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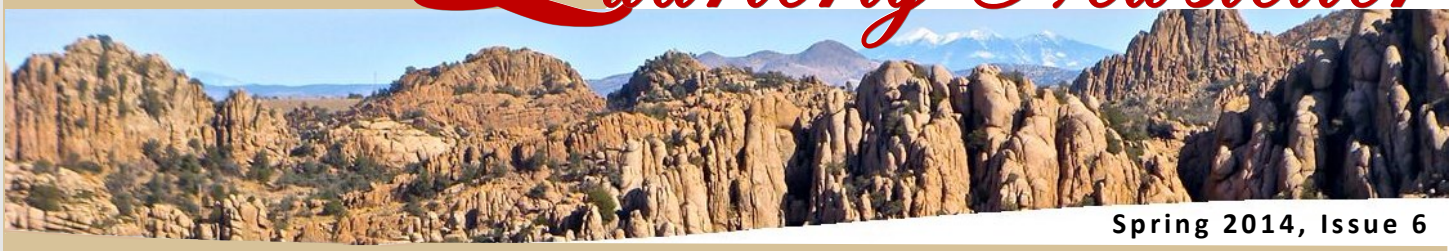
Prescott Recreation Services Department

Quarterly Newsletter



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(File photo)

A self-guided tour through the Habitat Garden educates visitors on over 25 named species of native plants, with 41 plants identified along the trail..

Community Nature Center Open Space Preserve

Purchased by the City of Prescott in 2007, the original concept of the Community Nature Center remains in tact for future generations. This18-acre site preserves the unique character of the Prescott area's natural heritage.

As a transitional zone between the Sonoran Desert region to the south, and the Colorado Plateau to the north, this zone draws plant and animal species from both regions, making it distinct and diverse.

Established by the Prescott Unified School District (PUSD) in the 1970s, the Center was managed for many years by the Highlands Center for Natural History. A small group of volunteers assist with interpretation of the natural values, maintenance, and monitoring of the site.

With 1.5 miles of trails, visitors experience a microcosm of the area when roaming through the grasslands and boulders. Activities include hiking, birding, and nature study. Prescott's history is represented with the Hardyville Road exhibit along the trail, as well as the Native American teepee, and log cabin constructed by the Youth Conservation Corps in 1976.

Guides are available at the Center's kiosk or on the Community Nature Center page online at: www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks/parks. The Center is open year-round from 7:00 a.m. until sunset. Parking is free.

Groups numbering ten or more must make reservations with the Recreation Services Department at (928) 777-1122 to discuss the event and planned activities. Site Use Guidelines are also available online. *(Contributor: Nancy Nesbit)*

Community Nature Center and Open Space Preserve
1981 Williamson Valley Road, Prescott Arizona

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Joe Baynes
City of Prescott
Recreation Services Director

Highlands Center for Natural History

Naturalist City Walks on select city trails.
Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. FREE

Spark your natural curiosity and discover more about local birds, geology, plants, and more!

Check their website or call for a schedule.
www.highlandscenter.org
Phone: (928) 776-9550
1375 S. Walker Rd.
Prescott, AZ 86303

(Photo courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)

The pond is a magnet for birds, other animals and water loving plants.

The Parks - Ken Lindley Park

(Photo courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)

The park portion of the complex includes a large ramada with a barbeque, playground, and restrooms.

Part of a larger 4.6 acre complex that includes the historic Ken Lindley Stadium and Ball Field, Mike Fann Community Skate Park, and tennis courts, Ken Lindley park is a neighborhood park with everything you might expect.

Nestled in the northwest corner of the complex, it sports a large ramada with picnic table and barbeque, which is available for rent and ideal for celebrations with family and friends. Activities for children include a playground and the skate park (which is located just across the parking lot).

One of Prescott's older parks, the facilities in this charming park were recently painted, making it ready for the 2014 season and visitors.

(Courtesy photo)

Ken Lindley

Kenneth D. Lindley

Born in Parker, Arizona on May 15, 1925, Ken Lindley moved to the Prescott area at the age of 16 and attended Mayer High School. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he worked as an automobile mechanic. In October 1951 he joined the Prescott Police Department. Working his way up through the ranks, he was named Chief of Police on March 15, 1961, and was considered throughout Arizona as one of the best in his profession.

On September 10, 1971, Chief Lindley was killed in an automobile accident while en route to Cottonwood Airport on a narcotics investigation, with two Arizona Department of Public Safety Officers. Chief Lindley was dead upon arrival at the hospital. The other two officers and the seven people in the other car were all injured. He served with the Prescott Police Department one month shy of 20 years.

Very active, well known and liked in the community, he had a passion for sports and kids, especially baseball and softball. Summer evenings and weekends, Chief Lindley became a fixture at "City Field" as a spectator, coach and player. He coached and managed youth baseball in Prescott from the 1950s until his death, sometimes coaching with his friend Bill Vallely. He also pitched on a slo-pitch softball team, and participated in a tournament in St. Louis just days before the accident.

Shortly after his death, Mayor Taylor T. Hicks, Sr. and the Prescott City Council unanimously passed a resolution renaming City Park to Ken Lindley Field. A 1930s WPA (Works Progress Administration) facility, the stadium was placed on the National Register of Historic places in 1994. *(Contributor Nancy Nesbit)*

Neighborhood Park Ramada Rentals

Medium Ramadas

Granite Creek Park Ramada (capacity 150)	Half Day (4 hrs. or less) $100
Vista Park Ramada (capacity 100)	Whole Day (open to close) $175
Willow Creek Park Ramada (capacity 100)	*Refundable deposit:*
	**Commercial Event Rental - $300*
	Private Event Rental - $200

Small Ramadas

Flinn Park Ramada (capacity 40)	Half Day (4 hrs. or less) $75
Ken Lindley Park Ramada (capacity 40)	Full Day (open to close) $125
	Refundable deposit: $200 all rentals

**Commercial Event Rentals are any rental that requires a "Certificate of Liability".*

For detailed information visit is online at: **www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks/rentals/**

Ken Lindley Park
702 E. Gurley St., Prescott, AZ

Summer Hours
(Memorial Day through Labor Day)
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Winter Hours
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Free Parking (on E. Willis St., between N. Washington and N. Arizona Aves.)

Visit us online through the City site under services at:
www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks

The Lakes - Watson Lake

In Memory of our Fallen Heroes; Watson Lake Park Playground

June 30th of this year will commemorate the one year anniversary of the Yarnell Fire and the loss of Prescott's 19 Granite Mountain Hotshot firefighters.

In December 2013, ExerPlay and Landscape Structures generously donated a playground, adjacent to the existing playground, in their memory. Designed for children ages 2-5, it is modeled after a fire truck and lists the names of all the fallen Granite Mountain Hotshots. Local firefighters, staff from ExerPlay and Prescott Recreation Services staff assisted in the construction of the playground. Both playground areas were covered with Fibar, an engineered wood chip product which cushions falls. Hanson Aggregate provided cement for the project and Lowes Home Improvement provided most of the border surrounding the play surface. The city also installed a new drinking Fountain with donations from B&W Fire Security Systems, Superior Roofing of Northern Arizona, and Yavapai Plumbing and Heating.

"This is a tremendous upgrade to Watson Lake Park for future generations to enjoy and pay Homage to our fallen Granite Mountain Hotshots", said Tim Legler, Prescott Recreation Services Superintendent.

Prescott firemen at the opening of the Watson Lake Playground, December 11, 2013

(Photos courtesy of Prescott Fire Department)

HOURS

Summer: 6:00 am—10:00 pm *(Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend)*
Winter: 7:00 am—Sunset

PARKING FEE $2.00
(Three Lakes & Peavine Trail)
One Day Pass Good At All Four Locations
Parking is free on Wednesdays

Parking Passes:
20 park visits for $20.00 (no expiration date)
60 park visits for $40.00 (no expiration date)
Unlimited entry for a year from date of issue, $80.00
Visit us online at: www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks

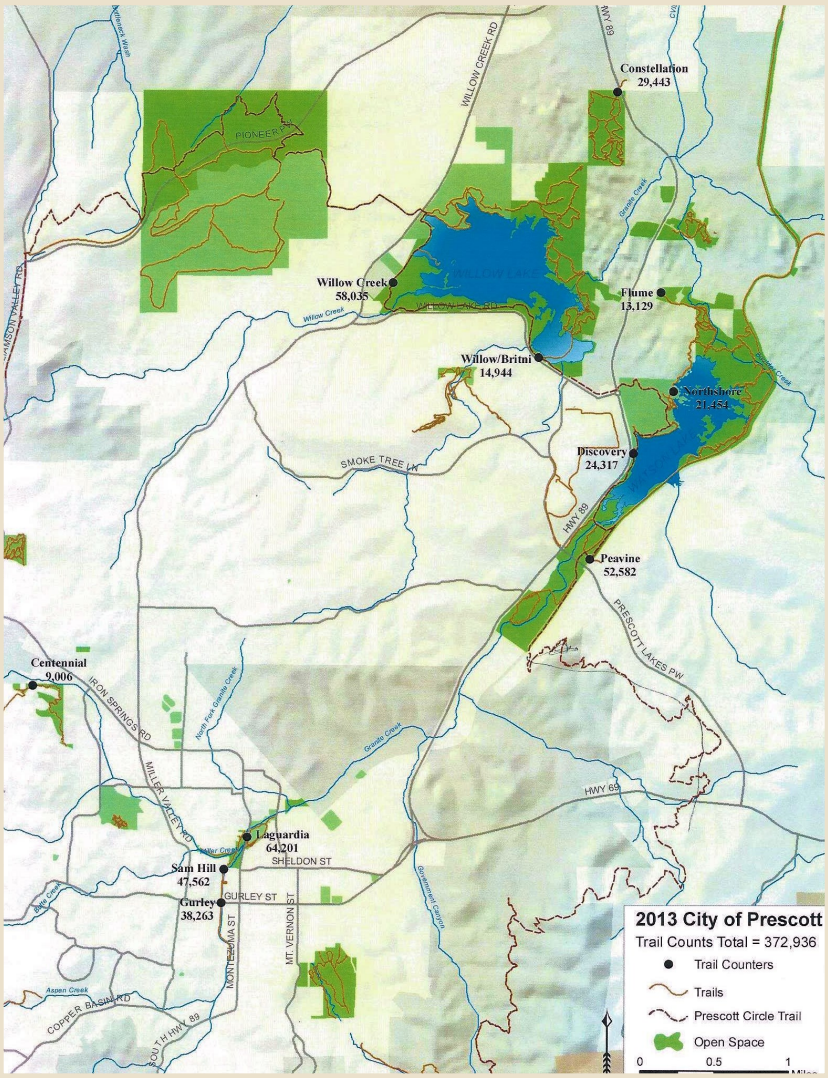
Summer Season Begins

Memorial Day Weekend; Saturday, May 24th

The two campgrounds at Watson Lake reopen.
For more information visit the City website at:
www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks/rentals

Kayak and canoe rentals at Watson and Goldwater Lakes resume. For exact dates, times and rental fees contact Prescott Outdoors

Website: prescottoutdoors.com · Phone (928) 925-1410
Email: paddle@prescottoutdoors.com



The Trails & Natural Parklands

2013 Trail Counts

In 2013, Prescott city trails saw an increase in traffic of approximately 10 percent over 2012.

Of the 26 city trails, counters were installed at 11 sites. This was a significant expansion from the three sites which were covered in 2012; Constellation, Flume, and Peavine.

To check the accuracy of the counters, volunteers were periodically placed at several sites to compare results, which confirmed the data of the counters.

Logs completed at many trailheads indicate that visitors from outside areas have increased. Although the trail system has expanded, traffic on old trails has not diminished and is also increasing.

Expansion of city trails continues to make Prescott a destination for the outdoor recreationist. Prescott is notable for its weather, history, and now outdoor recreation opportunities, which will continue to grow and draw visitors well into the future.

Maps for City trails are downloadable at the city website under services at: www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks/trails/ or www.prescotttrails.com

What Our Visitors Have To Say

A number of visitors have taken the time to tell us about their experience by filling out the log books located at many trailheads. The records from 2013 found that they have come from 43 of the 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii. 21 foreign countries have been represented and included visitors from Canada, Mexico, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Holland, India, Indonesia, Israel, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Philippines, Singapore, Switzerland, Syria, and Turkey.

Because only a small percentage of trail users fill out the logs, it is conceivable that visitors from other countries and states may have also enjoyed City parks and trails.

The comments have been overwhelmingly positive and the remarks indicate an appreciation of the beauty of Prescott. Many noted how well maintained and marked the trails are. The wilderness feel of urban trails was also noted.

Many plan on returning, have returned, or have recently moved to Prescott, indicating that the Mile High Trail System is appreciated and important to all our visitors.

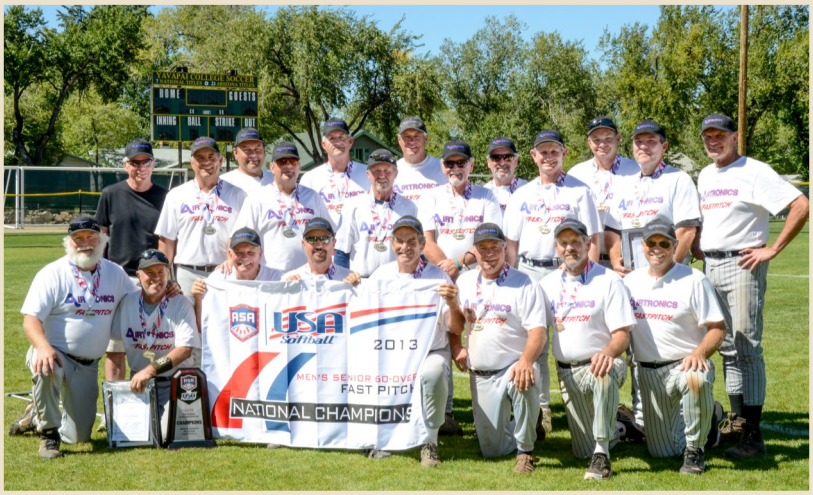
2013 Count Results Totals Summary

Site	Annual Avg. Daily Traffic	Yearly Totals
Centennial	24.674	9,006
Constellation	80.667	29,443
Discovery	66.622	24,317
Flume	35.971	13,129
Gurley	104.830	38,263
Laguardia	175.893	64,201
Northshore	58.778	21,454
Peavine	144.061	52,582
Sam Hill	130.307	47,562
Willow Creek	159	58,035
Willow/Britni	40.942	14,944
Totals:	**1,021.745**	**372,936**

Sports Page

City of Prescott Hosts a Multitude of Sporting Events/Tournaments

The City of Prescott Recreation Services Department provides many sports related activities for our residents and surrounding communities of all ages. We also host many sporting events and tournaments that boost our local economy throughout the year. Some of the events include, mountain biking, running events, softball and baseball tournaments, Senior Olympics, Tiny-Tot Olympics, youth football and soccer.



(File Photo)

Airtronics, Central California
2013 ASA Men's 60 and Over Fast Pitch National Champions

Our calendar of sporting events begins in mid March with the Go! Off Road Duathlon and commences just before Thanksgiving with the NJCAA National Soccer Championship. The annual Amateur Softball Association Beat the Heat and Best of the West Softball tournaments in June and July bring an estimated $280,000 to our local economy. With over 8,200 athletes competing in approximately 30 events from March to November, the local economy sees an estimated $1.5 million increase in business sales at local shops, hotels and restaurants.

The Recreation Services Department has a tremendous staff that work extremely hard to ensure each event and tournament listed on our calendar is conducted with the best service possible that includes our Parks staff managing care of the fields and facilities, Recreation staff working with each event coordinator and tournament director, and of course the highest level of customer service for the athletes and family members who come and play in our City.

The Recreation Services Department takes extreme pride in the calendar of sporting events and continues to search for new events and tournaments each year. Whether you are one of our athletes competing or you just want to experience any of these events or tournaments, the 2014 calendar of sporting events has many opportunities for you! *(See page 12 for this year's calendar.)*

For more information, please contact the Recreation Services Department at 777-1122 or visit our city website at: www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks

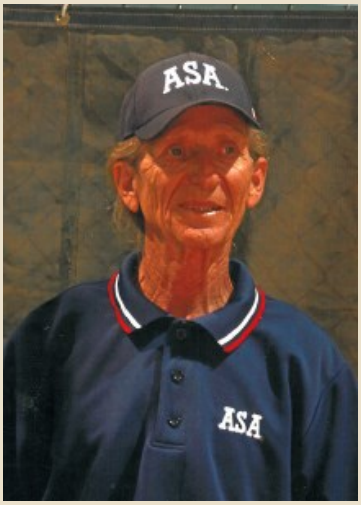
(Contributor: Rick Hormann)

Contact Information

To enter teams or leagues telephone (928) 777-1557 or email: rick.hormann@prescott-az.gov

Our calendar of sporting events is available at our Parks and Recreation Department office located at the Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center 824 E. Gurley St. Prescott, AZ 86301 Telephone: (928) 777-1122

Visit us on the City's website under services at: www.cityofprescott.net



Spotlight On Dave Hatfield

David (Dave) Hatfield has been officiating and participating in Prescott Parks and Recreation sports since 1996, and is still an integral part of our sports programs. He officiates all sports and his enthusiasm and professionalism enhances everything he does. He is a second generation official, as he started at the age of 16 under the tutelage of his father, Gene. Since living in Prescott he has been able to make being a sports official a vocation as well as an avocation. He officiates all ages and levels of abilities including Junior High and High School as well as city leagues, both men and women. Whether he is calling volleyball, softball, football or basketball, he says the same thing. "I am going to continue to be out here, it is too much fun, and too rewarding to think about doing anything else."

Our History

Evolution of the Department; Part Two

The 1990s brought many exciting additions to the Department's portfolio through citizen and staff-led efforts. These included the City-County joint development of the Pioneer Park sports complex through a lease on federal land, and funding from State Heritage Fund grants (i.e., monies from the AZ Lottery). At the same time, the City secured Federal funding to purchase portions of the former Santa Fe Railroad grade, for conversion to a recreation trail, and the Mile-High Trail System was born. Also in the 1990s, the City contributed $1 million towards the new YMCA to better serve area youth, and Acker Park on Virginia Street was created. In 1998, through a voter-approved referendum, the City purchased Willow and Watson Lakes (i.e., water rights and land base) from Chino Valley Irrigation District for $15 million.

Since 2000, the Department has diversified its portfolio with many partners with the expansion of the Mile-High Trail System; opening the Mike Fann Community Skate Park, Willow Creek Dog Park, and Watson Lake Horseshoe Complex; expanded water-based amenities at Willow & Watson Lakes; purchase of high quality lands in the Granite Dells; purchasing and opening the Community Nature Center; and developing the Rowle P. Simmons Community Center and Granite Creek pump track. Other highlights since 2000 have included a successful Special Needs Activity Program and sports leagues, hosting AZ Cardinals training camps and a U.S. Women's Olympic Softball Exhibition, and hosting numerous large softball tournaments and special events. A Council-adopted master plan effort in 2007 defined future directions for the Department's portfolio, contingent on available funding and grants. The 2007 master plan also allowed comparing Prescott with other communities and National Standards for Parks and Recreation facilities.

In 2008, Debbie Horton became Director and began implementation of the master plan, and coordinated the City's hosting of the U.S. Women's Softball Olympic Exhibition (i.e., their last game before leaving for the Summer Games in Beijing) for a record crowd at Ken Lindley Stadium. Debbie also streamlined many operations, and successfully guided the Department following some difficult budgetary years due to the recession.

In 2011, Joe Baynes joined the Department as Assistant Director, and ultimately Director later that year and today provides the continued leadership for providing high quality settings and services, with considerably fewer staff. Outstanding volunteers, donors, partners, and City Council support have helped make this possible. We look forward to a bright future in serving residents and visitors.

(Part one was published in the Winter 2014 issue)

(Contributor: Eric Smith, Special Projects Administrator)

(File photos)

Mike Fann Community Skate Park
(Top) **Under construction**
(Above) **Skaters at the park today**

Our Activities and Volunteers

TrekAbout Hiking Club's Leaders

Three organizations, Yavapai County Community Health Services (YCCHS), Prescott YMCA, and the City of Prescott Recreation Services Department are the mainstays of TrekAbout Hiking Club. The hikes are led by an experienced individual from one of the three organizations; Leslie Horton (YCCHS), Chris Hosking (Prescott Recreation Services), and Candi Dailey (Prescott YMCA). Hiking with TrekAbout is safer than hiking alone, with guides you are less likely to get lost, and TrekAbout members are among the first to experience the newest trails in the Prescott area. In joining TrekAbout you are likely to discover trails and beautiful areas you may not have known exist. Join the club to make new friends, have fun, get healthy and stay fit.

(Contributor and photos: Nancy Nesbit)

Watson Woods, Fall 2013

For information on TrekAbout, call (928) 777-1122, or visit the Prescott Recreation Services office in the Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center located in the "Old Armory Building" at 824 E. Gurley St., Prescott, AZ 86301.
Membership is $18.00 a year and a calendar of hikes is provided to members.
There are two hikes per week graded on a scale of one to four (with four being the most difficult.)
Hikes are on Tuesdays (2 hours) and Wednesdays (up to 4 Hours) and begin at 8:00 a.m.
Hiking boots required, carry water and all dogs must be on a leash.

Candi Dailey
Personal Trainer, Sports Performance Nutrition Specialist

Prescott YMCA

TrekAbout's newest leader, Candi Dailey, has been leading hikes with TrekAbout for just over a year and has been with the YMCA for almost 13 years. With a passion for exercise, fitness, and health she pursued a career in Personal Fitness Training and became a specialist in Sport Performance Nutrition. She trains Individuals one on one, teaches a Mommy Boot Camp as well as a functional training class called Power X.

Candi started out hiking in Prescott with her parents 35 years ago. "They'd just go on the outskirts of town and hike up a mountain for a picnic." She enjoys being a TrekAbout leader because it enables her to get outdoors and show people the really beautiful side of Prescott. She especially likes the trail out to the "Big Tree" on the Contreras Ranch because her grandfather Mickey Contreras, and his brother Ray, who grew up on the ranch, worked to get it in the record books. For her, it brings back fond memories when she goes there. The "Big Tree" (Alligator Juniper) was saved by the Granite Mountain Hot Shots during Prescott's Doce Fire in June 2013.

Yavapai County Community Health Services

Leslie Horton has been a hike leader and employed with YCCHS for 11 years and now oversees a dozen health promotion grants.

After moving to Phoenix from Alaska in 1998, Leslie frequented the city trails. However, when she moved to Prescott in 2002 she fell in love with the weather and outdoor recreation opportunities, especially the beautiful trails. She enjoys starting her TrekAbout days by getting outdoors early and interacting with a fun group of people. She often brings her children (Jackson, 5 and Lyla, 3) so as they grow, they too will develop a love of the outdoors and hiking.

Leslie states, "I have to commend all of the TrekAbout members for hitting the trails early on a regular basis, while most people are still sipping their morning coffee." What she likes most is experiencing all of the beauty of Prescott, and trying out new trails as soon as they become available. She hopes to continue leading TrekAbout hikes for years to come.

Leslie Horton
Community Health Education Section Manager

Chris Hosking, Trails and Natural Parkland Coordinator for the City of Prescott Recreation Services Department, has been leading hikes with TrekAbout for four years. For more information on Chris' background and duties with the City of Prescott see his bio on page 10.

Projects

Construction Continues on the 50-Mile Prescott Circle Trail

(Photo Courtesy of Chris Hosking)

The initial clearing of brush was done by Over The Hill Gang. Excavation was done by Rob Hehlen, Prescott National Forest Trail Volunteer, and Chris Hosking, Trails and Natural Parkland Coordinator for Prescott Recreation Services Department.

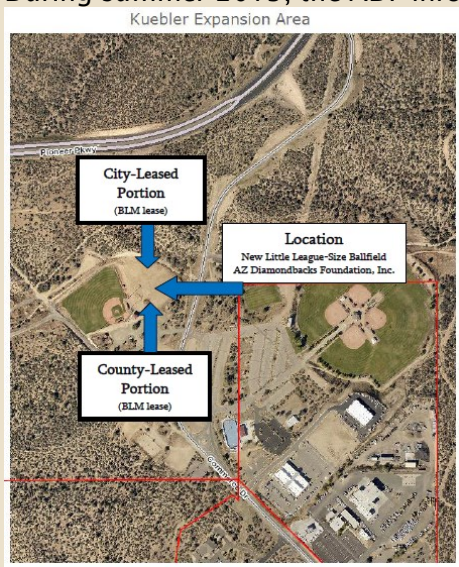
In February, trail construction began on City-owned land that is part of a major section of the Prescott Circle Trail (PCT) that ultimately connects the Watson Lake area, to Government Canyon area, and Prescott National Forest and beyond. One and a quarter miles was finished over the old landfill site as of February 23, 2014 with an additional seven-tenths of a mile from the Peavine parking area south along the old railroad grade to the start of the newly constructed trail, all on city land.

Continuing eastbound, trail construction will continue on land owned by Yavapai County, before reaching the Arizona State Trust Lands southeast of the juvenile justice center. In mid-February, the City received the official right-of-entry to construct the PCT within leased rights-of-way. The 1% sales tax for streets and open space made funding this lease possible. Since State Trust Lands are not public lands, a detailed process was completed that opened the door for 6.6 miles of trail construction. This also includes a section of the PCT near Pioneer Parkway and Williamson Valley Road. Funding for construction of the trail is being made possible via a trails grant secured by International Mountain Bike Association through Arizona State Parks. Labor sources will include contracted trail crews, The Over the Hill Gang, Yavapai Trails Association (i.e., the original visionary for the PCT), and various community restitution crews through City of Prescott and Yavapai County. This total effort is one of the largest trail construction projects ever undertaken by the City of Prescott, will compliment the efforts by Prescott National Forest, and will result in a completed long-distance trail for many to enjoy.

Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation Building a New Little-League Baseball Field at Kuebler Field

Since 2000 the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation, Inc., (ADF), has built or refurbished over 32 baseball fields under their "Diamonds Back" Youth Field Building Program. The fields are built through the aid of corporate sponsor APS, local businesses, and funds from the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation, and monetary donations from players. Fields generally feature new lights, an electronic scoreboard, new fencing and backstops, new irrigation, and new dirt work and/or grass. The sites of the fields are determined through a grant process.

During summer 2013, the ADF informed Prescott Little League that Prescott had been selected as the preferred location to construct a baseball field as part of their grant program. With plans already available for the baseball field portion of the larger multi-use field expansion contemplated at Pioneer Park, Kuebler Field was identified as the logical site for construction, and after a tour of the location, ADF representatives agreed. ADF will provide the final design, construction, management, and funding. Pimmex General Contracting and Nelson Architects have agreed to donate their services to ADF, with a goal of completion by June 2014. The project incudes grading and installation of irrigation, sod, ball field lighting, a scoreboard, fencing, bleachers, and dugouts.



Because the City-County boundary for leased Bureau of Land Management property bisects the project location, both Prescott City Council and Yavapai County Board of Supervisors approved the project. The Little League ball field will be designed and constructed to allow further expansion consistent with the originally-proposed multi-use fields. The future expansion will allow one (1) regulation size soccer field and one (1) junior size soccer field that can also be used for youth football, as well as, additional parking facilities.

(Contributor: Eric Smith, Special Projects Administrator)

Something New - Goldwater Lake Expansion Now Open

The City of Prescott opened the new Goldwater Lake day use area to the public on Saturday March 15th, 2014, and close to 100 people came to support the grand opening. The new day use areas include a new playground, two new ramadas, two new restrooms, a ceremony pad, many individual picnic sites, new trails, and an additional 105 parking spaces. Also, with the drilling of the new well, the park has its first public/potable water system as water previously needed to be transported to the park. The expansion has received much support from Prescott City Council.

Project Manager Eric Smith worked closely with Kelley-Wise Engineering and Fann Contracting to help make the expansion a reality. Speaking and supporting the grand opening and dedication of the new day use areas were Mayor Marlin Kuykendall and Councilmen Steve Blair and Charlie Arnold. Elisabeth Ruffner, a local historian gave a brief and informative history of the Goldwater Lake area. The grandson of the late Senator Barry Goldwater, Michael Goldwater Jr., also spoke at the grand opening of his childhood memories at Goldwater Lake and fishing for bluegill. He spoke of his Great Uncle, Morris Goldwater, and how he was instrumental in damning up Banning Creek, which created Goldwater Lake, when the City was searching for a new water source after the fire in the early 1900s.

The expansion of Goldwater Lake was made possible by impact fees from new housing building permits, and it took about four months to complete the project. The expansion of Goldwater Lake could not have been a success without the help of the Recreation Services staff, the Over-the-Hill-Gang trail volunteers, the City Community Restitution Program, and the Yavapai County Adult Probation Program. This expansion is the first major update to Goldwater Lake since it opened in 1979.

(Contributor: Kalliea Ross, Intern)

(Photo courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)

(Top) **Elisabeth Ruffner addresses the audience at the grand opening dedication.**

(Above) **Guests view the new playground area and Lakeview Ramada.**

Rental information on lakes facilities is located in the box on the left.
For more information call: (928) 777-1122

Ramada Rentals at the Lakes

Large Ramadas

Will require a $100 reservation hold within 10 days of reservation. $100 is refundable if cancelled within 45 days of the event.

Goldwater Lake Ramada (capacity 100)
Goldwater Lakeview Ramada (capacity 100)
Goldwater Pinetop Ramada (capacity 100)
Watson Lake Upper Ramada (capacity 150)
Willow Lake Hilltop Ramada (capacity 150)
Willow Lake Garden Ramada (capacity 150)

Half Day (4 hrs. or less) $150
Whole Day (open to close) $300
Refundable deposit:
**Commercial Event Rental - $400*
Private Event Rental - $200

Small Ramadas

Watson Lake Lower Ramada (capacity 40)

Half Day (4 hrs. or less) $75
Full Day (open to close) $125
Refundable deposit: $200 all rentals

Other Facilities

Goldwater Ceremonial Pad (capacity 100) — $35.00 per hour, maximum 4 hours

**Commercial Event Rentals are any rental that requires a "Certificate of Liability".*

For detailed information visit us online at: **www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks/rentals/**

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For information on Parking Passes see page 3.

Kid's First Fish Day

Saturday, June 7th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Goldwater Lake

(File photo)

Conducted by Arizona Game and Fish Department this annual event has become the most attended at Goldwater Lake. It is free with tackle, bait, and Instruction provided by AZGFD, on a first come, first served basis. The north cove is netted and stocked with trout, so the kids have a good chance of catching a fish.

While there, check out the lake's new expansion area!

Visit the Arizona Game and Fish Department online at:
www.azgfd.com

State-wide Free Fish Days for All Ages
First Two Saturdays in June
on June 7th and 14th!

Help Us Fight Graffiti

This year the City of Prescott is experiencing a significant increase in graffiti with 661 tags in January and February. Graffiti removal is important in keeping our city beautiful, discouraging bad behavior and deterring crime. Each tag costs $25.00 to clean up. In 2013, 240 hours were spent removing 1,477 tags at a cost to the City of approximately $36,925. This cost does not take into account the time involved to locate and document tags by the police department, Park Rangers, and Citizens on Patrol, or the replacement of signs by various city departments. So whether it is on the trails (such as the Greenways Trail System), a park or anywhere in the City, **you can help:**

- **Report it, call Police Dispatch at (928) 445-3131**
- **Make a monetary donation to help defray costs.**

To donate contact Kelly Tolbert, Recreation Services Department at (928) 777-1558.

(Photo courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)

Led by Larry Stephens *(Left)* and Troy Kenner *(Right)*, the Community Service Work Program removes graffiti in Prescott.

Spotlight On ... Chris Hosking

Chris Hosking
Trails and Natural Parkland Coordinator

A native of Windermere in the Lake District of Northern England, Chris move to the United States in 1989. An Industrial Design Consultant, he worked in Silicon Valley for Apple computers and other industries. An outdoorsman, he found it difficult sitting inside at a desk. He decided to change course and moved to Mammoth Lakes in California's High Sierras. He did some freelance design consulting and opened his own business bringing bicycle products to market. Chris also diversified and managed a YMCA camp and was a snowmobile guide.

Tired of the severe winter weather of the Sierras, Chris and his young family moved to Prescott in August 2006. Weather, outdoor recreation activities, and quality of life were the defining factors in making the decision to move to Prescott.

Chris became the Prescott Parks and Recreation Department Trails Specialist, succeeding Eric Smith who had developed many miles of City trails, including the Peavine National Recreation Trail. Expanding on Eric's efforts, Chris reorganized the Over the Hill Gang and made plans to build trails in the Dells and around both Watson and Willow Lakes, adding 25 miles to the now 54 mile city trail system. He also planned and built trails in smaller parks and natural parklands, which are designed to give the visitor the feel of being in a remote area. To keep maintenance at a minimum, trails have a rolling contour design which sheds water and low speed features to accommodate multi-use. A spokesman for the City of Prescott's trail system, he is involved in organizations and projects designed to expand the Prescott area trails system well into the future.

Chris and his wife of 24 years, Lisa, have two children, Jake 18 and Hannah 14. He participates in just about all outdoor sports, but especially mountain biking, hiking, off-road motor sports, sailing, and camping. Chris believes that Prescott's trails and outdoor recreation will be one of the things that will define Prescott in the future. When talking about the trails he states, "It's about the journey and not always about the destination."

"Spotlight On" will be featuring a different Parks and Recreation Department employee each newsletter.

2014 Calendar of Sporting Events

Date	Event	Contact	Sites
April 11-13	In-Line Hockey Youth Tournament	Prescott Youth Hockey	Pioneer Park
May 3-4	23rd Annual Tom Tobin Men's 50+ & 55+ Slow Pitch	Steve Smith	Pioneer 4 Plex
May 10	ASA Mother's Day Pioneer Classic	Rick Seifman	Pioneer 4 Plex
May 17-18	23rd Annual Tom Tobin Men's 60+, 65+ & 70+ SP	Steve Smith	Pioneer 4 Plex
May 24-26	Memorial Day High School Baseball Tournament	Bill Fernow	Kuebler
June 7-8	12-Hr Night Mountain Bike Relay	Dave Sewell	Pioneer Park/Brownlow
June 21-22	Beat the Heat Girls Fast-Pitch Softball Invitational	Don Fishel	Pioneer/Heritage/BV
June 28-29	ASA Cool Country #1 Men's/Women's/Co-Ed SP Tourney	Rick Seifman	Pioneer/KL/Heritage
July 13-17	Nike Baseball Camp	Mike DeSurville	Kuebler
July 13-17	Nike Baseball Camp	Mike DeSurville	Heritage Park
July 18-20	ASA Girl's "Best of the West" Fast Pitch Championships	Don Fishel	Various Fields
July 25-27	Men's Senior Slow-Pitch Western State Championships	Rick Seifman	Pioneer/Willow/Heritage
Aug. 1-24	Prescott Senior Games	Michelle Stacy-Schroeder	Various Sites
Aug. 2-3	Chuck, Keith & Jones Co-Ed Slow-Pitch Tourney	Kathy Jones	Pioneer 4 Plex
Aug. 9-10	ASA Women's Senior Slow-Pitch Invitational Tourney	Michelle Stacy-Schroeder	Pioneer/Heritage
Aug 16	Alliance Football Jamboree	Kenny King	Pioneer 4 Plex
Aug 23-24	ASA Registration Kick-Off Tournament	Rick Hormann	Pioneer/BV/KL/Heritage
Aug. 30-31	Labor Day Summer State Championship-Men, Wmn, CoEd	Rick Seifman	Pioneer/KL/Heritage
Oct. 2014	TR3 Duathlon	Dave Sewell	Pioneer Park/Brownlow
Oct 11	Prescott Sixer Bike Race	Michael Melley	Kuebler/Brownlow Trail
Oct 11-12	Triple Crown Baseball Tournament	Conrad Topp	Pioneer/Kuebler
Nov 18-23	2014 NJCAA National Soccer Championship	Yavapai College/P & R	Ken Lindley

Field Site Codes: BV-Bill Vallely Fields, KL-Ken Lindley, KUB-Kuebler, WC-Willow Creek Park.

For more information on sports in Prescott contact:
Michelle Stacy-Schroeder at (928) 777-1552 or Rick Hormann at (928) 777-1557

Prescott Parks and Recreation Department offices: 824 E. Gurley St., Prescott, AZ 86301, (928)777-1122
Visit us online at the city website under services at: www.cityofprescott.net

Celebrations and Events

Prescott, Arizona Sesquicentennial

The City of Prescott celebrates its 150th year with citywide events May 30 - June 1.

For information on events go to VISIT-PRESCOTT.COM

4th of July - Pioneer Park

Prescott's annual 4th of July celebration. Day-long festivities begin at noon, with fireworks at 9:00 p.m.

Additional parking at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with shuttles to the park.

SIGN UP FOR CLASSES WITH A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR

- **Women's Beginning Running Group**
  Specially designed for women who want to run but struggle!
  For information contact Lynn Greiger:
  Phone: (802) 688-4511
- **Flow Yoga with Bri**
  Get the benefits of Yoga without the sweat!
  For information contact Bri Boertman:
  Phone: (928) 899-9983
- **Feng Shui**
  Finding peace in a stressful world!
  For information contact Michele Bielski:
  Phone: (928) 554-5820
- **Adventure Boot Camp for Women**
  A new kind of boot camp; no yelling, just fun!
  For information contact Sgt. Steve Rosen:
  Phone: (928) 273-7788
- **Rubicon Outdoors**
  Summer youth camps!
  For information Phone: (928) 445-0428

OR CONTACT KELLY TOLBERT, RECREATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT: (928) 777-1558

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Tiny-Tot Olympics

The City of Prescott Recreation Services Department will be hosting Tiny –Tot Olympics On Saturday, May 17, 2014 at Ken Lindley Field. Check-In will be at 8 a.m. with a Parade of Athletes at 8:30 a.m. This event is fun event for children up to age 6. We will offer a Diaper Derby, for crawlers up to the age of 2, as well as athletic skill competitions for kids 2-6.

Skill competitions include:
- Basketball Hoop Shoot
- Baseball Hit
- Soccer Ball Kick
- Football Throw

Running events will be held as well:
- 40 foot dash (2 yrs.)
- 60 foot dash (3 yrs.)
- 80 foot dash (4 yrs.)

There will also be a boot camp obstacle course for kids aged 5-6. This will be a timed event.

All participants will be given a participant medal and commemorative t-shirt with the exception of the Diaper Derby, who will get onesies.

Cost for participation is $5 for Diaper Derby, and $10 for up to 3 events. Each additional event will be $5. Registration deadline is May 2, 2014 by 5:00pm. Registrations can be mailed or dropped off at the Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center, 824 E. Gurley St, Prescott, AZ 86301. Please call 928-777-1122 for more information.

Field Rental Fees Corrections for 2014

The field rental fees for 2014 have changed and were not printed correctly in the Winter 2014 Newsletter. Ramada rentals did not change and are accurate. For more detailed information, other fees and requirements, pick up a list at our office at Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center, call our office at (928) 777-1552

or visit us on the City website at:

www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks/rentals

(Click on the Field Rental Fees and Policies link)

Field Rental Fees (January 1, 2014)	Residents	Non-Sponsored Club Teams & Indiv. Reservation	City Sponsored 2nd Season
Field Rental	$40/4 hrs.	$75/4 hrs.	$30/4 hrs.
Field Prep (Baseball and Softball Only)	$35 (per prep)	$44 each	$35
Field Prep (Soccer and Football Only. Goals not provided)	$150	$180	$150
Field Lights	$20/hr.	$24/hr.	$15/hr.
Damage & Security Deposit	$500	$500	N/A
Fence Relocation - Plastic (per field)	$100	$125	N/A
Rain Delay - per staff member	$20/hr.	$25/hr.	$15/hr.
Concessions: In-Facility	$50/day	$63/day	$50/day
Concessions: Free-Standing	$25/day	$32/day	$25/day

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