



# Prescott Valley



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# Town News

## Town adds new water storage on Glassford Hill

The Town of Prescott Valley in June began construction on a new three million gallon concrete water storage tank on Glassford Hill. The new tank will sit immediately west of an existing one million gallon tank adjacent to the Glassford Hill Summit Trail. MGC Corporation, which submitted the winning bid of \$4.2 million, will build the tank.

Glassford Summit Trail users should be aware of construction equipment and vehicles which will be using the first mile of the trail between Antelope Lane and the tank site. The trail will remain open for use except for a few days when the level of construction activity will require closure.

Funding for the water tank will be split. Jasper Subdivision developer, AZ Eco Development, will pay for its share of capacity (approximately 1.7 million gallons) and the Town will pay for the remaining capacity using fees assessed to new home construction.

Construction is expected to continue into late spring or early summer 2021.

This addition to the Town's water system increases the overall reliability of its water supply by increasing Prescott Valley's total water storage capacity to 18 million gallons, which is equivalent to three full days of storage based on Town average water usage. Water storage is used for fighting fires, meeting peak daily water demands, and providing a water source in the event of a long duration emergency, such as a region wide extended period power outage.

Updated information will be provided throughout the project as



This illustration shows what the new three million gallon storage tank on Glassford Hill will look like when it is complete. The new tank is shown behind and to the left of the existing tank.

conditions change or as additional information becomes available. For more information on this project please call Neil Wadsworth, Utilities Director at 928-759-3078.

## Town's well, storage improvements allow aquifer to rest, restore water levels

A recent 18-month period of "resting" Prescott Valley's Central Well Field has resulted in rebounding water levels and shows the health of the aquifer over which the Town is located.

The Town's water supply depends largely on water stored in a vast underground geologic formation called the Prescott Active Management Area Aquifer. The Town is located directly above a portion of the aquifer which runs from Dewey to Williamson Valley and north through Chino Valley. According to Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), the aquifer contains around 950 billion gallons of water and

is one of the aquifers from which the State of Arizona limits groundwater pumping (Fourth Management Plan for the Prescott AMA, ADWR, 2014). The Town must manage its water system pumping under State regulations.

Prescott Valley purchased the Central Well Field in January 1999 from the former Shamrock Water Company and decided to add another well. The drilling contractor was skeptical that he'd find water at the site. When that well was found capable of pumping 3,000 gallons-per-minute, it was named "Fat Chance Well." Over the past 20 years, the Town

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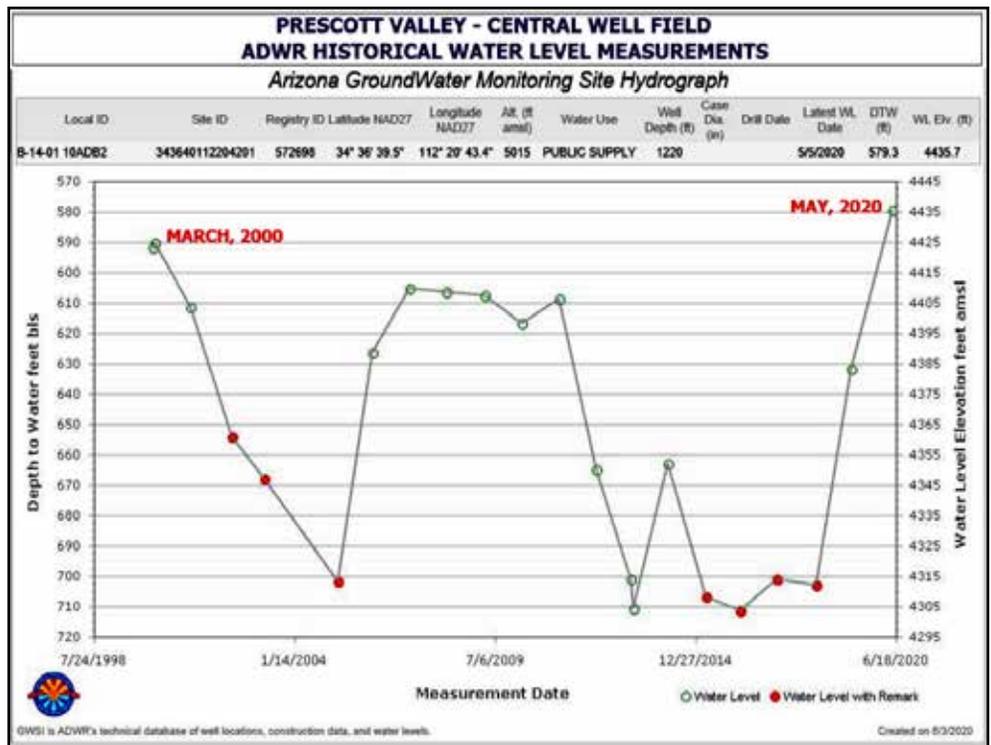
has pumped about 11.3 billion gallons of water from the Central Well Field's four wells.

During the Great Recession the Town needed to reduce the number of operating wells to save money. "It was natural to depend heavily on the Central Well Field because it is located close to the center of Town near the storage tanks and contains some of our best producing wells," said Town Utilities Director Neil Wadsworth. "However, that continuous pumping had a significant impact on the water levels in the area, creating a localized drawdown of about 150 feet in the water table."

The Town rested the well field beginning in the summer of 2018, to the current time, pumping sparingly from the field in summer 2019 to meet peak demands. During that time the Town pumped primarily from its well field north of Highway 89A. The Town also rested the Central Well Field in the mid-2000s, with a significant recovery. The latest rest period allowed water levels to recover and even increase above the original levels at the time of the Shamrock Water purchase, according to the latest ADWR measurements.

The recovery is encouraging as the Prescott Active Management Area works to reach the mandated Safe Yield by 2025, replacing through natural and treated wastewater recharge the same amount of water pumped each year.

"If the water table was significantly declining here, we wouldn't see the level of recovery we've seen in the



Central Well Field. When we let it rest, the entire well field has a chance to fill back in. When we measure the depth to water now, and compare it to 20 years ago, the field shows no decline despite population growth and 20 years of use," Wadsworth said.

The Town has continued to improve its water pumping and storage capacity with three new wells, refurbishing several older wells, and completing the construction of a two-million-gallon new storage tank.

"We will continue to manage the Central and North fields, pumping from various locations and allowing areas to rest on a more consistent basis so we

don't see a big decline at any single well," Wadsworth said. Managing the drawdown caused by pumping at each well is important to maintain pumps and equipment.

ADWR has a monitoring well at a location in Prescott Valley's Central Well Field. "Their data and independent measurements through May 2020 confirm the recent increase in the water level," Wadsworth said.

"To see no decline in the local water levels after resting this well field speaks to both the resiliency of the aquifer and the wisdom of spreading out pumping to other locations," said Town Manager Larry Tarkowski.

## Town's annual chip seal maintenance program to proceed through July

The Prescott Valley Public Works Department has prepared a plan for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 budget year, identifying streets for chip seal application to begin after July 1, with completion by the end of the month.

In January 2016 Town Council approved a half cent sales tax that allocated \$2 million per year for enhanced street maintenance throughout the community, which includes annual chip seal application.

Chip seal is the final treatment for pavement after crack sealing and spot patching have been completed.

Town Council in June approved a bid from VSS International in the amount of \$763,459 to complete the chip seal work.

The Town has scaled back its expenditure this year to \$1.25 million due to Covid-19. The amount remaining from the chip seal contract will be used for pre-chip maintenance.



For a detailed map of streets scheduled for maintenance this summer please see <https://bit.ly/3hXO1Ac>

# Construction ongoing on Viewpoint Drive Connector Project

Construction on Prescott Valley's Viewpoint Drive Connector Project began in March and is ongoing.

Roadway improvements are expanding the intersection of Manley Drive and extending Viewpoint Drive to Roundup Drive. A connection to the new roadway will be provided at Long Mesa Drive.

In mid-June, crews poured concrete for a nine-barrel box culvert in the Agua Fria flood plain, which will handle a 100-year flood event, and provide for an all-weather storm crossing. Crews also began construction of a 72" storm drain heading north from Roundup on Viewpoint Drive, which also will help with stormwater management in the area. Construction on this storm drain is expected to run into July.

In mid-June, the Town paved Long Mesa and Fulton for connection to the new route.

The new connector is expected to be the Town's third north/south traffic arterial, relieving some of the traffic congestion on Robert



Crews complete paving of Fulton at Long Mesa in mid-June as part of the Viewpoint Drive Connector project.

and Glassford Hill roads. After the connector is complete, the Town has plans to continue the widening of Robert Road north of Manley Dr. as funding becomes available.

While a two-lane road currently, the Town anticipates that Viewpoint Drive, at complete buildout to accommodate future growth, will mirror Glassford Hill Road with five lanes, median trees, and a multi-use pathway.

The project is funded by the Town's third cent sales tax for roadway improvements.

The Viewpoint Dr. Corridor project will last approximately nine months with an approximate completion date of Spring 2021. Temporary delays and detours may be experienced. Please use caution if traveling in the area.

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

## *Parks & Recreation Roundup*

### **New Classes!**

Class is back in session! Parks and Recreation offers a little bit of everything from art workshops to dog obedience. Our newest class, Chito Ryu Karate, takes place on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club Gym. Students of all skill levels (ages 5+) are invited to join. The class is \$25 per month.

For more information about the classes and programs we offer please contact us at (928) 759-3090 or visit online at [www.pvaz.net/parks](http://www.pvaz.net/parks)

### **2020 Swim-In Movie**

Don't miss the 2020 Swim-In Movie, The Little Mermaid! Parks & Recreation will be showing this classic animated film at Mountain Valley Splash on Saturday, August 1st. The movie will start at 8 p.m. and the concession stand at the pool will be open through the event for

those who want a snack to enjoy with the show.

Standard pool fees apply to attend; youth (under 18) and senior (60 and up) entry is \$4 and adult entry is \$5. This is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the end of summer with your family!

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### **Summer Concert Series**

The Prescott Valley Arts and Culture Commission announces the Summer Concert Series: an annual FREE concert series hosted throughout the summer at the Theater on the Green Amphitheater.

Free games and activities on the lawn will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the concerts will begin at 7 p.m. Bring a picnic for the lawn or enjoy food from our local vendors at our open-

air venue located at 7501 E. Skoog Blvd. Prescott Valley, Arizona 86314.

### **Schedule:**

- Saturday August 22 - Maxwell T & the MGs
- Saturday August 29 – Thunder N Lightning

### ***Patriot Week***

- Saturday September 5 – HUSD Combined Choir (6-7 p.m.)
- Tuesday, September 8 – Yavapai College Brass Quintet and Yavapai College Women's Choir (6-7 p.m.)

- Saturday, September 19 – Atomic Surf

Concert schedule is subject to change. Please contact Parks and Recreation at 928-759-3090 or visit [www.pvaz.net](http://www.pvaz.net) for more information.

# Two-year Sunset Lane project nearing completion this month

Asphalt Paving & Supply completed construction of the storm drain infrastructure in the Pine View intersection on Sunset Lane in late June, and began backfilling and preparing the roadway for paving.

Paving took place in early July and the roadway was opened for travel. Sidewalk construction will be ongoing through July.

Completion of the two-year, \$6 million joint project between the Town and Yavapai County is scheduled for completion at the end of July. The construction of Sunset Lane from Prescott East Highway to Pine View widened and paved the roadway, added a center turn lane and sidewalks, and extensive storm water infrastructure.



Paving underway in late June as the two-year Sunset Lane widening project nears completion.

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

Hello everyone. I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and even better spirits.

As we're halfway through the year 2020, I think I am safe to say that no one predicted the challenges that we would face as a town and as a nation.

I am happy to say that the Town of Prescott Valley has been trying its best to provide quality service to its citizens. One example of this is the expenditure in the past two years of more than \$17 million on our current roads and infrastructure.

The long awaited Sunset Lane project is nearly complete. This joint effort with Yavapai County greatly improves Prescott Valley's east/west traffic flow and adds a safety corridor for pedestrians and bike riding enthusiasts almost the entire length of Sunset Lane and Florentine Road.

Prescott Valley is also three months into developing the Viewpoint Connector, which is another north/



south corridor to help alleviate traffic on both Glassford Hill and Robert Roads.

This will be the first time since the widening of Glassford Hill

Road in which improvement by the Town will dramatically change traffic flows. All of these improvements are based on General Plan 2025, voted on by the citizens as a blueprint for the Town's future.

As you read this newsletter from the comfort of your residence, I would like to thank each and every one for doing your part to make Prescott Valley an amazing place to live and work. It is such a good feeling to be out in public during these tumultuous times and still see Prescott Valley residents being

polite, friendly and generous toward one another. The same hometown friendly attitude I remember from growing up in a small town in Maine is the one I see here. Our Party on the Porch event going on through this month is a great way to preserve that small town atmosphere. See the Toolkit at [www.pvaz.net](http://www.pvaz.net). Activities can easily be conducted with social distancing.

Remember through the month to be responsible in protecting yourself and your loved ones from Covid-19 by masking up when you cannot social distance, washing your hands often, and staying home when you are ill. If each person will take personal responsibility, we can beat this pandemic together.

If you have any questions regarding Town departments, or their functions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Our staff is more than happy to answer any questions and provide information. The main switchboard number is 928-759-3000. Give us a call.

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Phone:  
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### CROSSROADS of the WEST GUN SHOW

AUGUST 15-16

LARGE SELECTION OF PISTOLS, RIFLES & KNIVES  
NEW & USED GUNS & RIFLES  
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SATURDAY  
9AM - 5PM  
SUNDAY  
9AM - 4PM

\$10 at the Door

Admission good for both days.  
Kids 12 and under free with paid adult.

### ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE SHOW

AUGUST 29-30

Saturday 10am - 4pm  
Sunday 9am - 3pm

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