



Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

The landscape was parched and now it is saturated! It never ceases to amaze me how quickly conditions can change. Note the buds on the willows starting to swell and change color - a promise of spring. In this issue of the Prescott Creekside E-News we share information for the 2021 Cleanup (Pre-Registration REQUIRED this year), exciting improvements and planning associated with Granite Creek downtown, thanks to our supporters, and a story about our journey from our old website to the new one.

Granite Creek Cleanup - COVID-adapted

Granite Creek Cleanup is happening in 2021!

April 17th, 2021

Granite Creek Park | 8 AM - Noon

Pre-Registration Required

In contrast to last year when the Cleanup was rescheduled and then cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic, Prescott Creeks is committed to bring a COVID-Safe Cleanup to the community. This annual event not only cleans up and beautifies the community, but it provides an opportunity for people to come together (physically distanced, of course) for a common cause and to make a difference.



COVID-Safe Adaptations

- [Pre-Registration Required](#)
- Dispersed Outdoor Locations
- Physical Distancing
- Limited Group Size
(20 people maximum)
- Drive Up Contactless Sign-In
(Sorry - No day-of walk ins)
- Masks Provided for Participants



[Pre-Register Now](#)

Our decision to move forward with the Cleanup did not come lightly. After much discussion and consultation with our partners, we believe the Cleanup can be conducted safely in the context of COVID. Please [contact Prescott Creeks](#) with questions, or [Pre-Register now](#) to join.

Downtown Greenway Corridor

In a press release earlier this week, City of Prescott Mayor Greg Mengarelli, referred to the [Granite Creek Corridor as "One of the jewels of Prescott..."](#) The area holds a long history and early planning for it in the 1980s was the impetus for incorporation of Prescott Creeks Preservation Association in 1990. In March last year, we shared with you the good news that the City of Prescott had recently approved a Master Plan for Granite Creek in the downtown area. Less than a year later the City is poised to move forward with on-the-ground work. Issues identified include: Water quality impairment, Exposed utility crossings, Stream channel incising, Invasive Trees, Mature trees in the creek channel. The initial phase of the project is expected to begin this summer and continue for about one year.



Council Members Goode & Rusing walk Granite Creek contemplating improvements

Concurrent with the direct creek improvements, a Steering Committee of interested stakeholders (including Prescott Creeks) will consider economic development opportunities associated with the creek. The first meeting of the group was yesterday when we gathered and went on a walking tour of the project area which reaches from Aubrey Street to Sheldon St. and from Montezuma St. to McCormick St. [Read the full story....](#)

Sponsor Spotlight

We try to recognize those who have made a difference with event sponsorship here.

User Experience Helps Watersheds

A fragile Prescott Creeks website was unacceptable because we're dedicated to

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delivering up to date content, events, and other information that people need, at the time they need it. Sound familiar? That is what a good website always does. But what could we do? [Find out here...](#)



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