



### NEW COMPOST SITE HOURS:

Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, the compost site will have new hours. For now, the site will still be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The hours will be Monday & Wednesday from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, Saturday hours will be from 8:00am to 12:00 noon. We are looking for attendants for the compost site. If you know of anyone who would like to apply for the position or would like more information, please call City Hall.

These changes are needed because of the amount and variety of non-approved items that are still being dropped off at the site. We must have an attendant on site to check loads for residency, content and correct placement in designated areas. To be able to pay for the attendants we will not be able to have the site open as long or as often as we used to.

Remember, branches 6" in diameter or less (no root balls of any kind), leaves (not the bags you use for transport, even biodegradable bags), garden cuttings and organic kitchen waste are the ONLY items that will be accepted for drop off.

The City Crew has done a fabulous job of cleaning up the site and would appreciate your cooperation to help keep it that way.

### A Friends of Freedom Park and Little Free Library of Hudson joint event!

Please join us at Freedom Park for a Little Free Library build event on Saturday, July 30th, from 10 am to Noon. We will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center while promoting literacy throughout our community. We plan to construct 8 Little Free Libraries during the event. Attendees will be invited to help with assembly. Please bring a book or two for our book exchange table and plan to visit our partner tables. Please SAVE the DATE and share this notice with your friends and neighbors.

We hope to see you there!  
Friends of Freedom Park

### Volunteer Opportunities

Its spring and the flowers are blooming! The city parks are open and it's time to enjoy Prescott's wonderful parks! Do you live by a city park and wonder why the city doesn't do more with the park? Well the answer is the city simply does not have enough people to enhance all the 13 parks. Therefore as Chairman of the city parks committee, I am calling for volunteers!

Would you be willing to join our team and maybe help by sprucing up the park near you? The City has a budget for flowers, trees and other items to improve the parks. We simply need your time to help with planting, cleaning, trimming and adding new items to the parks.

Are you retired and looking for something fun to do? Are you a young mom or dad that takes their kids to the park and would be willing to improve the park for your kids? Are you a high school student needing a volunteer project? If so and you would like to help, please email me at:

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By working together we can significantly improve the beauty of our parks. Please ask around to your neighbors if they might be interested also! Maybe you could get a group going for your park! Looking forward to working with you all. Have a fun and safe summer!

### Meters & Cross Connection:

Residential water meter and cross connection surveys started May 16<sup>th</sup>. Prescott is fortunate Hydro Corp, our installation contractor, will have three crews to commit to our project instead of the planned single crew. This means instead of all of the installs taking up to nine months to complete we should be done in three months. PLEASE, when you get your notification letter to schedule your installation appointment, make contact right away and take advantage of the many open dates and times available. Don't forget your appointment as we will have to pay the contractor for repeat visits! If you give Hydro Corp your email, you will automatically get an email notice the day before your scheduled appointment!

**Please verify that your meter valve works before your appointment and have it repaired if you are not able to turn the water off.**

### Boat Launch:

It took longer than expected to finish the installation of new panels to extend the ramps into the river. But the wait should have been worth it as loading and unloading of boats will be easier now with the constant fluctuation of the water level. A big THANK YOU to the divers from the Prescott Fire Department for the work they did with the contractor. Our contractor has installed over 100 boat ramps but this is the first one in moving water necessitating a crane and scuba divers. Not only did the divers have to work in an

environment with heavy current and low visibility, they had to come up with some “never been tried before” construction techniques. The divers did an excellent job and we hope you enjoy the improvements!

### **Spring Cleaning:**

Now is a great time to observe your property with an objective eye and get rid of items you don't need. Know where your property lines are and do not encroach on any other private property or public right of ways. You, your neighbors and Code Enforcement will be happy when you do. Help make Prescott a show place for yourselves and our visitors!

### **Mowing:**

While you are keeping your lawn mowed and looking neat, remember it is against City Ordinances to leave grass clippings on the street. Mow with your discharge chute aimed back onto your yard. Grass clippings flow to the storm sewer system and end up in the rivers. These clippings can add significantly to phosphorous levels in the water.

### **Flushable Wipes:**

Yes they are flushable, but it is against City Ordinance to do so. The wipes get caught and plug equipment at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Please do not flush ANY wipes, only toilet paper!

### **FOG (Fats, Oils & Grease)**

Fats, Oils & Grease are not allowed to be dumped into the sanitary or storm sewer systems in the City of Prescott. Do not dispose of fats, oils or grease down sink drains or flush down toilets. Scrape grease from dishes before loading into dishwashers also. Dispose of these unwanted items in your normal curb side garbage service.

### **Mosquito Control**

Your help in preventing mosquito breeding is very important. Standing water provides a place for mosquitoes to lay their eggs and mature into biting adults that can spread disease. All mosquitoes need standing water to complete their life cycle. There are many possible breeding sources around your home. Remove standing water sources from around your home

### **Signs:**

Just a reminder no sign shall be placed within the limits of any street or highway except signs necessary for the guidance or warning of traffic.

Therefore, we are asking that the residents help us by not placing signs along Highway 10 29 and 35. We also ask if you are placing signs along city streets they are not placed in the city right of way or attached to poles or other city signs. If you are placing the sign in someone else's yard you need to have their permission.

We have been pulling the signs that have been placed along the highway and will continue to do this. If the placement of signs continues the city will have no other option than to issue fines.

### ***On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!* Summer Library Program at the Prescott Public Library**

This summer we celebrate the benefits of exercising your mind and body with activities, events and reading incentives that encourage kids and families to read, move and play. Did you know that reading for fun through the summer helps children retain their reading skills and fights summer slide?

The Prescott Public Library's Summer Library Program is jam-packed with events and activities to get kids, teens and adults excited about reading! *On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!* will feature weekly events with crafts and activities for children. All Ages Storytimes encourage early literacy through stories, songs, activities and crafts. We'll have ongoing activities in the library if you can't get to scheduled events. The Summer Library Program is for all ages from babies to senior citizens, so bring your reading game face to the library this summer.

Here's a sneak peek at the exciting events we have planned for this year's Summer Library Program. Summer Storytimes, on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m., will run June 7 – August 5. Weekly events for children and families begin on June 15 with *For the Win Family Game Night* from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Play classic indoor and outdoor games that are fun for everyone! The Minnesota Raptor Center will bring live raptors to the library on July 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Learn about these amazing birds, while getting an up-close look at them. Library Olympics on Saturday, August 6 is our Grand Finale event. See if you can win a gold, silver or bronze medal in our fun versions of Olympic events!

Registration starts May 26. When you register, you'll get a starter kit with everything you need to participate and earn reading rewards. Sign the whole family up and spend the summer reading and moving to the max!



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