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Keeping the Forest Lakes family in the know...

Monthly "FL Happenings" newsletter

News Flashes — Announcements

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FROM THE EDITOR.....

Our May Happenings was so full of information that some of it bears repeating. Also, one very important article from the Fire District Auxiliary was omitted....my apologies. I have also received several more articles to publish that I will include in this issue.

FYI, if you ever need to refer back to a "Happenings" and you can't find your copy, did you know that you can find past issues on the FLOA website? Go to www.floa.club and click on "Latest Email Blasts" in the pull down menu. Then select the issue you want to view.

Summer is here and we have lots of news!! Forest Lakes is alive and well! Hope you are enjoying the beautiful, cool weather and forest living.

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FLFD AUXILIARY REQUEST

The Forest Lakes Fire District is looking forward to presenting an Appreciation Plaque to all the current and former members of the Fire Auxiliary. We need your help in making certain that we have found all past auxiliary board officers and have correctly spelled their first and last names correctly.

If you find any omissions or errors, please contact FLFD Board Member Dennis Massion so he can make any corrections. His email is dmassion43@gmail.com.

<u>Last Name</u>		<u>Last Name</u>		<u>Last Name</u>	
Allen	Briana	Huft	Ellen	Reid	Mary
Arthurs	Shirley	Huft	Fran	Robinson	Lois
Barvitz	Linda	Hume	Mary	Ruet	Joe
Bennett	Chris	Jeardoe	Gerry	Schildts	Dorothy
Black	Polly	Johnson	Betty	Scholl	Virgilee
Brunton	Donna	Keele	Scott	Shipe	Marge
Buller	Lorrie	Kemp	Lee	Short	Carole
Callahan	Sylvia	Kezele	Ruth	Shultz	Jeannie
Crowder	Carla	King	Jerri	Skeldon	Debbie
Cummiskey	Jan	King	Ed	Smith	Barbara
Detzler	Don	Krebs	Mary Kay	Snow	Dorothy
Douglas	Becky	Leavitt	George	Sorenson	Rose
Dunn	Jean	Ledford	Joan	St. Germain	Mary
Dunn	Jack	Leeher	Judy	Stewart	Patty
Edgar	Sandy	Magnuss	Jeanette	Studer	Paul
Faber	Linda	McKeever	Dana	Sutton	Buzz
Fagan	Ardis	Mitchell	Diane	Sutton	Stonie
Gallizioli	Claire	Morris	Dorothy	Taylor	Paul
Gallizioli	Steve	Morris	Eric	Tolby	Shirley
Gaskill	Donna	Nelson	Lavona	Tolby	Paul
Gerhardt	Dorothy	Netherton	Marie	Turley	Lucille
Gerzabek	Joy	Nuneviller	Mary	Walls	Jan
Girdley	LaVerne	Olney	Susan	Ward	Colleen
Goodwin	Char	Pace	Della	Wicka	Helene
Henderson	Mary	Pancheri	Cathy	Wilson	Loretta
Hennessey	Pat	Pewitt	Effie	Zimmerman	Dick
Hess	Vi	Prettyman	Esther		
Hill	Kathy	Price	Katherine		
Hirni	Luella	Pudlas	Peggy		

FLFD Board of Directors 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.flfdaz.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>.

THE COCONINO COUNTY COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAYS ENDS THIS SATURDAY, MAY 16TH.

This event is for our Forest Lakes community only.

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.

If you have appreciated this service provided by Coconino County Public Works, please take a moment and send an email to:

Ron Hollamon, Solid Waste/ Projects Manager
Coconino County Engineering Division
rhollamon@coconino.az.gov



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

Arizona Public Service (APS) to Manage Vegetation along Electric Distribution Lines in Forest Lakes

APS is scheduled to perform vegetation maintenance work along the 12kV distribution lines that run through the Forest Lakes community starting in May.

This work is part of the routine maintenance we schedule every three years in order to reduce the risk of electrical outages caused by vegetation; minimize the threat of fire; and ensure general public and APS-worker safety. During our scheduled maintenance, trained certified arborists with APS will evaluate each tree to determine if pruning, or in some cases removal, is required to maintain clearance and reduce the risk of conflict. Trees scheduled for pruning will be marked with white paint. Trees designated for removal will be discussed with the property owner (or adjacent owner if in the county easement) and marked with red paint. Completion of the tree work will be performed by contract crews in marked vehicles and should occur between the months of June to October.

This vegetation management is part of our robust fire prevention measures. These measures include training for APS staff and contractors, possession of fire tools, and implementation of a fire watch/patrol in high risk situations. We have been in communication with the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest, along with your local fire responders, and they are supportive of APS's fire mitigation and prevention programs. APS is also passionate about tree care and the benefits of an urban forest. Part of our mission is educate and encourage our communities to convert landscapes into sustainable vegetation types that are compatible with electrical infrastructure following "Right Tree, Right Place" principles. As a result, APS has been recognized as a recipient of the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Line USA Award each year since 1996.

APS appreciates the support of the Forest Lakes community to ensure the safe and reliable delivery of electricity to your community. We look forward to working as partners with you over the next couple of months. Questions about the work should be directed to: Jamie at 928-607-1266 (normal working days/hours: Monday-Thursday 7:00AM to 5:30PM).

For more information on our efforts related to wildfire prevention and mitigation please visit aps.com/wildfiresafety.

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.

Fire District Auxiliary

No meetings in May & June and no events scheduled until further notice.

Forest Lakes Owners Association (FLOA)

May Board/Community Meeting has been cancelled. June and beyond will be reviewed on a month to month basis. Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast, Rummage Sale and Bake Sale are being postponed. June Community Market is cancelled. Facilities are closed until further notice.

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. If there is a book/DVD that you would like to check out, send an email to FLLibraryaz@gmail.com. Please provide the name of the book/author, your name, your street address and email.

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.

FL Community Church

A website will be available to gather together in worship online until we are able to meet again on site at the library. Services begin on Sunday May 17th.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) that was scheduled for June 29 - July 3 has been cancelled (for 2020 only).

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.



The Leave No Trace Recommendations for Getting Outside During Covid-19

The coronavirus pandemic has altered all of our lives. The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics aligns with the [CDC recommendations](#) to help slow the spread of the virus. Let's keep ourselves, our communities and our natural world healthy.

1 You and Your Outdoor World

You may be asking: *Can I go for a hike or walk on the beach right now?* Your personal vulnerability, the health of others in your community, access to local and uncrowded spaces and more play into this decision. Then there are communities and states with either lockdown, shelter in place or stay at home mandates. Where Covid-19 is spiking, it may not be possible to get out at all, so pay close attention to guidance in your community before heading outside. Then follow physical distancing guidance, meaning staying at least six-feet away from anyone not living with you.

2 Expect Closures

As businesses limit services or direct their staff to work remotely, closures should be expected. The result could be a lack of water, restrooms, campgrounds, or other facilities—or even entire areas closed to the public. Many experts are recommending that you refrain from using public restrooms and other open facilities at all right now. Take necessary precautions like bringing extra food and water, learning how to go to the [bathroom outdoors](#), and being ready to pack all your trash out with you.

3 Pack Out Your Trash

With limited staff and services likely in many parks and protected areas, trash and recycling receptacles may not be emptied as often as normal or at all. This can result in trash overflowing from receptacles which becomes litter and can harm wildlife. Instead, pack your trash and recyclables out with you all the way home and utilize your own receptacles.

4 Avoid Times and Places of High Use

Absolutely avoid crowded parks, trails, and beaches. Physical distancing applies in the outdoors just as it does anywhere else. To avoid being part of the creation of large crowds and groups at popular outdoor areas, spread out to less popular spots, and avoid times of highest use if possible. [Follow guidelines at usa.gov/state-health about group size restrictions.](#)

5 Proceed With Caution

Keep in mind that as our healthcare system becomes more overwhelmed, it's important to reduce potential accidents that would add to the stress on first responders and medical professionals. As much as possible, stick to activities and areas that are within your regular routine and take it easy.

6 Don't Forget the Leave No Trace 7 Principles

Just because times are tough, doesn't mean the Leave No Trace [7 Principles](#) fly out the window. Our outdoor spaces will likely be receiving less attention from staff and volunteers right now. This means our shared spaces need us to act as stewards more than ever. Remember, it is still just as important to prepare for spring weather conditions, stick to trails, dispose of our waste properly, minimize fire impacts, leave what we find, keep a safe distance from wildlife, and generally do your best to eliminate impacts.

7 Be Considerate and Kind to Other Visitors

We are all in this together. Be considerate of others in the outdoors by ensuring that you practice physical distancing. Be particularly kind to park staff during these challenging times. Help them do their job by doing your part to take care of each other and our beloved outdoors.

We will see you out there on the other side!



tread lightly!



AT A DISTANCE



coronavirus.gov

Heading outdoors to get a break from being in the house?

We've adapted the **T.R.E.A.D. Principles** for social distancing outdoors to align with the recommendations from the CDC to help slow the spread of the disease and maintain physical and emotional health. Please help us keep the outdoors and enthusiasts healthy by following these easy guidelines.



Travel Responsibly

Stay close to home and utilize less popular trails. If parking lots and trail heads are crowded, look for alternatives. If visiting a park or trail, remember to stay on designated routes.



Educate Yourself

Make sure your facilities are open before you head out and check for any travel restrictions. Follow local, state and Federal guidelines at [usa.gov/state-health](https://www.usa.gov/state-health) regarding restrictions on group sizes. To prevent overcrowding and protect people, many trails, parks and visitor centers are being shut down temporarily.



Do Your Part

Keep members of local communities safe and healthy by avoiding places that are heavily affected by the virus or could be easily overwhelmed by medical emergencies.

Make sure to pack out what you pack in to keep places healthy and accessible for other users.



Respect Rights Of Others!



Avoid Sensitive Areas

Check out all the resources available, including maps, events, volunteer opportunities and tips to keep you safe and keep access open and available to RIDE ON.



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