



February 2017

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 9-15 **Transform your ideas about the library!**

April 9-15 is National Library Week, a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries aren't only a place of quiet study; libraries are becoming community centers for creation and collaboration. The way people are using our library is changing as fast as technology is changing society. Your Prescott librarians have the expertise to assist patrons in using increasingly complex technology and to sort through the potentially overwhelming mass of information bombarding today's digital society. This is especially crucial when access to reliable and trustworthy data is more important than ever.

At your library every second Monday of each month from 11:00-1:00 a Job Center of Wisconsin representative is here to provide employment skills. Drop in or call for additional information. Another service we provide is Tech Time, which is one-on-one technology training offered by a skilled librarian. Call to set up your appointment.

Libraries are places of information. When most people think "library" they think books. More than just books, libraries are places of information, offering people free access to a wealth of information that they often can't find elsewhere, whether online, in print or in person. Whether they're looking for DVDs or the latest best-seller, health or business information found on internet databases not accessible at home, or going for story times and community programming, the library is a community center for Prescott area citizens.

Libraries level the playing field by providing access. As great democratic institutions, libraries serve people of every age, income level, location, ethnicity, or physical ability, and provide the full range of information resources needed to live, learn, govern, and work.

Libraries promote literacy by providing pre-school and 4K storytimes on Tuesdays at 6:30 and Fridays at 10:30. Danielle Welch is the new Programming Specialist at your library. She is excited to share her love of books and reading with our community.

Libraries are places for community engagement. Join us for "Coloring Craze for Adults" at 6:30 on the 4th Thursday of each month. All supplies are provided.

For more information, visit the Prescott Public Library at 800 Borner St. N, call 715-262-5555 or visit the library's website at www.prescottpubliclibrary.org.

NOTES FROM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Snow Removal

Please remember that snow from your property has to remain on your property. It is a violation of City Ordinances to move snow from your property onto property owned by others unless you have written permission.

It is also against ordinances to place snow on the City streets, this includes at the end of your driveway.

A reminder: There is no parking on any City street when the snow plows are out actively moving snow.

Terrace Areas

City Ordinances do not allow for anything to be placed in the terrace areas in front of your property. The terrace areas must be maintained "as lawns".

Garbage cans are to be placed "adjacent" to the streets, not on the streets.

Water Meters

Only City personnel may remove, replace or perform maintenance on water meters. **THIS INCLUDES SEASONAL AND LAWN IRRIGATION METERS.** Do not remove a water meter on your own. Call the Prescott Municipal Water Utility.

Flushable Wipes

Do not flush anything down a toilet other than bio-solids or toilet paper. Manufacturers call their products flushable, but it is against City Ordinances to do so. The wipes do not disintegrate like toilet paper and cause plug ups and obstructions in the sanitary sewer collection system.

Fats, Oils & Grease

Try to eliminate any fats, oils or grease from going down your drains or toilets. They solidify in the collection system and cause plug ups and obstructions.

We are here to help! If you ever have any questions about anything in the City, we encourage you to call!

GENERAL SPRING ELECTION

Remember to mark your calendars for the General Spring Election on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. All voting for the City of Prescott is done at the Municipal Building, 800 Borner Street. If you have moved or had a name change please stop at city hall or go to the city website www.prescottwi.org and complete a new registration form. You will also need an acceptable form of identification for voting.

BOAT LAUNCH ANNUAL PASSES

It's boat launch time again! Yearly boat launch permits are available at City Hall, Monday thru Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Residents in the City limits pay \$35 and non-City residents are \$50 for 2017. To obtain a pass, stop by or send a check with your request. Don't forget to include the length and make of your boat, your boat registration number and a return envelope. Daily passes are always available at the boat launch with various fees. Don't forget to properly display the tear-off slip on your dash so it is easily visible, violators will be ticketed. There is no parking at the boat launch between 2:00 and 4:00AM.

SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC

Have you ever thought about serving on a city committee or City Council? No one has declared candidacy for the At Large Alderperson position for the General Spring Election. If you would like to run as a write in candidate or just would like to know more about the Alderperson position please contact Jayne Brand, City Administrator at jbrand@prescottcity.org

The city also has a number of committees which are made up of residents. We have a wide diversity of committees and commission like library, police commission, plan commission and cable to name a few. Just email Mayor Hovel at dhovel@prescottcity.org and let him know how you may want to serve your city.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

We have recently hired Sanjeev Dhawan as our new Code Enforcement Officer. Sanjeev has been checking house numbers to make sure your residence or place of business has a visible house number to help if you have an emergency.

This is a good time for you to take a look around your property. Look for safety issues. Do you have tree limbs which need to be trimmed? Do you have something sitting outside which could hold standing water? Do you have a vehicle or boat which has just been sitting there for a number of years? Might be time to get rid of it or move it inside. Broken fence in need of repair? With Spring coming it is also a good time to start talking with your neighbors and get your entire neighborhood spruced up.

What items can I recycle?

Weekly Single Sort Recycling Guidelines

Place all recyclables into your recycling container & place by the curb by 6 am on your route day. Please keep at least 3 feet away from all objects. Place all of your recyclable items loosely together, there is no need to separate. Make sure all recyclables are rinsed out. Remove & discard caps, pumps & rings. No need to remove paper labels.

RECYCLING ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Residential mail, magazines, newspapers, phone books, paperback books & office paper (no wrapping paper)
Aerosol cans (empty & cap removed)
Paper grocery bags
Paperboard (cereal, chip, cracker, cake, pop, beer, tissue & frozen food boxes)
Pizza boxes (clean food particles & grease from box)
Corrugated cardboard (please break down & cut in small pieces)
Egg cartons (cardboard only)
Aluminum cans, clean aluminum foil, all tin & steel cans
Glass food jars & beverage bottles (any color) unbroken
Rinsed motor oil containers
All plastics 1 – 7 including milk jugs, kids' toys, laundry detergent containers, ketchup bottles, soda & water bottles, tubs & dairy containers & landscape edging.

UNACCEPTABLE RECYCLING ITEMS:

Porcelain, ceramics or pottery
Plastic bags & plastic plant containers
Styrofoam, foam & packing peanuts
Deli or black take out containers
Window glass & mirrors
Light bulbs
Compost, yard waste & food waste
Foil gift wrapping paper
Kitty litter

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2017 REMINDERS

Have you purchased your dog license, poultry license, golf cart and boat launch sticker? These are all licenses which need to be renewed annually.