



Prescott Valley



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Town News

Largest fireworks show, food, fun on tap July 4

Are you ready for the best fireworks show in Northern Arizona? Every 4th of July, the Town of Prescott Valley holds a community gathering at Mountain Valley Park, 8600 E. Nace Lane, in celebration of our country's independence. The festivities start at 3 p.m. with food trucks, a beer garden, and an inflatable village for the kids to enjoy (with purchase of a wristband).

This year we will also have popular band 5 in the Wheel playing live music from 6-8:30 p.m. Don't leave after the music! Fireworks are set off around 9 p.m., and this is a "can't miss" show!

For our community members who prefer a quieter celebration before they enjoy the annual fireworks show, the Town recommends checking out other local parks. The Civic Center, at 7501 E. Skoog Blvd., is a favorite spot for picnics and fireworks viewing – and Bob Edwards Park on Long Look Drive is another great spot to check out the fireworks. While you're at Mountain Valley Park, or any of our other public parks or green spaces, please keep safety in mind.

We recommend that all community members abide by current CDC and state guidelines while at this event. If you have questions about the 4th of July festivities in Prescott Valley please contact Parks & Recreation by calling 928-759-3090 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or email parks@pvaz.net.

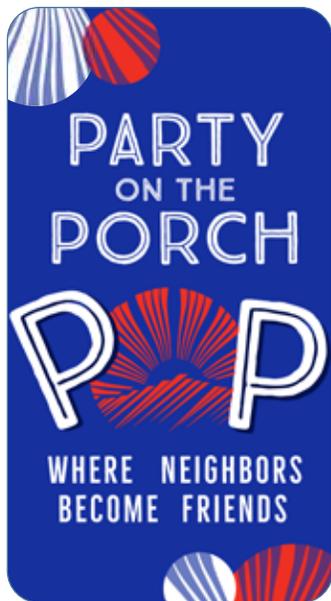
For information on programs, sport leagues or special events visit www.pvaz.net or call 928-759-3090.



Come 'Party on the Porch' with us in July!

Do you know your next door neighbor's name? Those folks who just moved in across the street? Who is the person walking a cute dog past your house every morning? The family that rides bikes together every evening?

Knowing your neighbors not only is a great way to make new friends, but it is shown to reduce crime. If you know your neighbors, you know when something is out of place or doesn't seem right. The Town of



Prescott Valley is inviting residents to Party on the Porch with us during the month of July, and get to know your neighbors!

The Party on the Porch or "POP" event encourages neighbors through the entire month to host and enjoy activities that help us get to know each other. You might not have a porch, but you can open the garage, set out some chairs and tables, and enjoy a barbecue or potluck. You might have

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Proposition 448 - Home Rule Option

What is an expenditure limitation?

In 1980, the Arizona voters established a constitutional expenditure limitation for cities and towns. The State-imposed limitation is calculated from a formula using expenditures of local revenues from Fiscal Year 1979-80 as a baseline.

Even though the State's formula is adjusted annually for inflation and population growth, it does not include any adjustments for increases in the types of services or the levels of services provided. The alternative expenditure limitation (Home Rule) allows the Town Council to adopt a budget annually in the amount the Town requires to provide the full range of its existing services to residents.

Will this increase my taxes?

NO. Proposition 448 has **no** impact on taxes.

This is purely a budgetary measure that will allow the Town Council to set the annual budget instead of using the State formula.



Why does this matter?

If the Home Rule option does not pass, the Town's annual budget will be limited by the State's formula for the next two fiscal years. This would result in a budget shortfall for Fiscal Year 2021-22 of approximately \$38,000,000, or 43%. A decrease of this magnitude would significantly impact both the type and level of the services provided by the Town.



When and where can I vote?



The Primary Election is on Tuesday, **August 4, 2020.**

Registered voters on the Permanent Early Voting List will be mailed their ballot in July.

For all other registered voters, physical Vote Center Locations will be placed throughout Yavapai County. Prescott Valley locations include:

- ⇒ Humboldt USD—6411 N. Robert Rd.
- ⇒ Prescott Elks Lodge #330—6245 E. 2nd St.

How has the Town changed since 1979?

	<u>1979-80</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
Population	1,520	45,751
Revenues*	\$422,250	\$74,631,008
Expenditures*	\$429,949	\$65,976,449
Capital Assets*	\$173,666	\$274,074,472

*Based on 1979-80 and 2018-19 audited financial reports.

Compared to today, in 1979 the Town had:

- ⇒ Very few paved roads
- ⇒ Minimal road maintenance
- ⇒ No municipal water service
- ⇒ No municipal sewer service
- ⇒ No library
- ⇒ No public safety personnel
- ⇒ No swimming pool
- ⇒ No other recreational activities



What is the monetary difference between the State-Imposed Limitation and Home Rule?



<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Projected Expenditure— State-Imposed</u>	<u>Projected Expenditure— Home Rule</u>	<u>Difference</u>
2021-22	\$50,333,297	\$88,169,629	\$(37,836,332)
2022-23	\$52,009,885	\$83,061,880	\$(31,051,995)
2023-24	\$51,251,392	\$76,921,630	\$(25,670,238)
2024-25	\$53,081,896	\$79,144,277	\$(26,062,381)

Where can I learn more about this?

The Town's website has the detailed and summary information available at <https://www.pvaz.net/967/Home-Rule-Information>.

In July, registered voters will receive the publicity pamphlet that includes information regarding proposition 448 and other ballot measures.

This document was prepared by the Town of Prescott Valley Finance Department.

If you have any questions, please call (928) 759-3010.



10 candidates will vie for four open seats on Prescott Valley Council



Brenda Dickinson



David Dohm



April Hepperle



Marty Grossman



Lori Hunt



Elizabeth Kennedy



Roger Kinsinger

Dates to remember - 2020 Election

- June 25, 2020 Last day to receive write-in candidate nomination paperwork.
- July 6, 2020 Last day to register to vote.
- July 8, 2020 Early voting begins.
- August 4, 2020 Election day (Primary)
- November 4, 2020 Election day (General)



Jeri Ann Kooiman



Bard Schatzman



Mary Williams

Ten candidates have gathered enough valid signatures to be added to the ballot to fill four open seats on the Prescott Valley Town Council. Successful candidates will take their oath of office in December 2020.

Leaving the Council are Vice Mayor Lora Lee Nye, who was first elected in March 2003. She has served continuously and was last re-elected in August 2016. Her term expires in December 2020. She has chosen not to run again.

Councilmember Rick Anderson was first appointed in February 2009. He was elected in March 2011 and has served continuously, last being elected in August 2016. His term also expires in December 2020, and he also has chosen to not run again.

Councilmember Marty Grossman was another Council appointee in February 2009 who was elected in March 2011. He also was re-elected in August 2016. His term ends in December 2020 and he is running again.

Councilmember Lori Hunt was appointed to the Council in September 2019 after then Councilmember Mary Mallory was appointed to the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors. Hunt's term ends in December 2020, and she is running for election.

Running for first-time seats on the Council are Brenda Dickinson, David Dohm, April Hepperle, Elizabeth Kennedy, Roger Kinsinger, Jeri Ann

Kooiman, Bard Schatzman, and Mary Williams.

Majority Vote Process

Any council candidate who receives, at the August election, a majority of the votes cast is declared elected to the office.

Arizona Revised Statutes provides a formula for determining "majority." The total number of actual votes cast for all council candidates whose names were lawfully on the ballot is divided by the number of seats to be filled for the office. That number is then divided by two and then rounded to the highest whole number.

For example: If 1,000 voters cast 3,753 votes to fill four council seats, a candidate needs a minimum of 470 votes to win the election. Remember each of the 1,000 voters in this hypothetical example can cast up to four votes because there are four seats to be filled.

If not all of the council positions are filled due to a lack of majority at the August election, a run-off election must take place during the November election. No more than twice the number of candidates for which there are seats to be filled may be placed on the run-off election ballot.

For example, if two seats are left unfilled after the August election, no more than four candidate names can be on the November ballot. The four candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the August

election, excluding those who receive a majority and are declared elected after the August election, will have their names on the November election ballot.

The actual number of votes needed to be elected from the August election will not be known until the County provides the valid votes information to the Town Clerk.

Write-In Candidates

Write-in nominations for Council positions are open through June 25, 2020. Any person desiring to become a write-in candidate must file a nomination paper, signed by the candidate, giving the person's actual residence address or description of place of residence and post office address, age, length of residence in the town, and date of birth.

A write-in candidate shall file the nomination paper and other forms not later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2020 for the August 4, 2020 election. Write-in candidates are not required to file nomination petitions. However, all other candidate election forms must be filed by write-in candidates. Forms are available online <https://www.pvaz.net/829/Candidate-Forms> or at the Town Clerk's Office, 7501 E. Skoog Blvd.

For additional Prescott Valley election information call (928) 759-3135 or email clerk@pvaz.net, or visit the website at www.pvaz.net/388/Election-Candidates/

Mayor's Message *Prescott Valley Mayor Kell Palguta*

Hello everyone, I hope this month's newsletter finds you in great health and even better spirits.

I'm happy to say at the time of writing this article that we as a Town are 98 percent open and life as normal is starting to return.

Yavapai County and the Town of Prescott Valley were not affected nearly as badly as what was originally predicted. However, "It is better to be prepared for the worst and hope for the best."

The best times are now ahead for Prescott Valley and as of the end of May, the Mountain Valley Splash pool is open, citizens can now eat in at their favorite restaurants and we hosted two very popular Drive-In Movie experiences.

As predicted, COVID-19 proved to be an obstacle in our everyday lives, and like Americans have done for hundreds of years, we accepted the challenge head on and have overcome it.



We as a Town will continue to provide the citizens of Prescott Valley with the top notch services you have known and come to expect.

On another note, I often have contact with citizens who may not be familiar with or have never visited a specific park or trail in the community.

This month I would like to challenge each and every one of you to take advantage of our great climate and seek out and enjoy one of our amazing facilities. Please go to the Town of Prescott Valley web page at www.pvaz.net and click on Parks and Recreation to learn about all the parks and trails that Prescott Valley has to offer.

If you need any suggestions and

can't find what you are looking for online, please be sure to reach out to me at my office or on my Mayor Kell Palguta Facebook page. I would love to share with you some of my family's favorite places to go.

In closing I would like to thank each and every one of you for your patience and understanding during the past few months.

I especially would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2020! In the past we have taken a lot of things for granted, and graduation and our students happen to be one of them.

There is no doubt that our students are the future of our community and they will forever be stronger from their experiences.

So please, when you're out and about in our Town, take a moment to thank an essential worker, smile at your neighbor, and be happy that we live in the best community in Northern Arizona.

Two major PV streets projects complete or nearing completion

The Town of Prescott Valley is moving closer to a scheduled mid-July completion of the several-year Sunset Lane Project, which includes widening, paving and installation of storm drains and sidewalks on Sunset Lane from Pine View to Prescott East Highway.

Construction began in May 2019, after utility providers worked through the prior year to move and prepare infrastructure in the area. Prescott Valley is partnering with Yavapai County through an intergovernmental agreement to pay for the \$7.5 million project.

During June, crews completed storm

drain installation at the Pine View intersection.

Concrete drainage structures to accommodate the large storm drain at the intersection were formed and poured. Curb/gutter and sidewalk construction continued east from Prescott East Highway.

Another Town road construction effort completed in early June is the Glassford Hill Free Flow Right project,



Crews in May pave the new Glassford Free Flow Right Lane to ease traffic off of Highway 89A

which adds a no-signal lane on the eastbound Highway 89A off ramp on to Glassford Hill Road. Crews paved and applied a final rubberized surface treatment to the roadway in May. The area also received a new traffic signal.

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a block party with families in your immediate vicinity, including music or other performances. How about honoring the grads on your block? July 4th fireworks watch party? Perhaps you can beat the heat with some yard water games, or enjoy some corn toss. The sky's the limit, and we encourage your creativity!

The Town will host a POP Toolkit on its website at www.pvaz.net. The toolkit will include neighborhood crime prevention

and other police information, and resources from Town departments such as Public Works, Police and Community Development. Be especially sure to check out the activities suggested by Parks & Recreation and the Library to get your POP popping!

If you would like a police officer to come and speak at your event, please call 928-772-9261, or for Town departments, please call Emily at 928-759-3102 or email

comrel@pvaz.net.

During the month of July, the Town invites you to be creative in getting to know your neighbors by hosting one or more events, and then posting photos of the fun on your Facebook, Instagram or Twitter pages using hashtag #PVPOP for a chance to win a Party on the Porch prize package.

For more information on Party on the Porch, please email comrel@pvaz.net or call 928-759-3123.