

FOREST LAKES NEWSPAGE

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Monthly "FL Happenings" newsletter

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EDITORS NOTES

Back again so soon, you ask??!!

Some of our news that wanted to get in the June Happenings was running a little behind and just couldn't catch up in time! It has short legs (like me!) and eventually got to the deadline!

I KNOW you are going to like this news.....

THE 4TH OF JULY CHARITY RIDE IS IN THE PLANNING STAGES!!

Put it on your calendar and start planning how you are going to decorate your buggy.

The date will be Saturday, July 4th

Line up at 7 AM - please bring your own coffee and Danish - sorry, FLOA can't provide it this year.

More information about where to meet, etc. will be coming soon! Thank you, Scooter and Chris Bennett for arranging this event to be within the CDC guidelines.

I hope you are as excited about this as I am.....we NEED to have some fun together and celebrate our freedom!

FOREST LAKES COMMUNITY CHURCH HAS A NEW WEBSITE!!

Even though it is in the early stages of development, it is live and able to broadcast Sunday Worship Services.

Worshippers are currently meeting on the lawn behind the Library each Sunday at 10:00 AM. Anyone attending needs to BRING THEIR OWN CHAIRS & PPE. We

are practicing social distancing. Bathrooms are NOT available. The service will be broadcast on 98.1 FM for those that are within about 2 miles. After the service, a video link will be posted on our website: www.azflcc.org, usually on the following day. We look forward to when we will be able to gather once again inside the building.



**THE SHEEP ARE
BACK IN THE
FOREST FOR THE
SUMMER!!**

They arrived last Saturday and as of now, are grazing on the South side of Highway 260 off the Young Road. As much as possible, I will try to keep you updated on their approximate location, especially if and when they graze

close to Forest Lakes. They are a beautiful sight to behold! This year there are about 1300 of them...how would you like to be a shepherd to that many sheep??

As they did last year, the Great Pyrenees dogs are workers with the shepherd. There are 3 or 4 Pyrenees and 3 or 4 Collies. Residents who border the forest on the NW side of Forest Lakes will eventually see them, but later in the summer. If and when you see them, PLEASE DO NOT REPORT THEM AS LOST AND PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THEM! I can't emphasize enough that they should not be removed. The shepherd depends on them to guide the sheep to their camp every evening. I'm sure many of you will remember the many stories about the dogs from last year.

If you ever have any questions or concerns or need to report anything, you can contact me at 602-739-4369.

To educate us about "what is a working dog", the following article was written by one of our residents and an On Duty Crew member at our Fire Station, Jim Stout. Thank you, Jim, for writing this story!

There are two types of dogs in the world, pets and working dogs. We all know our pets and love them dearly. The same goes for a working dog, however, there is a huge difference. I'd like to cover the working dog.

I'M A WORKING DOG



"Hello, I'm a working dog. I'm not much to look at, tired and run down. I have some scars, I'm dirty, and most the time look homeless.

My master is a cowboy, farmer or in this case a sheep herder. I work for a living, pushing sheep to water, then to feed. There are several of us dogs that watch over the flock and we take turns ensuring they stay put. I cover lots of country in my day, and every now and then, I will run across a person who just doesn't understand my way of life. I look tired, dirty, bruised and sore. But I'm good. I may take a few minutes to play with you, I may stay just out of reach. I'm just sizing you up.

Sometimes I'm given a day off to rest or just take time to travel around. I've been known to find a kind soul, a shady porch or a cool grassy yard to lay. That's when I generally run across humans who don't understand me. They see me as lost, hungry and abused. But I'm not, I have a job to do. Sure, I like the feel of a nice belly rub, a kind pat and a soft bed now and then. But I'm a working dog.

My master sees to it that I have food and water. I may not see a vet often, but that don't mean I'm not vetted. My master does his own vetten'. I get shots when I need, my cuts tended to, and rest when I need it. You see, my master, he's a pretty good person. He walks with me mile after mile. By the end of this year we'll see lots of country together. I watch over him like he does me. But I have a job to do.

So when ya see me in your neck of the woods or on your porch, I'm just taken some time away from those darn sheep. If ya got an extra bit of food I sure won't pass it up. Heck I may lay around a day or so. But I still have a job to do. Don't

worry bout me, I know my way. And those cuts and scars, those are my medals of hard work and long hours. I'm kinda proud of those."

So folks when we see the herd dogs please remember they are working dogs, not pets. Much like the horses in the community they wander where they need. It's pretty easy to tell the herd dogs from a pet that has gotten loose. They will come and go often over the next weeks until the herd moves on to Williams, probably in early September.



ANOTHER VERIZON TOWER UPDATE

The final phase of the cell tower is being implemented. Wednesday was the day that Verizon started installing their antennae on the new tower. See the boom with a bucket? An installer was in the bucket and our Fire Chief asked him to take a few picture of our big "downtown" area while he was up so high. Isn't it fun to see "us" from new heights?

Remember that new service has not gone live yet and we are experiencing limited cell service, much due to the large amount of devices that are on in our houses at the same time. Service is still slow and unreliable at times. Please consider turning off your devices when not in use.

Soon, people, soon!!

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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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