



# Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

Thanks for clicking in to read the September issue of the Prescott Creekside E-News! It has been a busy summer working with volunteers to remove non-native plants from Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, responding to weather-related issues in the field, and planning for future projects - like revegetation, trail improvements, and murals along the creeks. More on those projects in a future issue of this newsletter. Read on to learn more about recognition for the Granite Creek Cleanup, Monsoon activity, volunteers, and native plantings in the Preserve. Thank you to all the donors and volunteers supporting the work of Prescott Creeks!

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## Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program

Join Prescott Creeks at  
**Prescott City Council Chambers**  
**201 S. Cortez St.**  
**Tuesday, 13 September 2022**  
**3:00 PM**

Thanks to Yavapai County Supervisor (and previous Prescott Mayor) Harry Oberg's nomination, the annual **Granite Creek Cleanup** event will be recognized as a Copper Level Member of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ) [Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program](#). The Program (VESP) recognizes and awards incentives to Arizona businesses and other organizations that have a good history of environmental compliance and strive to go beyond what is legally required to protect public health and the environment. Participants in the program can access tools and strategies that support their existing environmental programs and find opportunities to further reduce costs and spur innovation.

Morgan O'Connor, ADEQ Community Liaison for Coconino, Mohave & Yavapai Counties, will present a certificate to Prescott Creeks, the City of Prescott, and Yavapai County for cleaning up a total of 51.7 tons of trash to protect and enhance public health and the environment with 7,045 community volunteers working together to achieve a common goal with the Granite Creek Cleanup event between the years 2007 and 2022.

Prescott Creeks Executive Director, Michael Byrd, will be present to accept the certificate and express appreciation for the many people who have been involved over the years. [Read more...](#)



Photo: Everett Sanborn

## 2022 Monsoon!

The 2021 Monsoon registered as the 8th wettest on record for Prescott according to the National Weather Service. Readings at the Prescott Creeks Office rain gauge suggest that the 2022 Monsoon could nose its way into the top 10 wettest monsoons with just a little more rain this month. At the Prescott Creeks office, just west of Watson Woods Riparian Preserve and the Sundog Ranch Road Wastewater Treatment Plant (one of the official rain gauges for the City of Prescott), we've recorded a total of 12.61 inches of rain since the start of the monsoon on June 15th. The month of June had 0.97 inches while July had 5.40 inches. August had 6.24 inches of rain. We've recorded no precipitation for September... yet.

2014 shows as the wettest monsoon on record and almost all of that precipitation arrived in the months of August and September. We still have over 20 days left in the 2022 Monsoon season! [Read more...](#)



Photo: Deborah Lee Soltez

## Volunteer Spotlight

Welcome Donella Sas - a new volunteer in the Prescott Creeks office. With degrees in Accounting and Business/Management, along with experience in administrative technology and a history with database systems, she's putting her skills to work for Prescott Creeks! [Read more...](#)



Photo: Max Sas

## Native Trees at the Preserve

This summer, volunteers planted about 20 native trees in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. In addition to being planted by volunteers, the trees were nursed from seedlings in a Prescott Creeks volunteer's greenhouse for the last year. Each tree has a fun story. [Read more...](#)



Photo: Phil Taska

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