

Subject: FL Happenings for May 2018
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May has arrived and this morning Forest Lakers woke up to a white snow blanket! Hurray for May and some moisture! If you are not in Forest Lakes today, don't rush right up to play in snow; it has already melted.

Yes, we are excited at some moisture but let's not forget that the ground is still very dry. To quote our Sheriff's Deputy Robert McKeever: "NO WE STILL CAN NOT HAVE A FIRE JUST BECAUSE IT RAINED/SNOWED LAST NIGHT. It will take weeks of constant rain to bring us back to where we can safely have fires, that's how dry we are."

To continue to keep our forests as safe and fire-free as possible, here are TWO Fire Restrictions(both Stage 2) that are being implemented this Friday, May 4th.

- **Coconino County enacts Stage Two Fire Restrictions**

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Coconino County will be entering **Stage Two Fire Restrictions at 8 a.m. on May 4**. The restrictions will be enacted for all of Coconino County up to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.

After the weekly coordination call with local agency partners, the latest weather forecast and elevated restrictions by the U.S. Forest Service, the County also increased restrictions. If further evacuations occur, the best way for residents to be alerted is to sign up for the County's emergency notification system at coconino.az.gov/ready.

"Unfortunately, we already know from the Tinder Fire the devastating effects of human caused wildfire," said Chairman of the Board Matt Ryan. "This is an extremely dry and dangerous fire season and people need to be extremely cautious. A single spark can ruin peoples' lives and destroy the forests we love. We strongly urge everyone to be extremely firewise."

A link to the full Wildfire Defense Ordinance can be found at on the Coconino County website at www.coconino.az.gov/ready.

- **Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests' Stage II Fire Restrictions Begin**

Friday, May 4 at 12:01 a.m.

To protect public health and safety due to increasing fire danger, the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (ASNFs) will implement Stage II fire restrictions effective Friday, May 4, at 12:01 a.m. These additional fire restrictions will remain in effect until forest officials determine that conditions have changed sufficiently to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfire. No campfires are allowed until Stage II fire restrictions are lifted.

This flyer on Stage 2 Restrictions is a really good explanation of them. You might want to print this out for reference. To put it very briefly: "If it involves a flame, spark or can spark a fire, DO NOT USE IT!"

STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST

THE FOLLOWING IS PROHIBITED ACROSS THE ENTIRE FOREST, INCLUDING CAMPGROUNDS:

	1. Fires, campfires, charcoal, coal, and wood stoves. (except using a device that is solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off in areas that are barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the device).	
	2. Smoking (except within an enclosed vehicle or building).	
	3. Using an explosive.	
	4. Possessing, discharging, or using any type of firework by pyrotechnic device.	
	5. Operating a chainsaw or any other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine from the hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (except generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the generator).	
	6. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.	
	7. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order. (this does not include motor vehicles. This is aimed at things such as landscaping tools).	
	8. Discharging firearms, air rifles, or gas guns (except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal or tribal laws or regulations).	
	9. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest System roads (Vehicles must stay on open Forest Roads and cannot drive/park over any vegetation at any time).	

The national forests use fire restrictions to help prevent unwanted, human-caused fires and to limit the exposure of visitors during periods of potentially dangerous fire conditions. An explanation of the different stages of fire restrictions and what is typically prohibited during those stages can be found online at: www.tinyurl.com/FireStagesExplained.

FL Librarian Cheryl Rife Retires

Cheryl Rife, our librarian of nearly 20 years, is retiring and her last day of work will be this coming Saturday, May 5th. A luncheon was given in her honor on April 10th by the Chevelon Butte School District's Board of Directors. A small group of board members from local organizations and volunteers at the Library were in attendance.

Also attending was Coconino County Library District's Assistant Director Will Ascarza. He gave appreciation for all of Cheryl's years of service and accomplishments. He reported and assured the community that having a Library in Forest Lakes is very important and it will continue to remain open. Two people have been hired who will be sharing the duties.

School board president Mary Sue Bradley stated "We are most appreciative of Cheryl's long time service and are proud to host the library in the CBESD facility. Additionally we are pleased that the library will continue with new employees. We look forward to seeing you soon." She presented a beautiful, silver engraved snow globe to Cheryl from the School District Board of Directors.

Stop by the Library in the next few days and wish Cheryl well in her upcoming retirement. We will miss you, Cheryl! Thank you for the years you have given to our Forest Lakes community with a great wealth and latest new books and publications to enjoy, as well as the commitment to Summer Children's Programs for our kids and grandkids. Many memories have been made because of your dedication, efforts and service.

Pictured are Will Ascarza, County Library District; Roberta Schweigart, Volunteer; Cheryl Rife, Librarian; JoAnn Earl, Volunteer; and Angela Plantholt, School board Admin.



FL Fire District News

The ***Proposed Budget FY18-19 & Projected FY 19-20*** is now posted on our website at www.flfdaz.com/budget--5-year-plan.html, and available for public review and comment. A public presentation of the proposed budget will be included in our May 19 board meeting.

John Nelson
Chairman of the Board, Forest Lakes Fire District

Upcoming Events – Get out your Calendar and plan to attend!
Saturday, May 5 from 11 AM to 1 PM



The Forest Lakes Fire District, Forest Lakes Owners Association and the Forest Lakes Domestic Water Improvement District will be sponsoring "Wildfire Community Preparedness Day" at the Green Waste Transfer Station on Saturday, May 5th. Come join us from 11am to 1pm for free hot dogs, drinks and chips! Educational material will be available and Fire Department and Forest Service staff will be on hand to answer any questions related to safe guarding your home against a wildfire. While at the event, residents can enter a raffle to win "Free Loads" at the Transfer Site! Multiple drawings will be held during the event.

Our wildfire seasons are becoming longer, more severe and wildfires are getting closer to home. Let's reduce our Community's wildfire risk by cleaning our properties. To assist with these efforts, the Green Waste Transfer Station is open 7 days a week from 9am to 4pm.

Be wise, "Be Firewise"!

Respectfully,
Chief Rodriquez

WHERE:
Forest Lakes Green Waste
Transfer Station
FS99 – 99A Road

WHEN:
Saturday, May 5
11am to 1pm

IN THE EVENT OF A WILDFIRE – ARE YOU READY?

Saturday, May 12th – 9 AM

FLOA Spring Cleaning of Community Center. Projects will include yard clean-up, clean out of the "Q" Building, erect the canvas awnings, clean interior of the FLOA House. empty out Q, erect canvas awnings, yard clean up. Many volunteers are needed! Please reply to this email to let FLOA know you will be there and thank you in advance.

Saturday, May 12th – 1 PM

Black Mesa Ranger District FMO Matt Bullmore and our Fire Chief Dave Rodriquez will hold a public meeting to discuss the Little Springs Treatment Project that took place

last October. Many residents have had numerous inquiries about the project. Matt will describe the benefits of the project and the positive impact to our community. There will be time for Questions and Answers.

Saturday, May 12th – 3 PM

Training for the Woods Watch Program at the Community Center. To date, 56 people have signed up. Email Deputy Robert McKeever at rmckeeper@coconino.az.gov, if you still want to sign up or want more information.

Saturday, May 19th

Forest Lakes Fire Auxiliary Meeting – 9 AM at the Fire Station
Forest Lakes Fire District Board Meeting – 10 AM at the Fire Station
Forest Lakes Owners Association – 2 PM at the Community Center House

Saturday, May 26th – 7 – 10 AM

FLOA Pancake Breakfast, Rummage Sale & Bake Sale and More!

Come one...Come all!
Saturday, May 26 7 - 10 AM
Memorial Day Week-end
FL Community Center
1111 Merzville Rd.

 <p>Pancake Breakfast</p>	<p><i>Pancakes Sausage Scrambled Eggs</i> <i>Orange Juice Coffee</i></p> <p>\$5.00 Adults \$3.00 Kids under 12</p> <p>A FLOA Fundraiser</p>
 <p>BAKE SALE</p> <p>Calling all bakers! Please donate a baked goodie...candy...any kind of sweets. Thank you!</p> <p>Bring them to the Community Center House on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.</p> <p>FLOA Fundraiser</p>	<p>Recycle your unwanted items by donating them for our Rummage Sale. Questions? call Shari at 480-201-4693</p> <p>No large furniture, appliances, or TV's, please</p> <p>FLOA Fundraiser</p> 
<p>Piecemakers Quilt Raffle</p> <p>Buy your raffle tickets to win a beautiful quilt!</p> <p>\$1/ticket or 6/\$5</p> <p>Quilters Fundraiser</p>	<p>Fire District Logo Items</p> <p>Shirts—hats mugs and more!</p> <p>Auxiliary Fundraiser</p> 

Volunteers Needed & Appreciated!!! Thank you in advance!

Can you help by giving just ONE HOUR of your time for the following duties??

Pancake Flippers	Food Servers	Dining Room Helpers
Bake Sale Helpers	Ticket Sellers	Clean Up

Contact Judy Nelson, Volunteer Coordinator, at judynelson44@cox.net or 602-739-4369

Saturday, June 9 – 9 AM to 1 PM

Forest Lakes Owners Association Blood Drive

Saturday, June 9, 2018

9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

Community Center - Meeting Room 1111 Merzville Road, Forest lakes, AZ 85931

Contact Judy Nelson at 602-739-4369 or visit
www.Bloodhero.com (Sponsor Code: forestlakes)

Saturday, June 23rd – New Fire Station Open House

Save the date. More details to come in a later "Happenings" issue.

Neighborhood News

1. **Reminder:** There are certain areas in the forest where no motorized vehicles are allowed. Signs clearly mark those areas. One that it seems our residents often ignore is when going to the Pond. The pond is on forest property. Please DO NOT ride your ATV or any motorized vehicle to get to the pond. Foot traffic only!
2. A report on Annie, the Red Boxer dog that wandered off from Monday's traffic accident on Hwy 260. We are sad to report that she was struck by a vehicle sometime after the accident, but near the site and did not survive. Annie's owner was notified and after Chief Rodriguez gave a blessing, she was buried next to the mules who died in the accident.
3. When there are fires in Northern Arizona that are not threatening Forest Lakes, the editor is suggesting that you check out their status/progress at www.wildfireaz.com for updates. It's a subscription and the updates automatically come to you. If I were to report every update, you would get very tired of hearing from me! Be assured that you **will** get reports if they directly affects Forest Lakes.
4. Facebook users, check out the "Forest Lakes Fire District, AZ" group page. Click on "Like" and you'll get their news when it is posted.

Thank you for reading to the end! Until next time.....

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