

# The Mount Lemmon ECHOES

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## Firewise kicks into high gear: Your May countdown

Our COMMUNITY GOAL is to have all private properties firewised before possible Forest Service Fire Restrictions go into effect.

### Begin to Firewise your property now

Get free Firewise assessment, then:

1. Do Firewise tasks yourself.
2. Hire a service provider.
3. Reserve Boy Scouts for pine needle cleanup.

**Reserve Boy Scouts** to rake & bag your pine needles on 5/4 or 5/5 (possibly 5/11 & 5/12 also) in exchange for \$ donation. You provide large paper bags. Only 4 properties a day can be scheduled, so **reserve asap**: Contact S. Crum: (520) 576-1008, sbc602@gmail.com.

### LEARN, HELP, CELEBRATE

See April Echoes and Nextdoor for lists of **Service Providers, Neighborhood Captains, "How to Protect Your Property"**

### Saturday–Sunday, May 4–5: Wildfire Preparedness Days

Firewising continues:

1. Take slash\* to MLFD burn pile OR place it along chipper route.
2. Take bagged pine needles to MLFD burn pile.

Place slash (6" diam. max) along chipper route (see locations below) for Monday's chipper crew **and** alert your neighborhood Fire Captain **before 6 p.m. Sunday** that you have slash to be chipped and where.

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

#### TACO DINNER

5 p.m., MLFD  
(donations accepted)

#### DONATE SNACKS FOR CHIPPER CREW TO CARRY.

Bring to MLFD  
before May 6.

### Monday, May 6: Chipper Day (Rescheduled from May 4)

Free chipper will mulch slash at these locations.

#### In Summerhaven along these streets:

Ajo (s. of Loma Linda Ext.)	Sabino Canyon Pkwy
Carter Canyon	Tucson (n. of Upper Goat Hill)
Loma Linda Ext.	Tucson (n. & s. of Retreat)
Middle Sabino	Turkey Run
Phoenix	Upper Loma Linda

#### On Forest Service land at these locations:

Sunset Trail Head parking lot  
Intersection of Fern Ridge & Sykes Knob Rds  
Upper Soldier's Camp (up the paved hill to the dirt area)  
Base of Upper Bear Wallow Rd  
The "Y" in Willow Canyon

### VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT CHIPPER CREW LUNCH

May 6, MLFD,  
10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Contact S. Crum  
(520) 576-1008  
sbc602@gmail.com

### Firewise Block Party Saturday, May 25, MLCC

See p. 8 for more details.

\* *Don't take stumps/rounds of healthy (not rotten) wood to burn pile or chipper; leave street side for firewood and notify MLFD (520-576-1201 x.5) that it is available for anyone who wants it. MLFD will take slash up to 10" diam.*

## SAVE THE DATE

## MAY 4-6 Wildfire Preparedness Days

Firewise private properties (see p. 1)  
Taco Bar Dinner May 4 at ML Fire Station 5:00 pm

## Meetings on the Mountain

**MAY 18** MLWD Water Office 8 am  
MLHOA Board MLCC 10 am  
MLWC MLCC 1 pm

**MAY 20** MLFD Board Meeting  
ML Fire Station 4:15 pm

**MAY 25 FIREWISE BLOCK PARTY &**  
MLCC 10 am-12 pm  
Lunch at ML Fire Station  
12:30 pm (see p. 8)

**Flutes in  
the Forest  
Concert**  
MLCC, 2 pm

**MAY 26 MLFD Strategic Planning**  
MLFD 1:30 pm

**JUNE 1 MLWC LUNCH**  
Annual Membership Lunch  
D-1 Cabin 11 am

**JUNE 2 Willow Canyon Annual Meeting**  
Rose Canyon Lizard Rock 3 pm

**JUNE 8 Cabin Tours &**  
MLWC tours Willow  
Canyon cabins

## Sky Island Kids Club

Opening Ceremony, Osborne  
Cabin 4 pm – 6 pm (see p. 7)

**JUNE 9 Soldier Camp Annual Meeting**  
Time and place to be announced

**JUNE 15 MOUNTAIN CELEBRATION**  
D-1 Cabin, 4 pm – 8 pm

**JUNE 27 Mt. Lemmon Wildflowers**  
Frank Rose  
MLCC 2:30 pm

**JUNE 29 Malt Shop Concert**  
Jeff Haskell and the  
Ladies of Song, MLCC

**JULY 4 Fourth of July Parade** 

**JULY 20 Birds of the Southwest Part 2**  
Henry Johnson, M.D.  
MLCC 2:30 pm

**JULY 25 Mt. Lemmon Birds**  
Henry Johnson, M.D.  
MLCC 2:30 pm

**AUGUST 17 Hiking the Arizona Trail**  
Diana and John Osborne,  
MLCC 2:30 pm

## RECURRING EVENTS

### Pilates Classes

MLCC 8:30 am–9:30 am  
\$15 Bring water bottle and mat.

**JUNE** SAT. 1, 8, 15  
WED. 5, 19, 26

**JULY** SAT. 6  
WED. 10, 17, 24, 31

**AUG** SAT. 3, 31  
WED. 7, 14, 21, 28

### YOGA CLASSES

MLCC 8:30 am–9:30 am  
\$15 Bring water bottle and mat.

**JULY** SAT. 13, 27

**AUG** SAT. 10, 24

### Artist Festival

Craft vendors on the lot next to  
MLCC, Saturdays 11 am–4 pm

**JUNE** 8, 15, 22

**JULY** 13 **AUG** 10 **SEPT** 14

### Byzantine Divine Catholic Liturgy

2nd & 4th Saturdays starting May 25  
through September, Mary Undoer of  
Knots Shrine 4 pm

*Fulfills both Roman & Byzantine  
Catholic requirements for attending  
Sunday Mass.*

## MLHOA

## Summit Award honors Sally Crum

The Summit Award, given each year to honor an outstanding member of the Mt. Lemmon community for dedication and devotion, was presented to Sally Crum at the MLHOA Annual Dinner on April 23, 2019.

When Sally and husband Lou moved to the mountain full time a couple years ago, she dove right in to support the MLFD, writing grants and serving on the Fire Board, and also became secretary of the MLHOA Board of Directors. She is now in her second successful season of directing Mt. Lemmon's Firewise activities, including the Firewise Neighborhood Captain program, the Community Wildfire Preparedness Day events and the annual Firewise Block Party. Her many talents include quilting, singing in the summer church choir and—very rarely—saying “no!”

Congratulations, Sally, and thank you from a very grateful community.

## Hear your malt shop favorites on June 29 by Jeff Haskell

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls! We're taking you back to a simpler time when headaches and heartbreaks could be solved by putting a nickel in the record machine and twisting the night away. Get ready to sing along as we present your favorite Malt Shop Hits! The last time Father Guido heard these numbers, he cried the “Tears of a Clown.” So, c'mon, “Sugar Pie Honey Bunch,” “Reach Out,” “I'll Be There.”

Your favorite songs by the Four Tops, Little Anthony and the Imperials, the Temptations, the Supremes, Lesley Gore, Smokey Robinson and lots more! Coming June 29, 2019, at the MLCC. (Reservations taken after June 1.)



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## FIREWISE

## Caryl Sandoval donates grand prize for Firewise Block Party by Sally Crum

Protecting our homes and community from wildfire is reason enough to come to the May 25 Firewise Block Party.

A generous offer from Caryl Sandoval, however, has really sweetened the pot for Mt. Lemmon property owners who attend the event.



**Firewise benefactor Caryl Sandoval**

Caryl is offering as grand prize **a three-night stay at an exquisite hilltop estate** in the Rockcliff development near Canyon Ranch, Tucson. To be eligible for this grand prize, you must attend the full morning session, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at MLCC. The drawing will take place right after the Q&A session. Lunch will follow at the ML Fire Station, where more raffle prizes will be awarded. *(See more Block Party details on p. 8.)*

The hilltop estate is perched on one acre in a gated community. The views take full advantage of the beautiful Sonoran desert, Catalina Mountains and city lights in the evening. Features of the 4,450 sq. ft. home include:

- A cantina and game room, family room, formal living room, laundry room and 4 bathrooms
  - Four bedrooms (a king, a queen, a full and a twin)
  - Two sleeper sofas in the upper family room
  - Three fireplaces, two with gas logs
  - The gourmet kitchen, equipped with all stainless steel appliances
  - Five patios, four of them covered, one off the kitchen
  - A pool, spa, gas BBQ and outdoor entertainment area
- (See photo on p. 9.)*

The Firewise Committee thanks Caryl for her incredible generosity, and we all look forward to seeing who wins this terrific prize. Join us at the Block Party!

*(See the photo on p. 9.)*

**MLFD****Community members are invited to participate in the MLFD strategic planning meeting****by Joe Gunia, MLFD fire chief**

On Sunday, May 26, 1:30 p.m. at the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station, MLFD will hold a special meeting for its stakeholders from the community it serves and government agencies it interacts with. This meeting, which launches the district's strategic planning process, will have two parts:

1. **Brief Presentation by the District** — This brief talk will provide background information about the District and review the analysis the board is undertaking.
2. **Listening Session** — Everyone will break into small groups so that community members and government agencies can give feedback to the district about what they heard and present their thoughts and ideas on the district's future.

We hope you will be able to participate.

**A MLFD reminder: It's time to change the batteries in your smoke/carbon monoxide detector**

- If you have an older model detector (most don't have long-life batteries), switch out the old batteries with fresh ones.
- The United States Fire Administration recommends that you also change the battery backups in hard-wired models at least once annually.
- If your smoke and/or carbon monoxide detector has been in service for 10 years, replace the entire unit with a new one.

**Dan Leade, captain, MLFD**

**MLWC****Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club news**  
**by Connie Taylor, president**

The GFWC (General Federation of Woman's Clubs) of Arizona, Southern District, held its 2019 Spring Convention in Sierra Vista, hosted by the Sierra Vista Woman's Club. There were 9 clubs represented and 52 members in attendance. Six members of our club attended. Most of the attendees dressed in red, white and blue to honor the USO as our speaker was Carla Garcia, Director of USO in Arizona. She informed us that our Arizona GFWC is on the major donor list for USO. In conjunction with this organization, our Done-in-a-Day Project was to fill "Mommy Bags" (for new mothers) for the USO. The clubs, all together, donated items valued at over \$600.

Our state president, Doris Berry, spoke on Saint Jude's Hospital—Children's Research.

All Southern District members were asked to bring arts or crafts to show and be judged. The MLWC received the most awards! Our club winners included: Charlene Atkinson, 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Folk Art category; Sally Crum, 1<sup>st</sup> place for Fine Arts; Lynne Green, 1<sup>st</sup> place for Folk Art 3 Dimensional and Best of Show; Sally Moffett, 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Folk Art; and Robin Kirk, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for her artwork. Congratulations to these ladies. The Fall Southern District Conference will be held in Benson, September 28.

**Register to participate in the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Mt. Lemmon 4th of July Parade**  
**by Susanne Drolet**

We are looking forward to another great Mt. Lemmon 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade—our 44<sup>th</sup> in fact, and it's getting closer. Registration forms have been emailed to previous and potential parade participants. The deadline for registering is June 27, but please don't wait until the last minute—July 4 will be here before we blink! If you've not participated in the parade in the past and have a great idea for an entry, it's *not too late* to finalize your plan. Simply complete the form on the next page and submit it as soon as possible.

MLWC

**MT. LEMMON 44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JULY 4<sup>th</sup> PARADE**  
**Thursday, July 4, 2019, 12:00 Noon**  
**Participant Registration Form**

It's that time again! Get out your costumes, mules, horses, kids, dogs, fancy vehicles, and instruments and sign up as soon as possible for this year's Mt. Lemmon 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade!

Name of Group \_\_\_\_\_

Main Contact Person for Your Group \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

All the above information is needed in case we need to get in touch with you with questions or last-minute updates

CATEGORY: ( ) ORIGINAL ( ) PATRIOTIC ( ) HUMOROUS

TRANSPORTATION: ( ) WALKING ( ) VEHICLE ( ) WALKING with VEHICLE ( ) HORSEBACK

This is an invitation for you and/or your group to join us on cool Mt. Lemmon for our 44<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Please remit this form no later than Thursday, June 27 to Susanne Drolet – 230 West Marlboro Road, Oro Valley, AZ, 85755-8945, or PO Box 836, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619-0836, or e-mail to [susannedrolet@gmail.com](mailto:susannedrolet@gmail.com). For additional information, call Susanne at (520) 576-9646 or (520) 780-7468. The parade line-up begins at 11:15 a.m. at the intersection of Ski Run Road and Loma Linda Extension Road. Check in at the registration table to be given your parade number to display on yourself and/or your entry. Late check-ins and/or non-preregistered entries will not receive a parade number, participation certificate, nor be eligible for parade entry judging.

**Please write what you want the announcer to say about your group when you pass by the MLCC (the judging area). If you don't write something, we'll have nothing to say about you or your group.**

Who You Are \_\_\_\_\_

What Do You Call Yourselves \_\_\_\_\_

Where Are You From \_\_\_\_\_

Any Colorful Background Information You Want the Crowd to Know \_\_\_\_\_

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We need to keep the parade moving, so please listen to instructions and directions when given. Do not throw candy into the crowd. Candy may be handed to children or placed on the ground at their feet along the parade sidelines so they won't run into the parade route. Neither Frisbees nor objects of any type may be thrown into the crowd. Entrants will PAUSE in front of the judges long enough to be announced by the Master of Ceremony and then MOVE ON and keep moving to the end of the parade route. In the interest of safety, we ask for your cooperation in that there is no animal petting, stopping to perform further down the parade route, etc. The parade will end at the school/MLWD office.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## WILLOW CANYON

### Willow Canyon News

by Sally Crum

**Annual Meeting:** Our Annual Willow Canyon Cabin Owner's Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 3:00 p.m. at the Lizard Rock site in Rose Canyon.

**The Mayor:** Jo Musser-Krauss, "Mayor" of Willow Canyon, will be spending the summer, once again, in her delightful cabin (which will be featured on the ML Woman's Club Cabin Tours on June 8) on the north rim. Stop by and wish her a belated 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. An article on Jo's career as an educator/administrator will be featured this summer in the *Echoes*.

**A close call.** A disaster was avoided recently when ashes were prematurely dumped outside and later caught fire. Quick response by Mt. Lemmon Fire District personnel and volunteers kept the fire contained before it could be spread by high winds. *Please* remember to place all ashes in a metal container with a lid until they are cold to the touch. Embers remain hot for a very long time. As

Smokey Bear says, "Only YOU can prevent forest fires."

**Firewise dumpster.** A dumpster for pine needles and other flammable materials is in place, as happens each Firewise season. Please remember, no food waste or construction materials are to be placed in the dumpster. Thanks to everyone who is spending time removing hazardous fuels and Firewising their property.

### Bunko returns

I have scheduled the first Bunko for Friday, June 21, the first day of Summer, from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the MLCC. Let's hope we don't get bumped!

Bring snacks to share and your own drink. Call me at (520) 576-1417 if you have any questions.

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## SKY ISLAND KIDS CLUB

### Participate in a summer of fun with the Sky Island Kids Club

by Christina Grossman and Diana Osborne

The mountain will be buzzing with children this summer and the activities are set. Come join us! The Sky Island Kids Club is a way for our children and grandchildren to get to know each other and create that

bond of community at generational levels. The club encourages families to enjoy the wonders of nature and the community of the mountain.

#### June 8—Opening Ceremony

4 p.m.-6 p.m., Osborne Cabin



#### June 15—Meet the Piatkiewicz Mountain Chickens

10 a.m.-12 p.m., Piatkiewicz Cabin



Mary Lou Piatkiewicz will be sharing her experience and vast knowledge about raising chickens on the mountain. She will also have “treats” for the kids to share with chickens at her house. There will also be snacks and refreshments for the kids as well.

#### July 4—Parade

12 p.m., Meeting place TBA



#### July 20—Birds of the Southwest, Part 2: Henry Johnson, M.D.

2:30 p.m., MLCC



Have you ever wanted to learn about the birds in your area? Come on over then. This presentation is open to the community, including the kids. We ask that kids be accompanied by an adult, please.\*

The theme for this year is to be patriotic. Come dressed in red, white and/or blue attire. Bring your tutus, your awesome head bands, and anything else to spread joy and candy. If you would like to bring candy, please call Christina to find out what we need.

#### Closing Ceremony

Date, time, meeting place TBA



#### August 17—Hiking the Arizona Trail: Diana and John Osborne

2:30 p.m., MLCC



Diana and John Osborne took an amazing adventure, hiking the Arizona Trail. Find out what they learned and experienced during their adventure. We ask that kids be accompanied by an adult, please.\*

Please call Christina Grossman at (520) 360-7694 if you and your child or grandchild can join us for any of the activities. There will be an Evite group set up to keep everyone posted. Please also remember that Monsoons are

always a challenge and activities are subject to change.

\* Thanks to the Mount Lemmon Woman's Club for organizing and hosting the speaker programs on July 20 and August 17.

# FIREWISE BLOCK PARTY

## WHAT TO DO BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER A WILDFIRE

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES  
RAFFLE PRIZES

**MAY 25, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**MLCC**

**Part 1: What to Do Before a Fire: Firewise and FireScape, US Forest Service and AZ Dept. of Forest and Fire Management**

**Part 2: What to Do During a Fire: Ready Set Go Communication, MLFD, Pima County Office of Emergency Management and Pima County Sheriff's Dept.**

**Part 3: What to Do After a Fire: Insurance Information**

**Part 4: Q & A and Special Prize Drawing for attendees only**

**12:30 p.m. Lunch and raffle prize drawings at the ML Fire Station, \$5.00 donation, kids 8 and under free**



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## FIREWISE

## Firewise Block Party Grand Prize (see p. 3)



View from back patio of Rockcliff Estate, where a lucky Block Party attendee will spend three days courtesy of Caryl Sandoval.

## Free concert follows Firewise Block Party

The **Tucson Flute Club** presents

# Flutes in the Forest:

**a concert atop Mt. Lemmon**

**Saturday, May 25 • 2:00 p.m.**

Chuck Bowden Mt. Lemmon Community Center, Summerhaven  
free and open to the public

Tucson Flute Club is supported in part by a grant from the Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona

For more information about Tucson Flute Club: [www.tucsonfluteclub.org](http://www.tucsonfluteclub.org)

## PIMA COUNTY

From the desk of Steve Christy  
District 4 supervisor, Pima County

At the April 16 Board of Supervisors meeting, it was my honor to recognize the Firewise efforts of the Mt. Lemmon community over the years. It cannot be overstated how vital this team effort is to the protection of our cherished mountain hamlets from wildfire.

Additionally, the Board voted unanimously to proclaim May 4, 2019, to be Wildfire Community Preparedness Day in Pima County. We were delighted that Fire Chief Joe Gunia, Dorothy Johnson and Jenni Zimmerman could join us for the presentation. Sally Crum, you were missed, and your hard work was recognized.

I am sure your May 4 event will be a great one. Thank you all for all that you do to make the mountain "firewise".



Fire Chief Joe Gunia (and daughter), Dorothy Johnson, Jenni Zimmerman and Supervisor Steve Christy with the proclamation.

They are the Berries  
by Frank Rose

Two shrubs in the Currant Family (*Grossulariaceae*) grow high in the Catalina Mountains and bloom in April and May. I have seen the yellow-flowered **Golden Currant** (*Ribes aureum*) on the long stretch of road from the hairpin turn at Mile Post 22 to the Sunset Trail parking area. The **Orange Gooseberry** (*Ribes pinetorum*) shrub, with red flowers fading to white, grows more in the Marshall Gulch and Turkey Run areas. The spike-covered fruit of both shrubs is edible.



## AVIAN ABODES

### Ground and tree nesters weave a home

by Henry Johnson

Last month we looked at mountain birds that nest in cavities such as a hollow in an oak or pine, an old woodpecker hole, a birdhouse or even a hole in your cabin! This month let's look at ground and tree nesters.

#### Red-faced Warbler

Red-faced Warblers winter in Mexico and Central America and breed in northern Mexico, Arizona and New Mexico. They favor open pine-oak forests at elevations between 6,400 and 9,000 feet, breeding in small groves of deciduous trees such as oak, maple or aspen that grow among conifers. The nest is an open cup built by the female on the ground, hidden at the base of a shrub, rock or tree trunk on a slope or steep bank. The banks of Sabino Creek in Marshall Gulch are ideal, with favorable slopes and dense foliage providing a good source of food. The adjacent photograph here shows a male with insects, in low brush along Sabino Creek, close to a ground nest in June 2017. Hatchlings are fed by both parents, so Dad might be on his way to the nest with lunch.



*Courtesy H. Johnson*

#### Yellow-eyed Juncos



*Courtesy H. Johnson*

Yellow-eyed Juncos live in mountain forests in Mexico and just across the border into southeastern Arizona and western New Mexico. They are an uncommon sight for most U.S. birders but one of our more common Summerhaven residents. They can be seen foraging for insects in leaf litter, with a characteristic forward hop and a one- or two-foot backward scratch. Their bright yellow eyes make them easy to spot. The nest is usually on the ground, sometimes in a shrub or low tree but rarely more than a few feet high. The nest is a shallow cup of grass lined with fine grass and sometimes animal hair, built in a slight depression or hidden at the base of a shrub or under a log or rock. Males sing to defend the nesting territory and might be aggressive in territorial defense, fighting off intruders.

#### Steller's Jay

Named after German naturalist Georg Steller, Steller's Jays live year-round in mountain forests of the west, from Central America and Mexico north into Arizona and New Mexico, up the Rockies and into Canada as far as Alaska, where Steller first identified them in 1741. Steller's Jays are regular residents of Mt. Lemmon, where they forage for just about everything—insects, seeds, berries, small animals, unguarded picnic items and feeder fare, including peanuts. They nest in trees, commonly pines and firs. The nest is a ragged cup of twigs, weeds, moss and dry leaves, held together with mud and lined with grass and pine needles. Adults are quiet and secretive while nesting, but become noisy and aggressive if the nest is threatened. Clutch size is three to six eggs, most commonly four. Incubation is by the female, but both parents will feed the young.

[Sources: "Guide to North American Birds," online at [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org); "All About Birds," Cornell Lab of Ornithology, [www.allaboutbirds.org](http://www.allaboutbirds.org).]



*Courtesy H. Johnson*

## THIS CABIN—NEW & OLD

### New technology can eliminate some second-home headaches

If your cabin is your second home—a weekend or summer retreat—there are several tech devices available now that can improve your peace of mind and the security and convenience of your cabin.

#### Security Doorbells

A digital doorbell can add security and peace of mind. There are several products on the market now that allow you to see who is at your door or on your deck from your smartphone whether you are in the other room, on the trail or out of town. Most require a simple app download and an easy installation of the device at your door. Two popular devices are Ring, starting at \$99.00, and Nest Hello, from \$229.99.

#### Locks

A remote access smart lock allows you to lock or unlock the cabin from anywhere via your smartphone. This might be handy if you have a housekeeper, contractor, family members or renters that need access—some devices allow up to 30 programmable access codes for different individuals. Installation could be more complex for the casual do-it-yourselfer, and so you might want to have a

professional help you. Two products available now are the Schlage smart door locks, from \$176.00, and Nest x Yale Lock with Nest Connect, at \$279.00.



Clockwise from upper left: Ring, Nest Hello, Schlage Smart Door Lock, Ecobee3 lite and Nest Thermostat.

#### Heating/AC Controls

With a Wi-Fi enabled thermostat, you can turn on your furnace or A/C before you head up to Summerhaven so you arrive to a comfortably heated or cooled cabin. Check out the Nest Thermostat E smart Wi-Fi programmable thermostat, from \$169.00, or the Ecobee3 lite, which is compatible with Alexa and starts at \$139.00.

#### Television Viewing

Another convenient and cost-saving strategy is to use a streaming device for your TV or movie viewing. You can cut the cable at both homes by using a single streaming account. Many of the media streaming devices (sometimes called hubs) allow you to set up your TV with any online or local streaming service. The most popular media streaming devices are Kindle Fire TV, Apple TV, Android TV, Google Chromecast and Roku. Prices range from \$35.00 for Google Chromecast, which works with your PC, to \$199.00 for Apple TV.

These are just a few of the products available. You'll want to check out other products online or go to your local hardware store to find the best product for you.

### A word of caution about nesting birds

If you spot a nest, avoid disturbing the nest or the activities of the parents. Be careful about sharing the location with others as a large throng of lookie-loo's can disrupt the nesting family. Some of our avian neighbors, such as the Red-faced Warbler, are threatened by loss of forest habitat, and we want Mt. Lemmon to be a friendly place for them to raise a family. For more on birding ethics, see the "American Birding Association Code of Birding Ethics" at [www.aba.org/ethics](http://www.aba.org/ethics), and "Audubon's Guide to Ethical Bird Photography" at [www.audubon.org/get-outside/audubons-guide-ethical-bird-photography](http://www.audubon.org/get-outside/audubons-guide-ethical-bird-photography).

Henry Johnson



## FOREST SERVICE

### District provides fire season outlook and FireScape update

Ben Plumb, the Acting Fire Management Officer of the District, Coronado National Forest, has provided the following outlook, which was produced by the Southwest Coordination Center Predictive Services:

- **Fine Fuels Condition**—Last year's rains and this past wet winter have increased the fine fuels loading (grasses), which are normal to above normal and continuous, especially southern/southeastern AZ into eastern/southeastern plains.
- **Spring and early Summer Weather Pattern**—Expect a variable weather pattern with strong potential to transition into a dynamic and active mid-late spring.
- **Monsoon**—Tough to predict specifics overall, but there are some concerns about both a later-than-normal onset and less robust burst.
- **Dry conditions to take place May/June**, focused on low-mid elevations grass/brush fuel types.
- **Coming in to June**, expect above-normal Significant Wildland Fire Potential.

For more information, see Southwest Coordination Center, Fire Potential Outlooks website, <https://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/predictive/outlooks/outlooks.htm>.

Also, Charles Clark, Deputy District Ranger, Coronado National Forest, reports: "Regarding FireScape, we were hoping to get some work done thinning near Summerhaven this February, but we had too much snow to proceed with our plans. We are now planning to thin in that area in September and October."

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## MLBEA

### Shape up, learn something new, and shop an arts fair with a cause by Jenni Zimmerman

The Mt. Lemmon Business and Economic Associations presents summer activities to challenge and entertain you:

- ★ **Pilates and Yoga classes**—back by popular demand—Wednesdays and Saturdays, \$15 a session.
- ★ **An artists festival and craft fair** on selected Saturdays throughout the summer—proceeds help the Southern Arizona Pet Food Bank.
- ★ **Speakers** talk about Mt. Lemmon flowers, trees, birds and stargazing—free programs open to the public. (See p. 2 for dates, times and more details.)

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### Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association

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Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association (MLHOA) was formed in 1969 to protect the welfare of the Mt. Lemmon community and to be involved in all aspects of its improvement. The concerns of the organization are not limited to private property owners. Full membership with voting rights is accorded to private owners and leased land holders upon payment of yearly dues. Being organized, having a legal fund and having active local voice participation enables the Association to accomplish most of its goals. The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles, enabling owners to mingle. The Annual Dinner and Meeting is held each year on the first Tuesday after taxes.

Pima County has said the MLHOA is the strongest and most respected homeowner's organization in the entire county.

Members of the board of directors are Mike Stanley, president; Jenni Zimmerman, vice-president; Linda Currin, treasurer; Sally Crum, secretary; Lorri Hans, event coordinator; Bernadette Blatt and Barbara McLean, Echoes co-editors; and members-at-large John Mulay, Pete Krauss, Debbie Fagan, Glen Schager, Mike Bernstein, Tom Thomas, Bill Piatkiewicz and Matt Grossman.

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## Mt. Lemmon Community Center

The Mt. Lemmon Community Center (MLCC) is part of Pima County's Natural Resources Parks and Recreation (NRPR) department. The center is located in the community of Summerhaven. The facility is dependent upon local volunteers to staff and support the visitors center. The mission is to welcome all who visit the facility and to promote Summerhaven, Mt. Lemmon and Pima County, Arizona.

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