library, *pvpllibrary*; Prescott Valley Teen Library, *pvplteens*; Prescott Valley Police, *prescottvalleypolice*.

**Mayor's Email Update:** Monthly update from the Mayor (sign up at

[comrel@pvaz.net](mailto:comrel@pvaz.net))

**Website:** [www.pvaz.net](http://www.pvaz.net) (includes ability to sign up for notifications from each or all departments).

**Prescott Valley Town News,** distributed monthly in utility bills, or emailed by request, through utility billing account at [www.pvaz.net](http://www.pvaz.net).

Call Communications at 928-759-3123 or email [comrel@pvaz.net](mailto:comrel@pvaz.net).

### FINDLAY TOYOTA CENTER

<b>Feb</b>	<b>28</b>	8:00pm		Lee Brice with Special Guest Lindsay Ell
<b>Feb</b>	<b>29</b>	10:00am – 1:00pm	<b>FREE</b>	Humboldt Unified School District 2020 School Expo
<b>Mar</b>	<b>4</b>	6:30pm		NAZ Suns vs Iowa Wolves   NBA G-League Basketball
<b>Mar</b>	<b>7</b>	8:00pm		Septima Banda   Concert and Dance
<b>Mar</b>	<b>8</b>	7:00pm		Chicago (the Band)

Schedule is subject to change. For updates, see [www.findlaytoyotacenter.com/](http://www.findlaytoyotacenter.com/)