

You know it's Spring in Forest Lakes when....

- Winter White has all but gone away.
- You find treasures that were hiding under snow, like the leftovers from the snowman.
- Tulips, Daffodils, Rhubarb, and bulb plants are pushing up through the dirt.
- Repairs of the driveway (and other places on the property) where ruts got mysteriously formed.
- More cabin lights are shining after dark.
- There is an increase in visitors at the Fire Station of residents renewing their burn permits (hint, hint!)
- Strange falling objects from the trees requires rakes and shovels to be brought out of hiding.
- The News E-Blasts will begin to increase with lots of useful information about "Happenings"so let's get right to that!

Forest Lakes Owners Association NEWS

The first FLOA monthly meeting for 2019 will be held on Saturday, April 27th at 2 PM at the Community Center FLOA House. Normally, meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month, but due to the Easter holiday, the meeting has been moved up by one week. In May, meetings will resume on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

A reminder that if you have not yet paid your FLOA membership dues, please take a moment and take care of that. An invoice was mailed to every property owner in January but there are still many residents who probably just forgot to mail theirs in. If you didn't receive one, or may have misplaced it, you can find a copy of it on the www.floa.club (remember it's a new domain name) under Membership. We'll be putting together the Phone Directory soon, and want to make sure it is as up to date as possible. THANK YOU! Any questions, you can contact me (Judy Nelson, Membership Coordinator) at info@floa.club or 602-739-4369.

We hope you are checking out our new website, www.floa.club often! The Bulletin Board on the Home Page will start to get busier as activities and events get planned. Did you know that Copies of all "Happenings" and Email Blasts can be found on the website under "Latest Email Blasts"?.....Just in case you might have inadvertently deleted them from your Inbox.

FOREST LAKES FIRE DISTRICT NEWS

Forest Lakes Fire District is now on Twitter! Follow @FLFDZ for news bulletins on fires, weather, and other events. Also check out the new FLFD website at <https://flfdaz.com/>

AUXILIARY REPORT

Forest Lakes Fire District Auxiliary has continued to hold planning sessions over the winter in preparation for our summer events. We are looking forward to these activities, beginning with selling T-shirts at the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast. Stop by our table and check out our new t-shirt design! On Sunday, May 26, we will be hosting our first Ice Cream Social of the season at the fire station from 2-4 p.m.. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

We encourage you to join the Auxiliary. Membership dues are \$6 for a single member and \$10 per family and maintain your membership for 2019. These Dues help the Auxiliary support the Forest Lakes Fire Department. As you all know, our Fire Department provides an incredible service to the Forest Lakes residents and surrounding areas. Let's all show our support! To pay your dues, you may download the membership form found on-line by visiting the Forest Lakes Fire District website at <https://flfdaz.com> under the Auxiliary heading. You may either return the membership form with your dues to our P.O. box (listed on the form), drop off your check and form at the station, or get in touch with one of the Board members. Any one of us will be happy to help you. This year, upon payment of your membership dues, we are offering a one-time 10% discount coupon off your first purchase at our t-shirt table. (Check in at our table if you have paid your dues and do not have your coupon.)

Another way you can assist the Auxiliary in supporting the Fire District is to volunteer your time with our organization. We can always use volunteers to help with the sale of t-shirts, assist at our ice cream socials and any other events we might hold. If you can volunteer your time and help in any way, please call Jan Cummiskey at (602) 510-8264.

While our first meeting of the season is scheduled for April 20, the majority of our members will be in the valley celebrating the holiday with family. Given there will not be a quorum for this meeting, we will hold our first meeting in May.

Forest Lakes Community Library Information

The library could really use a few volunteers. We need help to cover some Saturdays for the next few months. Volunteers WILL be trained and need to be fingerprinted (a new rule from Flagstaff). Interested? Contact Hawk or Leslee at fllibraryaz@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars to attend the following presentation:

**FREE Monsoon Severe
Weather Spotter Training**
Your report could help save lives!

Learn About:

- Thunderstorm development and structure
- How to identify and report severe weather
- Basic severe weather safety

Location: **Forest Lakes Community Library**
3031 Old Rim Rd.
Forest Lakes, AZ

Date: **Thursday, May 30th, 2019**
Time: **5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Arizona Time**
Cost: **FREE! – No need to register**

For more information email Tony.Herriman@noaa.gov

Green Waste Transfer Station

will be opening soon. Possibly as early as April 15th, depending on soil/ground conditions, but no later than May 1st. Operational days and hours are being confirmed at this time and will be announced in the very near future. Stay tuned!

Neighborhood News

The Forest Lakes General Store and Rim Resort Store and Gas Station will be reopening for the 2019 season this Friday, April 5th at 8 AM.

Rim Resort Cafe will open on Wednesday, April 17th.

Gene Zelechowski Obituary



Eugene Donald Zelechowski was born on November 4, 1941 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and passed away on March 19, 2019 in Gilbert, Arizona. He and his wife Carol have been seasonal residents in Forest Lakes for 40 years. He retired from a career at Air Research. Gene leaves behind his wife Carol, two sons, ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was predeceased by son David. Services were held on March 29 at Green Acres Cemetery in Scottsdale.

Important Report From our Coconino County Sheriff's Deputy Robert McKeever:

It's that time of year again where we need to start preparing for fire season for everyone who lives or has a residence in Forest Lakes (COCONINO COUNTY). This is the warning system we use in the event of an emergency. I strongly suggest you sign up if you haven't already done so. If you don't have a residence or live in Forest Lakes you can contact your local county sheriff's office and they can tell you if they use this same system.

SUBJECT: Arizona Sheriff's Adopt Ready, Set, Go! Program

Although Northern Arizona enjoyed a wet winter, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office would like people to be prepared for the spring, a time when the forest and grass lands dry out and are more vulnerable to wild fire. The Coconino County Sheriff's Office wants you to be prepared. Over the next several weeks, we'll be posting information on the Coconino Sheriff Facebook page to help you take proactive measures as outlined by Ready, Set, Go!

The fifteen Arizona Sheriff's adopted Ready, Set, Go! (RSG), a program that educates residents about proactive measures to take before an emergency. Ready, Set, Go is the standard language that will be issued to the public and actions to follow when communities are threatened by wildfire. The program's three tenets encourage Arizonans to get READY by preparing now for what threatens their community, be SET by maintaining awareness of significant danger and to GO, evacuate immediately when the danger is current and life-threatening.

"The Sheriffs of Arizona have partnered with the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, fire community and emergency management to provide information to help the public and our communities prepare for situations that could result in evacuations," said Sheriff Jim Driscoll.

The Ready, Set, Go! program highlights actions residents should take during each step:

READY: "Prepare now"

Be aware of hazards that can threaten your community.

Register for Smart 911 Emergency Notifications

Create defensible space around your home by keeping grass mowed short and trimming vegetation.

Build an emergency supplies kit. Start with the five P's: people and pet supplies, prescriptions, papers, personal needs and priceless items.

SET: "Be alert"

There is significant danger in your area.

Consider voluntarily relocating to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area.

This might be the only notice you receive.

GO!: "Evacuate"

Danger in your area is current and life-threatening.

Evacuate immediately to a shelter or to family/friends outside the affected area.

Follow instructions from emergency personnel, and stay on designated evacuation routes.

The Ready, Set, Go! program amplifies the common goal of all-hazards preparedness. Successfully preparing for an emergency encourages personal responsibility to protect yourself, your family and your property. Visit the Arizona Emergency Information Network at <https://ein.az.gov> to learn more about hazards in the state and how to prepare. For additional Ready, Set, Go! information, follow the Coconino County Sheriff's Facebook page and follow @AzEIN on Twitter.

Until the next time there is more news.....enjoy SPRING!

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