

IT'S SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM TIME!

"Every Hero Has a Story" at your Prescott Public Library! Library reading programs are a common component of literacy offerings. Library reading programs generally encourage readers of all ages to sign up and keep track of their reading habits for a certain length of time. Join the library this summer as we recognize and celebrate heroes of all kinds, from community members who go above and beyond to help their neighbors to heroes who inspire us to achieve our dreams. And don't forget fictional heroes, from Gotham City to a galaxy far, far away! *"Every Hero Has a Story"* will feature weekly events with crafts and activities for children, opportunities to recognize local heroes and hear their stories, and reading rewards and incentives that help motivate kids to read throughout the summer. The Summer Library Program is for all ages from babies to senior citizens.

A final events schedule will be available on May 28, but here's a sneak peek at the exciting events we've planned. Summer Storytimes, on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. start on June 12 and go through July 24. Our weekly events are on Wednesday afternoons and begin on June 17 with *Community Helpers are Heroes* from 2:00-3:00 p.m. See the city's biggest vehicle, the Sewer Vactor Truck, and meet people who help make Prescott a great town to live in. Mike Schneider brings his **Pint-Size Polkas** to the library on July 1 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Mike's music has special appeal for children, but everyone will enjoy listening and dancing to his polka tunes. Other events will offer the chance to meet military veterans, firefighters and other local heroes.

Registration starts May 28. When you register, you'll get a starter kit with everything you need to participate and earn reading rewards. Sign the entire family up and spend the summer celebrating heroes of all kinds!

RECREATIONAL FIRES

Summer is here and camping and barbecues are in full force. Here is a reminder of the regulations one must follow when having a recreation fire.

- The fire pit cannot be more than three (3) feet in diameter.

- The fire must be contained in a pit, ring or a commercial pit.
- The flame cannot be more than three (3) feet high.
- Must be at least 15 feet from any structure.
- No rubbish, yard waste, or treated wood allowed in fire pit.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Fire Chief Bill Dravis at 262-3755, and have a fun and safe summer!



BOAT LAUNCH

Its boat launch time again! Yearly boat launch permits are available at City Hall, Monday thru Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Residents in the City limits pay \$35 and non-City residents are \$50 for 2015. To obtain a pass, stop by or send a check with your request. Don't forget to include the length and make of your boat, your boat registration number and a return envelope. Daily passes are always available at the boat launch with various fees. Don't forget to properly display the tear-off slip on your dash so it is easily visible, violators will be ticketed. There is no parking at the boat launch between 2:00 and 4:00AM.

WATER METERS

Work is progressing towards advertising for the meter installation and cross connection survey contracts. The City of Prescott is changing water meters to stay in compliance with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. The new water meters being installed are manufactured of plastic. They will not be the traditional brass bodied meters that everyone is used to. The main reason for the different material is because of new EPA requirements that waterworks brass can no longer contain the amount of lead used in the composition of the brass that it used to, making them much more expensive. Another reason is that the type of plastic used in the new meters is superior to what has been available in the past. Some of the buildings in Prescott may have electrical services that are not grounded properly to code. Most buildings will have a ground wire attached to conductive water service pipe to achieve grounding. Where that ground wire is attached to the water service pipe is a reason for concern. If your electrical service is grounded to the water service pipe, it must be correctly attached in

two places. One attachment shall be before the water meter where the service pipe enters the building. The other attachment shall be after the water meter. The reason for this is to maintain electrical grounding continuity to the service pipe if a water meter needs to be removed from service for repair or inspection. Building owners will need to contact a certified electrician to get the ground cable for their electrical service brought up to code. City personnel are not licensed to do this work. This electrical grounding inspection along with the inspection of the shut off valve ahead of the meter (to make sure it works) must be done before the new water meter is installed. The Public Service Commission has provisions the City must follow, among these is that after proper notification, a water service can be turned off until all compliance standards are met. Please have your electrical service and shut off valve inspected and repaired if needed to avoid inconveniences later this summer.

STREET NUMBERS

A reminder about building numbers in the City of Prescott. According to Chapter 506-16 of the Municipal Code, Building numbers are required. A partial listing of requirements follows. The entire code can be obtained on the City website: prescottwi.org

“Numbers shall be easily seen from the street to which the building is addressed. Numbers shall preferably be block style and a minimum of three inches in height unless otherwise specified in this section. The color of the numbers shall distinctly contrast the type of covering they are placed on. The use of words to write out the required street number is not permitted.”

“Multiple dwellings shall be identified with numbers which are a minimum of five inches in height, and individual apartment identification shall consist of numbers which are no less than three inches in height.”

“When practical, the required numbers shall be placed as close to the main entry door as possible, but not be placed on garage doors or in similar locations on the building, which may become covered.”

EAB UPDATE

The UWRP students have completed the inventory of 542 Green Ash trees on public property in Prescott. The trees have been loaded into our new GIS system along with their GPS coordinates. We will now have an easier job of future planning for treatment or removal decisions. The students did an excellent job on this project. As of today the closest known infestation area is just into Wisconsin along the St Croix River between Prescott and Hudson. A known infestation area has a fifteen mile radius from a confirmed infestation.

DIRT AND DEBRIS ON STREETS

Please be aware that a portion of Municipal Code 506-20 states:

“In interests of public safety, health and general welfare, community appearance, and efficiency of operation, it shall be unlawful to place, throw, leave, in any way deposit or permit to be deposited, or permit to remain and dirt, leaves, rubbish, litter, debris or material of any kind upon any street, sidewalk, alley, drainageway, or public ground in the City of Prescott.”

This includes grass blown while mowing and sand raked onto street surfaces.

COMPOST SITE

For those of you who have visited the compost site this year and those of you who visit in the future, we hope you notice that we are making a strong effort to clean up the site and not have it be a “dump”. We hope that everyone will adhere to the requirements of “What Can Be Dropped Off” at the compost site. A listing of approved materials can be found on the website and on a new sign at the compost site entrance. If the material you have is not on the approved list, DO NOT LEAVE IT. Make sure the materials you leave are sorted and deposited in the correct areas. Thank you.

EASE THE PAIN

If you are thinking of an improvement on your property please call City Hall (715-262-5544) first to see if a permit is required. After you have an approved permit, THEN call Diggers Hotline. If you call Diggers Hotline first you may run into delays with your project.

THANK YOU



Thank you to the family of Darwin (Porky) & Lorraine Eichman for the beautiful new bench at the Prescott Municipal Building. Our library staff invite you to pick up a book and enjoy reading it on the bench.