

FOREST LAKES HAPPENINGS #1 FOR MAY 2019

FROM THE EDITOR

Hope your month of May is off to a good start! With it comes a new format for the monthly FL Happenings and all E-Blasts. Please be patient with the editor while she is in a learning curve. Due to the large number of emails that are on our Distribution List (nearly 1200) and the frequency at which I send, my personal email no longer supports the volume.



There is lots of news and information now that we are going into our summer months. Next week I will send a May Happenings #2 that will include upcoming events for later in May and early June. In the meantime, if you want to know what is coming up, please check the "Community Calendar" on the Home Page of our new www.floa.club website.

Lots of **NEW** and **NEWS** in a **NEW** season!

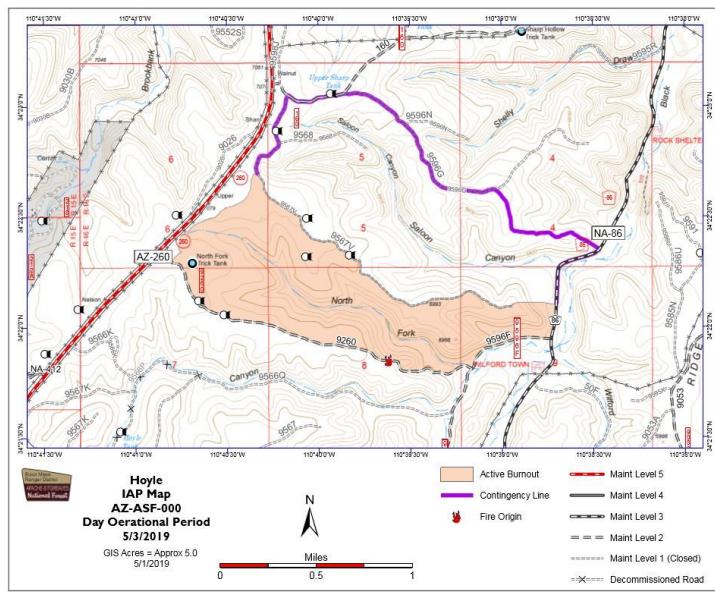
Until next time....soon!

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HOYLE CANYON FIRE REPORT

Be advised that there is a fire in the Hoyle Canyon area SW of Heber, approximately 7 miles SE of our community. The fire is not a threat to Forest Lakes.

It is burning in part of the Rodeo Chediski



fire burn area. The US Forest Service is on scene and is going to use this to introduce fire to the area in a controlled environment while the conditions are in their favor. An increased presence of resources will be seen including aircraft when needed. Smoke will be visible with periods of heavy smoke possible.

Please do not report this smoke. We ask you to stay vigilant throughout the community as we start the wildland fire season. We will update the community as we receive information.



YOU ARE INVITED
to lend a hand or two for a
Spring Cleaning Day at the
Community Center - 1111 Mererville Rd.
Saturday, May 4th 8:30—10:30 am

Projects will include:

- yard clean-up including raking needles
- Cleaning the FLOA House

A BIG THANK YOU to John Skeldon who has generously offered to be on site with his front end loader and dump truck to take loads to the Green Waste Transfer Station.

Please bring your own lawn and/or garden rake—shovel
Any other tools you like to use
Gloves to save your manicure!

Please reply to info@fao.club if you can help or just show up
at 8:30 AM! Families welcome!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!



The Forest Lakes Fire District, Forest Lakes Owners Association and the Forest Lakes Domestic Water Improvement District will be sponsoring "Wildfire Community Preparedness Day" at the Green Waste Transfer Station on Saturday, May 4th. Come join us from 11am to 1pm for free hot dogs, drinks and chips! Educational material will be available with Fire Department and Forest Service staff on hand to answer any questions related to safe guarding your home against a wildfire. There will also be a booth with information regarding radio scanners and frequencies to prepare in the event of an emergency. While at the event, residents can enter a raffle to win "Free Loads" at the Transfer Site! Multiple drawings will be held during the event.

Our wildfire seasons are becoming longer, more severe and wildfires are getting closer to home. Let's reduce our Community's wildfire risk by cleaning our properties.

WHERE:

Be wise, "Be Firewise"! Forest Lakes Green Waste Transfer Station

Respectfully,
Chief Rodriguez

WHEN:
Saturday, May 4th
11am to 1pm

IN THE EVENT OF A WILDFIRE – ARE YOU READY?

MEMORIAL DAY RUMMAGE SALE COMING SOON! ** We need your donations!

Do you have Spring Cleaning Fever? Shari and Donna would love to help you recycle your unwanted items. If you just bought a cabin or are selling one and/or are just redecorating, we could use the items you no longer need. The Rummage Sale is a fundraiser for FLOA. The proceeds are used for our many projects.

Call Shari Massion, cell (480-201-4693) or cabin (928-535-5935) to arrange for drop off OR just drop off under the tent at the rear of the Community Center. Please do not leave items in any other place.

We can no longer accept the following:

Mattresses Tires Appliances Old Heavy TVs Computers

Call if you have any questions. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Last year's sales were very successful and we sincerely want to thank everyone who contributed and helped with the Memorial Day and Labor Day sales. With

your help, we hope to do even better this year. Thanks Shari.

FOREST LAKES FIRE DISTRICT AUXILIARY REPORT

We will be selling our merchandise at the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast at the Community Center. Stop by our table and check out our new t-shirt design!

Also, 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! If you are able to make a pie donation for this event, please call Jan Cummiskey at (602) 510-8264 two to three days before the Ice Cream Social and let us know.

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. Contact information for current Board members is also found on our website. 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 the number shown above.

Our first meeting of the season will be held Saturday, May 18, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Fire Station.



Temporary Verizon Cell Tower

VERIZON TOWER REPORT

The temporary cell tower is now installed. It is at a height of 150'. It has been powered up and testing will be on-going for a week or so. Signal strength may be sporadic during this testing phase.

Several property owners are already experiencing increased signal strength. Have you seen the difference yet? We'd love to hear a report from you!

FOREST LAKES ROAD MAINTENANCE REPORT **

On Tuesday, April 30th, FLOA President Wayne Rothwell met with our Coconino County Dept. Public Works (CC-DPW) Area 4 Supervisor to discuss upcoming road maintenance. Here is what we can be expecting during the summer season.....

The County is bringing in approximately 7500 cubic yards of A/B material, with maintenance staffing, to repair high volume roads throughout the Forest Lakes Estates area. There are approximately 27 +/- miles of rural roads that are need of revision and maintenance attention. The past recession had a large financial impact on being able to maintain appropriate standards for our demographic area as well as other rural County areas.

Over the next 4 - 6 weeks the County will be improving / returning those existing road ways to a more serviceable condition. This includes roadways located on both sides of State Highway 260. During the next five year period, they are planning to address as many road maintenance needs that can be financially supported in their annual approved budget. Forest Lakes is also being incorporated into the CC-DPW ten year strategic plan.

FLOA will E-blast news of future road maintenance projects thus keeping our

property residents informed

From the interaction of this informal meeting it definitely came across that the CC-DPW Area Supervisor that road maintenance improvements are needed throughout the Forest Lakes residential subdivision.

Reminder about driveway culverts: Maintenance and cleaning of them are the responsibility of each property owner. Our road grader operator thanks you for giving them a Spring cleaning!

FL COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Summer hours are - Tue - Fri open 9 to 5, Sat. 10-3. Closed Sunday & Monday.

We will host a story time for small children 6 and under on Sat. mornings from 10-10:30 starting June 1 and every Sat. through July

On Memorial Day weekend we will be kicking off our summer reading program for kids, teens, and adults at 1 pm on Sat. 5/25 in the Library. This year's State wide summer reading program is "A Universe of Stories". We will have "solar system" activities planned along with solar system bingo and prizes. The first 75 kids to sign up for the summer reading will receive a book bag along with their summer reading maps to earn prizes and tickets for the grand prizes. We will also be hosting a used book sale on the basketball court.

Beginning June 1st and continuing every Sat through July we will have crafts or activities from 1 pm till 3 pm at the Library.

June 1st at 2 PM will be a special free fishing tournament sponsored by AZ Fish & Game at the pond. Meet at the Library at 1:45 PM and we'll all go together. We will have some fishing poles, but not enough for everyone. Please bring yours if you have them.

Fun activies/games will be held on the court at the Library. Craft day supplies are limited to 50 children so be there at 1 sharp. Kids under 10 will need a parent or older sibling to accompany them. FYI, some weeks will require a 1 on 1 helper for younger children. The week of July 13 we will have a sign up sheet for times (our duct tape craft will require a specific time slot since we will only be able to accommodate 15 to 20 at a time)

For a detailed full schedule of crafts and activities check out the Forest Lakes Community Library page on Facebook, the Forest Lakes Community Library

page on www.floa.club, Library bulletin board, or the general store bulletin board. You can also pick up a copy of the schedule when you sign up for the summer reading program on May 25th at 11 am.

Brick days and snap circuits will be on Friday afternoons from 2-4. More information to follow. Family movies nights will happen. Stay tuned for days and times. Book Club will meet the last Tuesday of the month from May - September. Stop by the library to get the book of the month.

We have lot of new movies and books; come and take a look. We will also be updating all of our data bases so come prepared (with a DL, email, & phone #). Thank you in advance for your patience.



Janet Kelley

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Obituaries

Janet Kelly, 84 of Phoenix Arizona passed peacefully in her sleep March 11th 2019. She was born August 5th 1934 in Mansfield Ohio to Magdalene (Keipp) and Gust Goettl. Janet and her family moved to Arizona where she later attended the Arizona State School for the Deaf and Blind in Tucson. It is there that Janet met her Highschool Sweetheart Gerald (Jerry) Kelly (1935 -2011), whom she married in 1955. Janet dedicated 20 years working for the United States Postal Service. She loved to travel with Jerry in the RV all around the US and visit with her many friends in the Deaf community. They also loved traveling abroad as well. You could always find her up at their Cabin in Forest Lakes every summer to get away from the heat and go fishing with Jerry. Janet is proceeded in death by her husband, Jerry and her sister Loreeta Leoni. Janet is survived by sons, Gerald James Jr. "Jim" (Sara) Kelly and Jay Andrew (Kaylan) Kelly, two Grandchildren Zachery Kelly and Madison Norman, sisters Loraine Goettl (Dr. Pete Stover) of Scottsdale Arizona and Joyce Angello (Dan) of Cottonwood California.

A celebration of Life was held on April 20th in Buckeye AZ.



Earl Ringler, age 89, passed away peacefully at his home on April 19, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. Earl was born on November 14, 1929 in Johnstown, PA. He served 4 years in the US Air Force. He moved to Phoenix in 1963 and was an engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad for 25 years. He retired in 1991. Earl, his wife, Twila, and their sons have been enjoying summer residency in Forest Lakes since 1967. Earl leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Twila, sons Keith (wife, Kelly) and Gary (fiance, Diane), 3 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by son, Chuck.

A memorial service was held on Friday, April 26th, 2019 at 10 am at West Resthaven Funeral Home, 6450 W. Northern Ave., Glendale, AZ.

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