

Prescott is Becoming a Geocaching Destination

Director's Message

As we begin the New Year and reflect on 2013 two words come to mind, humbled and blessed.

I am humbled by my coworkers for their professionalism and dedication to the City of Prescott. I am humbled by the great volunteers that work so diligently to make Prescott the kind of community we are proud to live in and I feel blessed to play a part in improving the quality of life in this great community.

This past year was exciting and productive. With the community's help we were able to complete many of the projects that have been, and will continue to be, highlighted in this newsletter. I look forward to expanding on the success of 2013.

Get out and play!!

Joe Baynes
Prescott Recreation Services
Director

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A geocaching enthusiast from Phoenix once described Prescott as the "Geocaching Disneyland of Arizona." With over 2,000 geocaching sites in the Prescott area, and our close proximity to the Grand Canyon, Sedona, and other vacation destinations, Prescott is drawing geocachers from across the United States, as well as other countries.

This interest is due, not just to the number of caches, but to the variety and scope of geocaching experiences our local enthusiasts (such as "The Raven") have provided. The mix includes all levels (graded on a scale of one to five) of treasure hunts from small trinkets to larger, more complex caches that include puzzles, riddles, and multi-step caches which may involve some sort of electronics. One of Prescott's well known caches, The Labyrinth, as well as others are located within our City parks.

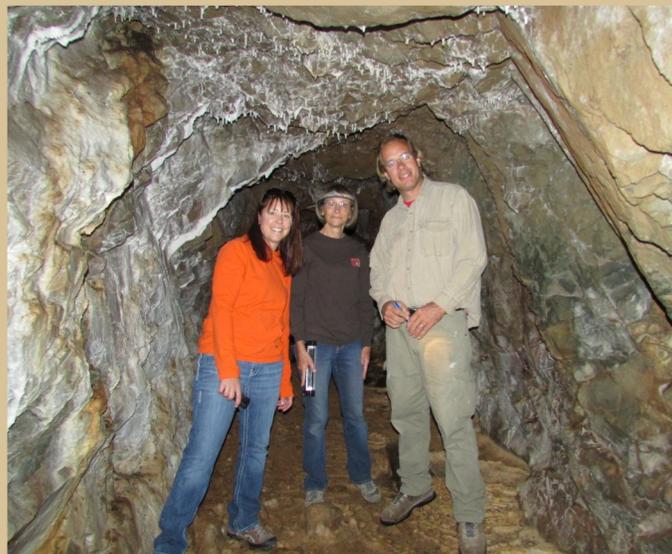
A real 21st century activity, geocaching was born after the federal government unscrambled GPS signals in 2000, making them accessible to the general public. Now there are over 2,000,000 treasures world wide. A fun and free activity, caches are located just about anywhere. They can be found in urban settings, in the water, mountains, deserts, and will guide you to places you might not have otherwise visited.

A multi-generational activity, it isn't unusual to see families, including grandparents, scouring the terrain to locate their latest treasure. Because geocaches contain scroll logs where geocachers enter their information, we are finding that many enthusiasts are returning to Prescott as a destination for this enticing and addicting activity.

(Contributor Nancy Nesbit)

For information on geocaching and getting started, visit the official global website online at www.geocaching.com.

Follow The Raven on his Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/#!/GeocacheRavenland



The end of a successful hunt with a little help from a friend. The Raven (Dan Hunt, right).

(Photo courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)

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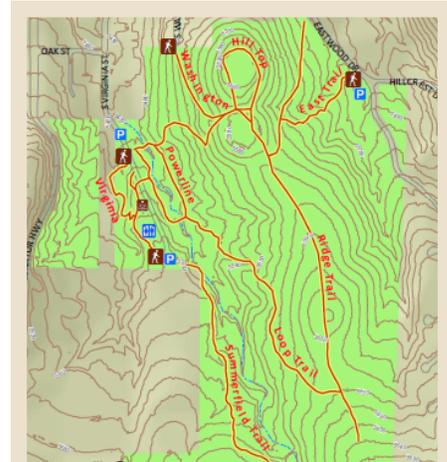
The Parks, J.S. Acker Park

Covering approximately 83.6 acres, Acker Park is both a neighborhood and regional park. Although it is near downtown, it was developed as a natural parkland space, with a trail system that is suitable for hiking and biking. The paths near the amphitheater, restroom, and playground area give the visitor a more traditional park experience and an enjoyable place to walk. Though located in town, the more challenging trails offer the hiker an outdoor, wilderness experience.

One of Prescott's most visited geocaches is located here, drawing visitors from across the country to experience the uniqueness of this particular treasure hunt with its riddles and games.

Working early on in the community to retain this parcel as a natural parkland space, the Friends of J.S. Acker Park have partnered with the City since 1996 to help maintain this low impact park. Man-made amenities have been kept to a minimum to preserve the park's natural beauty.

(Contributor Nancy Nesbit)



Acker Park Loop Trails Information

Length: 1.5 miles
Elevations: 5480' (Low) - 5630' (High)
Activities: Hiking, Bicycling
Access: At all park entrances.

This and other trail maps are downloadable at the city website listed below, or at: www.prescotttrails.com



(Above: Parks and Recreation File Photo
Top: Photo courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)

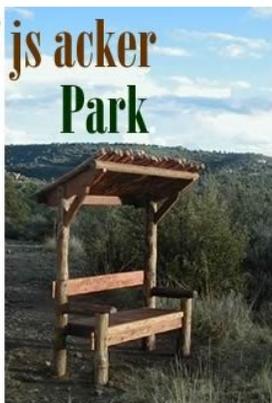
The restrooms at Acker Park have a full wrap mural depicting the history of the land, Mr. Acker, and the nature to be found in the park.

Friends of J.S. Acker Park are currently involved in the process and planning stage to revegetate a large erosion channel and highly visible land scar on the east side park hill face.

They partner with many organizations who work with them in the park on various community service projects.

friends of js acker Park

Dedicated to preserving and enhancing this scenic 80 acre open space city park.



J.S. Acker

(James Samuel Acker)

August 6, 1865 - July 30, 1955

Originally from Montevallo, Alabama, James Acker moved to Prescott, Arizona Territory in 1902. He spent much of his time alone, was very frugal and lived modestly. He owned a stationery and candy store on South Cortez Street and enjoyed the daily visits of school children on their way home.

Upon his death in 1955 he left over 100 parcels of real estate to the City, "...to be used for parks and for promotion of music, especially for children."

J.S. Acker Park

471 S. Virginia St., Prescott, AZ

Summer Hours

(Memorial Day through Labor Day)

5:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Winter Hours

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

Free Parking

Other Park Entrances:

Penn St./Eastwood, Autumn Breeze (in the Foothills subdivision), and S. Washington (limited parking, best suited for walk-ins).

Amenities Include:

Restrooms Picnic Area
Small Playground Amphitheater
Mural and Mosaic Art Walls

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

The Lakes - Winter at the Lakes

Open year round, the lakes have much to offer visitors in winter. At an elevation of 6,000 feet, Goldwater Lake receives the most snow with much of it remaining under the forest canopy. At 5,000 feet the snow at both Watson and Willow Lakes usually melts off within a few days. The south faces of the dells tend to melt within hours on sunny days.

Winter and spring are a good time to view bald eagles at all three lakes. At Goldwater Lake, they can be seen early morning diving for fish. At Watson Lake they can be seen sitting in trees on the Peavine Trail (east) side of the lake. At Willow Lake, one can often be seen sitting on a dead tree high on the outcropping visible from Willow Lake Road (southeast part of the lake). Also, a large flock of Canadian geese take up residence in Watson Lake Park in winter. They can be seen on the large turf area, or overflow parking visible from the highway.

During snow storms the lakes are subject to closure until snow plows have cleared the entrances and parking lots.

Restrooms remain open but water fountains are shut off until the weather warms in the spring. Although cold, the air is dry so it is recommended that visitors bring plenty of water to stay hydrated.



(Photo courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)

Goldwater Lake



(Photo courtesy of Archie Maclellan)

Watson Lake

It is also the time of year when staff is busy reconditioning tables, barbeque grills, docks, campgrounds, and trails. Vegetation is pruned back. They will also be fine tuning the Goldwater Lake expansion area consisting of a new ramada, ceremonial pad, restrooms, playground, and picnic areas.

(Contributor Nancy Nesbit)



(Photo courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)

Willow Lake Garden Ramada

HOURS

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

For information on rentals for ramadas and other facilities see pages 11 and 12.

PARKING FEE \$2.00 (Three Lakes & Peavine Trail)

One Day Pass Good At All Four Locations

Parking is free on Wednesdays

PARKING PASSES AVAILABLE:

20 visits for \$20.00 (no set expiration date)

60 visits for \$40.00 (no set expiration date)

Unlimited entry for a year from date of issue for \$80.00.

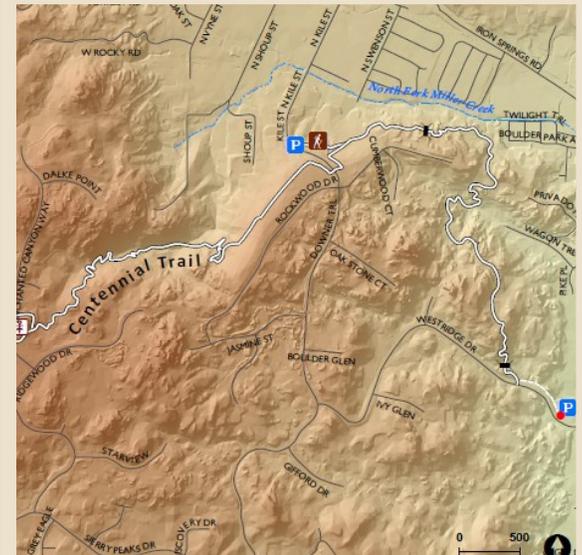
The Trails & Natural Parkland - Centennial Trail

After an open space land purchase of 30 acres in the fall of 2011, Centennial Trail was completed in 2012, and celebrates Arizona's 100th year of statehood.

Although in-town, this rugged but tranquil trail wanders through the boulders and canyons with a two mile out-and-back in two directions. Hikers are afforded panoramic views of the City of Prescott, Rodeo Grounds, Thumb Butte, and Granite Mountain. Petroglyphs are a feature along the trail.

At times challenging, it is rated a level 2.5 hike (on a scale of one to four). The parking lot is located half way between the two trail sections. The trail to the west take the visitor through the boulders. The southeast section offers sweeping views of the City of Prescott.

Contributor Nancy Nesbit)



Length: 2 miles out-and-back in either direction.
Elevation: 5447' (Low) - 5729' (High)
Activities: Hiking, Mountain Biking
Access: Free Parking off Kile Street near Iron Springs Road

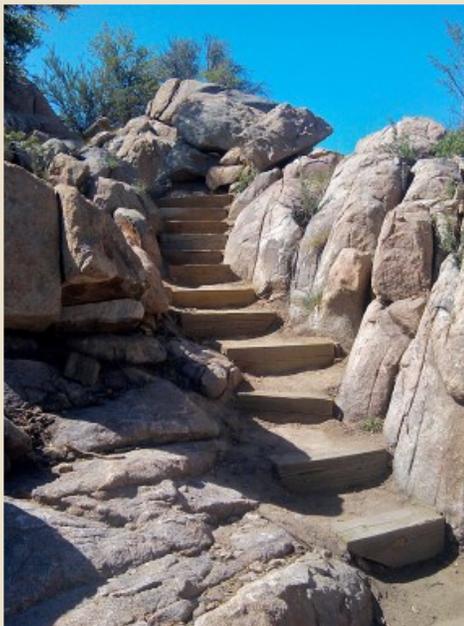
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To volunteer in the expansion of our trail system contact Chris Hosking, Trails and Natural Parkland Coordinator at (928) 777-1122. Additional information is available through the City website under services at: www.cityofprescott.net

(Above) Petroglyphs along the trail.
 (Below) Stairway in the boulders.
 (Right) Building the trail. Operating the CAT, our director Joe Baynes.

(Photos courtesy of Chris Hosking)



Sports Page - Community Youth Sports Leagues

The City of Prescott partners with a variety of Community Youth Sports leagues (*listed in the box at the right*). 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 Activity Center office during business hours.

Prescott Little League kicks off the year in late March and ends in early June. After the season concludes, all star teams are formed and continue on. Prescott Little League was the first LL charter in the state of Arizona. Established in 1950 Bill Vallely brought the program to Prescott. The league consists of T Ball, Coach Pitch, Minors, Majors, Junior and Challenger divisions.

The Prescott Girls Softball Association, a girl's fast pitch league, conducts their Recreation League in the spring. Beginning in April their season concludes the first weekend of June. PGSA is affiliated with the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) and creates competitive travel teams after the recreation season, forming teams called the Prescott Ladyhawks in 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U divisions. These teams participate in invitational and championship tournaments all over Arizona.

AYSO Region 172 Prescott Soccer and Prescott Youth Football leagues are conducted in the fall. Both leagues begin in mid August and conclude their seasons in November. AYSO Soccer is the biggest program of all the Community Youth Leagues with over 1,000 participants.

The Recreational Youth basketball leagues are coordinated through Prescott YMCA. This youth basketball program starts in December, practices during the week and play their games on Saturdays at a variety of gymnasiums including the Grace Sparkes Activity Center.

Prescott also coordinates a variety of youth sports activities such as tennis, inline hockey, youth football, and boxing. The Prescott Youth Hockey Association has a rink located at Pioneer Park. Prescott Youth Football is affiliated with Alliance Youth Sports and has a cheer squad. Located inside the Grace Sparkes Activity Center is a boxing room where the Prescott Boxing Club works out and they host events in the gymnasium. The Recreation Services Department contracts with tennis instructors to offer lessons in tennis at Grace Sparkes Activity Center outdoor courts.

With the assistance of knowledgeable volunteers, Prescott Community Youth Sports leagues provide many opportunities for our youth to experience a variety of sports. For questions about league registration or volunteering with any of these organizations, please contact them directly.

(Contributor Rick Hormann)

Community Youth Sports Leagues

- **Youth Basketball League**
www.prescottymca.org
(928) 445-7221 ext. 21
- **Prescott Little League Baseball**
www.eteamz.com/prescottlittleleague
(928) 771-1875
- **Prescott Girl's ASA Fast-Pitch Softball**
www.prescottsoftball.com
- **AYSO Youth Soccer**
www.eteamz.com/prescottsoccer
- **Prescott Youth Football**
www.allianceyouthsports.org
(928) 899-4346
- **Prescott Youth Hockey Association**
www.prescottyouthhockey.com
(928) 441-2520
- **PAL Boxing Club**
(928) 227-2443

Spotlight On Modesta "Moe" Dominguez

Moe was born and raised in Prescott and truly considers it "My Hometown". She began working as a scorekeeper for softball, basketball and volleyball in 1962. She also worked full time for



A.C. Williams in the Recreation Office in the late 70's and early 80's. Prior to Title IX, Moe played any and all sports offered by the Parks and Recreation Dept. She played on a women's fast pitch team coached by Mr. Williams which traveled to Phoenix to play in the Women's Copper State Fast Pitch League. Playing on this team opened many doors and provided wonderful opportunities.

Moe played softball and basketball at Yavapai College for two years. The softball team participated both years in the NJCAA Nationals. She traveled with the San Diego Trendsetters Fast Pitch team to Puerto Rico, St. Croix Virgin Islands, Curacao Netherland Antilles, Brisbane Australia and New Zealand. Before there was an Olympic softball team the Trendsetters won the World Fast Pitch Tournament in Australia in 1980.

Moe has worked as a score keeper, umpire and has coached Jr. Girls Softball for over 50 years and plans to continue for as long as she can. Moe has been employed by Yavapai County Public Works since 1997.

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www.cityofprescott.net

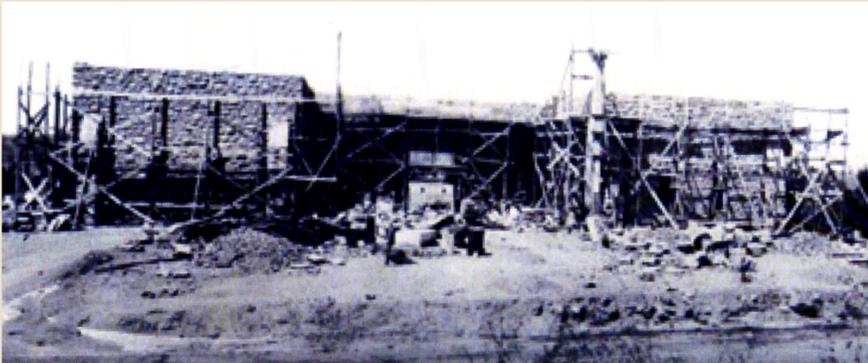
Calls us at (928) 777-1557 or (928) 777-1122

Visit us at Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center
824 E. Gurley St., Prescott, AZ 86301

Sports Hotline during the season is (928) 777-1688

Our History

Evolution of the Department; Part One



(Photo Courtesy of Sharlot Hall Museum)

Prescott benefits from recreation facilities dating to 1905 with City Park (i.e., now known as Ken Lindley Stadium) and facilities constructed during the Great Depression by Works Progress Administration. The Recreation Services Department, which has also been called the Parks and Recreation Department, traces its origin to 1958. The first director, A.C. Williams, was housed in the stadium now known as Ken Lindley Stadium. A.C. served as

director for over 25 years, and planned and constructed many of the parks still enjoyed today. He was instrumental in pursuing many federal grants, and patenting federal lands designated for recreation. He was diligent in creating large adult sports leagues for softball, basketball, and volleyball, and worked closely with the school district for sharing facilities. A.C. was also instrumental in creating Prescott's softball destination recognition, a tradition still found today. At one point, Prescott had over 240 adult softball teams.

From the 1960s to 1980s, A.C. secured Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund monies derived from off-shore oil leases, which provided much funding for Prescott's parks. These monies allowed for land purchases, and park development. Willow Creek Park was one of the first parks developed in this fashion, and Whipple Park (i.e., now Roughrider Park/Bill Vallely Fields), North Park (i.e., now Mike Fann Community Skatepark), Heritage Park (i.e., that originally featured a rodeo arena) and Granite Creek Park followed. Also in the 1970s, State Lake Improvement Funds allowed the initial improvements and opening of upper Goldwater Lake. During this same time, Jim McCasland worked various positions in the Department becoming the Recreation Superintendent, and later Director in 1985. The 1980s also saw the conversion of the National Guard Armory to a recreation center, now known as the Grace M. Sparkes Memorial Activity Center, in addition to annual regional track meets and triathlons (i.e., where the swim was conducted in Goldwater Lake).

(Look for Part Two in the Spring 2014 issue)

(Contributor: Eric Smith, Special Projects Administrator)

(Above) Prescott National Guard Armory, under construction 1937-1938

(Right) Playing Football at Ken Lindley Stadium in the 1930s

(Parks and Recreation file photo)



Volunteers - Park Rangers

Since its inception in 2009 the Volunteer Park Ranger program has evolved and continues to grow. 2013 began with Kelly Tolbert being named the new Volunteer Park Ranger Coordinator. Kelly discovered the Prescott Parks and Recreation Department through an internship for her Master's of Science Degree in Recreation and Tourism. A position opened within the Department in April of 2012 and she officially joined the team.



(Photo courtesy of Over the Hill Gang)

(Above) Frontier Days Parade
(Below) March Ranger Retreat

On March 7th a Ranger Retreat was held at the Highland Center for Natural History. The morning session covered the wide variety of duties Rangers in various environments perform. The afternoon concentrated on safety with lectures given by Sgts. Scott and Fuller from the Prescott Police Department.

During the summer season several Rangers helped man the kiosks on weekends at Goldwater and Watson Lakes. This helped alleviate traffic congestion at the entrances.

The Over the Hill Gang invited the Rangers to join them in the Frontier Days Parade on July 6th. The Rangers reciprocated by

inviting the OHG to the annual Ranger Picnic at Goldwater Lake on July 24th.

The Rangers are looking forward to 2014 and new opportunities to serve the community in the City's expanding parks system.

(Contributor Nancy Nesbit)



(Photo courtesy of Tom Gregory)

Kelly Tolbert
Volunteer Park
Rangers
Coordinator



An Original Ranger, Cleave McKeller



One of our earliest volunteers, Cleave joined the Volunteer Park Ranger program in October 2009. He is currently patrolling the parks twice a week with one of the original Rangers, Tom Gregory (who was featured in the 2013 Spring Newsletter). Cleave has also assisted in the training of many of our current Rangers.

Before retirement, his career was spent working on airplanes in the U.S. Air Force and he was stationed at Luke A.F.B.

He enjoys mountain biking and can often be found biking the Peavine Trail.

Ranger Statistics (Through 11/30/2013)

4,718.6 hours logged at a \$100,883.66 savings to the City.
307 of 334 days covered, 2,960 park visits.
58 maintenances issues reported, 15 issues fixed by Rangers.
64 graffiti reported to police, 18 graffiti removed by Rangers.
Trash collected, 13 gallon bags; 308.25, 55 gallon bags; 27.
81 parking citations issued, 81 parking warnings issued.

Volunteer Park Ranger Program Contacts

More information, applications and background check forms are available online through the City website under services at: www.cityofprescott.net or contact Kelly Tolbert, Volunteer Coordinator at (928) 777-1558

Prescott Recreation Services Department
824 E. Gurley St.
Prescott, AZ 86301
(In the old Armory Building)

Projects and Other Highlights

Willow Lake - Pit House Upgrades



(Photo courtesy of Prescott Daily Courier)

Fred Kraps, Large Pit House Ruins

The local chapter of Arizona Archaeological Society, under the leadership of Fred Kraps, approached City staff in 2012 with much interest in performing needed maintenance and adoption on the “display” pre-historic archaeological sites at the Willow Lake north shore. These pit houses and other features are protected under the large ramadas found near the Willow Lake boat ramp, and over the last 10 years, have experienced erosion and vandalism.

The site, also known as AZ N: 7:308 (ASM), and associated discovery and excavation during the recreational improvements to Willow Lake, is quite significant. It is believed there was a large population known as the Prescott Culture living at this site continuously between

A.D. 850 and 1025, with some scattered population until A.D. 1200. At least 15 pit houses were located at this site, and would have housed individual families and their associated food storage. The Prescott Culture possessed their own decorated ceramics, and utilized Willow Creek for farming. During the cultural resource site work conducted by Logan-Simpson Design in 2002, much was learned about the site and culture, and interpretive panels today provide much detail. The cultural resource work was all part of the larger Willow and Watson Lakes improvements with Federal and State grants.

The local chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society is making significant progress with workdays on Tuesdays and Saturdays, with objectives to remove unnecessary imported soil, expose the associated features (e.g., such as where vertical posts would have supported the roof structures), and protect the sites with a sealer to slow degradation. Thereafter, they plan a dedication, scheduled organized tours, and creating more awareness of this destination. We encourage everyone to visit the site, and access is via Heritage Park Road, past the zoo, and continuing to right turn when the boat ramp comes into view.

*(Contributor: Eric Smith,
Special Projects Administrator)*



(Parks file photo)

WILLOW LAKE PARK HOURS

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

Parking Fee: \$2.00

Parking is free on Wednesdays.

**Interpretive Center entrance and
Pit House Ramadas.**

What's New Highlights 2013 in Pictures



(Left, Photo courtesy and re-used by permission of The Daily Courier/Matt Hinshaw)

**Disc Golf Course, Watson Lake
Opened in January 2013**

**Kiwanis Playground
Goldwater Lake
Completed in May 2013**

(Below, Photo courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)

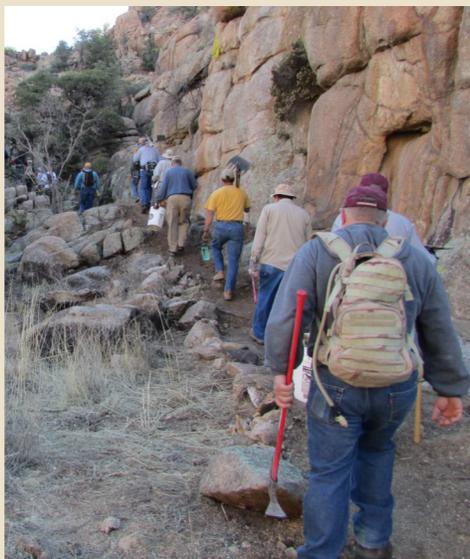


(Left, Photo Courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)

**Old Well Hand Pump
Community Nature Center, Winter 2013**

**Gardens Trail
March 2013**

(Below, Photo Courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)



Additional projects in 2013

- Trail expansion and pond at the Community Nature Center
- Watson Woods trails
- Fishing Trail, Watson Lake
- Flume Canyon Trails
- Prescott Lakes Trail network
- Goldwater Lake expansion
- Playground renovation at Watson Lake
- Willow Creek Dog Park Upgrades

New Contract Flow Yoga Classes With Bri



Get all the benefits of Hot Yoga without all the sweat! Flow your way into amazing shape by committing to a regular vinyasa practice and experience all the benefits of a strong, lean, and toned body with a noticeable decrease in stress, anxiety, and physical discomfort.

Vinyasa flow practice incorporates poses from Bikram, Ashtanga, and Power Yoga traditions.

CLASSES

Wednesday and Friday
6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Grace Sparkes Memorial
Activity Center
824 E. Gurley St.
Prescott, AZ 86301

MONTHLY RATE

\$40.00 1x per week
\$60.00 2x per week
\$80.00 3x per week
Drop-in Rate: \$12.00

Pre-registration for one month in advance is advised.

www.devahealingcenter.org
Or call 928-899-9939

Bri Boertman
Director,
Deva Healing
Center & Certified
Yoga Teacher



Look for future articles updating the completion of the Goldwater Lake expansion and the playground renovation at Watson Lake. In 2014 we are anticipating completion of the City's last six miles of the Prescott Circle Trail. A few new activities will be happening this year including Tiny Tots Olympics and a Community Camp Out (information on these events will be announced in the spring issue.) And there may be an upcoming surprise or two to report on later this year.

(Contributor Nancy Nesbit)

Fishing Report 2014 New Fishing License Fees

Arizona Game and Fish Department has announced new license fees for 2014. The system has been simplified and the fees bundled. The new fishing license will cost \$37.00 for Arizona residents, and \$55.00 for non-residents. The license includes the Class A Fishing License, Trout Stamp, Two-pole stamp, and the Urban Fishing License. The new fees are less



(Photo courtesy of Nancy Nesbit)

Winter fishing at Goldwater Lake.

expensive than if the licenses were purchased separately. They will be valid for one year from date of purchase instead of just for the calendar year.

(Contributor
Nancy Nesbit)

More information on fishing our lakes, events, and licenses can be obtained from the Arizona Game and Fish Department online at:

www.azgfd.com



(Photo courtesy of Steve Mancha)

Catfish caught at Goldwater Lake, August 2013

2013-2014 Winter Trout Stocking Schedule:

	January	February	March
Goldwater Lake:	None	10, 24	10
Watson Lake:	5	3	None

The trout stocking schedule dates listed represent the Monday of the week the stocking will occur.

These schedules are tentative and subject to change due to weather conditions at the sites.

Consult the Weekly Fishing Report before you go at: www.azgfd.net/artman/publish/FishingRFeport/

Spotlight On ... Joe Baynes



Joe Baynes
Director

Joe started working with the City of Prescott in February of 2011, and was named Director in April of the same year. A native Minnesotan, he moved to Prescott in 1984. The motivation was simple, play softball year round and live in a community that was small but offered the quality of life he desired.

Prior to working for the City of Prescott he worked for T&H construction and then co-owned a local contracting company, Landcraft Engineering and Design. He was a board member on many local nonprofits including Prescott little league (13 years), where he met one of his mentors, Bill Vallely, who imparted many words of wisdom including the phrase, "If you want to get something done find a busy person." That has never been a problem. Joe both enjoys and feels honored to work for the city he loves.

In his spare time he enjoys hiking and backpacking, camping, softball, coaching youth baseball, golf, reading and most of all spending time with his family. Joe and his wife Lisa have been married 25 years. They have three children, Ryan 22, Dylan 19, and Faith 9.

Joe states, "I have always been inspired by teamwork and teambuilding. The most satisfying part of my job is working together to create results greater than anything we could ever hope to accomplish alone."

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

Rentals - Parks

Tennis Courts

The tennis courts located at 824 E. Gurley St. are open to the public on a first come, first served basis. We do not take reservations.

Ramada Rentals

Ramadas in city parks can be reserved for small or large groups, for an entire day or less. A reservation ensures your group of exclusive use of the ramada, and allows staff advance notice so that we can prepare for your group's arrival. We offer a 25 percent discount to City of Prescott residents. Just bring in your city water bill or Yavapai County Assessor's Office tax bill when you make your reservation to identify you as a resident of Prescott.



Large Upper Ramada (Watson Lake)

Large Ramadas

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

Half Day (4 hrs. or less) \$150

Full Day (open to close) \$300

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

Refundable deposit:

**Commercial Event Rental - \$400,*

Private Event Rental - \$200

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

A \$10 alcohol permit is required at all parks and lakes to consume beer and/or malt beverages only. Only Goldwater Lake and Watson Lake do not require the permit.

Medium Ramadas

Half Day (4 hrs. or less) \$100

Whole Day (open to close) \$175

- Granite Creek Park Ramada (capacity 150)
- Vista Park Ramada (capacity 100)
- Willow Creek Park Ramada (capacity 100)

Refundable deposit:

**Commercial Event Rental - \$300*

Private Event Rental - \$200

Small Ramadas

Half Day (4 hrs. or less) \$75

Full Day (open to close) \$125

- Watson Lake Lower Ramada (capacity 40)
- Flinn Park Ramada (capacity 40)
- Ken Lindley Park Ramada (capacity 40)

Refundable deposit: \$200 all rentals

Large Grass Areas

We have large grassy areas at Granite Creek and Watson Lake parks that can be reserved for large picnics, weddings, etc. A reservation fee will ensure your exclusive use of the area. Advance notice of your proposed event will allow us to control our irrigation schedules so that your event will take place uninterrupted by "controllable showers." (We offer a 25 percent discount to city residents - show city water bill or Yavapai County Assessor's Office tax bill at time of reservation for discount). For groups of 50 or more a Special Event application is required. An applicant or authorized representative will be required to have proof of special event approval and rental receipt on his or her person at all times. Recurring events (two or more times a month) will be subject to a \$200 fee per event.

Hourly Rental: \$35 per hour plus an additional \$200 refundable security deposit.

An outdoor stage area at Watson Lake Park including power pedestals for vendors, may be reserved by special arrangement. Please contact the office for more information. Rental fees and damage deposits will depend on the size and nature of the event, proposed admission fee, etc.

Special Event Park Rentals at Watson Lake

Upon request, Watson Lake can be rented for special events. Full park reservations (Upper Ramada, Lower Ramada and Grassy Area - only) can be reserved for a daily cost of \$800 with a \$500 refundable clean-up and damage deposit. Use of the full camping area will be an additional \$345 a day. All rental fees, including the \$500 refundable damage deposit will be due no later than 20 days prior to event. Large scale events held at Watson Lake during peak season (Memorial Day to Labor Day) will be subject to a 25 percent fee increase. \$2.00 parking fee will be charged at Watson Lake and Willow Lake for all vehicles entering your event. Parks staff will collect parking fees at the entrance to the park. Requests for Special Events will require a Special Event Application and approval by the Special Event Committee. (25 percent City resident discount does not apply to full park rentals.)

For information on camping visit our website. See page 3 for parking fees and passes at Peavine Trail, Goldwater Lake, Watson Lake, and Willow Lake. Telephone our office at (928) 777-1122 or visit us online through the City website under services at:

www.cityofprescott.net

Rentals - Sports Facilities & Conference Room

For detailed information regarding liability insurance, rules, policies, and other applicable requirements on rentals contact our office at (928) 777-1552.

Information regarding park facilities, activities, and rentals can be obtained through the City website under services at: www.cityofprescott.net



FIELD RENTAL FEES

<i>Field Rental Fees (January 1, 2014)</i>	Residents	Non-Residents	City Sponsored	City Sponsored 2nd Season
Field Rental	\$30/4 hrs.	\$38/4 hrs.	N/A	\$30/4 hrs.
Field Prep (Baseball and Softball Only)	\$35	\$44	N/A	\$35
Field Prep (Soccer and Football Only. Goals not provided)	\$150	\$180	N/A	\$150
Field Lights	\$15/hr.	\$19/hr.	N/A	\$15/hr.
Reservation Deposit	\$150	\$150	N/A	N/A
Damage & Security Deposit	\$500	\$500	N/A	N/A
Fence Relocation - Plastic	\$50	\$63	N/A	N/A
Fence Relocation - Chain Link	\$100	\$125	N/A	N/A
Bleacher Transportation	\$200	\$250	N/A	N/A
Rain Delay - per staff member	\$20/hr.	\$25/hr.	N/A	\$15/hr.
Concessions: In-Facility	\$50/day	\$63/day	N/A	\$50/day
Concessions: Free-Standing	\$25/day	\$32/day	N/A	\$25/day

City of Prescott leagues and events will be scheduled before other rentals are accepted and have priority over other reservations.

For information about city sponsorship (Prescott AYSO, Prescott Little League, Prescott Girls Softball Association and Prescott Youth Football), please contact the Tournament Supervisor at (928) 777-1552.



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Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center
(Old Armory Building)

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GRACE SPARKES MEMORIAL ACTIVITY CENTER gymnasium and conference room

Commercial Use	\$100 per hour
Damage and Clean-up	\$300 per event (refundable)
Private Use	\$50 per hour
Damage and Clean-up deposit required	\$200 per event (refundable)
Use of Flagstone room and/or Kitchen	\$30 per hour (in addition to gym rental fee)

Note: Tables and chairs will be provided if available at no extra charge.

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You can also pick up a copy at our office at the Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center.