

# FOREST LAKES NEWSPAGE

Your E-Magazine and Information Station

Keeping the Forest Lakes family in the know...

Monthly "FL Happenings" newsletter

News Flashes — Announcements

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## Editor Notes

This edition of the "Happenings" is already very full of content, and so I will spare you my rhetoric of the meaning of life! Take some time out of your day to sit on the porch with your snack and beverage and relax while you read all the pertinent news and be sure to read to the end. Don't miss anything because it's all GOOD!

Fire Chief Rodriguez spoke with the Coconino County Emergency Manager yesterday to confirm that fire restrictions will remain in effect for the Forest Lakes subdivision. He understands the zone issue with us being surrounded by Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, that is not under restrictions, but the County ordinance is directed at the Coconino National Forest and Kaibab National Forest, who still have high fire danger. So ... **no campfires until probably after the holiday.**

Who would have thought that by this time in the Summer season, **we'd still need to be observing closures due to CDC Guidelines?** Here is a reminder of our local services and buildings that are still closed for public use. These include the Fire Station, the Water District, the School District Building, and the Community Center (exception - Rummage Sale over Labor Day week-end).

Library service is at Curbside. Email request of what you want to check out to [FLLibraryaz@gmail.com](mailto:FLLibraryaz@gmail.com). Arrange for pick-up by librarian.

FL Community Church are held on Sundays at 10 AM on the rear lawn of the School District building and also can be watched virtual by going to [www.azflcc.org](http://www.azflcc.org)

OK...Ready....Set.....Read! AND have a fabulous Labor Day week-end!

Judy Nelson, Editor  
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### Highway Cleanup Volunteers Wanted

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 9:00 AM  
Meet at the Community Center parking lot, 1111  
Merzville Road.

Can you volunteer about 1 hour of your time to help? No  
need to sign up in advance; just show up! Social  
Distancing will be observed and Masks will be Available.



Each group will do approximately one-half mile. You will be assigned an area on the North or South side of highway 260 from mile posts 288 on the west to 290 on the east. Please wear closed toe shoes and bring gloves. Safety vests, trash bags, and trash grabbers will be handed out. Please return supplies at the end of the pickup. When you finish, you can get a ride back to your vehicle. Contact Judy at 480-235-8801 if you have questions..

Before the Thursday cleanup please watch the [ADOT Safety Briefing Video](#). You can also read and download a copy of a [Safety Briefing](#). Copies will be available on Thursday.

### THE DAY WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR!! NEW VERIZON CELL TOWER IS NOW PROVIDING FULL SERVICE!!

The new monopine cell tower, located on Fire Department property, was activated on Wednesday, August 26th that allowed engineers to make necessary adjustments between towers.

Two things Verizon customers should experience are a reduction of dropped calls and more clarity. The Labor Day weekend will determine if Verizon services will be able to handle the increased volume that comes with a holiday weekend. Fiber optics is the main source of the signal.



**A REMINDER:** The tower is privately owned, land is leased to the tower owner by the fire district and the tower company then leases space to cell phone providers. At this time, Verizon is the only company that is leasing space.

If your phone service hasn't seemed to improve, try turning it on to Airplane Mode and then off again and your phone will search for the nearest signal. You can also try doing a "Restart".

If you have an older phone with 2G or 3G service, your phone might not be able to sync with the new tower that offers 4G. If you're looking for an opportunity to spend some of that extra money you've been able to save (COVID money!), now's your chance to upgrade. Verizon offers low cost 4G compatible phones for around \$100. Check them out!

Let Verizon (and us) know how it's working for you!

**FOREST LAKES  
GREEN WASTE  
TRANSFER STATION**  
  
**2020 Operations Days/ Hours**  
**Mondays and Fridays      9 AM to 1 PM**  
**Saturdays      9 AM to 4 PM**  
**All other days—CLOSED**  
  
**Inclement weather conditions  
Can cause closure**  
  
**USAGE FEE      \$10 per load**

**GREEN WASTE  
TRANSFER STATION  
WILL RE-OPEN THIS  
FRIDAY (9/4)**

The "no-no" debris has been removed from the pile, and loads can be accept once again.

**REMEMBER:** No rebar, metal of any kind including nails, screws and fasteners along with construction debris as these items have torn the conveyer belt of the chipping equipment, resulting in significant down time and it becomes very

expensive to repair.

As the grinder is processing the green waste, a magnet will capture some of the smaller metal items and disperse it on the ground. It is difficult for the operators to collect this debris to eliminate flat tires on trucks, trailers and our front end loader.

We urge you to check twice before loading materials that will be delivered to the GWTS, so that it does not have any foreign items. As we've said many times: "There is no such thing as a square tree".

Thanks again for helping keep the community as safe as possible by clearing your lots in the event of a wildfire.

FYI: The source of the latest debris has not been found at this time. A couple of nice residents offered to clean up and haul away the materials that are not acceptable so that we can all get back to using the site. Thank you to whoever you are!

**Did you know** that you can take non-green materials to the Transfer Station in Overgaard for a modest fee! Something to keep in mind when you have any trash that you want to get rid of.

**NOTE** the shortened hours on Mondays and Fridays, due to the lower number of loads being brought to the site by this time of the year.

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### **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

Thanks to Wayne and Carol Rothwell who donated a very large number of DVDs to the library.

These will be used by many families.



The Forest Lakes Owners Association, under the presidency of Wayne, was instrumental in purchasing two DVD carts to expand the library's inventory.

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### **FL FIRE DISTRICT AUXILIARY REPORT**

The Forest Lakes Fire District Auxiliary Board would like to welcome Rita O'Brien as our new Board member. Only one Board member chose to not rerun for office and Rita graciously accepted her position by acclamation. Our Board now consists of Jan Cumiskey, President, Chris Bennett, Vice-President, Rita O'Brien, Treasurer, Scott Keele, Secretary and Dick Zimmerman serving as Member-at-Large.

The Auxiliary Board presented the Fire District with a check for the balance due on the Lucas Chest Compressor. We would like to thank all of those in the community who so generously donated towards the purchase of this equipment.

The Auxiliary will be selling t-shirts in the Annex the morning of the Charity Poker Ride Labor Day weekend. If you don't have your "I'll be at the cabin" shirt yet, stop by our table. Supply is somewhat limited and there will be a new design next year.

We will not be holding our regular meeting in September due to the pandemic. We are hopeful we can hold our regular social activities next summer!

Jan Cummiskey, President  
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## COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR LABOR DAY WEEK-END 2020 - SEPTEMBER 4-7

### Plan to Participate in one or all of them!

Check out more that might be "happening", but did not get requested to be listed in this issue.



### Community Rummage Sale!!!

FROM: Shari Massion, Coordinator (Cell: 480-201-4693)  
TO: The Forest Lakes Community family and friends

I am EXTREMELY happy to announce that we are having a Labor Day Rummage Sale!!!

#### Dates and Hours:

**Friday, September 4th from 8 AM - 4 PM**

**Saturday, September 5th from 8 AM - 4 PM**

**Sunday, September 6th, fro 8 AM to 12 NOON**

Due to Covid -19 this will be FLOA'S ONLY Fund Raising Event for this year. We hope to see a good turn out. Ever since this spring, we have been accepting donations and have an amazing inventory (some new) of wonderful things to choose from. (We have items you didn't even know you needed until you see them!)

In order to be allowed to host this event we MUST follow all of Coconino County COVID Guidelines. That means:

- Everyone on the property must wear face coverings of some kind, that includes

staff and visitors. (Thank you for caring about your neighbors and complying.)

- Readily available hand sanitizers for everyone to use. (If you don't see any, please ask one of the ladies in red aprons.)
- We ask that you social distance 6 feet from those not in your group. (Again thank you for caring about your neighbors)
- We must limit the number of people in attendance to only 50 at any one time.

Let's make this a wonderful event; one we will all enjoy. We are so looking forward to seeing everyone. Thanks in advance for all your support for our one and only event for this summer!



## CHARITY POKER RIDE

Labor Day Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020  
100% Benefits  
Forest Lake Fire District

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**\$20 per rig—includes two poker hands**  
**\$5 per extra person for poker hand**  
Register at **Forest Lakes Fire Dept (Annex Building)**  
from 9:30am to 10:30am.  
Event finishes at **Bugles Restaurant, Forest Lakes, AZ**

Moderate ride through Forest Roads/Trails. Buggies, Etc.  
Off-road vehicles and Jeeps only  
If you don't want to ride, stop by Bugles between 12pm- 1pm  
to try your luck at a Poker Hand \$5

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**\$200**  
In  
**Cash Prizes**  
\$100 to High Hand  
&  
\$100 to Low Hand



**RAFFLES!**

Breakfast Burritos available at Registration  
for a small donation.  
One of the Card Stops will be our "LUNCH" stop with  
Grilled Hot Dogs and Chips available for a donation

**THIS IS NOT A RACE!**  
Ride will last approximately 4 hours including time at Card Stops. Must be at least 21 years  
old to play in Poker Hands. Call Kristi Loggins at 480-232-4959 or  
email [kloggins07@gmail.com](mailto:kloggins07@gmail.com) for more information  
**RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK!**

# LABOR DAY



## B.Y.O.B.



# CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2020

PATRIOT PINES OUTDOORS VETERANS 501(C)(19)

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT'S

2282 DAISY TRAIL FOREST LAKES AZ

**FREE PLAYER LUNCH PROVIDED 12:30/1:30 CHEESE BURGER OR HOT DOG AND BAG OF CHIPS. FREE SNOW CONES FOR THE KID'S 10:30-11:30AM & 1PM-2PM**

Team and blind draw cornhole tournaments: Bring your chairs, coolers and join in the fun! **All Players will be entered to win their choice of an RTIC Cooler or vortex optics. Players that play in both tournaments will get 4 entrees.**

Team Registration @ 10:00 a.m. Start at 11:00 a.m. \$20 per person donation.

Blind draw tourney registration @ 1:00 p.m. start @2:00 p.m. \$20 per person donation.

50% of each tournament donations will go to Patriot Pines Outdoors 501c19 Veteran's Foundation 2020 outdoors season. The rest will be paid out to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams

As always - Great Prizes will be given away throughout the day!





**BUGLES GRAZING & GUZZLING**

**LABOR DAY  
CORNHOLE  
TOURNY & ELK  
CALLING  
CONTEST**

**Cash Prizes!**

**SEPT 5TH | REG 10-11  
BAGS FLY AT 1130**

**Cornhole- Blind Draw \$20/person  
Elk Calling-\$20/contestant**



Patriot Pines Outdoors is sponsoring a Fit Body Boot Camp workout on Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup> 2020. Please join us for an 8 a.m. morning workout before the cornhole tournaments begin. It is completely free and you won't be disappointed! We will be doing a raffle just for showing up. You may just be a winner!

Come on out and see what the program is all about. Ben Jones is a veteran who was inspired to help others meet and exceed their fitness goals. He owns 8 locations around the East Valley and offers a discount on membership to all Veterans. Please see below for a brief explanation of the program.

We specialize in 30-minute weight loss boot camps that challenge the body and deliver results in a positive, supportive atmosphere. Our sessions combine high intensity interval training (HIIT) and active rest, and we guarantee our clients results by adding nutritional guidance and personal accountability. All exercises are able to be modified to accommodate different fitness levels.

All precautions are currently in place at each club to maintain social distancing and extra care is done in between each session to ensure the area is sanitized and ready for the next client. We are currently practicing a train in place modification that allows us to stay in line with the CDC's recommendations to operate along with a rotation plan that adheres to all safety recommendations.

We look forward to seeing you on the turf to try out this amazing opportunity. Come get that blood pumping and start your day off with an awesome workout.

2282 Daisy Trail, Forest Lakes AZ

8:00 a.m.



VERNON LYLE JENSEN, 92, peacefully went to be with the Lord on March 17,

2020. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was a kindhearted man who loved the Lord and had a heart of service for others. He taught High School Biology for 35 years at PVHS and acquired a master Gardner's certificate after retirement. This afforded him to become a consultant for the Botanical Garden in Phoenix.

His woodworking skills were appreciated by his family and friends as he blessed them with handmade toys, shelves, and furniture. His summers were spent with his wife at their cabin In Forest Lakes where he grew a garden every year.

He was a deacon at North Phoenix Baptist Church for 40 years and was very diligent about visiting the homebound in the church.

He is survived by his wife Janet of 47 years, his five children Christine, Peter, Joel, Jesse, and Andrea. He is survived by 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

**Memorial Service information for Ruth Kezele who passed away on August 14th**

Ruth will be cremated. Her remains will be interred in Cambridge, NY near her deceased husband Lou and her son Gerome sometime in 2021, when gatherings can be held once again.

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