



# Prescott Creekside E-News

## March 2024

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March catkins along Granite Creek. Image by Prescott Creeks.

Hello Friend,

Winter doesn't seem to be roaring at us any longer (*if it did at all this year*) and spring is peeking at us here and there if you look closely. The catkins shown above seem to be a bit early, but they are a clear indicator that spring is almost here. Look closely and you'll find the red currants in the Preserve full of green leaves and the arroyo willows with broken buds. Birds are beginning to nest, and it is nearing time for the Granite Creek Cleanup! Prescott Creeks welcomes Findlay Subaru Prescott and Pacifico Preserves back as the top sponsors for the event. Read on for details about the required Cleanup Pre-Registration and about how you can help FOREVER PRESERVE Watson Woods Riparian Preserve.

### Granite Creek Cleanup

**Saturday April 20, 2023**  
**Granite Creek Park | 8 AM – Noon**

8 AM to Noon

- Make a Difference
- Help Clean Up Your Community
- It's **Free!** (*in exchange for a few hours of your service to the community*)
- Cleanup T-shirt for all Participants – *Pre-Registration Required*

This annual event not only cleans up and beautifies the community, it also provides an opportunity for people to come together for a common cause and make a difference.

**Required Pre-Registration is OPEN**



2023 family participating in the Granite Creek Cleanup. Image by V. Wertz.

**MORE INFO**

## Ways to be Involved in the Cleanup

Pre-Registration is required again this year. With an average of almost 500 participants each, required pre-registration helps Prescott Creeks get you to the creeks with what you need to make a difference as efficiently as possible.

**Required Pre-Registration is OPEN**

Many people are needed to *Help Behind the Scenes* before, during, and after the Cleanup. It's a great way to be involved for those who aren't so keen to tromp around outside getting physical.

**Help Behind the Scenes**

**2024 Premier Cleanup Sponsor**



**2024 Elite Cleanup Sponsor**



[Additional Sponsorships needed and opportunities are available. Learn more here.](#)

## FOREVER PRESERVED - Watson Woods Riparian Preserve

Your active support makes a difference!

Prescott Creeks is seeking approval from the Prescott City Council to [FOREVER PRESERVE](#) the Watson Woods Riparian Preserve by placing it into a permanent conservation easement; and we need your help! The once 1,000 acres of habitat at Watson Woods have been lost or severely degraded due to decades of livestock grazing, illegal dumping, firewood cutting and sand/gravel extraction.

The current management lease between Prescott Creeks and the City provides short-term protection but, without a conservation easement, the Preserve is not protected in perpetuity (forever) and Prescott Creeks may lose access to millions of dollars in government funding critical to rehabilitating, managing, and protecting the Preserve; a habitat that supports healthy watersheds, outdoor education and recreation, volunteer opportunities and the return of native plants and animals.

A critical component to receiving approval from the Prescott City Council is the support of people like you! To learn more, visit the [FOREVER PRESERVED](#) page on the Prescott Creeks website.



### Send a Message to City Officials

Send a pre-populated message to City Officials letting them know you want them to permanently protect Watson Woods Riparian Preserve by placing it into a conservation easement.

[Send a Message](#)

### Watson Woods Riparian Preserve Tours

Tuesday | March 19th | 10 AM – Noon | [RSVP Here](#)

Saturday | March 23rd | 10 AM – Noon | [RSVP Here](#)

### Free FOREVER PRESERVED Presentations

#### Community Nature Study Series

March 20, 2024 | 12:30 to 2 PM  
Highlands Center for Natural History  
(1375 S Walker Rd, Prescott, AZ 86303)

[More Info](#)

OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute

Tuesday May 21, 2024 | 10 – 11 AM  
In Person: Yavapai College, Prescott Campus, or ZOOM  
Building 4 Room 102 - 1100 E. Sheldon, Prescott, AZ 86301

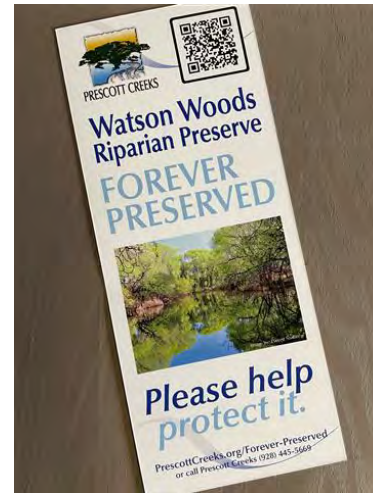
Open to OLLI members AND the public  
[More Info](#)

Pickup the FOREVER PRESERVED rack card for other ways to **ACT!** and ensure that Watson Woods Riparian Preserve is preserved - FOREVER!

- Signup for Updates
- Send a Message to City Council and Officials
- Attend City Council study sessions and voting meetings
- Attend an information session hosted by Prescott Creeks
- Participate in a Preserve tour
- Volunteer
- Donate

Learn more at:

[www.PrescottCreeks.org/FOREVER-PRESERVED](http://www.PrescottCreeks.org/FOREVER-PRESERVED)



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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