



# Prescott Valley



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# Town News

## Spring is here, and it's time to think about fire danger

Wildfire season will quickly be upon us, and grasses and weeds that have grown because of abundant moisture this spring can quickly dry out in heat and wind.

The Prescott National Forest has already put campfire restrictions into place, and it's time for all residents to prepare to keep family, property and our community safe. Take some time to read and follow these tips for a safe wildfire season.

**1. Defensible Space.** Clear defensible space around your home. Mow brush and dry grass to your property line, and make sure there is nothing close to your home that falling embers can ignite in a wildfire. Trim back any shrubs or tree branches that come closer than five feet to your home or outbuildings.

**2. Equipment use.** Sparks from mowers, chainsaws, welding torches, and other equipment can cause wildfires. Use and maintain spark arresters on motorized equipment including chain saws, ATVs, and motorcycles. Refrain from welding and use of activities or equipment that may create a spark when fire danger is high.

**3. Evacuation Plan.** Create an evacuation plan that includes routes that you've practiced with your family, and designate an emergency meeting location to determine if everyone is safe. Don't forget your pets and large animals such as horses and other livestock.

Remember the "Six 'P's": People and Pets; Papers, phone numbers, and

Wildfires, especially on roadsides and highways, can be caused by improperly discarded cigarettes or dragging chains. Flames can spread quickly in high winds.



important documents; Prescriptions, vitamins, and eyeglasses; Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia; Personal computer hard drive and disks; "Plastic" (credit cards, ATM cards) and cash. **For more information visit [www.readyforwildfire.org](http://www.readyforwildfire.org).**

**4. Fireworks.** Novelty fireworks such as sparklers and other similar items are permissible on private property in Arizona, however, use may be regulated during Stage One Fire Restrictions.

**5. Smoking.** Cigarettes cause many wildfires each year. Extinguish smoking materials inside your home or vehicle and never throw a cigarette out a vehicle window.

**6. Safe Recreation.** The Prescott Before you plan a trip to enjoy our public lands, be sure you know current restrictions on camping, campfires, and smoking.

**7. Vehicles.** Many wildfires along interstates and highways in Arizona are started each year by vehicles dragging tow chains. These fires are particularly dangerous because they can start multiple fires at once, taxing fire crews. Make sure your tow chains and

### SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

Sign up for Yavapai County's CodeRED alerts, and Prescott Valley Police Department's Nixle alerts to receive notification in case of an emergency in your area, by visiting [www.pvaz.net](http://www.pvaz.net) and following the links.

Sign up for Nextdoor to keep in touch with your immediate neighbors and get notifications and information from the Town of Prescott Valley during emergencies by visiting [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com).

tow equipment are secured and off the ground, and that no other metal vehicle parts are dragging.

For fire prevention information, call **Central Arizona Fire & Medical Authority at 928-772-7711.**

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# Town continues work on Glassford, Long Look road improvements

The Town of Prescott Valley has done several large-scale roadway improvements on Long Look Drive between Glassford Hill Road and Viewpoint Drive.

These projects include the Glassford/Long Look Intersection Widening, completed in 2017, the Long Look Sidewalk Community Development Block Grant Project completed in 2018, and the Viewpoint/Long Look Intersection Widening, completed in 2013.

The Parke Place Rental Homes project is now underway, in which the developer will install a new portion of Main Street starting from the North

to eventually connect to Main Street by the Findlay Toyota Center, and an added traffic lane on Long Look Drive. The Town will spend \$300,000 to replace the existing pavement lanes of Long Look and bring it up to the quality of the current pavement.

The Glassford Hill Free Flow Right Project is constructing a third southbound lane on Glassford Hill Road from 89A to Tuscany Way. The exit has been reconfigured so vehicles will not have to stop as they exit eastbound 89A onto Glassford Hill Road.

This project began in January. Concrete curb/gutter is complete, and paving of the new third lane was scheduled for late April.

A new signal pole will be activated by June 1 at the ADOT SR89A Ramp/Glassford Hill intersection. This project is joint funded by the Town of Prescott



Valley (using development impact fees and Highway User Revenue Funds) and Yavapai County (using Regional Roadway Expansion sales tax dollars).

## Town of Prescott Valley 2019 Annual Water Quality Report now available

The Town of Prescott Valley is pleased to inform you that its 2019 Annual Water Quality Report is now available.

Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water, and this report is designed to inform you about the water quality we deliver to you every day.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets all federal and state water quality requirements. You can view the 2019 Annual Water Quality Report on our Town website at <https://www.pvaz.net/DocumentCenter/View/3302/Water-Quality-Report-PDF?bidId=>

A hard copy of the report is also available at the Town's Customer Accounts Department located on the 2nd floor of the Civic Center at 7501 E. Skoog Blvd.

For more information please call the Utilities Department at 928-759-3070.

# PV doing well on Census response, but accurate count is crucial

The Coronavirus brought the United States to a standstill in the early months of this year, and along with it, some serious financial fallout. The 2020 Census that was key to funding so many services in our community is now even more important.

The Town is working to make sure every person living in Prescott Valley is counted.

Prescott Valley residents are among the top in the State for self-response online or by phone to the 2020 Census, but as of the end of April, nearly 40 percent of the community had yet to respond.

## Results Determine Funding

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.

Census results influence highway planning and construction, as well as grants for buses, subways, and other public transit systems; help determine how money is allocated for the Head Start program and for grants that support teachers and special education; and include programs to support rural areas, to restore wildlife, to prevent

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child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, to provide housing assistance for older adults, and to help provide police and fire protection.

## 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. The U.S. Census Bureau provides states with population counts for redrawing congressional districts.

## 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 cannot release

any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. 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.

## Census takers in your neighborhood

The Census Bureau has extended the time to complete the count this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. They will be visiting homes later this year to help collect responses from those who haven't responded online or by phone or mail.

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.

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

## Parks & Recreation: still working to serve you!

Prescott Valley Parks & Recreation department has been making changes to its events, activities, reservations, and more as we initiate our "Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Connected" program. While we have had to cancel a few of our favorite events for spring 2020, we are still working hard to keep our community active, learning, and entertained!

If you are looking for ways to keep yourself, your children or your grandchildren entertained, you can find all kinds of fun and free opportunities on the Parks & Recreation Instagram (@pvparcsrec) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/PVparcsrec](http://www.facebook.com/PVparcsrec)). Our staff will keep you busy with yoga classes,

art projects, educational opportunities, and more until we're able to provide our regular services to the community.

If you have other ideas for Parks & Recreation to engage with the community you can contact us at (928)759-3090 or email [parcs@pvaz.net](mailto:parcs@pvaz.net) – our staff is here to help!

We are also continuing to plan summer and fall events and activities! Enjoy patriotic events such as the 4th of July celebration at Mountain Valley Park and concerts during Patriot Week (September 4th through September 12th at the Civic Center).

You can show off your athletic prowess by joining the Run for the Hill of It Fun Run up the Glassford Hill

Summit Trail, or your artistic abilities through the new juried show at the Prescott Valley Public Library (more info coming soon!).

In addition to our reoccurring annual events, the Parks & Recreation Department is working to create new events such as the Northern Arizona Coffee Festival brought to you by Peavine Coffee.

There is so much to look forward to and, in the meantime, an abundance of fun ways to engage through social media! Don't miss a thing; check out [www.pvaz.net](http://www.pvaz.net) and visit the Parks & Recreation page regularly to stay up on the latest news about events, classes, and more!

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

Hello everyone. I hope this month's newsletter finds you and your family safe and healthy.

Since my last Mayor's Message I am proud to say that the citizens of Prescott Valley have taken on the challenges of COVID-19 head-on and we are prevailing. The Town of Prescott Valley is still moving forward and providing services to the citizens in a way that may be different from the past, but still in an effective and safe manner.

Our Library continues to serve our residents through a drive-up window option and offer many other services online; our Town parks are being maintained to an impeccable standard and the rest of staff has made the necessary adjustments to continue to provide a high level of service to the community.

Below this column you'll find information on how to access Town services. If you don't find what you need, please call 928-759-3100 or email [comrel@pvaz.net](mailto:comrel@pvaz.net).

As we continue to adjust to a new standard I am constantly reminded of all the great things that the Town of



Prescott Valley has to offer.

Although some social events may not be occurring in May or June this year, that does not mean that the Town of Prescott Valley is not

continuing to work to ensure that once we are safely able to return to large gatherings that the town will be ready to ensure good times are had by all.

As Mayor during this time I am asking you to try and stay not only physically healthy but also mentally healthy. This is very important for all of us to remember while we are trying to adapt to what is going on in not only our town and state, but in the world as well.

Please remember if you or a loved one are having problems adjusting to the ever changing environment and have questions, or are feeling particularly stressed out about

something, do not hesitate to reach out to my office via telephone, email or social media. We as a town are here to help you and will do everything we can to assist in getting through this.

Remember Prescott Valley WILL open back up, we WILL be able to go to the movies, we WILL be able to sit down at a restaurant, We WILL be able to get our hair cut again, as well as all of the things we have been accustomed to do.

Please remember when all of the Town's businesses open back up and people start to hit the streets, if you still feel a little uncomfortable about the timing, please do what you feel is best for you and your family and stay home.

The Town of Prescott Valley's business community will welcome you back at the time you feel comfortable to do so.

Don't forget to patronize your local businesses during this time. Most restaurants are offering take-out, and many businesses are caring for their customers with curbside services.

Stay safe everyone and remember, we are Prescott Valley Strong.

## How to access Town Services and information online or by phone

### Town of Prescott Valley

#### Pay Water/Sewer Bill Online

Water/Sewer Inquiries

Email: [customeraccounts@pvaz.net](mailto:customeraccounts@pvaz.net)

Phone: (928)759-3120

#### Pay Magistrate Court Fines

Online: [www.azcourtpay.com](http://www.azcourtpay.com)

Phone: (928)772-8277

#### Police Department

Records Phone: (928)772-9261

Non-Emergency Dispatch: (928)772-9267

#### Community Development

Apply for Permits (928) 759-3050

Permit Procedures (928) 759-3050

#### Town Clerk

Business License Renewals

Email: [clerk@pvaz.net](mailto:clerk@pvaz.net)

Phone: (928)759-3135

### Prescott Valley Public Library

Ask a Librarian (M-F, 9AM-5PM)

Email: [askalibrarian@pvaz.net](mailto:askalibrarian@pvaz.net)

Phone: (928)759-3040

Drive Up Window (M-F, 9AM-5PM)

Digital Library & Database

### Town Website

[www.pvaz.net/948/COVID-19-Information](http://www.pvaz.net/948/COVID-19-Information)

### Business Resources

Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce

Website: [pvchamber.org](http://pvchamber.org)

Phone: (928) 772-8857

(Information about business assistance, other local resources)

### Prescott Valley Social Media

**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](https://www.instagram.com/prescottvalleytown/); Prescott Valley Parks & Recreation, [pvparksrec](https://www.instagram.com/pvparksrec/); Prescott Valley Public Library, [pvpllibrary](https://www.instagram.com/pvpllibrary/); Prescott Valley Teen Library, [pvpplteens](https://www.instagram.com/pvplteens/); Prescott Valley Police, [prescottvalleypolice](https://www.instagram.com/prescottvalleypolice/).

**Town of Prescott Valley Communications**  
928-759-3123 or email [comrel@pvaz.net](mailto:comrel@pvaz.net).

**Yavapai County Emergency Phone Bank**  
Open M-F 8-5. Call 928-442-5103 for up-to-date local information, resources and guidance.

#### State COVID-19 Hotline

Call 2-1-1 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays

**COVID-19 information En Español,**

[www.azdhs.gov/COVID-19](http://www.azdhs.gov/COVID-19)

**Yavapai County Community Health Dept.**

<http://www.yavapai.us/chs>