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In my search to find something of importance to share with you that happened in February, I learned that Facebook was founded on February 4, 2004. I thought you'd like to know how long we have been sharing 'what's on our mind' with those we know and those we don't! I'll leave it at that!

Speaking of Facebook, did you know that a Facebook page called "Forest Lakes Bulletin Board" was created almost one year ago? It was created for the purpose of advertising items we'd like to sell or give away, In Search of (ISO) items, garage sales, Lost & Found, announcements, event information, questions, comments and Lost and Found, including pets. ? Usage and popularity continues to grow.

If you have a Facebook account and want to join, just go to the page and ask. Don't have a Facebook account? Don't want one? Well, you can set one up that is very simple and can be private, but it would allow you to join the Bulletin Board page. If you want to know more about creating a Facebook account, contact me (or another Facebook user that you might know) and we will help you.

Now, moving along to our Happenings for this month.....

*******It is with great sadness that we report the sudden loss of one of our full time residents, Dennis (Denny) Johnson.** Denny and his wife Becky were in Alabama when Denny suffered a massive stroke on February 2nd. He was not able to recover and passed away yesterday, the 4th. No other details are available at this time, but I will send out more information when we can. Please keep Becky and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

*******Coconino County road maintenance employee, John McKeever, retires**
After many, many years of working for Coconino County Public Works, resident John McKeever retired on November 30th. He and his wife Dana were residents of Forest Lakes during his employment, but have now moved to Kingman. Because of the time of year, most of us didn't have a chance to wish him well in retirement. John also worked part time as a Paid On Call employee for the Fire District as an ambulance driver and assisting as needed on some of the heavy equipment. Any well wishes can be directed to the Fire District at P. O. Box 1808, Forest Lakes, 85931, and they will make sure he gets his mail.

Welcome to our new County Operator, Tommy Zienka. The County is in the process of hiring a second operator for Forest Lakes. Please be patient with Tommy as he is learning his new job and responsibilities. He got quite a test with the recent huge dump of snow to plow and clear on our roads, didn't he??

*******FOREST LAKES FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS**

Building Committee Update - January, 2017

Your Forest Lakes Building Committee has been working diligently to competitively select the contractor for our new fire station. Committee members Chief Rodriquez, John Hennessey, Quentin Tolby, Tom Cumiskey and John Walstrom initiated the competitive process by issuing a Request for Proposal/Statement of Qualifications in early December. There were a total of five responses to our request. A Selection Committee was established to down select to three finalists. The Selection Committee consisted of the building committee members, Citizen-at-Large Cal Phillips and our Architect, Bruce Scott. The Selection Committee heard the presentations from the three finalists in early January, and announced the contractor of choice on January 9th.

In his letter notifying the winner, Caliente Construction, Chief Rodriquez stated:

“The FLFD Selection Committee is pleased to announce that Caliente has been chosen the contractor of choice to partner with HD-Architects and the Forest Lakes Fire District to move forward with the construction of the new fire station. Caliente’s strong history of metal building construction, bringing successful fire station projects to fruition, and the Forest Lakes’ connections offered by Caliente’s owner, Lorraine Bergman, and your Project Manager, Jeff Schaffer, were important factors in the decision process.”

One of the first orders of business will be discussions for a Pre-Construction contract, which will lead into the development of a mutually agreeable Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP). Once the GMP is agreed upon, we will move forward with signing the Construction contract (March 1st target date.)

Current discussions are based on having ground breaking early this year, foundation work completed before the monsoons hit, having the building dried-in before the winter snows arrive in earnest, and occupying the new facility by late Spring 2018.

******* Like John McKeever, would you consider being a PAID ON CALL employee of the Fire District? Read the information below:**



FOREST LAKES FIRE DISTRICT

There's a position for everyone:

The Forest Lakes Fire District is looking for Paid On Call Staff (POC).

Firefighters

First Responders

Emergency Medical Technicians

Support Services Assistance

AZCFSE or AZDHS Certification is required for some positions.

Please contact us at (928) 535-4644 for additional information.

The Fire District faces unique challenges in keeping pace with the changing world in which we live and work. We will continue to build on the traditions and people who brought us to this point. We will strive to always put the safety of our personnel and equipment uppermost in our priorities.

We treat our customers with respect. We have a service mentality—"What can I do to help you?", and we let customers know that serving them is the most important job we have.



Is it time to add to your Wardrobe?

*******WATER DISTRICT NEWS**

Forest Lakes Water District has had some software issues concerning the billings. It was known to affect 15 accounts. If you think your account was affected, please feel free to contact the office at 928-535-5438. FLDWID is working closely with the software company to assure it does not happen again.

Thank You, Grant Lee Cooper

Every year our resident *Gastón Mascareñas* puts together an almanac for us so that we can track sunset, sunrise, and all events of our solar system right to the minute. A copy of *Gastón's 2017 Almanac* is available on the FLOA website - www.floa.org. We use and enjoy this often! Thanks so much, *Gastón*!

*******THANK YOU AND GOODBYE FROM OUR COCONINO COUNTY DISTRICT 4 SUPERVISOR
MANDY METZGER AND SUSIE GARRETSON, MANDY'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT:**

From Mandy:



This year, we are in a curious place in time as we wait to see how our Nation begins a new chapter in terms of leadership. The County, on a much smaller scale, is preparing to greet its new leadership – Sheriff-elect Jim Driscoll, Assessor-elect Armando Ruiz, and Coconino County District 4 Supervisor-elect Jim Parks. I have extended a hearty welcome to all and most especially to my successor, Jim Parks. Jim and I have known each other for decades and have spent time talking about his new position. I have offered to be on his speed-dial phone list and will help in any way I can with his transition.

My office has always maintained a very ambitious work agenda. Given the twenty communities in District 4 and the wide diversity of interest and needs that diversity brings, we have set goals to reflect community needs. From roads, to veterans, to trails, to creation of a film commission, attending to planning matters and so much more, the journey has been wild and wonderful. And, always there is the fiscal responsibility to protect and invest taxpayer funds thoughtfully and conservatively.

Yesterday, a newly elected county supervisor from an eastern county, said he thought he knew some about the job of supervisor when he ran, but has since decided he really didn't know what he "was in for". I told him he was in for one of the most remarkable and important experiences of his life. I said public service is for many, a calling, and to serve with integrity, energy and respect for each and every person is both a privilege and an opportunity. I hope you know how grateful I am to have represented you on the Coconino County Board of Supervisors for the past eight (8) years. I have so many mixed emotions as I pack up my office, but one point that is clear, and that is how much I have appreciated meeting so many wonderful people who care for their communities, country, and each other. Thank you for this opportunity! I couldn't be more proud to have served you!

May you have all the blessings of the season and a safe, healthy and joyous 2017. My new email is mandym2017@gmail.com if you would like to share news in the New Year!

From Susie:

Well it's true, parting is such sweet sorrow! Just as Mandy is stepping off the job, so am I. I want to make sure you know how much I have enjoyed working with so many of you over these last 8 years. In this job as Mandy's Assistant, I have gotten to experience, learn from, and deal with things that I could never have imagined. Every day was a new day. Just when I thought I had a plan for what I would accomplish in a day or a week, something new came up, and I had to learn to let go. Not only have I been impressed by what Mandy has brought to the County with her experience, creativity, and persistence, but also with each of the departments and the incredibly hardworking and capable staff. We all support each other and it makes each of us able to accomplish what we are charged with. I've also been impressed with you, the residents, for your concern for your community and the environment. It just takes one person to notice that something's not quite right and to pick up the phone or write. Hopefully you found our office helpful in resolving your issues.

What am I going to do now? Besides having time to travel, hike with my dogs, purge clutter at the house I've lived in since 1980, get in to a drumming group, and re-take up archery, I am hoping the County will still be able to use me once in a while for projects or temp work. In that light, I will be temping for Jim Parks until he gets a permanent assistant hired and trained, so I'll still be available at the same email & phone for the next few weeks.

******Our newly elected District 4 Supervisor is Jim Parks.** His assistant is Kendra Crawford. If you would like to be on Mr. Park's email distribution list please contact Kendra at kcrawford@coconino.az.gov. We will hope to have Mr. Parks in Forest Lakes sometime this summer and get acquainted with him.

Until the next time I "share what's on my mind".....

Judy