



Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent year-end fundraising campaign. As a small nonprofit, we are increasingly dependent on [memberships and donations from individuals like you](#) to support the work we do in watershed restoration, preservation, and advocacy. We are aware, though, of the volume of solicitations many of you receive from nonprofits during the closing months of the year and, again, thank all of you who did respond with a donation and helped make our 2015 fall fundraising effort one of the more successful we've had in recent years.

Thanks to all of you, we look forward to a productive and rewarding year ahead restoring and preserving our waterways and building awareness and appreciation for the natural landscapes that help define this place we call home!



Post-storm Watson Lake Reservoir

Winter On The Creeks

This season has brought a return of winter, real winter, to Central and Northern Arizona. After the last few mild winters, we are once again seeing such things as winter



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Upcoming Events

[Watson Woods Restoration Volunteer Event](#)

Rescheduled due to winter weather, our cottonwood and willow "pole cutting" and planting prep day will be held Saturday January 16, 10:00AM-12:00PM.

[Urban Creek Walk](#): Our popular walking tours along the Greenways Trail System and Granite Creek offer a unique view of our human and natural history along our waterways; Saturday January 30, 1:00-4:00PM.

[Watch for more](#) volunteer events, walks, and tours in the months ahead!

[Prescott Farmers Market](#): Winter Schedule: Saturdays, 10:00AM-1:00PM, YRMC Pendleton Ctr, 930 Division Street.

[Fourth Friday Art Walk](#): Friday January 22, 5:00PM.

[2016 Prescott Chamber Annual Meeting and Healthy Prescott Business Awards](#): Thursday January 28, 4:00-6:30PM.

Business Supporter Highlight

storm warnings, school closings (and [rescheduled Prescott Creeks tours and volunteer events](#)), genuine snowpack at higher elevations, shoveling, and meltwater runoff. Our restored Watson Woods wetlands and riparian areas are filling and serving to filter what Granite Creek takes from the streets and culverts as the recent heavy, wet snows melt in the afternoon sun.



We are excited as we monitor the water quality in our local waterways, seeing the results of the efforts of the scores of volunteers who

contributed to our stream restoration and [urban natural landscape runoff management projects](#). These projects work to slow runoff flow, [which can be excessive in these winter storms](#), and remove sediment and other pollutants. Results from monitoring at our Whipple Basin and Adult Center projects done through our recent winter storms, in fact, show reduced levels of sediment, *E. coli* bacteria, and other contaminants as runoff flow passes through these sites, leading to less pollutants moving downstream and reaching Watson Lake Reservoir and beyond.

Save the Date: Granite Creek Cleanup Just Around the Corner!



Mark your calendar: Prescott Creeks' annual [Granite](#)



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As Prescott Creeks works to restore and preserve our waterways and surrounding natural areas and build awareness and support for the value they bring to our community, we'd like to ask you to consider becoming a supporting partner in our work. Visit our website to find information on [becoming a member](#), [making a donation](#), or [volunteering on any number of projects](#).

[Creek Cleanup](#) is set for Saturday, April 23, 9:00-11:00AM! Watch [our website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for more information on this Prescott rite-of-spring family event. We look forward to seeing all of you for a morning of getting out and in it cleaning up, and just enjoying, our creeks and urban wild places.

Make sure you check the [Prescott Creeks Calendar](#) for updates on upcoming events, follow us on [Twitter](#), and 'Like' our [Facebook](#) page to keep up on the goings on here at Prescott Creeks!

Prescott Creeks is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to achieve healthy watersheds and clean waters in central Arizona for the benefit of people and wildlife through protection, restoration, education and advocacy.

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