

The Manzanita Villager

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Prescott, AZ—May 2018

April's Plenary meeting: A big decision is looming

At the Plenary of the 15th, the main topic of discussion was removal of Siberian Elm trees. Nothing lately could be more controversial.

After Jeff Z's review of general plans to reorg the kitchen, John M of the Grounds Committee presented a Second View proposal on removal of these elm trees that shower the Village with seeds, which grow into thousands of seedlings that are very difficult to effectively remove.

The discussion that followed ranged from suggestions to keep the trees and live with pulling out seedlings, to do a partial or total removal, whether to "stage" any removal or to

remove everything at once. and on and on.

It was pointed out that the trees provide sanctuary for birds, and an ambiance of green if not strong shade for activities in the plaza.

It was also suggested that before removing any trees, replacements should be planted, and that even with removal, elms are all over Prescott and seeds will blow onto our property, even if our trees are gone.

Next steps? We were nowhere near a consensus, but will need one. The committee will provide a specific proposal next time. More to come on this!



Here's the provocateur: A Siberian Elm seedling so tough to dig out, and so numerous, spread throughout the Village.

Work party on April 14th—lots done as we emerge from winter

Nearly 20 of us met for coffee and donuts and assignments. Lots to do from picking up sand buckets and snow shovels to staining and weed control. from cleanup at the plaza and on Jacob Lane.

Just two hours and many hands make light the work.



From a list developed by Jeff B, Villagers began what will be several sessions of repainting and staining. Meanwhile, there's the non-stop job of weeding, fruit tree pruning continues, and firewise safety is always a priority throughout the Village. Thanks to Jean S (left), Judi B, Phil S, Brian M, Anne G, Teresa K (all pictured), and to everyone else who helped out.

How about a "Grandparents Club?"

We talk about having more families in the Village, and Leslie H has an idea to help.

She suggests a "Grandparents Club" of maybe a half dozen of us, who might meet twice monthly to spend a couple hours with children from age seven down. She and her friends would provide the kids.

What kinds of activities? Look for a meeting in May to discuss them. A Grandparents Club like this would certainly show our family-friendliness!



ODDS and ENDS

- Prolong the life of your grinder pump. Don't throw anything down your drain or toilet that can't be converted into a liquid and pumped into city sewers.
- If you notice lights burned out on any of the pathways, please notify Bill Schmidt or Melvin Hill so we can change them ASAP.

May Upcoming

Contact coordinators listed or watch for emails for more info.

2nd, 10:15-12:15pm — "Cowgirl Up" exhibit at Desert Caballeros Museum in Wickenburg. Lunch to follow. (Merirose K)

5th—Artwalk in Jerome

5th, 9:00-1:50pm—Firewise Workparty, with lunch and a presentation by Nicole Garrett of Animal Disaster Services. (Mary Ann C)

11th — Planetarium show at Embry-Riddle. Free tickets available online.

11th — Starwatch at Acker Park (John M)

13th—Mother's Day Brunch (Ron B)

19th, 8:30-10:30am—Work Party

19th, 3pm — Royal High Tea. Common House (Jean S)

27th, 2pm — High Tea at Hassayampa Inn (Cathy N)

28th, 9-11am — Potluck Brunch at Goldwater Lake (Ron B & Nancy O)

New stairway finished between the Ciminiello and Kepler houses

The old stairs were built of timbers with rock fill, but had deteriorated badly in the last 10 years or so. The top few stairs were particularly unsteady and were no longer safe.

The new stairs are solid, of concrete blocks and with a new steel railing.

Dave and Anne removed the old timbers, raked the site clean of stones, and generally prepped the site. Mountain Sunset Landscaping, a local contractor, laid in the steps and installed the railing. The work was completed in about two weeks.

The stairway leads from Jacob Lane to the South Rim and the North Rim Trails in the ravine.



Angela happily models the new stairway alongside her house, at the left.

Villagers go on a Mural Walk to see Prescott's three major works

Prescott has three exceptional murals, created a few years back by a group of talented local artists, who billed themselves as The Mural Mice, and some 800 helpers



Merirose (right) is the expert and guided the tour. Along with her at the large mural at the Prescott Library were Brian M, Terry K, Earl K and Sherry R.

from the Prescott community.

The murals are located in Acker Park, the Library, and the downtown Parking garage. The largest of these is at Prescott Library.

The group visited all three, led by Merirose Kelsey, one of our experts on local history.

Dedicated in 2009, the murals celebrate 6,000 years of world knowledge, leading up to Prescott's place in the journey.



UNDERWAY AT LAST—The new house of Praful and Sulekha, next to Dave and Jan's at the far end of Phase II, has finally received its city permit. It will be finished at the end of the year.