

## The Flag Flies in the Parks



Memorial Island

When celebrating national holidays, including Veterans Day on November 11th, the flag of our country often takes center stage. Displayed on government buildings year-round, 13 flags are flown at six locations within our parks. Five of the locations (*Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center, Ken Lindley Field, Honor Island, Bill Vallely Field, and Pioneer Park*) fly both the American and State of Arizona flags. The sixth, Memorial Island, also flies the POW flag.

Two of the parks honor Prescott's veterans and Prescott's heritage. Memorial Island, located at 111 Aven Dr. (at Gurley and Sheldon Streets), is dedicated to all veterans and serves as an entrance to the City. Honor Island, located at 626 W. Gurley St., also contains a historic cannon.

Recreation Services personnel are responsible for maintaining the flags and displaying them according to federal and state regulations. Most of the American flags flown are 5 foot by 8 foot. The Arizona flag must be smaller and is 4 foot by 6 foot. By regulation, the height of the pole dictates the minimum size of the flag. A large 12 foot by 18 foot flag is flown at Pioneer Park during the period encompassing the fourth of July celebrations. The raising and lowering of flags takes several hours, and due to wear, are replaced every three to four months.

For the past few years, Recreation Services has partnered with Prescott's American Legion Post 6 to furnish the flags at a reduced cost. They also assist the department with the proper disposal of old, tattered flags. They have been a part of the Prescott community since 1919 and was the sixth post to be chartered in Arizona. The American Legion is the largest veterans service organization in the United States and was chartered by an act of Congress in 1919. Veterans and veterans organizations are active in the community and generous volunteers.

(Contributor: Nancy Nesbit)



Honor Island

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**Joe Baynes**  
City of Prescott  
Recreation Services Director

## The Parks - Flinn Park



(Above) Boulder area.

(Below, left) Playground. (Below, right) Ramada.

(Photos courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)



Known as the "original Acker Park", this neighborhood park is one of Prescott's oldest. To honor Mr. Acker's wishes, the park was renamed in honor of Dr. John W. Flinn (subsequent to the naming of an 83.6 natural parkland space after Mr. Acker, as J.S. Acker Park.)

Although only three acres, the park includes most of the amenities one would expect, including a rustic ramada with restrooms and drinking fountain, updated playground, grassy area for informal games and play, and basketball court. With a variety of trees, this four-season park is colorful in the fall.

In addition to the amenities listed, a favorite spot among children of all ages is an outcropping of boulders located in a corner of the park just behind the playground. With a few informal trails, this area is fun to explore and gives children a feel for hiking in the boulders within a small area.

(Contributor: Nancy Nesbit)



### Dr. John W. Flinn 1870 - 1944

An immigrant from Nova Scotia, Canada, Dr. Flinn resided in Kingman, Arizona from 1898 to 1902 when he moved to Prescott. An early pioneer of tuberculosis, he opened his famous tuberculosis sanatorium, Pamsetgaaf (pure air, maximum sunshine, equable temperature, good accommodation and food) in 1903 at West Gurley and South Willow Streets.

He was a charter member of the Yavapai County Medical Society. Dr. Flinn was also an honored member of the State Medical Association and served as first Vice-President in 1913, and President in 1914.

A friend of J.S. Acker (See Winter 2014 Newsletter, page 2), he was the first administrator of the J.S. Acker Trust. It was Mr. Acker's wish that a park be named after his good friend Dr. Flinn.

**Flinn Park**  
280 Josephine 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**

**Amenities Include:**

Restrooms	Ramada
Playground	Turf Area
Basketball Court	

Ramada rental is available for events and celebrations. For information call the Recreation Services Department office at (928) 777-1122 or go online at: [www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks/rentals/](http://www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks/rentals/) Visit Recreation Services online through the city site under city services at: [www.cityofprescott.net](http://www.cityofprescott.net) or [www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks/](http://www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks/)

# The Lakes

## Explore Goldwater Lake

Goldwater Lake's forest is relaxing and fun to explore with paths among the ramadas and picnic tables, as well as two main trails that go to the dam (*walking on the dam is not permitted*). At 0.26 miles, the North Shore Trail is the shortest but goes all the way to the dam. The coves along this trail are frequented by anglers.

Bannon Creek Trail is longer at 0.60 miles and ends just short of the dam. A little more isolated, blue heron have been spotted surveying the large cove and hunting for fish. Multiple bald eagles have been seen the past few years, predominately perched on a tree close to the water and visible from across the lake (*pictured left*) or diving for fish in the spring. Many birds can be heard, if not seen, in the forest canopy.

Bannon Creek Trail has trail access to National Forest Trail 396 which connects to other trails, taking hikers to Lynx Lake and the 50-mile Prescott Circle Trail.

These multi-use trails are rated easy with elevations ranging from 5,980 to 6,000 feet.

Both trails have several benches to rest, observe nature and reflect.



(Contributor & photo by: Nancy Nesbit)



Boy Scout Isaac Rounseville was looking for an Eagle Scout project within the community. His search led him to Recreation Services and a much needed new kiosk at Goldwater Lake was agreed upon for his project.

He obtained donations of materials for the project from Home Depot, Lowe's Home Improvement, Central Basin Roofing, Bennett Glass & Mirror, Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co., Bennett Oil, and Prescott Steel. Helping him with construction were members from the Willow Creek Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ-Latter Day Saints.

(Photo courtesy of Steve Mancha)

**Goldwater Lake**  
2900 S. Goldwater Lake Rd.  
(off Senator Highway)

### AMMENITIES

Boat launch ramp-no gasoline, electric only	Courtesy dock
Fishing	Picnic tables
3 Ramadas (For Rent)	2 Playgrounds
Barbecue grills	Volleyball court
Horseshoe Pits	Hiking trails
Restrooms	Handicapped access picnic sites
Canoe and Kayak rentals (summer only)	

(For detailed information on rentals go to:  
[www.prescottoutdoors.com](http://www.prescottoutdoors.com))

For information on ramada rentals and parking passes, visit Recreation Services online at:  
[www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks](http://www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks)

You may also telephone us at (928) 777-1122  
or visit us at our office located at  
824 E. Gurley St., Prescott, AZ 86301

### HOURS

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

### PARKING FEE \$2.00

(Goldwater, Watson, and Willow Lakes & Peavine Trail)

One Day Pass Good At All Four Locations.  
*Parking is free on Wednesdays.*



# The Trails & Natural Parklands Greenways Trail System

This trail system consists of creek corridors in Prescott's interior that provide non-motorized recreational and transportation trails connecting neighborhoods, parks, schools, businesses, museums and tourism destinations. These trails provide numerous benefits including health, fitness, recreation, social, and transportation purposes for bicycling and walking. The successes of Prescott's Greenways thus far are partially attributed to the generosity of the affected private property owners, and the partner non-profit organizations that work with the City on this effort. Some of the phases and progress are as follows:



**Length:** 1.5 miles  
**Elevations:** 5300' (Low) - 5336' (High)  
**Activities:** Hiking, Bicycling  
**Access:** Granite Creek Park, Tom Pettit Park (on Montezuma at Sheldon), Comfort Ave., Madison Ave., Sonora Dr., W. Willis St., W. Gurley St., W. Goodwin St., W. Carlton St., and W. Aubrey St., free parking.

*This and other trail maps are downloadable at the city website under city services at:*  
[www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks](http://www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks)  
or [www.prescotttrails.com](http://www.prescotttrails.com)



(Photo courtesy of Eric Smith)

**Greenways Trail System**

**Phase I** - The West Granite Creek Park Master Plan was adopted in 2000 to provide the foundation for the greenways effort. Using City bed tax revenues, the Recreation Services Department, partnered with Prescott Alternative Transportation, Prescott Creeks, a dedicated cadre of volunteers, and the Open Space Alliance, to construct Phase I. This first phase included trails, bridges, benches, lights, educational signage, and formal access points in order to connect parks, business, neighborhoods, and schools. Phase I consisted of predominately City-owned creek corridors, which expedited trail construction, completed in early 2001.

**Phase II** - Phase II determined locations for trails along Miller and Granite Creeks, and involved much private property, requiring various mechanisms donated by landowners to provide public access. Upon securing necessary rights-of-way, the greenways were extended to Mile-High Middle School in mid-2009. Trails in Phases I and II receive significant daily use, providing important trail connections throughout downtown Prescott.

**Phase III** - In late 2004, the City Council approved four public trail easements, one ¼-acre land donation, and one land exchange along the Miller Creek Corridor, yet not all rights-of-way were secured for a continuous corridor. In early 2013, the Recreation Services Department and greenways advocates initiated dialogue with many specific land owners, who generously donated public trail easements, license agreements, and one fee simple land donation. In June 2014, Prescott City Council approved the large right-of-way package, thereby allowing construction to begin on a significant section of the Miller Creek Trail from Lincoln Avenue to Prescott Rodeo Grounds. A \$5,000 grant to Yavapai Trails Association from Yavapai County Community Foundation assists with this progress. Additionally, donated rights-of-way efforts along Butte Creek will make it possible to connect the Prescott College campus to the overall Greenways system.

(Contributor: Eric Smith)



## Sports Page - Youth Sports

### AYSO Girl's and Boy's Soccer

Open to all children between the ages of four and 19, Prescott AYSO Region 172 soccer began in 1977, 13 years after the national program formed in 1964. American Youth Soccer is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Their original philosophies included Everyone Plays, Balanced Teams, and Open Registration. Since then Good Sportsmanship, Positive Coaching, and Player Development have been added to their Mission Statement.

Averaging 1,000 players a year, it is the largest youth sports program in Prescott. Assisting this all volunteer organization are 100 coaches, 35 referees, and 35 support staff. This year, season practices began on August 25th. Their annual Kick-off Carnival at Pioneer Park was held on Friday, September 5th, followed by season games which began on Saturday, September 6th. The season lasts 10 to 12 weekends through the fall at Pioneer Park.

AYSO develops and delivers quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment. Their Vision Statement is to provide world class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives.

For more information on AYSO soccer in Prescott, visit their website at: [www.eteamz.com/prescottsoccer/](http://www.eteamz.com/prescottsoccer/)

*(Contributors: AYSO Region 172 and Rick Hormann)*

The City of Prescott partners with a variety of community youth sports leagues, including Prescott AYSO Region 172 soccer. Each program coordinates their own volunteer staff in partnership with the City's Recreation Services Department. The Recreation Services Department assists by providing fields and facilities, preparing fields, coordinating scheduling and providing a location for parents to drop off registration forms and payments at our Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center office during business hours.



Photos courtesy of Prescott AYSO Soccer

#### Contact Information

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

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

Visit Recreation Services on the City's website under city services at: [www.cityofprescott.net](http://www.cityofprescott.net) or [www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks/](http://www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks/)  
There are links to both adult and youth sports.

#### Spotlight on Tim McClintock



Tim McClintock

Tim joined the Recreation Services Department approximately ten years ago as an umpire and referee. After relocating to Arizona from State College, Pennsylvania, Tim found his passion in tennis and also working with City sports leagues after a several year career in the Navy where he was selected for the All-Navy Softball team. A certified United States Tennis Professional (USPTA), Tim offers tennis instruction for all ages through several tennis groups in town including the City of Prescott Recreation Services Department.

A former student at Penn State University, Tim is still an avid fan of the college football team as well as the Philadelphia Eagles and Philadelphia Phillies. He also enjoys his little dog, Bailey.

*Please contact Recreation Services for more information on classes offered at (928) 777-1122*

## Our History - The Trestle & Bridge

The bridge and trestle over Granite Creek was integral to the former railroad from Phoenix to Ash Fork that was known as the Santa Fe, Prescott, and Phoenix Railway. It was also known as the "Peavine" because its twisting curves resembled that of a pea vine. The railroad was the vision of Frank M. Murphy, a railroad entrepreneur responsible for many of Central Arizona's railroads. The Santa Fe, Prescott, and Phoenix Railway was constructed in 1893 by a crew of 500 workers, and a tremendous amount of blasting was required. When completed, the entire Santa Fe, Prescott, and Phoenix Railway was approximately 198 miles, contained 334 bridges (totaling 7 miles), and cost nearly \$5 million to complete. The Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway later purchased the railroad.

The bridge and trestle near Sam Hill Warehouse was used by trains until the Iron Springs portion was re-routed to the north and east around Granite Mountain (i.e., approximately 1961) to avoid the

steep climb to Prescott, and the trestle did not receive much use after that. After the railroad re-route Prescott and the downtown depot were at the end of a long spur from the Paulden area. The railroad operated into Prescott until 1983 when floods damaged trestles and tracks north of the current Prescott Airport runway. It was officially abandoned in 1984. Shortly thereafter, A & K Railroad Materials purchased it, and removed the tracks, and the City of Prescott purchased it in 1998 for today's popular Prescott Peavine Trail.

From the 1990s through the late 2000s, a privately owned 1946 Santa Fe Coach Car sat on the bridge. The coach car had been relocated to Prescott, and was attached to the restaurant building to the east of the trestle. Five different restaurants operated over a period of time, and some used the coach car as a dining room. The last restaurant burned down, and also burned the western end wood portion of the trestle. The coach car was unharmed by the fire, yet was removed shortly thereafter by the owners.

Today, the trestle serves as a feature and rest stop along Prescott's Greenways trail system, and also serves as a destination in the riparian area of Granite Creek. A display near the trestle features historic railroad photos courtesy of Sharlot Hall Museum.

(Contributor: Eric Smith)



(Photo courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)

Today, the entrance to the bridge and trestle is on the west end of the bridge along the Greenways Trail near Sam Hill Warehouse at the end of N. Granite St.



(Photos courtesy of Eric Smith)

(Above left) A restaurant sat on a wood trestle both of which burned down. Today it is a dirt area at the southwest end of the parking lot located at Montezuma and Sheldon Streets at Tom Pettit Park. (Above right) Directly behind the restaurant was a 1946 Santa Fe Coach Car (later used by Amtrak), which the restaurant used as a dining area. The coach car sat on the steel bridge (pictured at the top of the page.) The remains of the coach car can be seen today along Sixth Street at Kuhles Salvage.

# Special Needs Activity Program

In the early 1990s, what was then known as the City of Prescott's Parks and Recreation Department, started the Special Needs Program (now SNAP, Special Needs Activity Program.) The mission was to offer recreational programs open to all individuals with special needs, and a goal to be more active in the Prescott community.



The program quickly grew and by 1999 many new activities were being added. During this period, SNAP coordinator Becky Garvin (now Karcie) began several new activities, many of which are still being offered today.

SNAP is still going strong. Sherri Gates, the present coordinator, has been leading the program since 2012, and continues to offer monthly themed dances, bingo night, karaoke night, and many other activities for participants. Partnering with the YMCA, Sherri continues to offer a Monday afternoon swimming program and Wednesday afternoon weight training and cardio sessions.

The Special Olympics of Arizona conduct their practices at Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center. The Special Olympics swim team practices during the SNAP swimming workout on Monday



Sherri Gates (left), SNAP Coordinator

The City of Prescott Recreation Services Department has offered many activities, programs, and events for SNAP participants over the years and hope to continue this service to the community for years to come.

(Contributors: Rick Hormann and Nancy Nesbit)

## Make a Difference and Become a SNAP Volunteer!

*Because SNAP is a nonprofit organization, it relies heavily on community support through donations and volunteerism.*

*If you would like to make a difference in the life of a special needs person, consider volunteering your time. We are currently recruiting volunteers to help us provide the many activities and programs SNAP offers.*

*Enthusiasm and a willingness to serve are the only requirements. Just one evening a month helping out at a dance (in the kitchen, setting up or cleaning up, serving food, or selling tickets for the dance and raffle), is invaluable and helps us to maintain and expand this valuable program and all its activities.*

*SNAP offers many activities with volunteer opportunities.*

*For more information on SNAP programs contact:*

*Sherri Gates—SNAP Coordinator  
City of Prescott Recreation  
Services Department*

*E-mail:  
sherri.gates@prescott-az.gov  
Phone: (928) 777-1554  
Fax: (928) 771-5843*

*Monthly Events schedules are available at the office:  
Grace Sparkes Memorial  
Activity Center  
824 E. Gurley St.  
Prescott, Arizona 86301*

## How You Can Help Support SNAP!

**Regifting Program:** Donate those unused gifts in your closet. These items are used for prizes at Bingo, and as door prizes for monthly dances.

**Sponsor Neighbor:** Support dances, karaoke, and other events by underwriting the cost of snacks and beverages.

**Financial Friend:** Make a financial contribution to continue offering low or no-cost activities to our SNAP members.

SNAP is a non-profit organization with all donations going directly to the program.  
Staff salaries are paid by the City of Prescott.

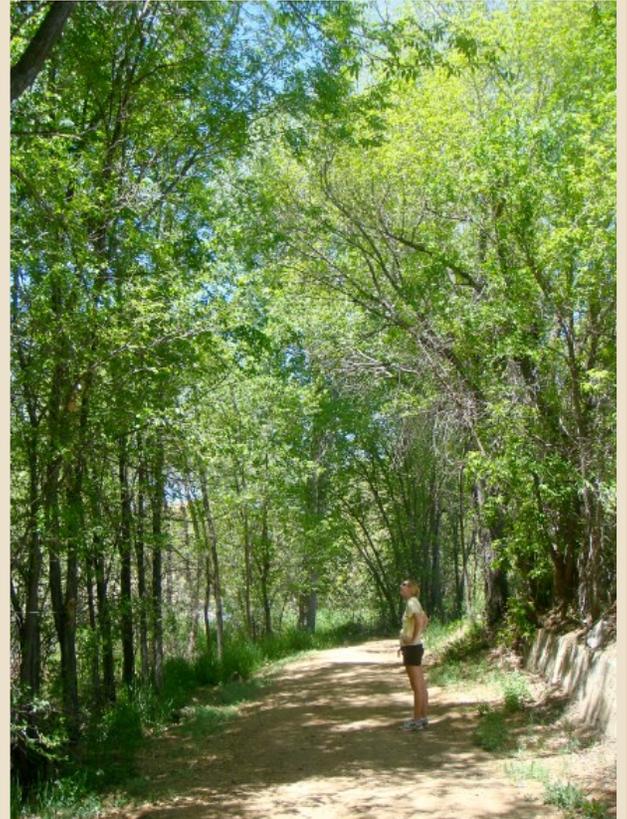
# Projects

## Miller Creek Trail Construction

### Lincoln Avenue/Downtown Prescott to Prescott Rodeo Grounds/West Prescott Neighborhoods

Following the successful right-of-way process with private property owners for the Miller Creek Trail (a.k.a., Prescott's Greenways - Phase III), trail construction has begun, and traverses the Miller Creek corridor. Some of it also parallels the original location of the Santa Fe, Prescott, & Phoenix Railway. The Department's Trails and Natural Parklands Program, combined with the Over-the-Hill Gang trail volunteers and Dexter Neighborhood trail advocates, have developed a preliminary milestone timeline that includes the below actions:

1. Maintenance to corridor and minor improvements - on going
2. Detailed Assessment and Designs - September to October 2014
3. Tree trimming and grading September to October 2014
4. Miller Valley Road bridge/trail underpass upgrades - November 2014 to February 2015
5. Trail Tread Construction - grading, slopes, retaining walls, and stabilization - November 2014 to June 2015
6. Trail surface enhancements - new material - March 2015 to July 2015
7. Signage and Marking - July 2015
8. Closeout YCCF-YTA \$5,000 grant - August 2015



To contribute to the success of the project, partial funding is provided to Yavapai Trails Association (YTA) by the Yavapai County Community Foundation, who has funded three grants to YTA to date. When completed, as with previous phases of Prescott's Greenways, the new trail will provide an off-street bicycle and pedestrian opportunity for recreational and transportational purposes.

Other phases of Prescott's Greenways are envisioned to connect to Prescott College, Yavapai College, and points beyond. This multi-generational effort will benefit future generations of residents and visitors.

*(Greenways Trail System photos courtesy of Chris Hosking, above, and contributor Eric Smith, left, Special Projects Administrator)*

## Did You Know? Recreation Services Department Duties Extend Beyond the Parks - Landscaping



(Above) The planters on all the corners across from the courthouse are one of the responsibilities assigned to the Recreation Services Department's landscaping crew.  
(Below) Pioneer Park 4-Plex, Grass Slope

(Photos courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)



Although Recreation Services is most closely identified with Prescott's parks, lakes, trails, sports facilities and events, their areas of responsibility extend beyond park boundaries. Such is the case with landscaping.

After weekend celebrations, their week starts early Monday morning giving special attention to the planters along Whiskey Row. Ben Levario (*See page 10*) and his coworker are responsible for most of the manicured areas within the parks, City buildings, facilities, and easements. They are also called upon to help with weed abatement at various locations.

They do all the landscaping jobs required; mowing, edging, planting, soil preparation, fertilizing, leaf pickup, pre-emergence and weed control, general maintenance, winter damage clean-up and more.

During the winter, they regroup, clean-up the maintenance facilities, and make plans for the upcoming year. During mild winters, weed abatement and other landscaping duties come into play. Cold winters find Ben on call with the Field Operations (Streets) Department to help with City snow removal.

Many take the City's landscaped areas for granted and might be surprised that all of this work is accomplished by a crew of two.

(Contributors Ben Levario and Nancy Nesbit)

### Primary Landscaped Areas

#### Parks

Memorial Island, Honor Island, Peppertree Park  
Pioneer Park parking lot, skate rink, and grass slope  
Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center  
Ken Lindley Park playground, Antelope Hills Golf Course

#### City Facilities

City Hall, Administration Building, Communications Center,  
Library, Police Department and Annex Building,  
Miller Valley School and 4-Points

#### Easements and Miscellaneous Areas

Downtown planters around the square  
State Highways 89 and 69 interchange  
Parking Garage and lots  
East Gurley Street, Willow Lake roundabout,  
Union Street Island, and Willow Creek Road landscaping.

## Fishing - Page Springs Fish Hatchery

Arizona Game and Fish Department raises and stocks the trout in our lakes. With several hatchery locations, Page Springs is the closest to Prescott and worth a visit. Located in the Coconino National Forest, it is an 82 acre facility producing nearly 700,000 trout each year. The hatchery includes an interpretive center, self-guided hatchery tour, show ponds, and nature trail with signs describing the riparian habitat and wildlife along scenic Oak Creek. Page Springs Fish Hatchery is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., except state holidays.

**Fishing is not permitted.**

**Directions:** The hatchery is located at 1600 Page Springs Road, Cornville, Arizona. Page Springs Road is west of I-17 (McGuireville exit 293, approximately 10 miles) between State Route 89A and Cornville Road.

*(Contributor and photos: Nancy Nesbit)*



*(Above)* Show Pond.

*(Above Right)* The "race track" where the trout are raised.

*(Right)* Show pond trout.



Visit Arizona Game and Fish Department online at:  
[www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com)



## Spotlight On ... Ben Levario



**Ben Levario**  
Landscape Maintenance  
Coordinator

Ben Levario has been Prescott's Recreation Services Department landscaper for 10 years. Ben and his crew of one are responsible for maintaining the more manicured landscapes within our parks, around city buildings, and within City easements (*see page 9*).

Originally from the El Paso, Texas area, he moved to southern California with his family in 1965 where he finished school. Ben eventually opened a landscaping business in Orange County, California. Many of his clients were located in the Huntington Beach, California area. While in California he was drawn to the Sierra Nevada mountains where he spent time backpacking.

After discovering Prescott, Ben and his wife Jacki decided that they would eventually retire in Prescott and bought a residence in Groom Creek in 2001. Tired of the congestion of southern California, their plans changed. Taking a leap of faith, Ben sold his business and Jacki quit her job in the insurance industry, and they moved to Prescott full time in 2004.

Ben enjoys the diversity of the Prescott area and still prefers the mountains. He loves spending time at home with Jacki and with the forest in his backyard.

*"Spotlight On" periodically features a different Parks and Recreation Department employee.*

## Community Restitution Programs



*(Photo courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)*

**Ceremonial Pad, Goldwater Lake expansion.**  
The rocks gathered by crews surround both sides of the pad.

Prescott's parks are enjoyed and appreciated by many, including visitors from all over Arizona and other states and countries. It is not unusual to hear comments about how beautiful Prescott is. What is extraordinary is the number of people who comment on how clean and well maintained the parks are.

With recent budget constraints, supervised crews come together to not only expand the park facilities available, they often do the heavy lifting that is required to keep the parks running smoothly. Area residents convicted of minor misdemeanor offenses are assigned to the City and County Restitution Programs by the courts.

City work crews clean up graffiti two days a week; on Wednesdays (along with code enforcement) and Thursdays (as well as work in the parks). Mondays are spent working at Antelope Hills Golf

Course. Work is done at one of the lakes on Tuesdays. On Fridays the municipal airport receives attention. Some of their projects have included the renovations of the Willow Lake ruins, creek clean-ups, setup and cleanup of the World's Oldest Rodeo events, and cleanup of the Water Department's pump station. They also worked diligently to improve the Community Nature Center with brush cleanup, and installation of the pond and pond pump. For fiscal year 2013-14 they worked a total of 11,592 hours for a total savings to the City of \$94,408.30.

Yavapai County Community Restitution crews work with the Recreation Services Department two days a month. The work they provide is varied and consists of anything from moving rocks, clearing brush, building and mending fences, general clean-up and just about anything that needs to be done. Most recently, county work crews played a major role in the expansion of facilities at Goldwater Lake. They helped build the paths between picnic tables, and collected and moved rocks for the Ceremonial Pad.

They also helped replace fencing at Antelope Hills Golf Course. Through July 2014 they have already saved the City \$17,593.30 by contributing 2,227 hours of work, exceeding 2013 with 1,291 hours and \$10,198.90 in savings.

*(Contributors: Kelly Tolbert and Steve Mancha)*



*(Photo courtesy of Steve Mancha)*

**Antelope Hills Golf Course fencing project.**

### Update - Help Us Fight Graffiti

As mentioned in our Spring Newsletter, the City of Prescott is experiencing a significant increase in graffiti and totaled 3,076 tags through July 2014. 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**

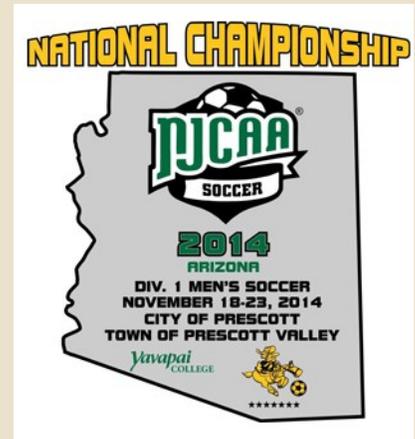
*To donate contact Kelly Tolbert, Recreation Services Department at (928) 777-1558.*

## Activities - NJCAA Div. I Men's Soccer National Championship Comes to Prescott November 18 - 23, 2014

Yavapai College, the City of Prescott, and the Town of Prescott Valley are hosting the 2014 NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) Division I Men's National Soccer Championships. The games will be played at Ken Lindley Field in Prescott and Mountain Valley Park in Prescott Valley.

A link to purchase tickets for the tournament is available online through the Yavapai College website at: [soccer2014.yc.edu](http://soccer2014.yc.edu)

The initial national tournament was played in 1961, eight years before the first academic course was offered on the Prescott campus. The Yavapai College Roughriders have qualified for 20 national tournaments, finished in the final four 18 times and have seven national titles.



## Prescott's Great Outdoors

*Outdoor Recreation Festival & Expo*  
**October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Watson Lake Park**  
**10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday (Columbus Day Weekend)**

Highlighting the many outdoor recreational opportunities, organizations, resources, equipment, and businesses in the Quad-Cities and beyond.

Featuring CODY LUNDIN, Founder, Aboriginal Living Skills School, LLC and star of TV's Dual Survival, providing educational sessions on Saturday, with a special small class for pre-registered individuals.

Music on the Lawn with Mogollon, The Cool Water Band, Ashley Wineland, and Big Daddy D and the Dynamites · Food Vendors · 300 Foot Zip-line · Climbing Wall  
Prescott Astronomy Club and telescopes for Saturday evenings night-sky program displays and exhibits by Arizona Game and Fish Department including creatures from Adobe Mtn. Wildlife Rehabilitation Center · Expo with Watercraft · and a few surprises!

Thanks to a generous donation from Prescott Kiwanis, an expanded two day fishing component at the scenic cove near the north boat ramp, with net placement across the cove, and stocked with over 2,000 catchable size bluegill.

More details will continuously be added online at: [www.cityofprescott.net](http://www.cityofprescott.net)



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(Old Armory Building)

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Cody Lundin



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