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A Happy Monday to you from beautiful Forest Lakes! The weather man says we can expect a very pleasant next 10 days, forecasted just for us to enjoy the upcoming Memorial Day holiday festivities, I'm sure! We have a couple of announcements today, with more to come mid-week.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER WORK MORNING - THIS WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, AT 9 AM

FLOA would like to clean up the Community Center property in preparation for summer and especially for the upcoming Pancake Breakfast. We will be raking and smoothing at the rear of the property and also setting up canopies. The Community Center address is 1111 Merzville Rd.

If you could help for about 1 hour, we would really appreciate it!! Please bring a rake and some gloves. Many hands will make light work. THANK YOU SO MUCH! Let me know if you are in Forest Lakes and can help us - you can just reply to this email.

Another opportunity that we always appreciate your help is:

Highway Cleanup Volunteers Wanted
Thursday, June 1 9:00 AM

Meet at the community center parking lot. Each group will do approximately one-half mile. You will be assigned an area on the North or South side of highway 260 from mile posts 288 on the west to 290 on the east. Please wear closed toe shoes and bring gloves. Safety vests, trash bags, and trash grabbers will be handed out. Please return supplies at the end of the pickup. When you finish, you can get a ride back to your vehicle. Contact Gene Rottier at 480-296-4992 if questions.

Before the Thursday cleanup please watch the ADOT safety film on the web at <http://www.azdot.gov/business/programs-and-partnerships/AdoptaHighway/safety>. A written copy of the Adopt-a-Highway Safety Brief can be found here <http://azdot.gov/docs/default-source/business/adopt-a-highway-safety-brief.pdf?sfvrsn=4> and will be available Thursday.

U. S. Forest Service Updates

The following information does not directly impact Forest Lakes, but we want you to be aware of what is going on in our surrounding areas.

1. Prescribed burning planned for the Whitcom burn area on May 22

The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Lakeside Ranger District plans to burn an additional 1,000 acres of the Whitcom prescribed burn area, weather permitting on Monday, May 22. Fire managers have successfully completed approximately 3,100 acres of the proposed project. The prescribed burn is within the Whitcom Unit which is located northeast of the community of Pinetop, along Forest Service Roads 182, 283, 283A and 185. The Country Club Trail will be impacted by the prescribed burn, north of Forest Service Road 185. Fire personnel advise that the public utilizes other trails for recreating during the duration of the prescribed burn for personnel safety.

Ignition may last several days, with daily smoke impact anticipated within area drainages. Smoke will be visible in the local area, from Arizona State Highway 260 and 77, U.S. Highway 60, and the towns of Pinetop – Lakeside, Vernon, McNary and Show Low. Motorists are advised to drive safely when approaching areas where prescribed fire activities may limit visibility and/or hinder fire personnel operations.

2. Fire Restrictions Begin on Tonto National Forest, Tuesday, May 23

Hot temperatures and increased fire danger have prompted fire officials to implement fire restrictions for the Tonto National Forest beginning at 8 a.m., Tuesday May 23, 2017. Most types of fire or fire-causing activities are prohibited across the entire Tonto National Forest.

“Temperatures are climbing back above 100 degrees, drying out grasses and leaves, and raising the fire danger” said Tonto National Forest Fire Staff Don Nunley. “Precautionary measures will help prevent human-caused wildfires, decreasing unnecessary exposure to firefighters.”

For more information regarding fire restrictions on the Tonto National Forest, contact the Tonto National Forest at (602) 225-5200, or online at www.fs.usda.gov/tonto.

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