

FOREST LAKES

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President's Message

by Karen Foncannon, FLOA President

Here we are again at the end of summer and the beginning of fall. This summer has flown by so quickly. It might seem that way due to everyone being so busy or maybe because school starts so early anymore. I think it's a combination of both. This is the time of year that our community is so peaceful. The hustle of the summer has come to a close until it starts up again next spring.

On to some very important information that you might be interested in. Some of you have already heard the news that the FLOA board has voted to discontinue the July 4th weekend picnic. We all felt we could not continue with the same few volunteers we've had in the past few years. We are working; however, on other ideas such as another breakfast or a bar-b-q to have in place of the picnic. We are open to any suggestions, so please contact one of the board members.

I was asked to remind those of you with Off Road Vehicles that MVD no longer notifies you when your OHV tags have expired; so write a reminder to yourself on your calendar to renew your tags. You can also no longer renew the OHV tags on-line; you must go to a MVD office.

For those of you who use the Forest Lakes Post Office, it will be located in the Water Department this winter from January 1st to April 1st. Camper's Country Corner will be closed during that time. At this time we are looking for a possible new location for the Post Office. If anyone has suggestions on a property, please contact us. The property must be a commercial property and must meet building codes and requirements through Coconino County. Please understand that Camper's has not made a final decision in regards to keeping the Post Office in the store.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, if you have changed your phone number or cancelled your land line, please notify us so changes can be made in the 2011 phone book.

Last but not least, a huge thank you to Shawn Herring of IXL Painting who volunteered to paint the Fire Station and the community bulletin board (located at the corner of Merzville and Old Rim Road). Both look great!

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Forest Lakes Fire Department Board Candidates Vote Tuesday, November 2

Forest Lakes Fire District Board Candidate Statement — Geoff Stanisic

My family and I have been homeowners in Forest Lakes the past four years. Throughout this time we have had the opportunity to enjoy many of the activities sponsored by the Homeowners Association and the Fire Department. On one holiday weekend, we had family commitments in the valley and were unable to enjoy the weekend here. We drove up in the middle of the night just to attend the pancake breakfast the next morning. It is events like these that make me realize just how fortunate we were to end up in a spectacular community. I have also seen firsthand that these events need active homeowner participation to be successful. The dedication of our residents is inspiring and has encouraged me to want to do more. Forest Lakes wouldn't have that "small town feeling" we enjoy so much without the residents and what they share. For me, what started as an hourly shift, manning a bouncy at a holiday picnic, has grown into a greater desire to serve the community.

In addition to volunteering, I would like to further serve the community as a member of the Fire Board. After observing several of the Fire Board meetings, it has become evident that our Fire Department needs more space. We currently have emergency vehicles and equipment parked outside. Without adequate storage for these apparatus, costly repairs

and premature replacement will continue to whittle away at our budget and make it difficult for the department to do their job. Solutions to this problem will require either new facilities and/ or remodeling existing ones. Owning restaurants since 1996 has presented me with similar challenges. We have expanded, remodeled, or at times just hung on. Hard work, financial responsibility, and a commitment to customer service have kept us afloat in a tough economy. It is this practical experience that I would like to have the opportunity to share with the Forest Lakes Fire District.

It is my desire to support Chief Rodriguez and his department so that we may continue to receive "big city" care for our small community. The goal will be to maintain standards of service in the face of decreasing funds. This is a delicate balance that might sometimes require unpopular decisions to insure stability. That being said, if elected, I will put forth the effort to understand the needs of our community and help make responsible decisions to ensure the financial solvency of our fire department. It would be an honor to offer my hard work, energy, enthusiasm and sound business acumen to the Forest Lakes Fire District. Please vote for Geoff Stanisic in the November election.

Forest Lakes Fire District Board Candidate Statement — Bruce Cummins

I have been a summertime resident since 2000 and a homeowner since 2001 and have been involved in various community events such as the F.L.O.A. breakfasts, 4th of July picnics and highway cleanup and I am a member of the Forest Lakes Community Church. I regularly attend the Fire Board and School Board meetings and have the experience of serving on 3 boards in the past.

I want to give back to the community by serving as a Fire Board member. It is my goal, if elected, to strive to do what is best for the

community and the Fire Board collectively and I will be honest, make decisions based on facts and good common sense.

Fire Board challenges I believe that will need to be addressed are the building of a new fire station building, living within the budget monies available and maximum use of qualified Forest Lakes residents. It would be a privilege to serve on the Fire Board, representing the Forest Lakes Community and doing what is right for the common good.

Forest Lakes Fire District Board Candidate Statement — Bob Foncannon

I came to Arizona in 1977 after graduating from Kansas State University with a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering. I have worked in various technical and managerial positions with Motorola and General Dynamics including Systems Engineering Management positions for the Iridium program and CDMA Cellular Infrastructure. My current assignment with General Dynamics is Director, Program Management for the MUOS program (a worldwide communications network for the military). I have been a part-time resident of Forest Lakes since 2003 along with my wife, Karen. I have served on the Forest Lakes Fire Board since 2007 as Clerk and currently as Chairman.

I believe the Forest Lakes Fire District has made great strides in the last two years. Under Chief Rodriquez' leadership and the Board's direction, the Fire District is providing a level of service that rivals much larger districts while still maintaining a conservative financial strategy. Our district has formed strong relationships with the Forest Service,

surrounding Rim Fire Districts, Gilbert Fire and the Payson Hospital that would have been unimaginable two years ago. My interest in running for the board is to maintain the forward progress of our department and to give my time to the community as so many at Forest Lakes have done before me.

The biggest challenge facing the department is to maintain our level of service in an environment of constrained budgets and declining availability of paid on-call members from the community. Governmental requirements for certification of Firefighters and EMT's and the physical demands limit our pool of paid on-call personnel. Our new staffing model which leverages professional emergency response personnel and our paid on-call community members is working well. The challenge is to increase community involvement in our Fire District at a time when many new community members simply do not have the time. The Forest Lakes Fire District is in far better shape than many districts in Arizona, and it is my goal to ensure it remains so.

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Forest Lakes Fire District Board Candidate Statement — John Nelson

My wife, Judy, and I have been in Forest Lakes since 2007. We love our mountain home, and wish to serve our community. Judy is on the FLOA Board, and I was appointed to the FLFD Board last June. I now serve on the Finance and Budget Subcommittee. I seek to be elected to a full term on the Board of Directors so that I can do my part to build on the great work done in past years by the Board, Chief Rodriguez, and the staff. It is important to me that we meet the needs of all Forest Lakes residents, and that we do so as cost-effectively as possible.

I have enjoyed serving on other boards in the past. I am currently Chairman of the Fountain

Hills Library Association, have served as board member and chairman for an educational consortium of Arizona's major electronics companies and three state universities, and also served as board member and chairman for a large religious organization.

My education and professional experience are in engineering management and project management. I am retired from General Dynamics (formerly a Motorola division), and I currently do program management consulting on a part-time basis. I have the time, education, experience and commitment that it takes to serve our community as a member of the FLFD Board of Directors.

Tiny Migraters

by Roberta Schweigert

It was just another beautiful fall Sunday in Forest Lakes — or was it? If anyone was outside and looked into the sunshine, they could not miss nor ignore the silver ribbon-like streams swirling in the sky and anchoring on anything in their paths. Stretching from the tops of the tallest pine trees and beyond, it soon became apparent that this was an invasion of spider webs. Curiosity led me to the computer. Within minutes I found an explanation which made complete sense—a University of Wyoming microbiology professor attributed the webs to young spiders or

“spiderlings” that launch themselves on their homemade parachutes after hatching to be blown to a new home. Called “ballooning”, this phenomenon of migrating spiders occurs over both land and sea. So were these tiny creatures just arriving or departing from our fair community of Forest Lakes? As a matter of fact, no — sightings were also spotted in Payson and Heber. At any rate, they were definitely on the move. I would hope that some of them with their wise instincts decided to call Forest Lakes home.

What a beautiful display of nature against the autumn blue skies filled with floating shimmering strands, or maybe — kind of spooky. After all, it is almost Halloween.

Forest Lakes Fire Department

by Chief David Rodriguez

The fire station received a new coat of paint compliments of I.X.L. Painting who donated their labor. April Pontious, a department EMT, came up with the idea, shared her thought with owner, Shawn Herring, and he and his crew graciously accepted the opportunity to help the Fire District, saving the department \$2,800. Thanks to Shawn and crew for their kind donation and excellent workmanship.

Jim and Roxie Allen, Forest Lakes residents, donated an antique rifle that was used to raise funds to assist with the purchase of a replacement ambulance. \$2,220 was collected through ticket sales and the winner of the raffle was Julie Ann Turlip from Phoenix. Thank you to the Allen family.

The Fire Board approved the purchase of a used ambulance from the Heber/Overgaard Fire District. This vehicle will replace our back-up unit that is 22 years old. The philosophy adopted by the Fire Board was to explore the purchase of a used and well-maintained vehicle to lessen the financial impact to capital expense funds. The four-wheel drive vehicle will be placed into service sometime this fall.

Building Committee update. A recommendation was forwarded from the Building Committee to the Fire Board requesting the use of \$5,900 from Capital Project Funds for a design-service agreement. This proposal/agreement would hire General Steel Corporation Design Services Group of Colorado to perform Preliminary Zoning and Code Review, Conceptual Design/Rendering, Preliminary Conceptual Floor Plan, and Total Project Cost Estimate. The Fire Board met during a special meeting on September 26th and the

motion passed unanimously. Building Committee members are Chairman Ben Froehlich, Board President Bob Foncannon, Board Member John Nelson, Mack Hume, Ted Cary and I.

Fall has arrived and colder temperatures will surely make the desire for a nice fire more appealing. To help insure proper ventilation for your fireplace, especially after Snow Storm 2010, your smoke stack should be inspected above your roof line to confirm that it is intact, thus, reducing the possibility of a fire, or the build up of carbon monoxide in your home. Include chimney sweeping in this check-up, and always have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Congratulations to Mack Hume, Sally Kennedy, Roxie Allen and Trina Cooper for passing their State Certification Test for Emergency First Responder. This certification will allow the department to meet State standards for ambulance drivers when a patient is transported to a helicopter landing zone or hospital. Job well done!

Department member Diane Mitchell will be spearheading our Records and Retention Program. This involves reviewing current and past practices related to all department records and the development of a program that will meet state statutes pertaining to management, length of time to keep specific documents, destruction and the process in doing so. Diane is a perfect fit for this monumental task and we look forward to the end product. The Fire Auxiliary and resident Becky Johnson have offered their assistance with record sorting and filing.



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Forest Lakes Water Department Winter Turn-Off Program

by Cheryl Kight

Because of all the leaks that happened last winter the District is offering a Winter Turn-off Service starting now.

The Water District will turn off your water at the district valve for the winter, if requested before November 1st. We will not turn it on until after April 30th. At that time there will be a \$25.00 fee added to your bill – this is in place of the normal turn-off and turn-on fees of \$50.00 each. The timeline for turn-off and on is inline with Coconino County restrictions for construction in the right-of-way during winter. The District is asking that these turn-off and turn-on requests be during the normal work hours, which are 8:00 AM through 3:00 PM Monday through Friday.

If this is a service you would be interested in, you must submit the “Request for Winter Turn-Off” form in writing to the Water District, which is available from the office or downloaded from our web site at www.fldwid.org. In the spring you will have to submit in writing a “Request for Winter Turn-On”, which will also be available at the office or on the web site.

The District will continue to bill you during this time the base rate of \$25.00 per month plus taxes and fees for a total of \$27.14 per month.

The District is strongly recommending that at the time of turn on, the customers be present. This is in case a water line has broken during the winter. PURSUANT TO FOREST LAKES D.W.I.D. RULES AND REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1, A: THE WATER DISTRICT DOES NOT ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INSPECTING THE CONSUMER’S PIPING OR APPARATUS AND WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PROBLEM OR DAMAGE DUE TO IMPROPER INSTALLATION OR MAINTENANCE OF PIPING OR APPARATUS.

Only Water District Personnel are allowed to turn off and on district property. Please be advised by our Rules and Regulations ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, H-9: THE WATER DISTRICT MAY SUSPEND THE SERVICE OF, OR REFUSE SERVICE TO, ANY CONSUMER WHO TAMPERS WITH THE PROPERTY OF THE WATER DISTRICT.

Forest Lakes Community Church

By Chuck Warner

Another Outstanding Summer for Forest Lakes Community Church (FLCC)

The summer for FLCC was full of many successes due in no small amount to the effort of the loyal band of volunteers from our Forest Lakes community.

Attendance was in the 70 - 100 range with holiday Sunday attendance increases of 20% or more. It's exciting to have to scurry around to put up more chairs and be sure there are enough elements out for communion. FLCC is such a joy. Next summer, let's all invite someone to come and enjoy true Christian fellowship with us.

Many thanks to all those in the community who made things happen:

To June Griffin for leading the "30 Life Principles" Bible study. Each week's lesson is self-contained, so feel free to join at any time.

"Man-to-Man" was held at Bugles and gave the men who attended an enjoyable fellowship.

And then there was VBS! Another fantastic job done by Joyce Jennings and her band of faithful helpers. Once again over 90 children and teens were immersed in Christ's love. Forest Lakes is so fortunate to be blessed with this fantastic outreach.

VBS for 2011 will be July 4th through July 8th !!!.

The Board of Directors of FLCC are Marie Knape, Sharon DeMond, Chuck Warner (filling the final two years of Helen Noyes' term) and the two new members, Terry Ahrendt and Chris Dean. They are open to any comments and suggestions. Make yourselves known to them. Remember, they are your Board.

As for 2011, Forest Lakes Community Church will have its first service on May 15th. We are all looking forward to seeing old friends and making many new ones.



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- 2 Election Day**
- 9 School Board Meeting
Tuesday 5:00 pm at the Library
- 11 Veterans Day**
Special Thanks to our Veterans!
- 18 Water Board Regular Meeting
Thursday 11:00 am
- 20 Fire Board Regular Meeting
Saturday 10:00 am
- 25 Thanksgiving**

DECEMBER 2010

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- 14 School Board Meeting
Tuesday 5:00 pm at the Library
- 16 Water Board Regular Meeting
Thursday 11:00 am
- 18 Fire Board Regular Meeting
Saturday 10:00 am
- 25 Christmas**

JANUARY 2011

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- 1 New Years Day**
- 11 School Board Meeting
Tuesday 5:00 pm at the Library
- 15 Fire Board Regular Meeting
Saturday 10:00 am
- 20 Water Board Regular Meeting
Thursday 11:00 am

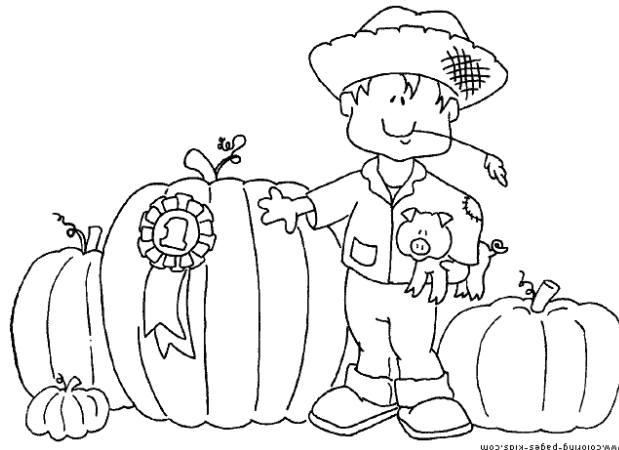


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SKOOTER'S ADVENTURE

by Karen Foncannon

It was on a Sunday that Bill and Ted's most excellent adventure came to an end. Oh wait, wrong adventure. I must be thinking about the article in the newspaper about Bill & Ted (Keanu Reeves & Alex Winter) writing a script for a new movie for another "Most Excellent Adventure". I can't wait. Focus Karen, focus...back to Skooter's adventure which may not have been so excellent. Skooter is a small, white Jack Russell. I don't know what happened to him in the eight days he wandered around the wilderness before he showed up late in the afternoon at our cabin. Bob and I were leaving within a couple of hours to drive back to the valley when our dog, Missi, started whimpering. I turned around and saw a very scared little dog standing twenty feet from our deck. He was not sure if he should come closer but I sat down and coaxed him with a bowl of food. Fortunately, he had a dog tag and we found out his name was Skooter. We called the number right away and got a message to call another number if Skooter was found. We quickly learned that Skooter was camping with the owner's boyfriend, Mike, down near Black Canyon Lake when he was scared off by gun shots. Mike searched for Skooter with

no luck. You might be asking where the girlfriend was. She was out of the country when she heard the news. I am guessing the boyfriend was in deep doo-doo (excuse the pun) when she found out. Well back to Skooter. Before we left the cabin, Bob was working on the computer and Skooter climbed up in his lap and fell asleep feeling safe at last. To make a long story short, we drove down to the valley and reunited Skooter with Mike on Sunday night. I cannot imagine how Skooter survived for eight days in the wilderness and walked all the way from Black Canyon Lake to Forest Lakes. If dogs have nine lives, he probably used up a few of them. His adventure turned out to have a most excellent ending.

Just an up-date on Skooter. He was seen by a veterinarian who found bite marks on his neck and chest (probably from coyotes) but he is expected to make a full recovery.

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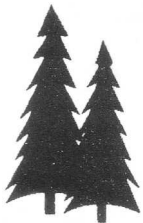


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