

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's Comments will be kept very short this month because there is a lot of information to read and you'll want to get right to it. Be sure you read all the way to the end so that you don't miss anything.

Here's just some of the topics addressed today:

Community Clean-Up Days

Closures and Events rescheduling due to Covid-19 Pandemic

Verizon Tower update

Green Waste Transfer Station

Veteran's Wall of Honor

Phone Directory

It's a beautiful Saturday morning to grab your coffee, have a porch sit and get informed about how our fabulous community of Forest Lakes is well taken care of

by many organizations who care about our safety, health, and community spirit.
We are blessed!

Judy Nelson, Editor
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COVID-19 PANDEMIC INFORMATION AS IT RELATES TO FOREST LAKES

Fire District

The fire station is closed to the public for the protection of our emergency service workers and staff.

U.S. Forest Service (Southwestern Region)

As of April 22, all fires are prohibited on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests and other National Forests in Arizona to protect the health and safety of employees and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Coconino County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

Effective April 27, open burning of any kind is banned in Coconino County. This includes the Forest Lakes Community, an unincorporated subdivision in Coconino County.

Fire District Auxiliary

No meetings in May & June and no events scheduled until further notice. See Auxiliary report below for more details.

Water District

Office is currently closed. For Emergencies, please call 928-535-5438. Payments can be made by dropping them through the mail slot at the office, call the above number for a credit card payment, or mail to P. O. Box 1776, Forest Lakes, AZ 85931.

Library

Curbside service only. See more details in the Library Report below.

School District Building

Building is closed until the Governor's Stay at Home and Social Distancing order is lifted. As things progress we will see how we can safely make accommodations that will be in the best interest of everyone involved.

Forest Lakes Owners Association (FLOA)

May Board/Community Meeting has been cancelled. June and beyond are subject to cancellations. Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast, Rummage Sale and Bake Sale are being postponed. June Community Market is cancelled. Facilities are closed until further notice. See more details in the FLOA report below.

FL Community Church

The Church Board has made the decision to cancel Vacation Bible School (VBS) for this summer, which was to be held June 29 - July 3.



**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

GREEN WASTE TRANSFER STATION (GWTS) REPORT

Many community property owners are already clearing their lots. Besides dealing with the health guidelines for Covid-19 our Community needs to be vigilant about US Forest Service and Coconino County published fire restrictions.

In the 9 days that the GWTS was open in April, 334 loads were received. We appreciate everyone's efforts to keep their properties clear of ground litter which helps reduce the threat of wildfires.

Currently the Spring & Summer seasons' weather projection is that Arizona is in

for a dry season. Wildland fires are already being fought.

With many property owners now clearing or planning to clean their lots, please be aware of the current operational days / hours for the GWTS, as listed here. They can also always be found on the Home Page of the [FLOA.club](#) website.

A projected dry season means we have dusty road conditions throughout the community. Your travel speed contributes greatly to the amount of dust. Please be respectful of all residents so that your travel speed minimizes the community dust environment.



FOREST LAKES OWNERS ASSOCIATION REPORT

May Scheduled Events

Per discussion by the FLOA Board, and the current COVID-19 health guidelines recommended by several government agencies, the May FLOA Community meeting is canceled. The Board has agreed to postpone our annually scheduled "Memorial Day Weekend" Pancake breakfast, Rummage sale and the Bake sale. Also canceled is the June Community Market which was scheduled for the 1st Saturday in June. Also being able to meet in more than 10 person groups. FLOA may still be able to host a mid-summer event, like the Memorial Day gathering and possibly reschedule another Community Market.

During our "inactive period" Board members efforts to maintain / implement health guidelines, we stayed in touch with each other by e-mails and or virtual on-line applications. Your Board evaluates established government health guidelines during and at the end of each month. Those reviews able the Board to determine if it's safe to return to a normal "community" social environment.

FLOA MEMBERSHIP "THANK YOU" NOTE

With the current Covid – 19 pandemic situation it's important to stay in communication with all our members. We are indeed, "All in this Together". The FLOA Board would like to thank all the members (currently at 560) who have paid their 2020 dues. Your financial contributions shall allow FLOA (once we can

return to a more normal social environment), the capability to conduct events which will be enjoyed by the entire Forest Lakes Community as we have done in prior years.

We would also like to add a sincere and heartfelt thank you and a WooHoo! to all our members (@ 35%) who generously donated to the “Over and Above” category. Those funds will be used to erect additional event ramadas, renovate the community center bathroom and possibly enhance the electrical capability at the back of the “Q” facility. The additional “Over & Above” donations will also keep our regular organizational reoccurring costs for FLOA paid and current.

With sincere thanks and appreciation,
Your FLOA Board members (Wayne, Shane, Gabrielle, Donna, Mack, Shari, Cal, Larry, Rosanne)

FLOA “Proposed By-law Amendments and Revision Updates” to our current July 2016 Posting

The review was necessary since business situations have surfaced that needed clarification of guidelines for FLOA Board operational purposes. These proposed revisions include clarification of business processes and timelines, Articles of Incorporation cross-referencing, incorporation of county and state regulatory changes. Incorporation to enact communication interface, by the Board and its members, through Virtual software applications. The proposed changes have been posted at the FLOA.club website since April 1, 2020. The Community has previously been informed through the FLOA sponsored “FL Happenings” news-blasts.

To accomplish these revisions / amendments / modification functions, your Board performed the following tasks;

- Complete review of our AOI. The review found that intent was still applicable as we exist today, a non-profit organization. Noticed that several AOI articles referenced our by-laws for procedural instructions that needed to be reviewed for their existence.
- Researched “google internet” legal websites for by-law recommended formats. Comparing those researched facts and examples, it revealed that certain generic guidelines were not present in our existing by-law (July 2016) as currently published
- The revised by-law “Draft” was provided to the Board during Nov 2019. Board recommendations and input were incorporated at our Jan 2020 work session. More electronic Board working reviews were conducted, modifications made, and “Draft” purposed narratives agreed upon.

- Per our current By-laws guidelines, the Corporation membership is to be provided a “working copy” for a minimum 30 calendar days or more. During this time frame, FLOA membership may submit comments to any Board member or e-mail your input to: waynerfloa@gmail.com.
- The plan is to review membership submissions from the date of this letter through our May 2020 Board meeting. At the June 2020 community meeting, the Board shall formalize the revised By-law narrative for approval and implementation.
- If the global health situation is not improved to some form of normal living, then the formal approval process shall be accomplished by electronic communication.

Forest Lakes Phone Directory

FLOA Board will not be publishing an updated directory till 2021. The following business reasons have caused this decision:

- We have two new Board positions (Treasurer & Secretary) that are developing the process and transfer protocols within their newly filled Board positions.
- The Covid – 19 guidelines have limited all individuals to “shelter in-place” and perform only absolutely necessary “essential travel” events for themselves and their families.
- FLOA does have a limited number of 2019 directories that we can provide once we are back up and running.

FLOA Membership / Financial Status

As of this report, FLOA has 557 members. Financial reports for the 1st Qtr. of 2020 and the April monthly report is posted on the FLOA website at www.floa.club under the "Board Meetings" section. Click on the "2020 Financial Reports" and select the document you desire to read.

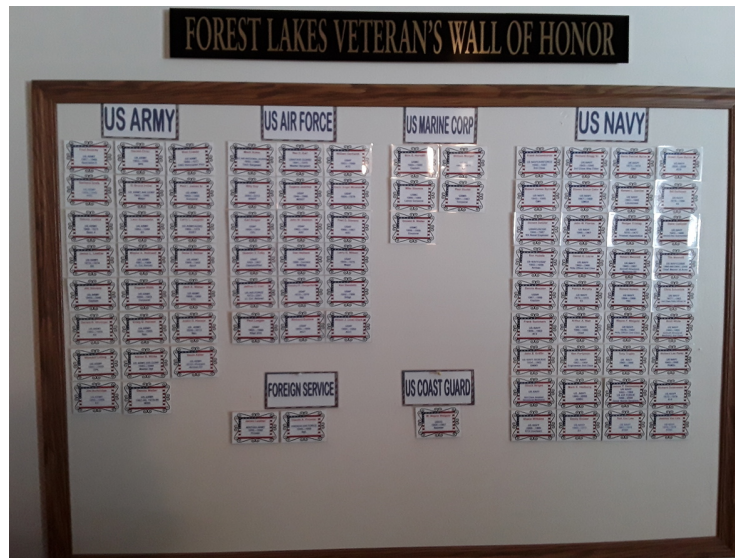
Wayne Rothwell, President
Forest Lakes Owners Association



Verizon Wireless Communication Status

Per coordination with our Fire Chief Dave Rodriguez, the tower is completed, and the support building is erected. The next planned phase is during the first week of May when they will be installing power to the tower sub-station. Upon that phase completion and testing there will be the installation of the appropriate telecommunication equipment including running cabling to the "pine tree" tower. When this event is completed then system testing will occur. This will probably be performed in operational phases, until the system is at maximum operational efficiency. The Chief coordinates frequently with the current contractor concerning project status as well as the planned formal activation date. When we learn the planned activation date it will get published in an E-blast.

We're almost there! Hang in there..we know you can do it! In the meantime, remember that the Verizon service is still the "old" power and we all need to share the limited capacity of it.



FOREST LAKES VETERANS WALL OF HONOR

On Monday, May 30, 2016 a Veterans Wall of Honor was unveiled at a Flag Raising Ceremony on the new flag pole installed on the front lawn of the Community Center House. The flag pole was then dedicated to the faithful service of our Forest Lakes Veterans who have served our great nation.

To read the story of this special event, go to the [Wall of Honor](#) page on the FLOA website.

The Wall of Honor is an ongoing project. If you are a Forest Lakes resident and a Veteran who has not yet provided your information for a plaque with your name on it, please send your name, branch of service, dates of service, and rank at the end of your service to Judy Summers at jsummers43@earthlink.net.

FLOA is looking for a volunteer or two to continue maintaining the Wall of Honor. The current volunteers, Judy Summers and Judy Nelson, would like to pass on the privilege to someone else. Training will be provided. Email Judy Nelson at judynelson44@cox.net if you are interested. Thank you!

COCONINO COUNTY SELF-SERVE COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAYS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!! MAY 11 THROUGH 16

This event is for our Forest Lakes community only. Please use discretion on putting any of this information out in the public (like FACEBOOK!). Check out the flyer shown below.....

The separation of dumping locations and the self-serve process assures

compliance with Covid-19 physical distancing.

There will be six (6) roll-off containers available for bulk waste, three (3) at the County Yard (located on the SW corner of Merzville Rd. & Old Rim Rd.) and three (3) at the Southern end of the Fire Station. One (1) bin at the County Yard will be designated for appliances and there will be one (1) bin for waste tires on Merzville Road at the Water District.

If bins get full before the Clean-Up days are over, they will get replaced as needed. Please DO NOT leave items outside of a bin.

Be sure you carefully read the rules well in advance and plan your strategy. It is extremely important the residents respect the protocol of the event so we can have more in the future.



2020 FOREST LAKES SELF-SERVE COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAYS*

FOR ALL LOCAL COCONINO COUNTY COMMUNITIES ONLY
(PLEASE...NO COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS WASTE)

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020 - SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020

8:00A.M. - 4:00P.M. ONLY EACH DAY

Bulk waste bins will be located at the County's Forest Lakes Maintenance Yard (1538 Merzville Road) and at the Forest Lakes Fire Station (1522 Merzville Road).



Waste tires can be dropped off at the Forest Lakes Water District (1537 Merzville Road), which is across the road from the County's Forest Lakes Maintenance Yard

***DAYS & HOURS OF OPERATION ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC OR OTHER UNFORESEEN FACTORS**

MATERIALS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED INCLUDE:

- > RESIDENTIAL & HOUSEHOLD WASTE
- > OLD FURNITURE, WOOD AND CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS (NO ROCKS OR CONCRETE, PLEASE!)
- > WASTE TIRES WITHOUT RIMS



NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS!!!



FLAGSTAFF'S **HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS CENTER** AT THE CINDER LAKE LANDFILL ACCEPTS RESIDENTIAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FREE OF CHARGE YEAR-ROUND. CONTACT (928) 527-9005 FOR DETAILS

THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS ALSO WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

- > LIQUIDS
- > WASTE TIRES WITH RIMS
- > BATTERIES
- > PAINT
- > ROCKS OR CONCRETE BLOCKS
- > VEHICLE PARTS
- > DEAD ANIMALS
- > WASTE OIL

IMPORTANT!

- > EMPTY WASTE BINS WILL BE PLACED ON-SITE EACH MONDAY & FRIDAY OF THE EVENT. IF BINS ARE FILLED TO CAPACITY BETWEEN THESE DATES, THEN PLEASE COME BACK LATER IN THE WEEK AFTER THE BINS ARE DUMPED AND RETURNED.
- > PLEASE LOAD YOUR TRASH AS FAR INTO THE BACK OF THE WASTE BINS AS POSSIBLE TO MAXIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF WASTE BIN SPACE SO THAT YOUR NEIGHBORS' JUNK WILL FIT, TOO!

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL COCONINO COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AT (928) 679-8300 OR VISIT WWW.COCONINO.AZ.GOV/SOLIDWASTEDIVISION

FLFD AUXILIARY REPORT

These are unprecedented times. We are all having to adjust. The Forest Lakes Fire District Auxiliary is no exception. Due to social distancing, we are canceling both May and June monthly Auxiliary meetings. We have also had to abandon any fundraising social activities until further notice (i.e., t-shirt sales at events, Ice Cream Socials at the station, etc.). This greatly affects our ability to financially support the Fire District. The FLFD has had to put out thousands of dollars because of this pandemic and the need to purchase additional supplies, medical

gear, medications, masks and other protective clothing in quantities that they would not normally need to buy. The Auxiliary is committed to assisting the Fire District through this pandemic however we can, but given our inability to hold social fundraising functions at this time, we need your help.

Therefore, we are reaching 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 this unprecedented need, every dollar donated will go directly to that cause? Please consider making a donation so that the Auxiliary, in turn, may offer financial support to the Fire District and help offset some of the additional costs incurred to keep our emergency response workers safe. Any donations can be mailed to the Auxiliary at PO Box 2015, Forest Lakes, AZ 85931.

WATER/PAPER GOODS DRIVE

The Auxiliary is conducting a water drive. Let's help keep our emergency response workers hydrated. Chief Rodriguez has requested that in addition to our water bottle drive we also put out a request for donations of paper goods, specifically, TOILET PAPER and PAPER TOWELS for the Fire Station. Please donate if you can!

The Fire Station is currently closed to the public to help protect our emergency service workers and staff, but all donations may be dropped off at the Station between 9 AM and 3 PM where there will be a table set up on the Administration side (south entrance) by the flagpole. Any question, 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 member, Linda Faber, directly, and make arrangements with her for purchase. She can be reached at (480) 821-0952.

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.

Jan Cummiskey, Auxiliary President
(602) 510-8264

FL COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT

Librarian Brian Hawk will take orders by email for Library materials for curbside pick up only. No, this does not mean we are offering supersize fries and a large coke although we would serve coffee to raise money for reading programs.

If there is a book/DVD that you would like to check out, send an email to the address below. Please provide the name of the book/author, your name, your street address and email (I need a way to reach you if there is a problem).

FLLibraryaz@gmail.com

NEW...Nextdoor Facebook Page

Nextdoor is a new social media in Forest Lakes and is great for keeping up to date on events, FLOA, Fire dept, Sheriff, School, Church, Library, lost dogs, carport sales etc.

If you would like to join, send an email to the above listed address.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Ted Watson, a former longtime resident of Forest Lakes, passed away last Monday, April 27th. His wife, Rose, is now living with her sister in Prescott. If you wish to send her a note or card, her address is 818 Wildflower Court, Prescott AZ 86301. Rose is also battling cancer and begins chemo and radiation soon. Our sympathies go out to Rose and also thoughts and prayers for her health.

Did you know? There are several websites with Forest Lakes information to check out! They are:

FLOA Website: www.floa.club

Fire District: www.flfdaz.com

Water District: www.fldwid.org

General Forest Lakes information: www.forestlakesaz.com

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