

# The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

Serving the Homeowners of Mt. Lemmon

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## This Message "Bears" Repeating



**F**eeding the bears "people food" will kill them! Once a bear becomes a habitual feaster of garbage and handouts from folks who enjoy seeing a touch of wildlife, his days are numbered. Game and Fish is attempting to trap for removal and relocation one particularly aggressive young male bear, weighing about 150 pounds. This bear seems to show no fear of people or loud noises, and has tried to enter several cabins here on the top of the mountain. He has been easily sighted in Carter Canyon, Sabino Canyon, and in the Loma-Sabino Springs area. If you see a humming bird feeder shredded on your deck, there's a good chance that one of the bears has finished off the sugar water in the feeder. There has also been sightings of a mother with four cubs - indicating a diet of more than berries and foods found in the wild. Each of these 4 cubs is learning to become a garbage bear - and the outlook for garbage bears is not good. Yes, cubs are cute - but remember, your actions could be a death sentence for them. The following article from Game & Fish is a n open letter to all the folks who enjoy the mountain. If one of your friends is feeding the bears *or* javelinas (yes, 3 javelina are still around) please pass this letter on to them. Thanks!



Dumpsters are attractive to Bears. This is a typical Monday morning look at the dumpsters in the village. A closer look will show some of the worst abusers are the local businesses, which take advantage of the easy access and free service. Article page 4

## GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT

**Cadie Pruss, Wildlife Manager**

### **Bear Homeowner,**

Camping season is upon us on Mt. Lemmon. It's time to air out the houses and escape the desert heat. It's also time the bears are out and looking for food. The Arizona Game and Fish Department and the U.S. Forest Service want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable camping experience free of bear inter-

actions.

While some of you may be long time residents of the Mountain, others may be enjoying their first summer as a part of the community. The bears have arrived earlier this year than last and seem to be in greater numbers. (It seems that last years bears must have spread the word on how generous the humans are).

*cont. page 2 Open letter*

**7/8/95  
Saturday**

**Dance at Fire Station Saturday July 8th at 7:30 PM  
Community Welcome .....**

## Open Letter from Game & Fish ....

I have had the chance to visit with a few of you and have learned that not everyone is aware of the diversity of items that will attract these fine forest creatures. Hummingbird feeders were one item that surprised many. Hummingbirds eat a sugar solution, which in turn produces a sweet smell. Bears have excellent noses and also enjoy that high energy snack. To reduce the chance of feeding the bears without discontinuing feeding the hummingbirds, bring feeders in at night. Hummingbirds don't feed at night anyway, so no harm will come to them.

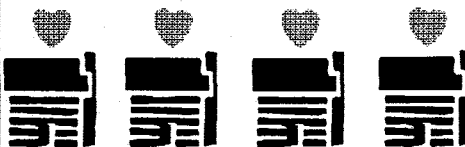
For those of you that have a sump hole, don't be surprised if a bear pulls back the lid to see if it contains food. Most dish washing liquids these days have a "lemon fresh sent", or some other appealing odor. This will cause a bear to investigate. Pet food is another common source of food for the wildlife (not just bears). Don't feed pets outside. Many of you have raised porches with space underneath, covered by wooden slats. Do not store your garbage there. Bears are strong and may create their own opening to get to the source of the smell. This covered "den" will also provide shelter for other wildlife. All garbage must be stored in bear proof facilities and transported to an approved sanitary landfill at frequent intervals so that storage facilities do not overflow. While composting is considered desirable by many, burying or scattering organic waste will attract wildlife and is not permissible. Garbage storage facilities shall be cleaned on a regular basis with hot water, soap, and disinfectant in order to minimize

odors. Grills are another source of enticing odors and shall also be cleaned after each use. Homeowners will be held responsible for all guests using their cabin.

Black bears are extremely strong and persistent and while they'd not normally attack or threaten people, food will attract their interest and become their focus. Last year a small female bear (approximately 150 lbs.) ripped the lid off a chest freezer that had been chained closed to keep bears out. Bears are active both day and night. If you should encounter a bear, throw objects (and attempt to hit the bear), bang pots, yell, or clap your hands in an attempt to frighten them away. Do not attempt to approach a bear, tease or crowd them, or offer them food. Help us make this year a safe and enjoyable camping season. Thank you.

When reviewing your life style to see if you are living "wildlife" (and neighbor) friendly, consider your sanitary practices and remember, feeding the wildlife is not living wildlife, or neighbor friendly.

Lastly, don't forget that last year, for the protection of public health, safety, and property the Forest Service issued a Special Closure pursuant to Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 in the Coronado National Forest making it illegal to possess, store, or discard any food or refuse in and exposed or physically available condition to wildlife. Violations of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00. *These regulations will not be imposed on private property owners*, but should also be taken seriously as the Forest Service felt strongly enough to impose them.



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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Pima County Department of Transportation and Flood Control District will be paving the roadway on Catalina Highway beginning July 10, 1995. The paving work will be done in short segments between Mile Post 12 and Mile Post 21. This work will start July 10, 1995 and continue through July 15, 1995.

Beginning July 24, 1995 through August 18, 1995, we will be micro-

surfacing the entire roadway in the same area. During this time, traffic will be restricted to one direction of travel at a time. A pilot vehicle will guide motorists through the work zone. Be prepared for delays up to 30 minutes.

Please obey all traffic control signs and officers who will be directing you safely through the construction zone.

Should you have any further questions or need updated information, please call the Operations Division at 740-2843.

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## Welcome Deputy Johnson !

Deputy Eric Johnson will soon be joining Deputy Ed Hardesty as the Mt. Lemmon Resident Deputy to replace Deputy Gatenby who is being transferred at the end of July.

During the early 1980's, Eric spent a considerable amount of time in his family owned cabin in the Willow Canyon area so he is already familiar with the mountains geography, terrain and weather. In his free time he likes to hike and explore trails on horseback.

Deputy Johnson is currently assigned to the Foothills District. Prior to this he was assigned to the Ajo District where I had the pleasure of working with him in 1990/1991. Deputy Hardesty has know him to be very aggressive, hard working and dedicated to his profession and is looking forward to working with him again. He is definitely an asset and we are fortunate in having him join us on the mountain.



Reading is fun

### Summer reading ....

Library books available for young people by contacting Nancy Goodwin, phone 576-1245 or 296-7993. Books may be checked out whenever Phil Archambault or Nancy Goodwin are at home. Books for preschoolers through elementary age available.

**THIS SATURDAY NIGHT  
JULY 8TH**

**Beginning Square & Line Dance  
COMMUNITY WELCOME**

**7:30 PM**

**AT FIRE STATION**

**Bring finger foods to share  
buy sodas or bring non-alcoholic  
drinks    coffee provided**

## FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

by Chief John Roads

The busy season is upon us. June was busy as usual with 30 calls. The highest frequency call type was to fall and hike related injuries, including two off road rescues that resulted in multi-agency (Search and Rescue, Forest Service, Rural/Metro, Sheriff's Assist Team, and Department of Public Safety) exercises. One rock climbing fall related rescue below Windy point provided dramatic television coverage on June 9th. In between calls, the Firefighters are continuing to make station improvements. Larry Hochwert of The Carpet Store in Tucson has just donated mini-blinds and new carpet for the station. The carpet will be installed as soon as the painting is complete. John Eaton has been making all the needed electrical repairs to help eliminate OSHA, injury and fire problems, and Patty Thomas continues to recruit new friends of the station. Many thanks to all for the help in improving our community fire department. I also want to thank all those that have supported the department through the Memorial Day Talent Show fund raiser and the June 10th Chili Cook Off. A total of \$1400 was raised to purchase new safety equipment for fighting wildland and forest fires. The new equipment has been purchased, and fortunately, no one has had the opportunity to see us use it yet (no fires) and I hope it stays that way.

**REMINDERS:** for the busy season on the Mountain:

If you have an emergency -

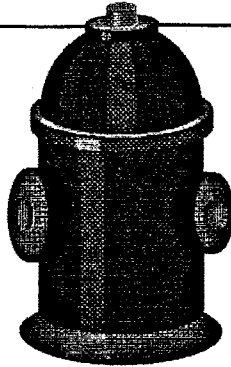
Call 9-1-1

**NO** Fireworks of any kind (they cause injuries and destructive fires)

**NO** burning of trash.

Keep camp fires controlled and make sure they are completely out. Stay Indoors during Lightning Storms.

Have a fun and safe summer.



## Dumpsters Get Mixed Reviews as Summer Progresses

Everyone enjoys the convenience of having a place on Mt. Lemmon to dispose of our trash, but very few seem satisfied with the problems the dumpsters create. Actually, the dumpsters don't create the problem, we as a community create the problem. Blaming the Board of Supervisors is too easy. The Board of Supervisors does not come up in the dead of night and deposit trash in and around the dumpsters. The businesses, homeowners, and visitors to the mountain are the depositors of all this rubbish. And the way we leave the area around the dumpsters reflects on all of us. There are several bears targeted for termination because they have become accustomed to being fed by homeowners and can feast on the

trash left around the dumpsters. Solutions? There are no easy answers as to changing locations from the area around the comfort station ... but we can all improve the area by making sure that all trash is securely deposited inside the dumpsters and if the dumpster is full, wait until it has been emptied, or take your trash to another dumpster. If you are a business that creates a large volume of garbage, consider contacting BFI about a dumpster. The original intent of the dumpsters was to provide a service for residents, not for commercial use. Special thanks to Pima County for the extra dumpsters over the 4th of July holiday.

## As the Lemmon Twists

If you noticed digital sounds while talking on the phone recently, you were not alone. The problem, according to Mike from US West, was with the central office, and has now been corrected.

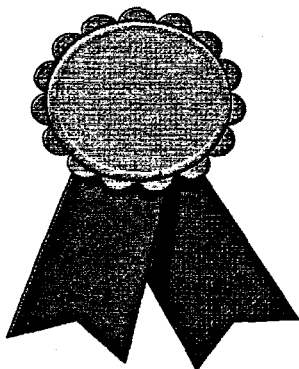
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Carter Canyon has been experiencing short power outages, and Trico attributes these to a tree branch hitting a line somewhere in the canyon. ~~~~~  
Will Jaster recently broke his arm while off duty. He should be back in action in a few weeks.

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The post office will have new hours starting July 1st. Post office will open at 8:30 AM, and close at 3PM. Mail will be sent to Tucson at 3PM instead of 1PM from now on.

John Eaton

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## 4th of July Parade A Winner



Special thanks to everyone who made the 4th of July Parade a success! Special thanks to **F r a n Zimmerman,**

who again coordinated this event, Bob Zimmerman, who was master of ceremonies, Don Underhill, who let us use his deck of the Alpine Lodge as the reviewing stand, and to Olga Pace and Beaver's Band Box for the music. Thanks to all the families and organizations who entered the Parade - as far as we're concerned you are all winners! There were 24 entries in the parade. First place winner for *most original* was Loren Perez and Uncle Dick Kelly with Ballet Folklorico, first place for *most patriotic* was the Sunrise Chapel Summer Camp, and first place for *most humorous* was The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club as the "Lemmon Pledges".



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## Water Issues by Mike Stanley

The MLWC wishes to thank the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club and the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association for the funds to purchase a pipeline locator. The old locator was stolen several years ago, and the Water Co-op borrowed a unit from another water company. Arizona law requires the Co-op to locate underground lines for persons wishing to excavate around them. The new locator will also locate metal objects like meter tops, valves, and property pins. When snow covers a main valve this new locator will allow us to pinpoint its location. Without this locator, digging to find the valve could take hours and even then you could miss it by inches and dig the wrong way. The locator also aids in mapping of the existing system for better locating and planning improvements to the system. Will Jaster and I wish to thank the community mindedness of the Mt. Lemmon organizations for their generous contributions. The continuing support Mt. Lemmon provides is a major benefit to the community as a whole. Thank you for your support.



The upper Loma Linda tank ran dry on the 4th of July from the heavy water use by that area. Over 10,000 gallons were used on the holiday weekend, draining the tank. Low pressure prevented quick refill.

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## New Logo designed for Mt. Lemmon

Fred Pace has designed a logo to represent the Mt. Lemmon area a This is available for everyone to use, businesses and civic organizations alike, if there is positive feedback on the design. Fred is hoping that this logo will be useful symbolically to bring the community closer together. A version of the logo is on the back of the address page of this Echoes. We are encouraging all feedback, both positive and critical, concerning the design. The sun rising over the green mountains is a lemon wedge, the sky is blue, and the surrounding background is maroon in color. *see back cover*

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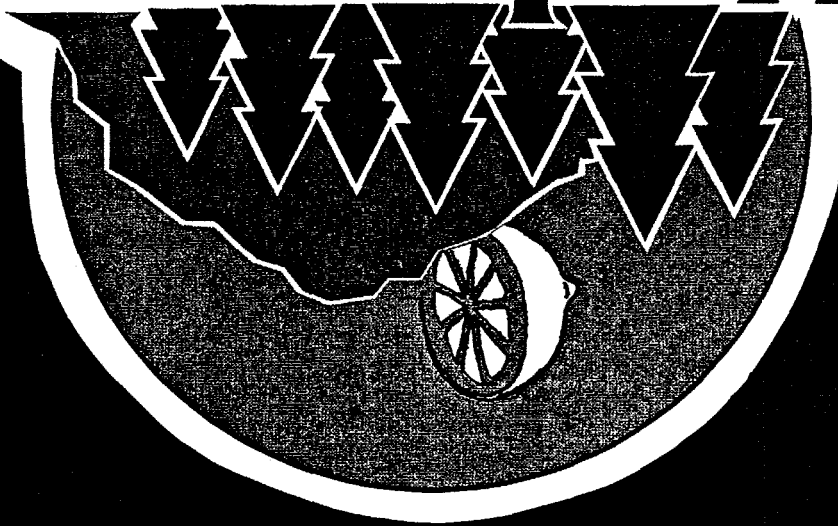
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