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**BEAR SMART....  
FROM THE START**

Drought, Wildfire and Development cause bears to roam and look for alternative food sources. Let's each one do our part to keep the bears in the forest and not enter Forest Lakes.

**What is our part?.....**

- Recognize that garbage is their number one food source ... store yours inside or haul it home with you when you leave Forest Lakes.
- Remove bird feeders at night, when you are not enjoying watching them. Bears love sweet hummingbird nectar.
- Burn off your grills. That yummy steak smell is almost irresistible!
- Keep pet food inside and inaccessible to wild animals.

Keep in mind, that when we create a problem bear by our actions, we are usually creating a DEAD BEAR.

**AS A COMMUNITY, LET'S ALL BE BEAR SMART.....  
.....FROM THE START!**

Happy Wednesday.....

The frequency of "Happenings" is about to increase...here comes summer! We have many new residents since last summer. Some of the news will be reminders of things we all should and need to know about living in the mountains and the forest. We also have so much going on; we don't want anyone to miss out on anything.

**Don't forget that Ranger Chris James of the Black Mesa Ranger District will have his staff at a table in the Fire Station every day from now through Sunday from 9 AM to 4 PM. They want to do as much as they can to keep us informed about the Slim Fire and other things related to the forest around us. Stop in and**

**meet them. We are very appreciative of the time they are spending with us during this very busy season for them.**

We have had several reports of **bear sightings** this week. It's dry in the forest and they are hungry. The single biggest thing we can do to deter them is to not have anything around for them to eat. **GARBAGE CONTROL** can't be stressed often enough! They can smell food miles away. Please....everyone....do your part to keep us all from harm. Here is a copy of a poster that a FLOA member made with some guidelines for all of us. Posters are available to put in your cabin. You can get one at the Community Center FLOA House (when it's open) and we will have copies available at the Fire District's Open House on June 24<sup>th</sup>. I can also send you one as an attachment to print out....just ask.

Nuisance bears should be reported to AZ Game and Fish Department's Dispatch Center at 623-236-7201. Several residents had a small bear at their property yesterday. It has been removed and we will hope it doesn't come back. Don't NOT report them because you think they are cute or you don't want them removed. Remember, they are a wild animal and should not be encouraged in any way to stick around. Thank you for being BEAR SMART!

Our **Summer Blood Drive** is almost here!

Please join us in making a difference in the lives of patients in need.

Forest Lakes Owners Association BLOOD DRIVE  
Saturday, June 10, 2017  
1111 Merzville Road  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

To schedule an appointment go to [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) and enter sponsor code: forestlakes or call 602-739-4369

Our goal is to have 20 donors. We only have 6 to date.  
Walk-ins will be welcome!  
You will be entered in a drawing to receive a new car!

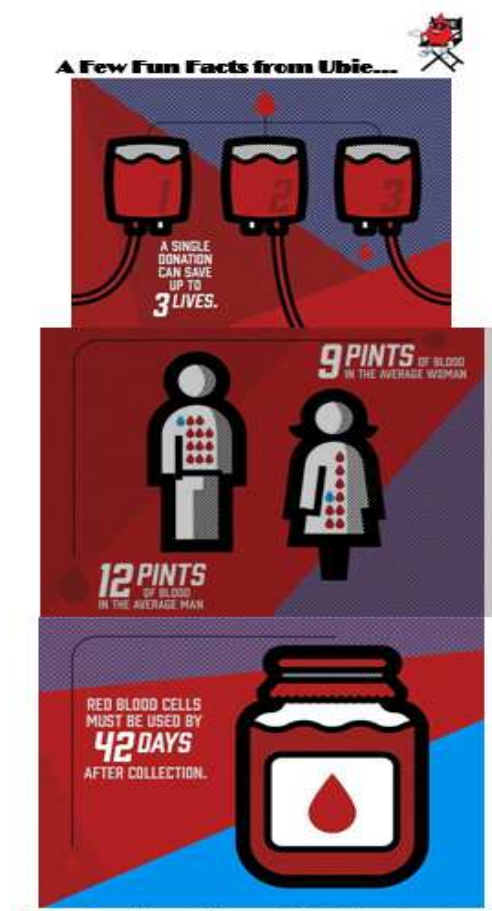
Thank you for your support!

**Hi-way clean-up report**

Twenty two (22) residents showed up last Thursday morning to volunteer their time for our Semi-annual Highway Clean-up. In about one hour, the 2 miles of Hwy 260 through Forest Lakes got all cleaned up! That might be the most people who have ever showed up. A big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers and to Gene and Sally Rottier who co-ordinate the project.

Wouldn't you like to hear the stories of the treasures that are found?? Better yet, be able to tell one of your own? You can volunteer for the next clean-up, scheduled for Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. FLOA has been doing this for a long, long time.

Volunteers included Charles Blackhawk, Kevin Waite, Larry Prather, Gene Rottier





## Neighborhood News

After a difficult struggle, **Mike Stevens**, a seasonal resident of Forest Lakes, lost his battle and died peacefully with family at this side on May 6, 2017. Mike was born in Phoenix on December 27, 1947 to Jim and Mary Stevens. He lived most of his life in Gilbert.

Mike has long history and many memories of family fun in Forest Lakes. He first owned the acre next to his parents on West Loop (now Summer Loop). His in-laws owned the property on the corner of Wildcat and Lottie Loop. A few years ago he purchased his current property on Campbell Circle. Family and friends have been working to erect his “dream” cabin, so that he could get out of the heat and enjoy the pines again. That dream will continue as his children Cari Lynn Martinez and Todd Stevens work to complete the family cabin.

Mike is survived by his children Cari and Todd, grandchildren Dylan and Colby Martinez and his sister and brother-in-law Cal and Patti Phillips, also residents of Forest Lakes. Mike served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam era and following his service, began his life-long career with the State of Arizona Highway Patrol. He continued with the Patrol until his retirement.

A celebration of Mike’s life will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 4 p.m. at 928 North Yale Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85234

### ***Correction:***

There was an error in the fax number that was on the Membership Form for Sunrise Air Ambulance insurance. It has been corrected on the form, but if plan to fax your form, the correct fax # 928-532-7701. Details regarding the insurance, as well as the Membership Form, are available on the [www.flfdaz.com](http://www.flfdaz.com) website.

### **ATTENTION TEENS!!! WANT TO MAKE A LITTLE MONEY THIS SUMMER???**

Sometimes I get requests for teens who might like to have a job. We don’t have a lot of teens who live here full time, but in the summer the number increases. It would be great to have a

list of teenagers or young adults to put on a referral list. If you'd like to be on the list, please send your name, age, contact info, any specific skills, and approximate days you would be available to Judy Nelson at [floanews@cox.net](mailto:floanews@cox.net) or call 602-739-4369. Thank you!

### **2017 Forest Lakes Phone Directories**

are now available for pick-up outside the front door of the Community Center's FLOA House. Please take just one until we are sure that everyone has one. The Directory is also available as a PDF that you can request and download to your computer or phone. At this time, directories are NOT available at any stores or other locations.

If you sent a recent request and didn't receive it, please try again. I was on travel last week and had it all planned how I could send remotely, but my "SmartPhone" had other ideas! I think I've honored all requests now but I may have missed a few.

### **July 4th Week-end Yard/Garage/Rummage Sales**

It has become tradition that every year for this holiday, I publish a list of sales that will be "happening" in our community. (a free public service announcement!). If you are planning any type of sale or will have a specific item to sell that week-end, contact me any time, up until June 28<sup>th</sup> at [floanews@cox.net](mailto:floanews@cox.net). I need the dates, times, location, and items for sale. I will then publish a list of the shopping opportunities a couple days before the week-end.

### **Upcoming Events – Save the Date!** Details coming in the next "Happenings":

Saturday, June 24 – FL Fire District Open House from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Fire Station

Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> activities - Charity Ride, FLOA Market, Mexican Food lunch

*Judy*