

## Our Mountain: Where the Wild Things Are

From wild animals to wildflowers, see them in our high-elevation paradise



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### Forest Service: Fire Season Slow, So Far

Fire season across the Santa Catalina District of the Coronado National Forest has been relatively slow, totaling three wildfires across less than one acre through late July, the district office reported.

Prescribed thinning was ongoing in the Marshall Gulch area, and prescribed fire unit preparation continued near the Inspiration Rock picnic and Bigelow Mountain areas.

Fire danger remained "very high," and caution was recommended for all use of fire. Fireworks and other pyrotechnics remain prohibited.

### Monsoon Rains Arrive; Here's a Guide to Safety

**By Dan Leade**  
**Mt. Lemmon Fire District**

August is finally here, which means the monsoons are here as well. Always a welcome change of season to those of us in who reside in the Santa Catalina Mountains, the monsoons bring cooler temperatures, greener foliage, and an abundance of flowers and wildlife.

More important, our

beautiful sky island receives a significant reduction in wildfire potential. But even with all the benefits the monsoons provide to Mt. Lemmon, they are not without danger. This is why it is imperative to review some of the many hazards that accompany the arrival of our annual monsoon season.

Flooding should always be a concern when large

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## August

- 5 - Movie night, 6:30pm, MLCC
- 10 - Wildflower Hike, 9:30am,  
Top of Mt. Lemmon  
parking lot
- 11 - Full moon
- 15 - ML Fire District Board,  
4pm, Fire station or  
online at [mlfdaz.org](http://mlfdaz.org)
- 19 - Bunko, 6:30-9pm, MLCC
- 20 - Mountain meetings:  
8:30am - MLWD Board  
10am - MLHOA Board  
1pm - ML Woman's Club  
2:15pm - ML Woman's Club  
Speaker Program, MLCC  
FireWise volunteer  
celebration, 5:30pm, MLCC

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# Mountain Libraries Are in Full Bloom

By Christina Grossman

Wynne Brown, author of *The Forgotten Botanist*, wrote about the time Sara Plummer Lemmon, for whom this mountain was named, created a small library for her community. Well over a century later, Sara's legacy lives on through a triad of women who have created libraries for the benefit of the community. Let us honor the first of these women, Debbie Fagan.

Debbie, owner of The Living Rainbow, has rebuilt her life after the 2003 Aspen Fire. Debbie always shares the story about Sara; it is also on the back of her business card. For a vast number of years, she has been the unofficial community librarian. She houses the library in a small room behind her store's counter. Only a small sample of the collection is visible. She has boxes of books far beyond what the shelves can hold for the locals to read and enjoy. She is looking for new ideas for the library.

Connie Taylor is an educator, mother, grandmother and former elementary teacher who inspired many children to love reading. Since 2021, she has been the librarian of her little free library in front of her cabin on Phoenix Avenue. Scooter the Owl keeps watch at the library and is wondering "who-o-o likes to read?" The magical forest readers below are there to invite children ages 8+ to read with them under the Ponderosa Pines. Don't be fooled by the number of books. Connie has an enormous collection tucked away to restock the library for years to come!

Continue your journey down the hill to find the



**Christina Grossman, left, of the Boulder Tree Cottage Library (Photo: David Grossman). Connie Taylor, right, and Scooter the Owl, asking 'who-o-o likes to read?' (Photo: Christina Grossman).**

third library, the Boulder Creek Cottage Library, which opened its doors in August 2021 for the little ones to enjoy. While borrowing books, they can take a kindness coin to remind them to make our world a kinder place and never stop learning. Take it from a mathematics educator, mother and lifelong learner in the sciences: This ivy isn't poisonous.

If you want to learn more about plants, or something out of this world, I have a copy of Frank Rose's *Mountain Wildflowers of Southern Arizona*, and Douglas Meredith's series of *Generation Mars*, where young girls are the heroine scientists.

These little libraries hibernate for the Winter until the first mountain flowers bloom.



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# It's Monsoon Season; Take Precautions

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amounts of rain occur. These concerns are more evident when a deluge from a slow-moving monsoon impacts our narrow mountain canyons.

This type of rainfall often results in flash flooding. Flash flooding, as the name indicates, occurs very quickly and many times has deadly results. If you are planning to be outside during the monsoon season, it is crucial to check local forecasts and be cognizant of flash flood watches and warnings. If you are caught near a flood of any variety, never attempt to drive or walk through the flood waters. These waters are fast-moving, murky, full of debris and difficult to gauge the depth of. It takes a mere 6 inches of water to knock over an adult, while a foot of water can move a vehicle.

Lightning is another major concern during monsoon season. While not common, Arizona has had 17 lightning fatalities since 1990. Lightning strikes are a frequent occurrence during monsoons atop Mount Lemmon. Per the Arizona

Emergency Information Network,, if you are in a forest, seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of small trees, while you should go to a low place such as a ravine or valley and be alert for flash floods if caught in an open area.

If you feel your hair stand on end, lightning is about to strike. Do not lie flat on the ground. Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet and place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees to make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground.

Other safety concerns to be aware of are rapidly deteriorating driving conditions, dropping temperature and falling trees, power lines, and rock slides. Much of the forest is still recovering from the Bighorn Fire, and such hazards in the burn scar are even more prevalent and must be anticipated.

Even though we discuss monsoon safety annually, these safety tips are always worth reviewing. Enjoy the monsoons with all their positive advantages, but do so safely.

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## Forest Service Wildlife Surveys Find Owls, Frogs, Bighorn Sheep

### From The U.S. Forest Service

The Forest Service wildlife team is continuing with the Mexican spotted owl surveys. After a slow start, we located a good number of owls and documented several pairs exhibiting nesting behavior while spotting a few owlets.

The survey will wrap up soon because the breeding season ends on Aug. 31.

We have begun yellow-billed cuckoo surveys. While there have been no sightings yet, it is still early as the breeding season runs through Sept. 30.

Saguaro National Park wrapped up its surveys of lowland leopard frogs, with some located on Forest Service land north of the park. These populations are doing well and seem to have recovered following the Bighorn Fire, which burned through their habitat in 2020.

Last, we had several bighorn sheep sightings in Sabino Canyon in July (*bighorn sheep ram photo on Page 1, courtesy of U.S. Forest Service*).

## Woman's Club Activities Include Collecting Glasses, Wildlife Talk

### By Sandi Triplett

The 4th of July Parade was a great success (photos and more information on Pages 13 and 14). The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club thanks Susanne Drolet for the countless hours she spent coordinating the event. Thanks, also, to all the volunteers for their help and to the participants for their time and creativity to make the parade one of Mt. Lemmon's favorite events.

The Woman's Club is collecting eyeglasses for the Lions Club. Donate glasses at the Living Rainbow and at the Visitor Center at the MLCC or at the next meeting of the Woman's Club, Aug. 20, 1 p.m., also at the Community Center.

Don't miss what should be an exciting presentation on wildlife, the Black Bears of the Catalinas, by David Dean at the Community Center Aug. 20 at 2:15 p.m., following the Woman's Club meeting.

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## Mt. Lemmon HOA July Board Meeting Summary

By John Osborne, Board Secretary

**Fire:** Chief Joe Gunia: Arizona will partially fund fire station renovation with a \$2.23 million grant. A federal grant is still pending.

**Forest:** District Ranger C.J. Woodard: 90% chance Stage 2 fire restrictions will not return.

**County:** Beth Borozan: Primary election Aug. 2. No vaccine requirement to vote.

**Events:** Movies night, Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m. at the

Community Center, featuring "Billy Elliot"; Pancake breakfast Sunday, Sept. 4, Labor Day weekend carnival games and prizes provided by John Korhonen; Chili Cookoff in October, date TBD.

**Water:** Springs and tanks are low. Excessive water use, largely in rental cabins, is draining water tanks quickly. The MLWD welcomes new employee Dale Hewitt Aug. 1.

## Delving into a Mountain Roads Mystery

From the desk of  
Supervisor  
Steve Christy

We love a good mystery in the District 4 office, and after meeting last month with the Pima County Transportation team, we have one.

First, what we learned. The transportation team confirmed that the department is not obligated to maintain any roadway infrastructure outside of its maintenance network, regardless if it contains fire hydrants or other utility infrastructure. Water utilities have

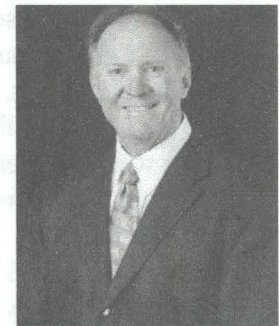
infrastructure both within and outside of Pima County's roadway maintenance network, as is the case for any other utility (electric, sewer, etc.). It is each utility's responsibility to ensure it has the appropriate agreements and codes necessary to install, maintain and access their infrastructure, including when located within a private easement.

We asked for a timeline of when roads had been added to the maintenance inventory and were told the last time roads were added was in 2005, after the

Aspen Fire. Roads in the Loma Sabino Pines HOA were previously private, and the fire highlighted the need for better public circulation and access.

The report we await is the chronology of road acceptance in the Summerhaven area for maintenance by Pima County. For example, when was Yuma Avenue added, and why 0.12 of a mile of the road? How about the 0.24 of a mile of Ajo Avenue?

Essentially, we have sent the Transportation team down a research rabbit hole so that we all have a better



Supervisor Christy

understanding of how we got to where we are today, and to better manage expectations moving forward.

We hope to have the report next month, as well as an update on the snow (yes, snow) removal contract.

Contact Supervisor Christy at 520 724-8418 or [district4@pima.gov](mailto:district4@pima.gov).



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## The Little Bird That Could: Flycatcher Breeding Improves

*Editor's note: Charles van Riper III is doing his research with the School of Natural Resources and the Environment and the U.S. Geological Survey at the University of Arizona. He will continue to provide updates on the Cordilleran flycatcher.*

**By Charles van Riper III, Ph.D.**

After all the problems that the Cordilleran flycatcher (*Empidonax occidentalis*) had breeding last year on Mt. Lemmon, the good news is that this year is turning out to be considerably better.

There are two principal reasons for this upturn. The first is that flying insect numbers have increased, and this means a greater food supply for the flycatchers and their young. The second is that egg predation levels have decreased.

The volume of flying insects captured in our traps on Turkey Run is consistently higher than last year. Although there were higher insect levels in parts of 2019 and 2020, this year we have a consistent and substantial number of flying insects that serve as food for the Cordilleran flycatcher on Mt. Lemmon.

We will see if this trend continues, and if breeding remains productive this summer.

Flycatchers have also experienced a decrease in egg predation this year. The birds build open nests in which they lay eggs, which are easily taken by avian predators, mainly Steller's jays and the common raven. This year there seem to be fewer jays throughout our study areas on Mt. Lemmon. In our mist netting efforts to catch and band birds we have not captured a single Steller's jay this year, compared with six last year, five in 2020 and seven in 2019.

There is a group of Cordilleran flycatchers that comes to Mt. Lemmon each year that do not breed. These birds are called "floaters" and often are the younger birds, many that hatched the previous breeding season. Since 2016 we have found that, of all the Cordilleran flycatchers we have banded, only about 15% return each year.

This means that about 85% of the flycatchers we have banded are not observed in subsequent years. It is possible that some birds go elsewhere, but a great number are certainly lost during migration in the fall, during the winter period in southern Mexico and to the rigors of migrating over 1,000



**Cordilleran flycatcher**



**Flycatcher nest and eggs**

(Photos by Harold Greeney)

miles back to Mt. Lemmon in the spring.

Perhaps a silver lining to the poor nesting last year may be that less adult energy was spent raising young and thus the higher return rate of banded Cordilleran flycatchers we are seeing this year.

Each year we intensively study over 40 Cordilleran flycatcher nests on Mt. Lemmon and try to band as many breeding individuals as possible.

The young nestlings receive only an aluminum USGS numbered band. This allows us to determine exactly how many birds that bred or were born in the previous year return for the next breeding season. This past year we found an individual that has bred on Mt. Lemmon consistently for the past five years.

In fact, we find that the older breeding birds have a higher return rate than all other flycatcher age classes. Due to the very high 85% non-return rate, most of the Cordilleran flycatchers that breed on Mt. Lemmon are first-year birds.

There are, however, a growing number of older birds that are returning to breed on Mt. Lemmon, some using the same nesting location over multiple years.



## Sky Island Kids Club Cleans Up, Meets Smokey, Plans for Fall Activities

By Christina Grossman

This was the Sky Island Kids Club's first in-person season with our families since the Summer of 2019.

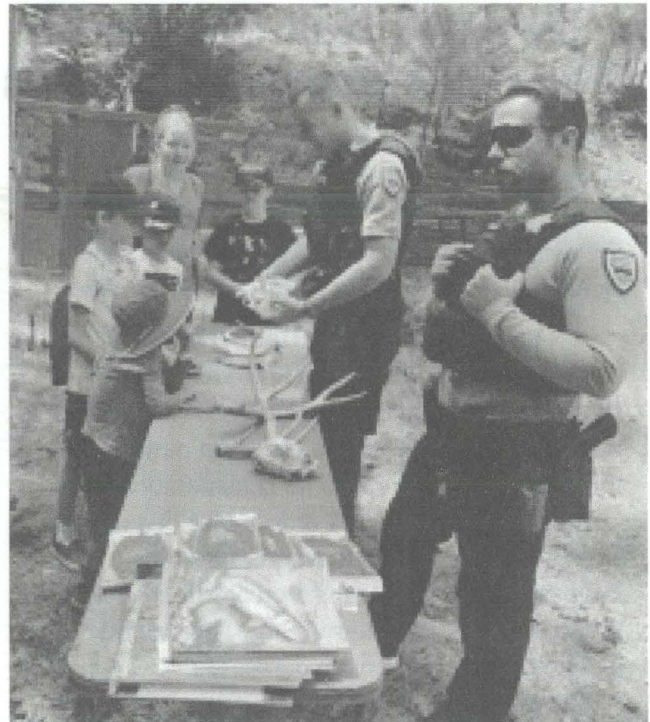
We had a great group of parent volunteers who stepped up to the plate to help and/or plan. Thank you Laura Gunia, Heidi Harley, Taeko Miller, Agnieszka Sloan and Jill Levy for all you have done.

We also thank Caleb Rasor, our own Eagle Scout candidate on the mountain, for volunteering to lead the plant walk this summer.

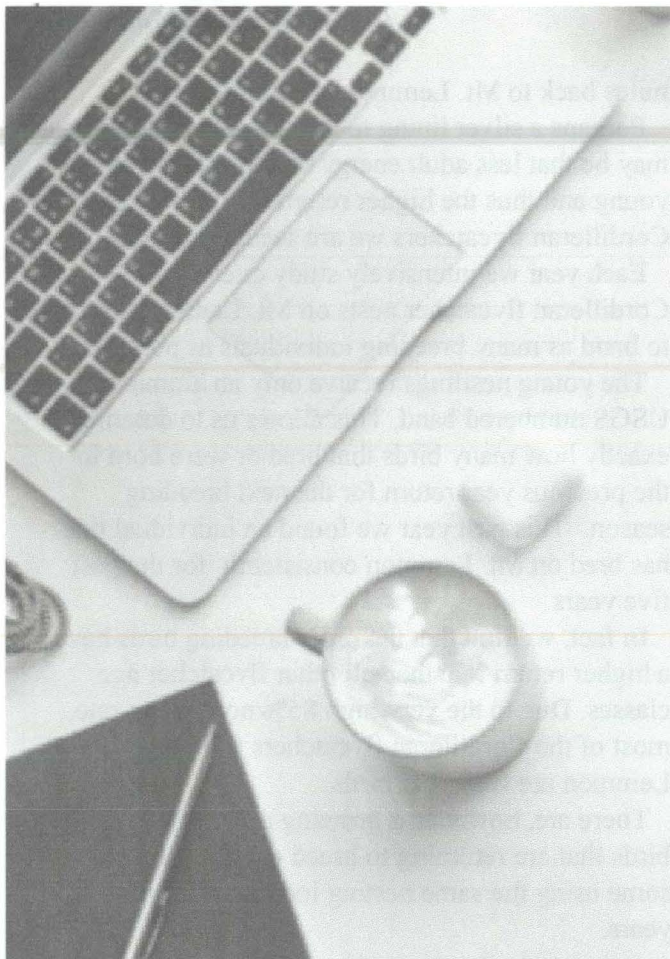
We began our season with the Annual Spring Cleanup to help beautify Summerhaven and the Faul Preserve.

When cheatgrass presented itself early this year, we answered the call for help to Firewise and to help out our neighbors.

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*Kids Club members meet with Arizona Game & Fish officers A. Smallwood (center) and S. Whitmore. (Photo by Christina Grossman.)*



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## Summer Was Busy for Sky Island Kids Club...

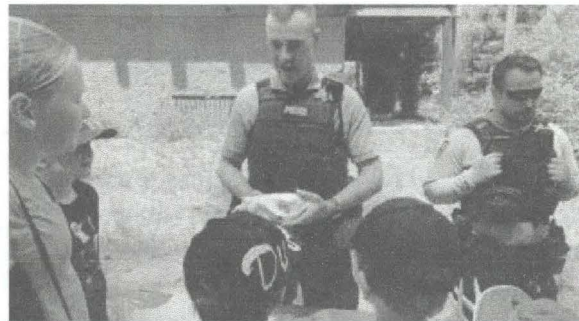


After the Annual Spring Clean Up. From left: Solomon Grossman, David Grossman, Liam Street, Bill Street, Mirianna Grossman, Christina Grossman, and Matthew Grossman. (Photo by Carol Niehoff.)



Renewing their celebration of Independence Day, Sky Island Kids Club members and their parents prepare to march in Mt. Lemmon's 4th of July Parade. (Photo by Stacey Cochran.)

Arizona Game & Fish Officer A. Smallwood shows an animal skull to Sky Island Kids Club members at a June demonstration, along with Officer S. Whitmore. They showed the children how to identify bones of local wildlife. (Photo by Christina Grossman.)



## ... And There's More to Come This Fall

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We learned from Smokey Bear and Arizona Game & Fish officers about protecting our wonderful mountain. We gathered for a movie under the stars and made new friendships. We also became enchanted by the forest at our beloved 4th of July Parade.

Thank you to all of our donors and sponsors in helping make these memories happen. Thank you to all the families who participated, and we hope to see you time and time again because we have more fun to come.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the MLHOA, is in the planning stages for Labor Day weekend. New this year will be that John Korhonen will provide carnival games for the Sky Island Kids Club families. Proceeds from carnival game ticket sales will be donated to the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department. Kids will also be able to earn prizes. To make sure things run smoothly,

we will need parent volunteers to help sell tickets, or monitor the games. We also welcome teenagers to volunteer. Grandparents, tell your grandkids to leave their schedules open for that weekend.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 15, for a Halloween Trunk-O-Treat at 6 p.m. at the parking lot next to the Sawmill Restaurant. We need at least two more decorated cars and families to hand out candy. There will be a haunted Halloween trail for all ages. Bring flashlights, Halloween buckets, dress in costume, and be ready to have fun.

We are collecting canned goods to donate to a food bank in Southern Arizona. We will also collect arts and crafts kits and art supplies to donate to the Catalina Village MLWC project. Donations for both can be made at the Halloween event.

If you would like to stay connected, or learn more about how to be part of the Sky Island Kids Club, contact me at [christina@grossman.com](mailto:christina@grossman.com).



## Celebrating Volunteers for Firewise and MLFD

By Sally Crum

### Firewise Community Chairperson

It's been too long since we've celebrated and recognized the fantastic work done every year by our Firewise Committee, neighborhood captains and volunteers. We have come a long way in educating and helping our community to understand the little things that are huge in reducing the risk of wildfire. This effort continues every year and requires many hours of planning, communicating and physical labor.

Join us Aug. 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center for the celebration. We will have a free taco bar, and we ask people to bring side dishes, snacks or desserts.

After the Bighorn Fire in 2020, our Firewise community was publicly recognized by the governor and the U.S. Forest Service for our efforts, which helped prevent the loss of any structures on Mt. Lemmon.

Our Mt. Lemmon Fire District volunteers undergo training so they can respond to calls for assistance with motor vehicle crashes, campfires and other incidents. The MLFD depends on their support to provide service to the community.

We will also use the celebration to share photos of Firewise activities and even some of your "we had fun this summer" photos. Please forward your photos via email to: [matthew@grossman.com](mailto:matthew@grossman.com) no later than Aug. 10.

## The Echoes Seeks 'Critter Pictures'

Deer nibbling at low-hanging apples, turkeys scratching at the ground for a snack, squirrels scampering up pine trees. Those and more are familiar sights on Mt. Lemmon.

Starting with the photo at right of deer on Phoenix Avenue, we at *The Echoes* want to make your photos of wildlife a regular feature.

Take pictures of your wildlife finds, and send them to us. Depending on quality and quantity, we will run two or three critter pictures each month.


The fine print: Make sure photos are well lighted and in focus. Try to fill the frame with the subject animal, or capture the image clearly in a natural setting. Tell us in an email the species, where and when it was photographed and who took the picture. Attach the photo to the email as a jpeg.

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**Whitetail deer sauntering along Phoenix Avenue one recent morning in Summerhaven.**

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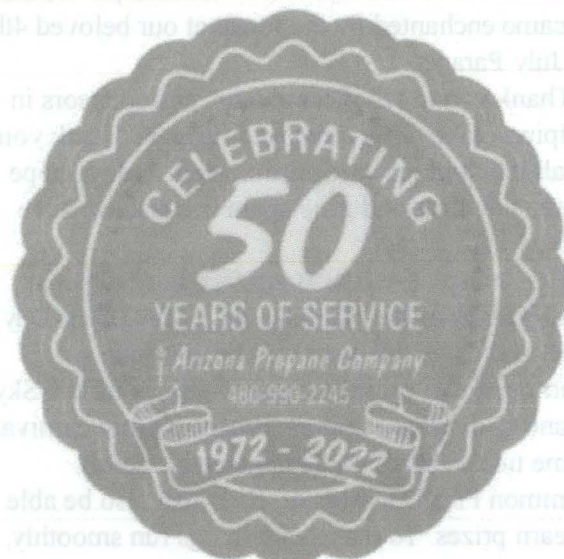
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## What Species of Tree Is It? New Signage Will Tell You

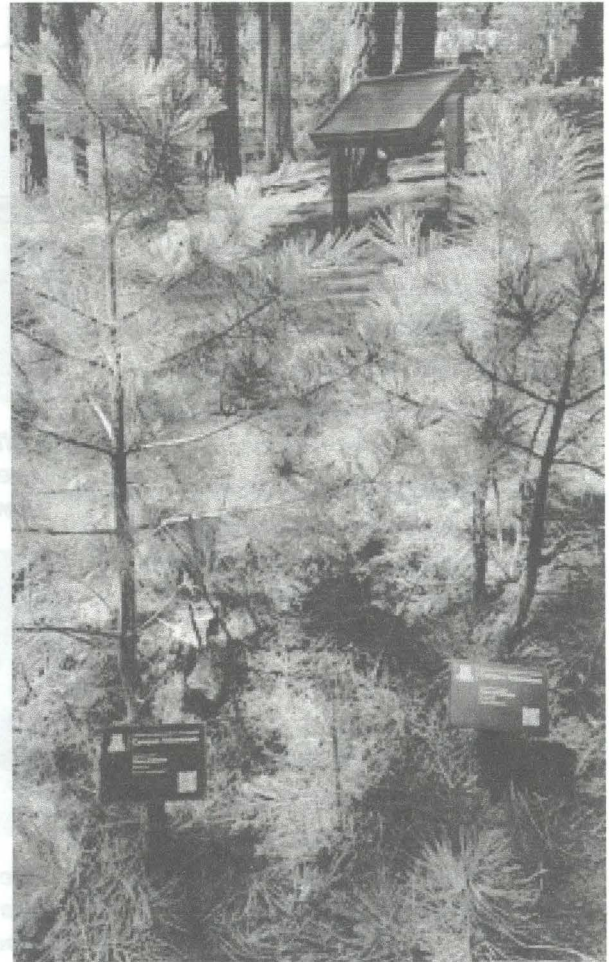
Don't know an Arizona pine from a ponderosa pine or which species of oak you are appreciating?

Visit the University of Arizona's Faul Preservation Area along Sabino Canyon Parkway for the identities.

A crew from the UA's Campus Arboretum last month installed signs on many of the perennial species in the preservation area, telling the common name and scientific name of each species.

Also included is a "QR" (quick response) code to allow a smart phone scan to take you to the website for more information on the trees and the preservation area, said Willem J.D. van Leeuwen, director of the UA School of Natural Resources and the Environment.

"At the time of the plant survey by the students earlier this spring, many of the annuals were not growing yet, so (signs for) these might come at a later time," van Leeuwen said in an email.



*Arizona pine, on the left, and ponderosa pine and the signs identifying them.  
(Photos by Willem J.D. van Leeuwen.)*



*Bigtooth maple and its ID sign.*

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# Water Pipe Upgrade Underway on Tucson Avenue

**By Doug Mance**

Welcome from your Mt. Lemmon Water District, where we are now beginning a new, "post-Michael Stanley" period in mountain history.

Congratulations, Michael, on a wonderful career, and welcome to Nathan Davis, our new water district manager.

This month my story is about managing homeowner expectations. It's about under-promising and over-delivering. It's about putting new water infrastructure into the unpredictable ground of Mt. Lemmon.

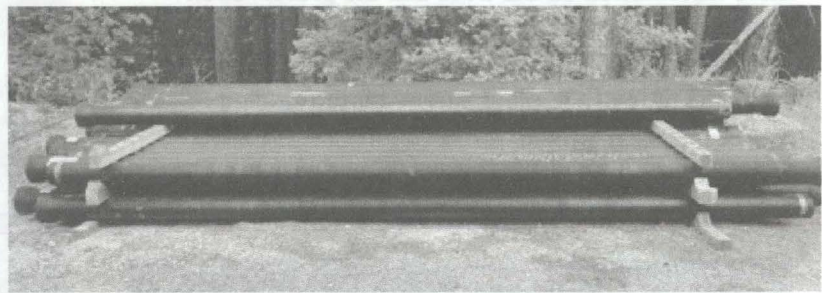
We are currently in the middle of our Tucson Avenue water line replacement, which will connect new 6-inch ductile iron pipeline at Retreat Road with relatively new 6-inch ductile iron pipeline on Upper Goat Hill Road, just north of the Mary Undoer of Knots Shrine. The pipeline being replaced is decades-old, 2-inch galvanized iron pipe that could rupture under the slightest pressure or temperature change. Three brand new fire hydrants will also be installed along the route of this especially important infrastructure upgrade.

As the Water District contractors work on these projects, please remember that, on our mountain, the unpredictable is predictable. When we dig on Mt. Lemmon we can depend on surprises (we found a septic field in the middle of Tucson Avenue. Really, we did).

Our contractor, Eiffel Construction and Engineering, is a top-notch group of professionals, and able to quickly fix any incidental water line



**Left: one of three new fire hydrants installed along Tucson Avenue as part of the pipeline replacement project. Right: newly installed water meters. (Photos by Doug Mance.)**



**Piled along Carter Canyon Road, these 6-inch, epoxy-coated iron pipes are among the 1,200 feet of water pipeline being installed to replace 50-year-old pipeline for 35 residential customers on Tucson Avenue and Mary Undoer of Knots Shrine on Upper Goat Hill Road.**

but those interruptions will occur. Eiffel's working schedule is four-tens, that is, Monday through Thursday, 10-hour workdays. At the end of the day each Thursday, they will tidy up the work area for weekend passage and make sure that all affected cabin owners have water service.

I have already established an email distribution list for those owners along this route and will continue to keep everyone apprised of progress, process and hiccups moving forward.

If you are on the construction route and not on

that distribution list, please send an e-mail to [dmancemtlemon@comcast.net](mailto:dmancemtlemon@comcast.net).

This project has at least 4-6 more weeks of digging, pressure testing and meter hookups and then paving in the fall, so please be patient with and cognizant of the inconveniences that any project like this will present.

We at your water district believe that these projects are both long in coming and good for your mountain.

*Doug Mance is board chair of the Mt. Lemmon Water District.*



## 4th of July Parade Returns After 2-Year Absence

**By Sally Crum**  
**MLHOA President**

The summer got off to a great start with the return of the Annual 4th of July Parade, sponsored by the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club. It made my heart smile to see so many of our friends and neighbors behind and in front of the scenes working

diligently to make the event so successful.

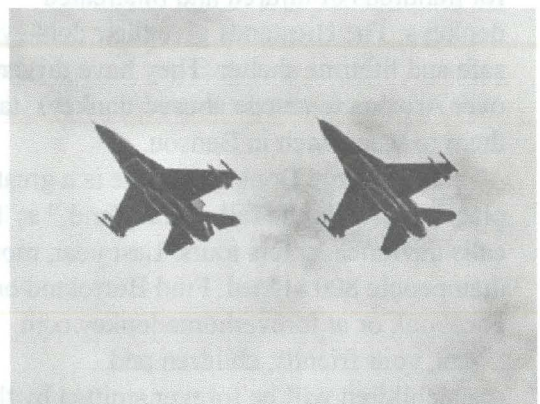
There was a huge turnout, and the F-16 flyover immediately after the National Anthem was received with a huge round of applause. Relive the moment with these images from the parade. Other parade photos, Pages 9 and 14. (Photos by Henry Johnson.)



**Parade Grand Marshalls John and Linda Mulay**



**Representing the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club, from left, Marie Ahmann, Louise Lynch, Hazel Rugg, Karen Burrows and Katie Ammon.**



**F-16 flyover, courtesy of the 162nd Fighter Wing of the Arizona Air National Guard.**



## Jasmine Delights All at 4th of July Parade

By Leigh Anne Thrasher  
'The Donkey Lady'

Can pine trees giggle? If so, perhaps they were giggling along with kids of all ages at the 4th of July Parade at the sight of Jasmine, Mt. Lemmon's favorite magical, marvelous, mini donkey.

Jasmine and five friends from Forever Home Donkey Rescue in Benson, Ariz., waltzed down Sabino Canyon Parkway in their festive red, white and blue costumes.

That was after a bumpy, 72-mile ride in a trailer from Benson. The ride is an ordeal; I know: I did it once in the trailer so I could experience what it was like for our animals.

It was a teachable moment, and I would never do it again. It makes me thankful that Jasmine continues to jump into the trailer for a ride, most of the time.

Why? Because she trusts us. Donkeys are domesticated animals that have adapted to live closely with people.

The six donkeys in the parade were saved from people's abuse or neglect, never to fully recover physically, needing regular vet visits, medications, hoof care and perhaps special diets for the rest of their lives.

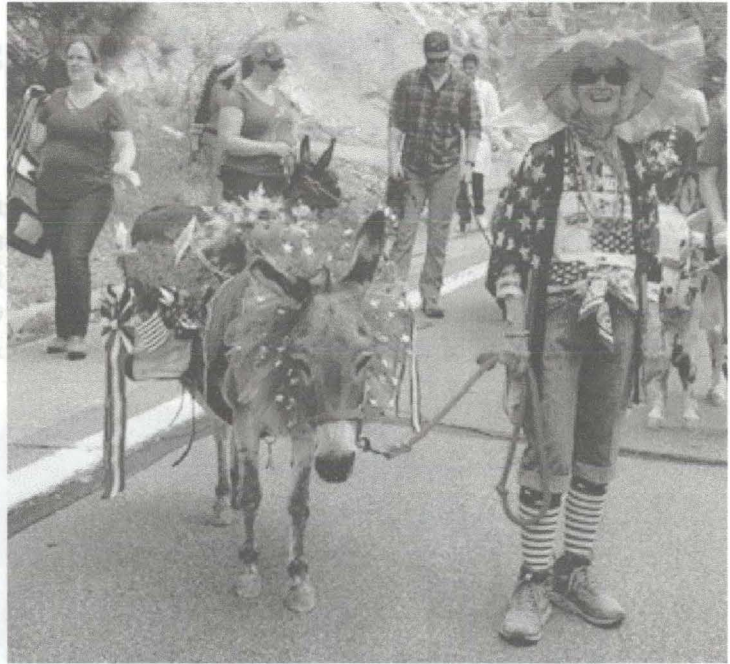
Since 1998, Forever Home Donkey Rescue, owned by Tish and John Hiestand, has cared for hundreds of injured and mistreated donkeys. The Hiestands give their donkeys a safe and lifetime shelter. They have driven all over Arizona to rescue abused donkeys, taking them to their ranch in Benson.

Forever Home Donkey Rescue is a great place to visit. In the fall, "Burroland," as Tish calls the ranch, offers tours. Last year, more than people 800 visited. Find Burroland on Facebook or at [foreverhomedonkey.com](http://foreverhomedonkey.com).

You, your friends, children and grandchildren will be forever smitten by the love of a donkey!

And about the forest giggling? Listen carefully when you are on the mountain, and you might hear a "hee-haw."

Happy Trails!



*Jasmine, familiar to many on Mt. Lemmon, dressed up for the 4th of July Parade with caretaker Leigh Anne Thrasher. (Photo by Bonnie Slaten.)*

## Coming Activities on the Mountain

By Sally Crum

Join your friends and neighbors for these activities in August and September.

\* Friday night movies, every first Friday of the month, at the MLCC. This month's feature on Aug. 5 starting at 6:30 p.m. is "Billy Elliot," a 2000 coming-of-age movie set in Great Britain.

\* Wildflower Walk, Wednesday, Aug. 10. Meet at the top of the mountain parking lot. Summer foliage is in full bloom, so don't miss it.

\* Bunko, Friday, Aug. 19, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at MLCC. Bring your own drink and a snack to share. This is an easy game and great opportunity to meet people. For more information, call Linda Mulay, 520-576-1417.

\* Speaker Program, sponsored by the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club, Saturday, Aug. 20, 2:15 p.m. at MLCC. Speaker David Dean will discuss the black bears of the Santa Catalinas.

\* Ceremony to honor Firewise and Fire District volunteers, Saturday, Aug. 20, 5:30 p.m. at MLCC.

\* Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the MLHOA, Sunday, Sept. 4, 9:30 a.m. at the Mt. Lemmon Fire District. Flu vaccines will be available, plus carnival-style games for the kids.



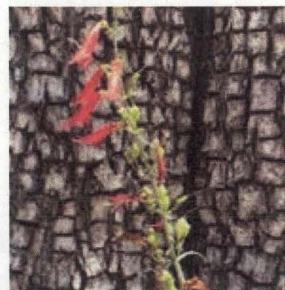
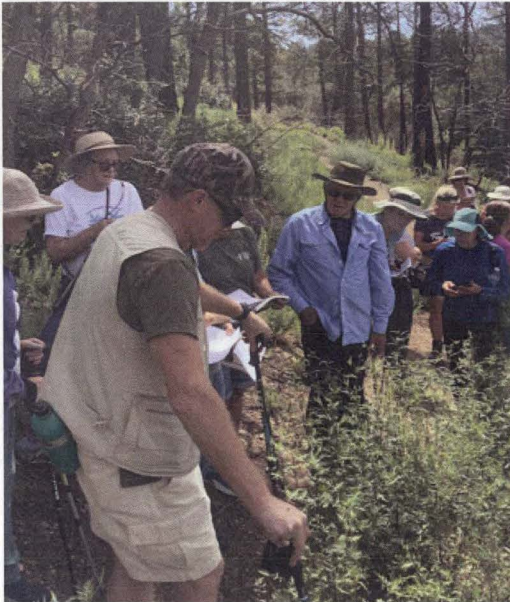
# Take a Walk on the Wildflower Side

Next Guided Wildflower Walk Scheduled for Aug. 10

9:30 a.m., Top of Mt. Lemmon Parking Area

Images from the July 13 walk at Box Camp

(Photos by Carol Niehoff, Vonnie Freeman and Robin Kirk)



Participants in the July 13 Wildflower Walk on the hunt for Mt. Lemmon's beautiful flora.

Clockwise from top left: St. John's wort, bearded penstemon, Thurber's cinquefoil, pineland figwort, many-flowered puccoon, Alpine woodsorrel.

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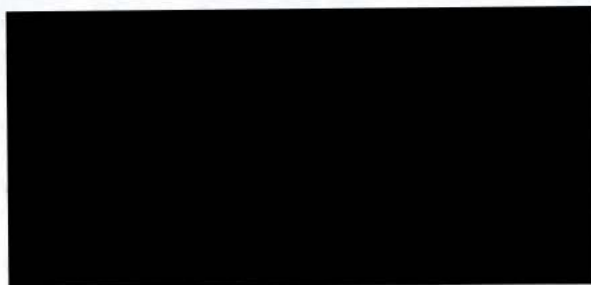
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## How to Stay Up to Date on Mt. Lemmon Happenings

By Matt Grossman

There are four online resources available to keep Mount Lemmon residents up to date between Echoes editions:

1. A Google Group has been set up to provide email updates. To join, send an e-mail to [mtlemmon-hoa+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:mtlemmon-hoa+subscribe@googlegroups.com).
2. The Mount Lemmon Homeowner's Association maintains a website at <https://mtlemmonhoa.org/> Check it out, get informed, and contribute.
3. A neighborhood group has been set up on Nextdoor.com. Sign up using your cabin street address to be connected to the Mount Lemmon group. If you already use Nextdoor for your valley neighborhood, you need to

sign up for Mt. Lemmon under a different email address, since only one neighborhood is permitted per email address at this time. This venue is important for general information, worthwhile educational benefits and timely communication, especially during critical concerns such as fire danger and road closures.

4. MLFDZ.org is the web-address for our Fire Department. On their home page, under the Resources tab is *Firewise*. This tab takes you to the compilation of the important Firewise information and forms. This includes an Action List for Property Owners, a Community Communications form, cheatgrass and bark beetle identification, and even more information to help keep your cabin and community safe.