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Another week-end is nearly upon us and with it comes events that you can include in your Forest Lakes time.

Saturday's Meetings (July 15th)

***9 AM – Fire District Auxiliary at the Fire Station**

***10 AM – Forest Lakes Fire District Board Meeting at the Fire Station**

***2 PM – Forest Lakes Owners Association Monthly Meeting at the Community Center**

Special guest speaker, Matt Bullmore, Fire Management Officer for the Black Mesa Ranger District, will give a presentation on the upcoming Little Springs Project, a prescribed fire planned for early fall of this year near Forest Lakes. This project is significant to our community as it will complete the necessary steps of making our homes safer in the event of a wildfire. Be informed! All residents are invited to attend!


***3 PM, FLOA is launching a Lecture Series. If these types of programs are well received, we will offer more in the future. Suggestions for talks are always welcome. Don't miss our first lecture!**

ARIZONA'S EDIBLE MUSHROOMS

Saturday, July 15th 3:30 PM

FL Community Center, 1111 Merzville Rd.

Jim Warnecke from the Arizona Mushroom Society will present a lecture on Arizona's edible mushrooms. A topic we all are curious about!



Fire Restrictions Reports:

From Coconino County.....With the recent increase in moisture, cooler temperatures and decreasing fire danger, the entire Coconino National Forest will move back to Stage 1 fire restrictions at 8 a.m. on Thursday (July 13).

The Coconino National Forest implemented Stage 2 fire restrictions on June 22 in order to protect public health and reduce human-caused wildfires. Forest managers typically

lift all fire restrictions when at least a half inch of precipitation has been received over more than two-thirds of the forest. To date, many areas of the forest have received some precipitation, but not enough to lift all restrictions.

Stage 1 fire restrictions prohibit fires, campfires, charcoal, coal stoves and wood stoves, except within certain developed recreation sites. Smoking is also prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle, building or specific developed recreation sites listed below. Using a device that is solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off is allowed in areas barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the device. Fireworks are always prohibited on all national forest lands.

From the Forest Service..... Stage 1 fire restrictions will continue through the weekend. They will meet again on Monday and reevaluate.

Coconino County Sheriff's Office Latest Report on Arsonist (July 9)

"Suspect in Forest Lakes Shooting is confirmed to have been seen on Saturday, July 8, 2017 around 3-4 pm in the area of Hwy 60 and Cibecue Rd. He was wearing the same clothes as shown in photos / flyers and was carrying three bags. Investigators learned he mentioned he was headed to Mexico. The suspect is considered armed and dangerous; do not approach but contact law enforcement immediately."

APPRECIATION POT LUCK

Forest Lakes Fire District (FLFD), the FLFD Auxiliary and the Forest Lakes Owners Association (FLOA) are hosting a POT LUCK to show our community's tremendous appreciation to ALL of those that were involved in the potentially dangerous occurrences last week.

We are inviting all residents of Forest Lakes and those in business here in our community to participate in a POT LUCK that will take place on SATURDAY, JULY 22nd, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm at the Fire Station on Merzville Rd.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the following agencies and their dedicated personnel who sprang into action to protect all of us from a potentially dangerous event:

- Apache/Sitgraves National Forest Black Mesa Ranger District Fire Fighters who attacked the original fires on Monday to prevent their spread and their Law Enforcement Officers who were among the first on the scene
- Coconino County Sheriff's Officers who not only were the first on scene on Monday, but coordinated all the operations from Tuesday on
- The Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) who supplied their personnel, not only to actively search for the suspect and to provide the initial helicopter aerial support, but to add additional units to help patrol our roads
- The Northern Arizona Bureau of the FBI who supplied their personnel to aid in the search and their vast investigative skills behind the scene

- Navajo County Sheriff's Officers who responded to aid in the search operations and assist our community Officers in security patrols
- Arizona Game & Fish Officers from around the area who responded to aid in the search and to provide security
- White Mountain/Fort Apache Game & Fish Officers that supplied K-9 support
- Gila County Sheriff's Officers that supplied area coverage along the southern boundary of the search area
- Border Patrol and DEA that supplied helicopters for night time surveillance operations on Tuesday

We also need to applaud the Camp Hosts and workers of the Canyon Point Campground who worked diligently behind the scene to help evacuate to safety all of those camping there when it all went down, and fielded a lot of questions.

Further FOLLOW-UP will be released early next week on specifics of the Pot Luck and RSVP details, so please stay tuned!!

In the meantime, our prayers, thoughts and support go out to the innocent fire fighter involved in the incident on Tuesday morning. We love you Smokey, and will be there for you!!

And finally....

A Tale about a Tired, Tattered Community Bulletin Board

(at the corner of Merzville Rd. and Old Rim Rd. next to the water district.)

You have probably wondered "who does it belong to, why is it there, and what is its purpose other than having a nice big map of Forest Lakes on it?" It belongs to the Forest Lakes Owners Association and has been at that location since time began. Some years it gets taken care of, and most years it is just ignored. Well, no more!

The FLOA Board has been pondering whether to move it to the Community Center or just tear it down and make a new one. It almost met with destruction when one of our newer residents, who lives near it, offered to fix it all up; as in, scrape off the old paint, give it a fresh coat, clean out and replant the flower beds, add new bulletin boards, and make it look really pretty. I hope you have seen it by now!

We hereby proclaim it to be "the place to see and be seen!" in Forest Lakes! We can call it our COMMUNICATIONS CENTER! It's centrally located so that everyone can use it for its specific purpose of being a BULLETIN BOARD! You can post items for sale, lost and found items, announcements, notice of events etc. Anything put there has a "shelf life" and when your posted item is out of date, please remove it. It will be monitored to make sure it stays clean and current. Don't even try to find the hidden camera!

It is still a work in progress and there will be a couple more cork boards added in the near future. Currently, the cork board and white board is for Community Use only. Another board will be added soon specifically for "Business ads".

We owe a huge THANK YOU to Billy Sunkenberg & Kris Price and their family for the makeover! They provided everything at their own expense as a donation to YOU, our Forest Lakes Community! Let's keep it looking as it does now for many years to come. It looks fantastic! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! And thank you, Kris, for the pictures!



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