

Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

This first week of May it feels as if we're saying goodbye to winter and hello to Spring. Look around and you'll find many plants in bloom - like the native chokecherry pictured below. And the birds are going about their nest-building business for the year. Just yesterday I spent time observing an American Robin working on a nest near downtown in an alley that follows a highly urbanized unnamed wash. The change of seasons is always sure to impress in at least subtle ways if one takes the time to patiently observe it.



The spring storm earlier this week broke our dry streak ever so slightly. Rain gauge readings from around the area have been reported anywhere from .25" to .50" for the event. While this was a welcome and needed respite, conditions are still extremely dry in Central Arizona and beyond. In fact it is so dry that local officials advanced fire restrictions enacted only two weeks ago from Stage 1 to Stage 2 effective today, May 4th. More information about what this means and how to stay safe can be found on the [Prescott Creeks website](#). This is particularly important in places like Watson Woods Riparian Preserve where several wildfires have occurred-most notably [the 1997 Watson Woods Fire](#).



Upcoming Events

[Natural History Institute Presentation](#)

Monday, May 7th 7 - 8:30 PM

[AZ Native Plant Society Meeting](#)

Thursday, May 10th 6:30 - 8 PM

[Jay's Bird Barn Bird Walks](#)

Saturday, May 12th 7 - 11 AM

Thursday, May 24th 7 - 11 AM

[WaterSmart Drop by Drop Presentation](#)

Wednesday, May 16th 12 Noon - 1 PM

[CREW Volunteer Event](#)

Thursday, May 17th 8 AM - 11 AM

[Native Plant Society Volunteer Opportunity](#)

Saturday, May 19th 8 AM

[CREW Volunteer Event](#)

Thursday, June 7th 8 AM - 11 AM

New & Renewing Businesses



Prescott Creeks would like to acknowledge our new and renewing business members that signed on last month. Thank you for your generous support! These members stepped up as top-level sponsors for the Granite Creek Cleanup and are ongoing supporters of the Prescott Creeks mission to achieve healthy watersheds

STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

2018 Cleanup - Wrap Up

On April 21st, 400 [community members gathered](#) at Granite Creek Park and Watson Woods Riparian Preserve to collect trash and debris and to repair trails. The result is **1.24 tons of trash** and approximately **20 tires** removed from the creeks, and **four sections of trail were improved**. The twelve year total is **47.3 tons** of trash and debris removed from the creeks. The estimated value of all this work from volunteers is almost **\$220,000**. That makes a big difference and none of it would be possible without dedicated volunteers and community sponsors. Thank you.



Mark your calendar and join us for the [2019 Granite Creek Cleanup on April 20th, 2019](#).

Public Bathrooms for Water Quality

Starting from an invitation to speak to a group of homeless residents in Prescott, Prescott Creeks, the Coalition for Compassion and Justice, and the City of Prescott have come together in partnership to build a publicly accessible bathroom along Miller Creek (like the one pictured below). Major funding for the project comes from the AZ Dept. of Environmental Quality's Water Quality Improvement Grant Program. Watch for additional details coming soon. You can [learn more at the Prescott Creeks website](#) about how this project and partnership came together.

and clean waters. Without their support Prescott Creeks could not rally the community to make such a positive improvement to Prescott's streams. Please join us in acknowledging the following new and renewed members:

- [Arizona Eco Development, LLC](#)
- [City of Prescott](#)
- [Country Bank-Mohave State Bank](#)
- [Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation](#)
- [Unisource Energy Services](#)
- [Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe](#)

Businesses and organizations can show their commitment to local waters by joining Prescott Creeks as a Business Member. [Learn how you can join](#).

Support Creeks in many ways:



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[Volunteer](#)



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You can make a difference by contributing in one of the ways above. Please visit www.PrescottCreeks.org for more info.





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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