

THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY FLOA HAPPENINGS FOR 2019

First and foremost, a sincere “THANK YOU” from the FLOA Board, to our FLOA members, Community Property Owners, Seasonal residents, and Business Phone Directory Advertisers for their unwavering financial and volunteer labor donations. Events such as Highway clean-up, annual/weekly Community Center clean-up, pancake breakfasts, rummage and bake sales events, entertainment performances, new construction and facility renovation projects, facility painting and repair maintenance efforts, and FLOA website manager/editor. The listed areas would not have been as successfully accomplished without dedicated support from “Community Volunteers”. The FLOA Board sincerely Thanks “You” for all those who volunteered to support those projects.



When you see our Community Center now it looks like many other residences, no activity, dormant, and prepared for the “Forest Lakes” high country winter season. What you may not realize is that your FLOA Board members are very active in performing business support functions in preparation for your 2020 activities. In order to successfully plan for activities, several business operations are required to be performed for our members and the Community as a whole. Listed below are business transactions that are currently being coordinated by your elected Board members. They are:

Financial Account Reconciliation / Membership Drive , Cyber Mailing list

Thanks to the combined efforts of both our outgoing and incoming Board Treasurer’s efforts, a successful financial review has been accomplished for our FLOA banking statements and checkbook account reconciliation. FLOA has now procured it own laptop, established a software system that allows Board members read access for membership verification, and posting by authorized Board members for dues, sales, and above and beyond donations. Please be assured that FLOA does not sell, donate, or provide our property owners data to any organization unless there is a declared emergency situational need.

Several property owners/residents have already mailed FLOA their 2020

membership dues, and FLOA thanks you for your new and or continued support. The Dues application form is posted on our FLOA.club website and our mailing efforts shall begin this December with mailing of invoices to our property owner listing. Please note that if you can possibly provide any “Above & Beyond” support, it helps with FLOA operations expenses. Thank you for your consideration.

Verizon Permanent Tower Facility Installation Status

FLOA, in coordination with the Fire District management, was directly responsible for formally petitioning Verizon, with Community support signatures that they improve our “Emergency” cell phone services as well as commercial services to our residents. FLOA teaming with Fire District Management formally supported Verizons representative at the Coconino County Planning & Zoning 10-year conditional use permit application which was approved and issued to their representative. Through this direct “joint team” effort FLFD was able to formally contract with the Verizon/DW Tower representative an annual income that is substantial for installation of cell tower facilities. Since this is now a FLFD managed project, the FLFD fire chief will be providing updates directly to our webmaster, for publication and possibly pictures, that will be published in FLOA Happenings newsletters. FLOA management shall remain in the background to monitor this project to its completion.

Telephone Directory Preparation

During our off season, Board members will be developing our revised phone directory publication and coordinating advertisers input. Consider, based on your business needs, utilizing their services since they are there to support you. Please note that your desired telephone listing, we need your input, for any modifications associated with adding or modifying your listing. If you proceed to our FLOA.Club website and review our “downloadable documents” there is a form you can use to add or submit changes desired. FLOA does not publish your data without your approval being on file. If you are already listed in our current directory then FLOA shall republish your data automatically unless you formally notify us otherwise.

Coconino County Election Facility Usage Request

The FLOA Board, this November, electronically approved signing a formal “Polling Place Agreement” with the Coconino County Election Department for usage of the Community Center House for 2020 Election requirements. Our Elections Inspector local representative is Joe Ruet. He requests that if you are interested in serving as a local “poll worker you should contact Penny Hoffman,

Coconino County Elections at 928-679-7868 to provide answers to the scope of work requirements. The County has the following elections schedule per our agreement, they are:

- March 17, 2020 - Presidential Preference Election
- May 19, 2020 - Consolidated Election
- August 4, 2020 – Primary Election
- November 3, 2020 – General Election

Based on the dates stated previously the Community Center House facility shall not be available for other social activities per the polling place agreement signed and pending formal approval by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors.

FLOA Current By-Laws Review/Revisions

Your Board has started a formal working review of our current By-Laws since the last update was formally approved July 2016. We have now been a property owner for over 4 years. Our business By-laws need to be updated based upon different situational events that have occurred. FLOA, in accordance with currently published by-law rules, shall be posting recommended revisions/modifications when we formally re-convene in April 2020 Community meeting.

Community Center Capital Improvement Goals

The goal is, with adequate financial donations from membership dues, pancake/rummage/bake sales and “above and beyond” income, construct at least 2 new permanent, or more, canopies that replace our existing canvas awnings. Thanks to our project manager’s planning efforts, we have gathered “Lesson’s learned” that shall aide FLOA in a more cohesive construction and timely building process. We also need to finish re-flooring in the FLOA History Room which was formally approved and funded this year.

Entertainment/Community Market Vendor Coordination

Our project managers are both involved in planning, coordinating, and potentially arranging different types of entertainment, porch shows, and vendors for 2020 events. If you have suggestions and or recommendations, please go to our Board of Directors at the FLOA.club website listing for e-mail contacts. Please contact Shari Massion for Community Market vendors and Larry Prather for any entertainment possibilities.

Bill Payments / 2020 Budget / Master Schedule Work Session

The Board is scheduled to meet in Jan 2020 for a work session and develop an annual operating budget. This “draft” operating budget shall be formalized at our April 2020 Community meeting. A financial report will be presented that covers our income received from Jan – March 2020 membership applications. During our inactive period, FLOA has submitted payment for County property taxes, Liability Insurance coverage per the Sept. 2019 minutes/approved changes, and Utility payments for APS and FLDWID monthly billings.

Green Waste Transfer Station (GWTS) 2020 Operations Plan

The GWTS site is scheduled to close November 23rd. Depending on weather conditions, it is scheduled to re-open early Spring of 2020. The decision shall be forthcoming from the FLFD Management. FLOA shall, in March 2020, per USFS permit terms and conditions, submit the required Operations Plan Annex update.



Holiday Greetings

With the holiday season literally just around the corner, on behalf of the FLOA Board (Donna Brunton, Mack Hume, Shari Massion, Cal Phillips, Larry Prather, Roseanne Smith, Shane Williams, Gabrielle Zornes, & Wayne Rothwell), we wish you a very hearty “Thanksgiving”, a

“Joyful Holiday Season” and a very “Happy New Year”.

Best regards,

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