



MAYOR PHIL GOODE'S UPDATE FOR JANUARY 22, 2025

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I want to extend a warm welcome to the [Civic Conservation Corps](#), whose arrival in Prescott is made possible by a newly awarded grant. This initiative brings a group of motivated young adults, aged 18 to 26, to our community from January to April. These individuals will engage in various outdoor and service projects, gaining valuable skills and experiences under the guidance of Recreation Services Ranger Ellen Bashor.

Typically awarded to nonprofits and state parks, this prestigious grant was given to the City of Prescott due to our unique landscape, large variance in professional leadership, local youth, and many exciting upcoming plans.

The Civic Conservation Corps will participate in diverse tasks and training sessions, including chainsaw safety, stormwater infrastructure, and trail building, benefiting both the volunteers and our city.

I encourage our residents to welcome these volunteers, who will be easily recognizable in their uniforms, as they work at the Community Nature Center, local parks, lakes, trails, and more.

After the recent Highway 89 closure for a major sewer line break in the Granite Dells section of Highway 89, the design phase of the Effluent & Wastewater Pipelines & SR89 Improvements Project will begin later this week.

In order for our design team to gain a full understanding of the underground utilities and rock structure underneath the roadway that will aid in the design and placement of new effluent and wastewater pipelines, the design team survey crews will need to perform surface and subsurface geotechnical investigation.

Due to equipment placement and the sensitive nature of the measuring equipment, this investigation will require a **full road closure of SR89 between the Willow Lake/ Watson Lake Roundabout and the Phippen Roundabout**. To minimize the impact on the traveling public, this work and full road closure will be performed at night between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m., from Monday January 27, to Friday January 31. Detour routes will be in place at the Willow Lake/ Watson Lake Roundabout and the Phippen Roundabout. Local resident traffic will be allowed to enter and exit the closure area at all times.

Please follow the marked signage and allow for extra time to get to your destination. The City appreciates your help and understanding as survey crews gather data to assist project design.



Our Prescott Fire Department wants us to realize that the catastrophic fires in the Los Angeles area serve as a painful reminder of the wildfire risk within our own community. We've had virtually no rain since the beginning of November and no appreciable precipitation is anticipated in the near future. Residents must remain vigilant for wildfires, even during colder winter months.

This includes not only hardening our homes against a wildfire, but also includes being prepared to evacuate on a moment's notice. The Fire Department offers these suggestions to help create better outcomes:

Have no flammable materials within five feet of your home.

Understand the Ready, Set, Go system, and register with Yavapai County for emergency notifications.

Install the Genasys Protect application on your phone for rapid information regarding incidents, which is used by both the City of Prescott and Yavapai County.

Have an evacuation plan. Prepare an emergency "go" kit ready with 72-hours' worth of food, water, and supplies. Know where to go, how you will get there, and what to bring.

Do not delay evacuation waiting for a knock on the door from an officer telling you to evacuate. There is no guarantee this will happen when a fast-moving fire strikes.

Wildfires are a threat to our community year-round. More [extensive information](#) on creating defensible space around your home, improving your home's resilience to wildfire, and how to be prepared to evacuate can be found at Prescott Fire Department's website as well as the Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management.

Did you know that City of Prescott residents can request a Free Wildfire Assessment? Contact the Prescott Fire Department at: pfd.wildfirerisk@prescott-az.gov or call Wildfire Risk Manager Conrad Jackson at 928-777-1700 ext 7065.

I want to encourage citizens to participate in the HUD-funded Community Development Block Grant, also known as CDBG, program. Applications for Fiscal Year 2026 grants are due January 31, 2025.

CDBG project & activity examples include:

- Rehabilitation of buildings designated as residential which house low- and moderate-income renters or homeowners.
- Public service activities targeting workforce development.
- Transportation services for Prescott's senior population as well as those struggling with disabilities.
- Public improvements to Prescott's streets, sidewalks, and parks.

Projects and activities must:

- Benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons;
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and

Meet a need having a particular urgency.

To learn more about how to apply and other important information, go to the [Community Development Block Grant website page](#).



In our last Council meeting on January 14th, we spent a great deal of time regarding a petition we have received regarding Open Space. Although we voted to deny the petition, we also agreed to schedule a special meeting to refine language and reconsider the issue. That meeting will be on February 4th.

Council also voted to adopt new fees and charges for the Prescott Regional Airport Schedule B and a new Schedule C. Those fees will go into effect February 14th.

I am pleased to report that Council has finally adopted the Resolution to establish an Airport Vicinity Overlay District. This amends the official zoning map affecting certain properties within the City of Prescott generally located north of SR89A, and east and west of the Prescott Regional Airport. It is our hope that there will be enhanced safety at the airport, and less noise for those that live in the vicinity.

The City Council meets next Tuesday, January 28th, for a Study Session at 1 PM and a Voting Meeting at 3 PM.

We will also have a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting next Thursday, January 30th at 9 AM at the Prescott Centennial Center at 1989 Club House Drive.

The City of Prescott Workforce Housing Committee will host a Community Town Hall meeting on Thursday, January 30 at 5:30 pm at Prescott City Hall in the Council Chambers, or virtually online.

Updates about the progress of the Workforce Housing Committee will be shared.

The Committee also hopes to hear from citizens, businesses and other stakeholders regarding housing availability and affordability in Prescott.

Please RSVP at ParticipatePrescott.com