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GREEN WASTE TRANSFER STATION EXTRA HOURS THIS WEEK ONLY

Monsoon season is upon us and with it comes lots of rain and inclement weather. It also causes unscheduled closures of the GWTS at the last minute because of muddy conditions or lightning threats.

Heavy rains are predicted this week from Thursday through the week-end, which will cause closure on Friday and Saturday. Because of the rain, open hours are being extended THIS WEEK ONLY to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 AM to 4 PM.

If you have been putting off taking your loads, here's your chance to take them while you can. We can expect more closures the remainder of the summer due to weather.

THE SHEEP ARE STILL AMONG US!

They are grazing in the forest, very near the subdivision out toward the Green Waste Transfer Station. Because so many wander off, there are many reports of them being "lost". In talking to the shepherd, they really aren't lost, but have wandered. Yes, some of them get ill and die; a course of nature. It's still okay to report them, but it appears that more than a few are wandering and they may not get gathered up right away. In fact, most of them will find their way back to the flock on their own. Remember the poem "Little Bo Peep???has lost her sheep, and can't tell where to find them. Leave them alone and they will come home; wagging their tails behind them." This is really true of sheep.

A couple of things to know:

1. They are a nomadic animal and can go several days without water. They get moisture in their food, the grasses, and are taken to a watering hole every 4 or 5 days.
2. If you see them and want to take pictures, please stay a distance away from them. Do NOT walk along side them, try to touch them, and definitely do not go near the dogs. They are friendly, normally, but when they are "working", they will get aggressive. Remember that they are out in the forest for the purpose of grazing the forest floor to help with the prevention of fire.

Thank you for taking all precautions to keep them on task. Also, Thank You for recognizing the sheep working dogs and letting them wander and not reporting them as lost.

REFRESHER COURSE ON OUTDOOR MANNERS

As the summer progresses, we sometimes forget that we have a few "Do's and Don'ts" to follow that makes forest living comfortable, safe and happy for everyone. When you have guests or let someone use your cabin, be sure you let them know about our few "Do's and Don'ts". **THANK YOU FOR BEING GOOD NEIGHBORS!** We are a community of many families who, just like you, choose to live in Forest Lakes to get away from the urban life and enjoy solitude.

Regarding loud music and excessive noise - When playing music outdoors, be aware and sensitive of how loud it is and if it might be annoying to your neighbors. Take a walk a few doors from your cabin, and if you can still hear it, then it's too loud. Respect quiet hours from 10 PM to 6 AM. Early morning routines that are loud can also be disturbing. This also goes for "racetrack" type of noise from ATV's and motorcycles.

Regarding pets – Control and leash your dog(s) at all times. Not only is it the law, but it keeps them from getting lost and safe from wildlife.

Regarding trash – if you contract with Larson Waste for trash pick-up, please do not put your dumpster at the curb until early Wednesday morning, the pick up day. Make sure the lid closes and bags are not hanging over the side. Your garbage is an invitation for birds, nocturnal animals, and bears to have a feast! Also, when it gets put out and you leave, you don't realize how unsightly it is if it gets dumped and bags break open.

Regarding speeding in the community - Drive cautiously on all roads and observe posted speed limits. Obey the law. Roads within the community are NOT race tracks! Besides, slower speeds means less dust.

Know the ATV rules - Legal age for operating an ATV is 16, with a driver's license. Everyone under 18 must wear a helmet. Only one person per seat is allowed. Our law officials practice a "zero tolerance" on the rules and there are strict fines. Go to <https://azstateparks.com/ohv-laws-regulations> to familiarize yourself with the law.

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