

FOREST LAKES NEWSPAGE

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Keeping the Forest Lakes family in the know...

Monthly "FL Happenings" newsletter

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 **FOREST LAKES
GREEN WASTE
TRANSFER STATION** 

2020 Operations Days/ Hours

Mondays—Fridays—Saturdays
9 AM to 4 PM

All other days—CLOSED

Weather factors can affect closing

USAGE FEE \$10 per load

Questions? Call Debbie Skeldon at 602 820 0014

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The **BLACK MESA RANGER DISTRICT** has begun a major forest clearing of their property on the NW corner of Hwy 260 and Merzville Road. Please be aware of workers and additional truck activity in that area for the next few weeks.

CONTINUED CLOSURES OF SERVICES AND BUILDINGS TO COMPLY WITH CDC GUIDELINES

FLFD Fire Station

Community Center
Water District
School District Building
Library

Curbside service only. Email request of what you want to check out to FLLibraryaz@gmail.com.
Arrange for pick-up by librarian.

FL Community Church

Sunday worship services are virtual at 10 AM until further notice. Go to www.azflcc.org

OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness to report the loss of three members of our Forest Lakes family; Becky Johnson, Barry Asmus and Guy Brandon Olmstead. Our community joins with their families to grieve their passing. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. You will find detailed information on each person at the bottom of the page.



CELL TOWER/VERIZON UPDATE

On May 18th, I met with Pinnacle Consulting, the Verizon Wireless representative and DW Tower personnel to discuss the next phase of construction. The final phase will consist of fabrication and installation of antennas, communications equipment that will go into the building and power connectivity after APS sets their meters. The anticipated completion for this portion of work is 4-6 weeks. Once this work is completed, Verizon will activate and test the equipment to assure operational readiness and identify any potential issues prior to full activation.

The anticipated Go-Live date for full service of the Tower is anticipated to be mid-July at the earliest, first part of August.

I should remind everyone that tower construction experienced significant delays due to rain and snow this past winter.

Respectfully,

David V. Rodriquez
Fire Chief ,Forest Lakes Fire District.

PS: Remember that new service has not gone live yet and we are experiencing the same level of service that we have had for many years. Due to increased additional high volume of usage, it's still slow and unreliable at times. Please consider turning off your devices when not in use. If you

are not satisfied with your service or have complaints, please call Verizon or your carrier.



GREEN WASTE TRANSFER STATION (GWTS) REPORT

Everyone has been so busy cleaning their lots and making dumping trips to the GWTS that it has already needed to be chipped and hauled away! Way to go, residents!

I did a "ride along" with my husband last week-end to the site and observed a few things that I'd like to share with you.

Every load going to and from the GWTS was doing their best to drive slowly to keep the dust level low. Several neighbors have mentioned that they really see a difference this year and it is so appreciated!

I observed courtesy and safe unloading and most were even having a little fun! Yes, I observed some humorous moments of creative ways y'all have to get a load off a wagon or truck bed!

Even though it's a lot of work, when it's time to make that trip to the waste site, it's a beautiful, peaceful drive and a great place to meet your neighbors and even make some new friends. While you're there, take a few extra minutes and just sit and listen to the silence...and a few birds!

One "housekeeping" request from our chipping company is that if you could be very careful when loading your trailers to leave your rocks at home. They understand that when scooping up loads with a tractor, you might get rocks when you get to the bottom of the pile, but please sift them out as best you can. Rocks are very hard on chipping blades. THANK YOU!!

Submitted by the Editor, Judy Nelson



FOREST LAKES OWNERS ASSOCIATION (FLOA) REPORT

Hello FLOA members and Community Residents,

The FLOA Board was able to meet for a work session on May 25, 2020. The virtual meeting was replaced due to the very poor internet service located in the FL area. We all social distanced and wore masks for this work session.

The Board agreed that FLOA would plan to have a Rummage Sale over the Fourth of July weekend and possibly a food event. Our Rummage Sale Coordinator, Shari Massion, will be accepting merchandise by appointments at our "Q" facility. Please contact her directly to set up those donation appointments. She will also be providing information on "Forest Lakes Bulletin Board" Facebook page.

The Board also agreed that due to existing CDC health guidelines we would delay our actual July 4th decision till June 13, 2020. Guidelines still exist that groups can be no larger than 10 individuals (hopefully there will be some relief in this number). We encourage / request anyone planning to attend our FLOA rummage event to wear a mask for protection purposes.

Over the past Memorial Day week end, Bugles Management donated \$50 to FLOA from their "B &G" event. On behalf of the FLOA organization, we thank their Management for contributing and support of future planned activities.

More news to follow after our June 13th decision work session.

Best Regards,

Wayne Rothwell
President, FLOA



IMMEDIATE OPENING ON FOREST LAKES FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

At our Board meeting held May 16, our friend and fellow board member, Joe Ruet, announced his desire to resign from the Forest Lakes Fire District Board of Directors. Given his first responder background, Joe feels he could better contribute to the Forest Lakes Fire District as a paid-on-call participant.

Joe's term expires November 30, 2022. Therefore, it is incumbent on the Board to appoint a replacement to fill the remainder of his term and we are seeking Forest Lakes Community members who have interest to apply for this opportunity. Residents who wish to be considered for appointment must be registered voters of the fire district. Switching registration is easy and can be

accomplished on-line.

Serving on this Board requires that you attend monthly meetings (required by law), come prepared for these meetings by reviewing pre-distributed documents, participating in discussions and voting on motions. Excluding travel and any special assignments, this role requires about 5 hours per month. Joe's replacement, like the rest of us, will be a public official, appointed to fill Joe's remaining two-year term rather than elected. Note that as a public official, this is a volunteer, unpaid position.

The individual we are looking for should have a professional background, be diligent in performing their duties, get along with others in a team environment, have appreciation for the role the Fire District plays in maintaining public safety in our community, be able to devote the needed time and be available to attend the monthly meetings. Meetings can be attended telephonically.

One other requirement is attendance at the annual Arizona Fire District Association Conference, a training and networking event, held each January, in Laughlin. Expenses are paid for the board member and you may bring a guest, but their expenses are not covered.

By way of full disclosure, while we are reaching out to the community and encourage anyone reading this who has an interest and meets the requirements to apply, please know that, at this time, we do have one qualified applicant. If no one else steps up, this individual meets the requirements to be appointed to fill this opening.

Our Fire District is in very good shape. We have a strong leadership team and we are well positioned operationally, strategically and financially. Therefore, we encourage you to bring your skills to help us run this important community resource.

If you are interested, please send me an email, based on the criteria above, stating why you are interested and how you think you may be able to help govern the District. Please send your email to tcummiskey@flfdaz.com. This application period will remain open through close of business on Friday, June 12. You may also contact me if you have any questions you want to discuss before applying.

Thanks for your consideration and participation in our community. I think you will find your involvement to be both satisfying and rewarding.

Best regards,
Tom Cummiskey, FLFD Board Chairman

FLFD Board of Directors Also Looking for Board Candidates

The Forest Lakes Fire District leadership team consists of five board members plus the Fire Chief, who is hired by the board. Board members are elected by the residents of the District, and serve 4-year terms. Terms of office expire in November of this year for two of the current board members. The FLFD leadership team is providing advance notice so prospective candidates can apply for the upcoming open board positions.

Candidates for office must be registered voters of Coconino County and the fire district. Residents interested in board membership who are not registered to vote in Coconino County will need to switch their registration.

By statute, the Forest Lakes Fire Board is required to hold monthly meetings. We have a summer schedule (March through October, 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am) and a winter schedule

(November through February, 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am). Board members may attend telephonically.

Board member training is required by Arizona statute and is offered semi-annually by the Arizona Fire District Association (AFDA) in Laughlin in January and in Phoenix or Tucson in June/July. The FLFD office staff has copies of the current AFDA handbook for those interested in a more detailed look at fire district operations.

Current board members are willing to meet one-on-one with prospective candidates to provide answers to any questions, to relate their personal experiences regarding board membership and to explain why they find serving the community as board members to be a rewarding and fulfilling experience. Since the relationship of the Fire Board and the Fire Chief is critical to the successful operation of the Fire District, Chief Rodriguez has also offered to meet with candidates. The FLFD Five Year Strategic Plan (STRAP), available on our web site at www.fldaz.com, is also an excellent source of information on department operations.

Formal applications to appear on the November ballot must be submitted to Coconino County between June 8th and July 6th. Special District Candidate Request Packets can be obtained by contacting our admin assistant, Megan Rutherford at 928.535.4644, or by accessing the county web site at <https://www.coconino.az.gov/1164/Special-District-Candidate>.

FOREST LAKES FIRE DISTRICT AUXILIARY REPORT

Due to social distancing, we have cancelled our June Auxiliary meeting. Also, as we had previously announced, we have had to abandon our usual summer fundraising activities, i.e., ice cream socials, etc., until further notice.

As an alternative, Casa Rey's Food Truck came to Forest Lakes over Memorial Day weekend and was a huge success. We would like to thank all of you who purchased food from them over the holiday weekend. As noted in our FB posts, a portion of their proceeds is being donated to the Forest Lakes Fire District Auxiliary. We greatly appreciate Casa Rey's support.



This year, the Fire Board requested a donation towards a Lucas Chest Compressor (see photo) for the Fire District, with an approximate cost of \$15,000.00. Here is information provided to our Board by Forest Lakes Fire District Chief David Rodriguez on how this piece of equipment will benefit our team of First Responders: "With our crews on high alert and additional safety precautions in place due to COVID-19, our hand to body interactions increase our emergency staffs exposure to not only COVID-19, but all other communicable diseases. This Lucas device has been around for a couple of years and studies have indicated a higher survivability rate for

patients that experienced sudden cardiac arrest. Having this component in our toolbox provides a force multiplier due to our smaller response model, frees up personnel to provide adequate airway management and allows the sometimes single paramedic to administer Advanced Cardiac Life Support medications in a timely manner. The device will reduce our hand to body exposure once applied, increasing circulation that is critical with full cardiac arrests.”

Because we are so limited on fundraising efforts this summer, we are continuing to reach out to the Forest Lakes community. Do you know that when you make a donation to the Forest Lakes Fire District Auxiliary, that donation can be tax deductible? Do you also know that when you make a donation to the Auxiliary that is earmarked for a specific need, i.e., the chest compressor, that donation goes directly to that purchase? Please consider making a donation so that we may continue to offer financial support to the Fire District in their efforts to purchase this much-needed equipment. Any donations can be mailed to the Auxiliary at PO Box 2015, Forest Lakes, AZ 85931.

WATER DRIVE

The Auxiliary continues to conduct a water drive. Let’s help keep our emergency response workers hydrated. Please donate a case or two of water if you can! All donations may be dropped off at the Administration side (south entrance) by the flagpole. Any questions, call (928) 535-4644. Leave a message if there is no answer.

T-SHIRTS

There is still a small inventory of last year’s t-shirt design - “I’ll Be At The Cabin”. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt(s) you may contact our Board members, Jan Cummiskey at (602) 510-8264.

We appreciate any assistance you can provide. We will miss seeing you at our summer Ice Cream Socials and at our t-shirt table and will look forward to seeing everyone again when it is safe to do so.



2020 Forest Lakes Self-Serve Community Cleanup Days - Recap from Ron Hollamon, Coconino County Public Works Department

The 2020 Forest Lakes Self-Serve Community Cleanup Days event was held from Monday, May 11 through Saturday, May 16, 2020. This specialty cleanup event, which was the first in Forest Lakes since August 2016, saw great turnout during its nine-day run with both full- and part-time residents participating to clean up their properties for the summer season.

Public Works was able to utilize property owned by the Forest Lakes Fire District and the Forest Lakes Water Company as well as its own County Maintenance Yard to place roll-off containers so residents could off-load materials at multiple locations. From the start, the event operated smoothly as residents arrived at a steady pace to drop off everything from old treehouses to mattresses. Having multiple locations eliminated traffic concerns and allowed event attendees to practice social distancing in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control.

Six 40-yard bulk waste containers, along with one scrap metal and one waste tire bin, were

initially staged for the event. When the event ended on May 16, a total of 12 40-yard bulk waste bins, two scrap metal bins and two waste tire bins had been filled to capacity. In addition to eight refrigerated appliances and 300 waste tires, more than 39 tons of bulk waste was collected during the event, which is a huge amount of waste considering that there are only 1,000 parcels in Forest Lakes.

Due to its distance from Flagstaff, it is always challenging to hold such events and the primary reason why it is so important to have good partnerships with the community. Many thanks to Forest Lakes Fire Chief David Rodriguez for his help communicating with residents and for providing a location for this cleanup event. Kudos also go out to Judy Nelson for promoting the event in the Forest Lakes Newsletters and via her email blasts and to Forest Lakes Water Company District Manager Grant Cooper for providing an area to stage the waste tire bins. Finally, thanks to Public Works operators Clint Russ and David Gastineau for their invaluable assistance operating the backhoe and loader to pack the containers and assist residents with heavy items.

Compliments from residents included:

"If success is measured by the amount of trash and debris we collect over the years, then the recent Bulk Trash Collection week held by Coconino County was one awesome and extremely successful event! 11 household waste dumpsters, 2 metal bins and 1 tire collection dumpster where filled to capacity. A huge shoutout to Ron Holloman, Project Manager for Coconino County's Solid Waste Division who planned, coordinated and executed an outstanding event that went flawless! A special thank you to Supervisor Jim Parks for his foresight and direction that made this event possible. Equipment operators Clint Russ and Dave Gastineau should be commended for their work as well.

Thanks Coconino County for your efforts to help keep our community clean and safe."

Respectfully,

David V. Rodriguez Fire Chief Forest Lakes Fire District

Dear Mr. Hollamon,

"I wanted to express my appreciation for the county sponsoring the cleanup bins in Forest Lakes this last week. It was extremely convenient and helpful to have those bins to dispose of materials that were otherwise sitting on our lots. I think this will greatly enhance the community and help it stay cleaner. Thank you so much. I think this would be a wonderful thing to do annually."

Eric Awerkamp

"We have lived in Forest Lakes for almost 3 years and we are so grateful to have the opportunity to dump an old washer - wood scraps, cardboard, etc. We wish it had been here for two weekends - that would have been more convenient for us - but, we thank you for the advance notice which gave us time to coordinate our schedule and get everything ready to dump.

This was a great community event - well organized and very, very helpful.

Thank you",

Gary and Lucy Richardson



The 2020 Forest Lakes Self-Serve Community Cleanup Days was a huge success with Forest Lakes residents



COCONINO COUNTY ELECTIONS NEEDS POLL WORKERS IN FOREST LAKES!

On August 4th and November 3rd, the Coconino County Elections Office will conduct elections throughout the County.

Additional Election workers are needed to open and close the polls, set up voting equipment, sign in voters, distribute and collect ballots, and record and certify vote totals.

To be an Election worker, you must:

- Be US Citizen and registered to vote in Coconino County
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Read, write and speak English
- Attend a training class and pre-election set up meeting
- Work the polls from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Election Day

Election workers receive \$100 for the day; \$10 for pre-election setup meeting and \$30 for attending a training session.

For more information, call Elections at (928) 679-7860 or 1-800-793-6181 or e-mail: ccelections@coconino.az.gov.

Remember, Election workers are the gatekeepers of our democracy!

OBITUARIES



BECKY JOHNSON passed away on May 13th. Becky and her husband Denny were long time residents of Forest Lakes. Becky was staying with her daughter in Missouri when she passed away. She fought a long and arduous battle against cancer.

Becky was such a bundle of joy, a great quilter, and a loyal friend. She loved the Forest Lakes community and the Piecemakers. Becky will never be forgotten.

At this time, there is no information of services or memorials.



GUY BRANDON OLMSTEAD, full time resident in Forest Lakes, recently passed away unexpectedly due to a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Bobbi Jo and two sons.

MEMORIAL SERVICES will be held on
Saturday June 6, 2020 from 11-12 and lunch to follow until 3pm. at MESSINGER PAYSON
FUNERAL HOME, 901 S. Westerly Rd., Payson, Az



EDWARD (BARRY) ASMUS passed away peacefully at home on March 30, 2020 surrounded by his family.

Born on January 18, 1942, in Brush, Colorado, he was the son of the late Edward and Esther Asmus. He attended Fort Morgan High School and went on to study Economics at Colorado State University before earning his PhD in Economics at Montana State University.

In 1983, while a professor of Economics at Boise State University, Barry found his calling as a Professional Speaker as a replacement for Alan Greenspan at an American Bankers Association Convention in Hawaii. Thus began a thirty-five year career speaking on Economics and the Free Market that would take him around the globe. He later joined the National Center for Policy Analysis as a Senior Economist. During the last decade of this career in Phoenix, Barry co-authored a book with his friend, Wayne Grudem entitled, *The Poverty of Nations: A Sustainable Solution*. This book would also bring Barry back to the classrooms of Arizona Christian University and Grand Canyon University to teach and mentor students.

Barry became a Christian at a young age. He and his wife, Mandy were members of Scottsdale Bible Church and he went on to teach an Adult Sunday School Class and serve as an elder for many years. Barry volunteered on the Scottsdale Young Life Committee and would later serve on the Young Life National Board of Trustees.

Since the mid-1990's, Barry and Mandy have loved their cabin in Forest Lakes. They developed many wonderful friendships in the community. Barry also loved to preach at the Forest Lakes Church on the Fourth of July.

Barry will forever be remembered for his enthusiasm, humor, energy, and kindness. He was generous with his time, talent and resources. Barry wanted to be remembered for leading others to Christ.

Barry is survived by his wife and best friend of 57 years, Mandy Asmus, his son Andy Asmus and wife Nicole, his daughter Angela Yang and husband Paul, and his adoring grandchildren Andrew Asmus, Raegan Asmus, Emilee Asmus and Samuel Yang.

PAST ISSUES OF MONTHLY FOREST LAKES HAPPENINGS

Ever wish you had kept past copies of a "Happenings"? You can find them on the FLOA website at www.floa.club and click on "Latest Email Blasts" in the pull down menu.

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