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Recreation Services Newsletter

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



COMMUNITY, CONNECTION & A LITTLE SUNSHINE REMINDER

By Kristy Diaz-Trahan - Director

As we head into May, I want to take a moment to say thank you. To everyone who participated in our Parks and Recreation Master Plan engagement process—whether you attended a meeting, filled out a survey, stopped by our booth, or shared a conversation—you showed up for your community, and it matters. Your input is helping shape the future of parks, trails, programs, and spaces across Prescott. The final report is now available, and I encourage you to take a look here:

<https://engageberrydunn.mysocialpinpoint.com/city-prescott>

We're not quite done yet. We'll have one more round of community engagement in September to make sure we captured what matters most. Stay tuned for details—we'd love to keep the conversation going.

We're also excited to continue one of my favorite ways to bring people together—Moonlight Movie Nights! Join us at Granite Creek Park on June 12 for a showing of *Kicking & Screaming* along with a special live-streaming viewing of FIFA World Cup soccer game. Bring your chairs, your blankets, and your people. Recreation Services will be hosting movie nights throughout the year in parks across the community, making it easy for everyone to join in close to home.

And one more thing, because it matters...

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month, and living where we do, sunshine is part of the lifestyle. It's also something we need to be smart about. Hats, sunscreen, lightweight long sleeves—it all helps. Make time for your annual skin check, too. Prevention is always the goal, but early detection can make all the difference.

Thank you for being part of what makes Prescott such a special place. We'll keep showing up, and I hope to see you out in the parks.

NEED TO KNOW

Free Soccer Clinic
May 16, 9-11
Heritage Park
<https://www.coervera-arizona.com/>

Broken Board Skate Jam
May 23, 12-6
Mike Fann Skate Park -
www.hotdogmoonproductions.com

Summer Softball Leagues
Beginning May 4
Cheer on your favorite team at Pioneer Park

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FEATURED PARK:

DISCOVER FLINN PARK: PRESCOTT'S QUIET SPACE FOR PLAY, CONNECTION, AND CELEBRATION

By Samara Rice - Recreation Coordinator

Flinn Park is a small but inviting neighborhood park that reflects the charm and relaxed lifestyle of Prescott. Tucked into a residential area just minutes from the city's historic downtown, the park serves as a peaceful retreat for families, children, and anyone looking to enjoy the outdoors without the crowds of larger recreation areas.

One of the defining features of Flinn Park is its simplicity. Rather than being a large, complex park, it offers a thoughtfully designed space focused on everyday recreation and community connection. Visitors will find a playground that includes swings and climbing features, as well as natural granite boulders that encourage kids to explore and interact with their environment. These elements make the park especially appealing for families with young children, blending structured play with opportunities for imagination and discovery.

The park also includes a grassy turf area for informal activities like playing catch, a little baseball, frisbee or relaxing, along with a half basketball court that provides recreation for teens and adults.

A key feature of the park is its reservable ramada, which offers a shaded picnic space ideal for birthday parties, small gatherings, and community events.

The ramada can be rented through the City's Recreation Services Department, with fees typically structured to remain affordable for residents. While rates may vary, rentals are generally offered at a lower cost for Prescott residents and a slightly higher fee for non-residents, making it an accessible option for most families and groups planning small events.

Another appealing aspect of Flinn Park is its quiet, neighborhood feel. Surrounded by trees and local homes, the park offers a sense of calm that contrasts with busier parks in the area. Its manageable size makes it easy for parents to supervise children while still enjoying the space, contributing to its reputation as a relaxed and welcoming environment.



Location is another advantage. Flinn Park is just a short distance from Prescott's historic downtown and Courthouse Square, allowing visitors to pair a park visit with shopping, dining, or community events nearby.

Overall, Flinn Park may not be the largest park in Prescott, but its combination of simple amenities, family-friendly features, and affordable reservable space makes it a valuable community asset. The addition of the ramada rental option further enhances its role as a gathering place where residents can celebrate, connect, and enjoy the outdoors.

If you are interested in renting this gem of a park, location at 280 Josephine Street, contact the City of Prescott Recreation Services Department for more information at 928-777-1121. You may also go online to <https://prescottaz.recdesk.com/Community/Home> create an account and make your reservation.



PROGRAMMING

SUMMER SPORTS SEASON IS HEATING UP!

By Ryan Harlow - Recreation Supervisor

City of Prescott Recreation Services is gearing up for an exciting season of summer sports, and there’s something for everyone to get involved in! The Men’s, Women’s, and Co-Rec Summer Softball leagues officially kick off on May 4, bringing teams together for evenings filled with friendly competition, teamwork, and fun at the ballfield. Whether you’re a returning player or new to the league, it’s a great way to stay active, connect with others, and enjoy Prescott’s vibrant recreation scene. Be sure to stay in the know by visiting the City of Prescott website for schedules, updates, and league information: <https://prescott-az.gov/rec-services/programs-sports/>.

In addition to softball, Summer Basketball League registration opened on April 20 and offers both 5v5 and Women’s 3v3 divisions. This is a great opportunity for players of all skill levels to hit the court, sharpen their game, and be part of an exciting league environment. While the season may feel a ways off, leagues fill fast and early registration will close on June 12, so don’t wait too long to secure your spot. Gather your team, sign up, and make the most of summer with Prescott Recreation Services!

TEEN TASK FORCE

By Samara Rice - Recreation Coordinator

The City of Prescott Recreation Services Teen Task Force (TTF) continues to provide meaningful opportunities for teens to connect, create, and give back to their community. In April, TTF celebrated World Art Day with a fun Paint & Sip event—complete with smoothies and root beer floats—led by Old Soul Creatives’ Danielle. More than 20 teens, along with a few parents, joined in to tap into their creativity, and as always, new friendships were formed along the way.

TTF volunteers also stepped up for Earth Day, bringing smiles to the community as face painters and adding a creative touch to the celebration. Looking ahead, May 16 will bring an outdoor adventure in partnership with the Prescott Audubon Society, giving teens a chance to explore and learn more about the natural world. Preparations are also underway for the Annual Fashion and Talent Show in July, one of TTF’s most anticipated events.

Teen Task Force is a great way for teens to get involved, build leadership skills, and make lasting connections. For more information, email teentaskforce@prescott-az.gov.



“Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen.” — Michael Jordan



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DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS: LANDSCAPE DIVISION

By: Adam Camacho - Recreation Services Superintendent

Behind the scenes of our beautiful parks, streets, and public spaces is a small but mighty team making a big impact every single day. Our Landscape Division, made up of just four dedicated staff members, plays a vital role in maintaining the City's right-of-ways, downtown planters, and small turf parks.

While their work may often go unnoticed, it is experienced by everyone. From the green grass beneath your feet to the trees that provide shade on a warm day, the Landscape Division helps create welcoming spaces where our community can gather, relax, and enjoy the outdoors. Simply put, the work you don't see is the reason everything looks the way it should. In addition to keeping our community green and inviting, this team takes on one of the City's most visible challenge, graffiti removal. On average, more than 30 graffiti tags are removed each week, helping preserve the appearance and pride of our community.

Even during the off-season, when growth slows, this team remains hard at work. As part of the City's snow removal operations, they help clear sidewalks, parking lots, and roadways to keep the community safe and accessible. They also regularly cross division lines, assisting with a wide range of Recreation Services projects throughout the year.

So next time you're out enjoying the beauty of our City, know that our Landscape Division has already been there putting in the work to make it possible.



PRESCOTT: OFFICIAL TRAIL TOWN

By Samara Rice - Recreation Coordinator



The City of Prescott has been recognized as an official IMBA Trail Town by the International Mountain Bicycling Association...a big deal for a community that truly values its trails and outdoor lifestyle. This designation highlights Prescott's incredible trail system and the strong commitment to keeping it accessible, well-maintained, and enjoyable for everyone.

With more than 200 miles of multi-use trails, there's something for every level of adventurer. From scenic lakes to granite boulders and forested paths, trails like the Prescott Circle Trail showcase just how unique and beautiful the area is. The newly completed Bean Peak Trail that offers the adventurous biker a ride to remember. These trails don't just offer recreation they help connect people to nature and to each other.

A big part of Prescott earning this recognition comes down to the people behind the scenes. Recreation Services Trails and Natural Parklands Manager Chris Hosking has played a key role in guiding the vision for the trail system, focusing on sustainability, accessibility, and long-term care. His work, along with the support of City staff, volunteers, and community partners, keeps the trails in great shape.

Volunteers, especially groups like the Over the Hill Gang, put in thousands of hours building and maintaining trails, showing just how much the community cares. Being named an IMBA Trail Town not only puts Prescott on the map for outdoor enthusiasts but also celebrates the teamwork and passion that make it such a special place to explore.

If you're craving some fresh air and a little outdoor recharge but aren't sure where to start, check out the City of Prescott website for a variety of great trail options. You can also download the Avenza app to help guide your adventure and keep you on track: <https://prescott-az.gov/recreation-area/trails/>