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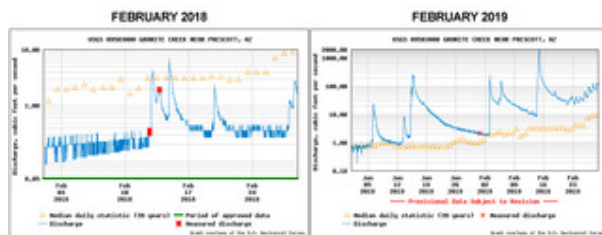
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[www.PrescottCreeks.org](http://www.PrescottCreeks.org)

Hello Friend,

The month of February this year was dramatically different than last year. It is with a strange sense of relief that many are appreciating the little bit of dryness we're experiencing at the moment. At Prescott Creeks we're always watching the [USGS gauging station](#) just upstream from Watson Woods Preserve to assess conditions. For February 2018 this gauge had an average discharge of 0.51 cfs ([cubic feet per second](#)) while this year the average discharge was 60.59 cfs. That's an almost 12,000% increase in water flowing in Granite Creek. The [image below](#) shows the discharge from the two periods in graphic form.

What this moisture, along with the precipitation we received in the second half of 2018, means (other than mud on the trails) is a desert bloom, full lakes and groundwater recharge, and hopefully a more successful season for nesting birds in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve.



## Granite Creek Cleanup

It's [Granite Creek Cleanup](#) time again! This family-friendly annual event has made a difference in the community since the 1980s. This year, we're looking to do our part with both trash and debris cleanup as well as several trail-related service projects. Pre-registration is now open at [www.PrescottCreeks.org](http://www.PrescottCreeks.org) - Won't you join us?

The Cleanup would not be possible without the support of the [City of Prescott](#) and our many event sponsors. We are pleased to welcome [Mandalay Homes](#) as our primary sponsor in 2019. See the Business Supporter Spotlight to the right for more about Mandalay Homes.

As always, registered participants will receive a free t-shirt, along with snacks and coffee to boost their Cleanup energy. Contact [Prescott Creeks](#) with



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### Businesses Supporter Spotlight

Prescott Creeks is pleased to welcome [Mandalay Homes](#) as the primary sponsor for the 2019 Granite Creek Cleanup.



When asked why Mandalay Homes chose to sponsor the Cleanup this year they said: "Mandalay Homes is recognized as one of the most innovative new home builders in America. A 10-time winner of the DOE's award for innovation and an ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year two years in a row, Mandalay Homes has a passion for building homes that promote safety, health, comfort, style, reduced energy costs, and less environmental impact. Mandalay Homes has a focus on the surrounding area community and environment in which we build and we are happy to support such a beneficial cause such as the Granite Creek Cleanup."

Thanks for your support!

registration questions, or contact [Deb Pastor, Cleanup Coordinator](#), with sponsorship questions.



### Miller Creek Public Bathrooms

If you traveled the downtown Greenways Trails during February, you might have noticed construction activities along the Miller Creek Trail at Madison Avenue. Prescott Creeks has installed a publicly accessible bathroom. The project is in partnership with the [Coalition for Compassion & Justice](#) (as landowner and manager), the [City of Prescott](#) (development and education assistance), and the [Butte Creek Restoration Council](#) at Prescott College (water quality monitoring). Funded through a [Water Quality Improvement Grant](#) from the AZ Department of Environmental Quality, the project aims to improve both creek health and community health. Lower Miller Creek has had some of the lowest water quality test results and was targeted for improvements by the Granite Creek Watershed Improvement Council in 2012 and again in 2015. While not yet fully operational and opened for use, we look forward to a grand-opening event soon. [Read more about the project.](#)



### Household Hazardous Waste



The City of Prescott Solid Waste Division offers residents the opportunity to [safely dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste](#) (HHW) with its home collection service. Residents can sign up online for the service during the dates listed below. *Deadlines extended to March 8<sup>th</sup> due to February snow storms.*

**IMPORTANT:** Registration will be on a first-come, first-service basis. Collection is for residents with the City of Prescott's residential solid waste services.

**Appointment Scheduling Opens:** February 13, 2019

**Appointment Scheduling Closes:**

March 1, 2019 or until filled

**Opens Collection Date:** March 4 to March 22, 2019

*Secure your spot now!*

### Support Creeks in many ways:



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