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AI Comes to Soldier Camp for Nesting Program

Submitted by Chuck Huber

We have had a good relationship with Harold Greenery for several years in support of the Western Flycatcher Nesting/Monitoring Program. This spring, Harold called asking if we would support the program by hosting insect monitoring systems.

Insect (food) loading is critical to the life cycle of these birds, and a large population supports both the establishment of nests, as well as hatched chicks. At our cabin in Lower Soldier, there are actually two types of insect traps, the "old school" catch traps and the super-modern "image counters".

The goal is to use data from both traps, to develop a computer model and scaling for "image counters" to be processed using AI. Initially, this data is processed on a laptop. But in the future, the goal would be to embed the capability in the image processor device, so output directly provides a count of insect numbers. In the aerospace and satellite industry, this is referred to as "Edge Computing"; it is very advanced!

The catch traps are a lightweight net funnel, which guides insects up the "tent" and into a catch bottle filled with water (and likely an attractant). Every few days, the researcher collects the bottles; strains, dries, and weighs the captured insects. These data are compiled over time to report the "insect loading" of the area.

The image counters are essentially a high tech game camera connected to a bright light, focused on a white backboard set about 2 feet from the lens. I believe the camera is active both day and night, but operation is most noticeable at night. Once it gets dark, the light system is enabled, and it sends out a varying spectrum of light (greenish blue is most noticeable). It then snaps a picture, and repeats the cycle. The drawbacks to this system are that it requires a long extension cord to a power source, and the bright light is noticeable in the dark forest. The image data are then collected off a flashcard, which is then assessed over time to determine food levels.



Insect Catch Trap



Insect Monitoring Image Counter

The monitoring trap and counter are located near the Huber's cabin in Lower Soldier.

Jill Kennedy Joins MLHOA Board

Jill Kennedy has stepped up to the fill the MLHOA Board seat vacated by longtime Board member Pete Kraus. Thank you, for your service Pete!

Jill is a Tucson native and longtime Mt. Lemmon resident who many of you know from clubs and activities here on the mountain. She and her husband Jeff lost their cabin in the Aspen fire and rebuilt the next year.



Jill is excited to join the MLHOA Board and looks forward to making great things happen in the year ahead. Welcome Jill!

They're back!

Time to be bear aware! Henry Johnson photographed this little guy who was sniffing around and exploring near the Johnson cabin.



Arizona Fish & Game had already had several calls about bears around cabins and on roadways. Village residents (and visitors) are asked to quit feeding birds, especially hummingbirds, those feeders are full of liquid bear candy! If you can't bring yourself to stop feeding the hummers – at least bring in feeders at night.

Residents should not leave food or garbage cans out, remove food from their cars, and keep BBQ grills clean and covered. Keep an eye on small children and pets; stand tall and make lots of noise if approached.

If a bear is acting unusual, for example: not afraid of an air horn or shouting, keeps returning, or acts aggressive, then the Sheriff's Department or Fish & Game should be notified.

Remember: A fed bear is a dead bear.

The Mt. Lemmon Domestic Water Improvement District wants to remind everyone: Summerhaven is under Stage 2 Curtailment. This requires residents and visitors to voluntarily reduce water use. Please do your part and pray for rain.



From the desk of Supervisor Steve Christy

Submitted by Beth Borozan

If you have visited Summerhaven recently, you have seen that the Pima County Transportation Department has installed removeable traffic-calming "speed cushions" we advocated for to alert drivers to the reduced speed limit in the village. It is hoped this measure, combined with enhanced law enforcement, will increase pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Additionally, we have once again partnered with Visit Tucson to provide a trash receptacle on holiday weekends throughout the summer for mountain visitor use. This year's program launched during the Memorial Day holiday.

While there was about an inch or so of rain in late April, the mountain has been seasonably dry with the typical pre-summer weather pattern and we face the very real possibility of wildfire between now and the arrival of the monsoon rains. Even though the US Forest Service has not declared Stage 1 or Stage 2 fire restrictions, we believe it is imperative we all act as if fire danger is imminent. We were proud to recognize Summerhaven, Willow Canyon, and Mt. Lemmon residents for your Firewise efforts in late April during a Board of Supervisors meeting and commemorate Wildfire Community Preparedness Day.

On the legislative front, the Arizona State Legislature still has bills under consideration and a June 30 deadline to pass the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budget for the Governor's signature. House Bills 2292 and 2619, which would provide additional funding for wildfire danger mitigation and enhanced flood mitigation and remediation measures after wildfires are still moving, albeit at a snail's pace as the House gaveled out mid-May. Your District 4 office continues to monitor and advocate for the progress of these important measures.

This is our first opportunity after the April Annual Dinner Meeting to congratulate your new officers and board members for stepping up to represent your community. Our team looks forward to working with you all, and thank you for your service.



*We love our "traffic-calming speed cushions"
Thank you Supervisor Christy!*

Our Reflections this Month

Kim McNurlin & Joey Medina



As we settle into our new roles as Co-Presidents of the Mount Lemmon Homeowners Association, we are reminded what a special community this is and how fortunate we are to be part of it.

One of the highlights of the past month was the Firewise Block Party at the Community Center. It was wonderful to see so many community members visiting with neighbors, talking with exhibitors, and learning more about wildfire preparedness and mountain safety. Events like this remind us how much knowledge, energy, and commitment exist in our community. And of course, the pulled pork lunch was a special treat everyone seemed to enjoy!

We also successfully conducted our first HOA Board meeting (!) and came away energized by the many thoughtful ideas and conversations that took place. We were especially encouraged by the willingness of community members to share ideas about communication, community projects, welcoming new residents, and preserving the unique character of Mount Lemmon.

Joey has already begun working on several exciting projects. One of the most important is the development of a "New Cabin Owner Manual" filled with practical information to help residents adjust and adapt to life on the mountain. The guide will include everything from Firewise information and joining the HOA to water conservation, rental tips, emergency preparedness, and other valuable mountain-living resources. We believe this will become an invaluable tool for new residents and property owners.

Meanwhile, Kim is helping spearhead several exciting community initiatives, including assisting with the launch of a non-profit "Friends of Mt. Lemmon" organization. The group is beginning to gather interested community members who would like to shape this exciting new effort. Kim is also working to update the MLHOA website, an underutilized community resource.

We want to remind everyone that HOA Board meetings are open to the public, and we truly hope to see more of you attend over time. More voices, more ideas, and more creativity are the keys to a strong and successful community. Whether you attend regularly or simply stop in occasionally, your participation matters and shapes the future of our mountain.

Next up, we are looking forward to the Fourth of July Parade, always the summer highlight on Mount Lemmon and a wonderful reminder of the spirit, traditions, and sense of community that make this place so special.

Kim & Joey



MLFD News
Dan Leade

Calling for emergency services can be stressful. Whether calling on your behalf, a loved one or a complete stranger, dialing 911 and providing the best possible information can be a daunting task.

If you suspect a person is in need of emergency assistance, it is best practice to call for help. Dispatchers are trained to be able to help make that determination and mobilize appropriate resources. Do not hang up the phone, even if the call was made by mistake. If the call is truly an emergency, try and stay calm and answer all questions. This means allowing the dispatcher to help you by leading the conversation. Also, DO NOT call the fire station directly! If your firefighters are out of the station or on another call, the dispatchers will either make radio contact or dispatch another unit. The time that can be lost by not activating the emergency response system immediately can be critical and could lead to an unfavorable outcome. State the location of the incident. Make sure your address is clearly marked. Pay attention to mileposts when on the highway. Know the name of the trail that you plan to hike. This will help the dispatcher ensure that resources arrive as quickly as possible. This could be best routing information, known hazards in the area, or where you see smoke in relation to the location you are calling from. This will support resources by moving in the right direction.

Describe the access to your physical location, especially if you are trapped or cannot answer the door. Nobody wants to have to contact emergency services by calling 911, but by being mentally prepared prior to an emergency the process will go considerably more smoothly.

For additional information, please refer to the National Emergency Number Association: <https://www.nena.org/page/911TipsGuidelines>

Everyone is invited to attend the June Speaker Series at 2:00pm in the Community Center.

Dr. Salywon, from the Phoenix Desert Botanical Gardens, will present on the wild orchid that grows ONLY on Mt Lemmon.

June Calendar of Events

5	8:00 am Naturalist-led hike** 7:30 PM.Movies on the Mountain - MLL
6	12 - 2 pm Paint & Sip - MLL 5:30 - 7:30 Music at The Sawmill - Egg Thief
7	1-4 pm Music on the Mountain – Wayback Trio 12 -2 pm Barrio Beer Tasting - Sawmill
12	8:00 am Naturalist-led hike**
13	MLWC Cabin Tours 12 -2 pm Paint & Sip - MLL 5:30 - 7:30pm Music at the Sawmill - Paul Opesky
14	1-4 pm Music on the Mountain – Annie Anna Flag Day
19	Juneteenth 8:00 am Naturalist-led hike**
20	8:30 am Water Board meeting 10:00 am MLHOA Board meeting 1 pm MLWC meeting 2 pm MLWC Speaker Series- Comm. Ctr. 6 pm BINGO! - Sawmill
21	Father's Day 1-4 pm Music on the Mountain – After 7 Tucson Summer Solstice
26	8:00am Naturalist-led hike**
27	12 - 2pm Paint & Sip - MLL 5:30 - 7:30 Music at the Sawmill - Those Dudes
28	1-4 pm Music on the Mountain – Eric Sonera

**** Mt. Lemmon hikes are led by volunteer naturalists from Sabino Canyon. For information about hikes, please see page 9.**

MLHOA Report

The May Mount Lemmon Homeowners Association meeting covered a wide range of topics as the mountain community prepares for another busy summer season. From water conservation and wildfire awareness to community communications and upcoming events, one theme carried throughout the meeting: keeping the mountain informed, connected, and prepared.

One of the most exciting discussions centered around a new "Mount Lemmon Homeowner Manual" proposed by Co-President Joey Medina. The idea is to create a practical and welcoming guide for both new cabin owners and short-term renters, covering topics such as water conservation, wildlife awareness, utilities, septic systems, local services, and community organizations. The manual could also educate Airbnb and VRBO visitors about the unique responsibilities that come with mountain living.

The Board also discussed improving communication across the mountain. Representatives from the Firewise Steering Committee emphasized the need to streamline communication tools and encourage more residents and cabin owners to sign up for community email updates and Google Groups. Several attendees expressed frustration with the limitations of platforms like NextDoor and supported efforts to strengthen the MLHOA website as a central information source.

Water conservation continues to be a major concern heading into the dry season. Business owners discussed the challenges of preparing for potential Stage 3 water curtailment while continuing to serve visitors during the summer months. Many businesses are implementing additional conservation measures, and there was broad agreement that better public education especially for visitors and short-term renters is essential.

Residents also received an important wildlife reminder from Arizona Game and Fish Department following recent bear sightings on the mountain. Community members were encouraged to remove bird feeders, secure trash, and avoid unintentionally attracting wildlife.

Updates from county and federal agencies included upcoming roadwork, tree planting efforts, expanded visitor center programming, and planning for the annual Fourth of July festivities. Preparations are also underway for the upcoming Firewise Block Party, which will feature informational booths, food, and community outreach activities.

Finally, attendees heard encouraging news that Friends of Mount Lemmon has officially received its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, opening the door for future fundraising and community improvement projects.

Overall, the meeting reflected a community actively working together to balance growth, tourism, wildfire preparedness, water conservation, and the preservation of the special character that makes Mount Lemmon unique.

MLWC Happenings

Submitted by Christina Grossman

We, as members of the Mount Lemmon Woman's Club, gathered in May to welcome new and returning members, Diana Kachan and Susan Shomo. Welcome! We are calling out to ALL women on Mt Lemmon to join our organization to make a difference in our community and have fun being a part of an amazing group of strong minded and brilliant women! Join us!

We also need our voices and efforts heard on social media. Members approved moving forward with development of a website and management of our Facebook page. Susan Miller-Cochran and Diana Kachan volunteered to pitch in and move us forward.

Our popular Cabin Tours are on June 13, followed by the Membership Luncheon on June 27th. We need volunteers for setup and cleanup efforts for the luncheon. We need help with moving tables and chairs to the cabin. Please reach out to Sandi Triplett.

We need members to walk in the annual Fourth of July Parade. We are going strong with 50+ years! We encourage families, children, donkeys, and dogs to join in on the fun of participating! There will be a flyover, band performances, classic cars, rescue donkeys, and a celebration of America's 250th birthday. Reach out to Hazel Rugg, parade coordinator, for information.

We concluded our meeting with installation of new officers. Jennifer Shacter conducted the installation with a balance of humor, heartfelt tributes, and tradition. The new officers of the MLWC are: Christina Grossman, President, Nancy Sjostrum, First Vice President, Teresa Wilson, Second Vice President, Donna Schotter, Secretary, and Karen Burrows, Treasurer.

The next meeting is set for June 20th. The entire community is invited to attend our June Speaker Series at 2:00pm. Dr. Salywon, from the Phoenix Desert Botanical Gardens, will present on the wild orchid that grows on Mt Lemmon.



MLWC Past and Present

Standing left to right: Nancy Sjostrum, first vice president; Karen Burrows, treasurer; Donna Schotter, secretary; Teresa Wilson, second vice president; Donna Schotter, secretary; Christina Grossman, president,

Seated left to right: Sandi Triplett, immediate past president; Carol Niehoff, past president.

Water Improvement District Updates

At its May meeting, the Mount Lemmon Water Improvement District discussed several key projects and ongoing efforts as the community heads into the dry summer season.

Water District Manager Nate reported the new monitoring equipment at Miners Ridge is operational and performing well, with additional system upgrades planned in other areas of the mountain. Crews have also completed inspection and maintenance of all district fire hydrants, with detailed digital records kept in the district's utility mapping system.

Board members expressed concern about declining water inflows and noted Stage 3 water curtailment could become necessary later this summer if conditions worsen. The board continued its discussion regarding water conservation measures for both residents and businesses. Local businesses have submitted water-saving plans, and the district is working toward a revised curtailment strategy that balances fairness, flexibility, and accountability while recognizing businesses and residences have different water-use needs.

The board also received updates on two major infrastructure projects. Engineering work is moving forward on the proposed new Upper Loma Linda water tank, which will take two to three years to complete once fully underway. Progress is also continuing on the long-discussed Guthrie Road water line replacement and fire hydrant project, with final easement work now underway before construction bidding can begin.

Board members also encouraged residents to make greater use of the district's Metron water monitoring system, which allows customers to track usage and receive alerts when water use becomes excessive. This is a terrific tool, especially for cabin owners who rent out their cabins.

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MLFD calls for the month: 15

EMS: 7

FIRE: 1 (camp)

Public Assist: 1

False: alarm 2



PCSD calls for the month:

Suspicious person: 1

DUI: 1

Highway accidents: 3 (1 fatality)

SAR calls: 4

Bear call: 1



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This year's Firewise Block Part was a success with about 100 people looking over exhibits and collecting informational materials brought by various organizations and agencies, and enjoying lunch.

If you didn't sign up for a Firewise assessment at the Block Party, call the fire station (520-576-1201) to get your scheduled. They're painless, free, very informative, and don't take long. Also note: Assessors *do not* enter your home. The assessment is done outdoors walking around your cabin.

In other Firewise news:

In our ongoing effort to streamline and improve communication, the committee is encouraging the use of the MLHOA Google Group as the primary method for quickly sharing important community information such as wildfire concerns, bear activity, emergencies, and event announcements.

The Steering Committee agreed the current Firewise website is in good shape for the season and decided not to spend additional time revising or expanding. Thank you Dorothy Johnson for all your work on this!

There will not be a burn pile at the Fire Station anymore (it's USFS land) but the pine needle trailer is ready and open for business. Please place your pine needles in the trailer...NO plastic bags and make sure you take plastic bags with you when you leave.

Pine needles in paper bags may be left at the site if the trailer is full.

Chief Gunia asks that your bags of pine needles be free of stones, larger twigs, and dirt. Loads are charged by weight and stone and dirt drive up the cost and make composting more difficult.

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**Sharing Our Favorite Music and Memories with the
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Submitted by Christina Grossman

With FireWise and water conservation efforts in mind this season, there are activities and information for kids on Mount Lemmon. The Arizona Interagency of Wildfire Prevention has a resource page for parents, teachers, and children. There are downloadable coloring books, a "Just-In-Case Family Plan" of what to do in case of an evacuation, and interactive games. The US Environmental Protection Agency has a page dedicated to water conservation tips and activities for kids to explore. There is even a WaterSense interactive game that is available on their website.

To learn more about these resources for your family, go to www.klmn-lp.org. On the upper left corner of the website, look for the "Education" link, and click. This will bring you to our Mt Lemmon Community Educational Resources page. From there, find the Fire Prevention Activities for Kids and Families and Water Conservation Activities for Families and Kids. As a community, let us do our part in conservation and preparation for the summer season!

When you are in Tucson, the Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists Group is hosting a free Summer Storytime event for ages 3-6 yrs of age on Wednesday in June and July. To learn more, go to our Mt Lemmon Community Educational Resource page, or the main website to view each event on the Community Events Calendar. Our organization, the Mount Lemmon Radio Club, is a 501(c) 3 charitable nonprofit, focused on improving communications on Mount Lemmon. To help defer our music licensing costs, you can donate directly from our website. From all of us at KLMN-LP 106.9 FM, thank you for your continued support!

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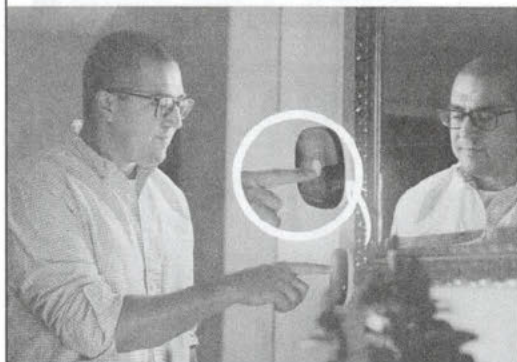
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Cody the Curious Coati And New Forest Faces

One cool morning on Mount Lemmon, Cody the coatiundi scampered down his favorite trail beneath the tall Ponderosa pines. But something felt different.

Everywhere he looked, there were unfamiliar faces.

Near the creek, a family of skunks had moved into an old hollow log. Up in the trees, a noisy Steller's jay hopped from branch to branch, clearly new to the forest.

Cody wasn't sure what to think. At first, he stayed hidden behind a rock, watching from a distance. He liked knowing everybody on the mountain.

But as the day went on, Cody noticed the skunks seemed shy, and the Steller's jay sat quietly by itself.

"Maybe they feel nervous too," Cody thought.

So he took a deep breath, climbed onto a stump, and called out, "Hi! I'm Cody!"

The skunks smiled. The jay fluttered down from the tree. Before long, Cody was showing them the best berry patches, the tallest climbing trees, and the coolest shady spots in the forest.

By sunset, the whole forest seemed brighter and friendlier.

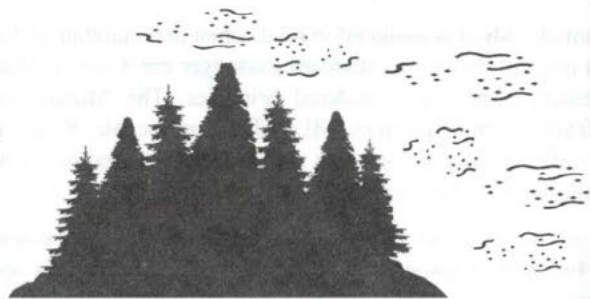
As Cody curled up beneath his favorite pine tree that night, he smiled.

Sometimes all it takes to make someone feel welcome is saying hello first.

Moral of Cody's Story: Welcoming and embracing new people into a community turns strangers into friends!



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Signs of the Times by Kermie

Upcoming Mt. Lemmon Hikes Guided by Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists

All hikes start at 8 am from the stated trailhead. Hikes are not nature walks; rough and often steep terrain can be expected. Hikes are free and guided, with no reservations required. Bring plenty of water and a snack or lunch for longer hikes. We will stop for a short lunch break. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, hiking poles, and rain gear are recommended.

Friday, June 5: Aspen Loop from Marshall Gulch Trailhead. Meet at milepost 25.5. This 4.4-mile hike starts up the Marshall Gulch Trail, then around the Aspen Trail. Lots of shade and flowers along the way. Elevation gain of 900 feet.

Friday, June 12: Sunset Trail to Inspiration Rock from Marshall Gulch. Meet at milepost 25.5. We hike 5.2 miles out and back on trail and dirt road that heads uphill to a picnic area where we'll stop for lunch. Elevation gain of about 450 feet.

Friday, June 19: Upper Sabino Creek Overlook from Sunset Trailhead. Meet at milepost 22.9. A 4.0-mile out and back hike along the Sunset Trail, crossing Sabino Creek at Marshall Gulch then climbing a short distance up the Aspen Trail to a rocky outcrop overlooking the creek below for a nice lunch stop. Elevation gain of about 500 feet.

Friday, June 26: Aspen Loop (in reverse) from Marshall Gulch Trailhead. Meet at milepost 25.5. A 4.4-mile hike along the popular Aspen Loop heading up the Aspen Trail first, then a nice downhill return on the Marshall Gulch Trail with flowers and shade along the way. Maybe even water flowing! Elevation gain of approximately 900 feet.

Friday, July 3: Bigelow Trail to Scenic Rock from the Bigelow Trailhead. Meet at milepost 19.5. A 3.4-mile hike up to the Bigelow towers and beyond to an interesting rock overlook. Even though this hike goes to the second highest Mt. Lemmon peak at 8550 feet, we will only have an elevation gain of approximately 600 feet.

Editor's note: This will be of particular interest to all our readers who own Forest Service cabins!

Rocks in the Roadways?

Submitted by Ford Burkhardt.

Curious about those sharp rocks in your road or driveway? Here's the lowdown on what to expect from the Coronado National Forest, as shared by Starr Farrell, a Public Affairs Officer for the Forest Service.

Roads within the National Forest System are maintained according to the Forest Service Handbook 7709.59 – Road System Operations and Maintenance, Chapter 60.

The maintenance levels (ML) range from 1 through 5 and vary in what a driver or cabin owner can expect to encounter. The roads in the Soldier Flat area are a ML 3. ML 1 is suitable for a 4-wheel drive vehicle, ML 2 is suitable for a high clearance vehicle, while ML 3, 4 and 5 are suitable for standard cars.

Per the manual, "ML 3 is assigned to roads open and maintained for travel by a prudent driver in a standard passenger car. User comfort and convenience are not considered priorities. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) is applicable. Warning signs and traffic control devices are provided to alert motorists of situations that may violate expectations."

"Roads in this maintenance level are typically low speed with single lanes and turnouts. Appropriate traffic management strategies are either "encourage" or "accept." "Discourage" or "prohibit" strategies may be employed for certain classes of vehicles or users."

Inspections take place yearly, or as needed, for the roads on the forest to ensure they remain within the designated ML.

If you have questions, you can reach Starr Farrell in Tucson at the Coronado National Forest Supervisors Office at (520) 282-0436 or via email at starr.farrell@usda.gov.

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