

# *Trail 316 Community News*

*“Written by the Residents for the Residents”*

*August 2020*

PINE LAKES TR. NO. 316

## **August Article**

As we limp into August during this strangely unsettled time, we look for and cherish each little sign of normalcy, as yet few and far between. Even the monsoons are withholding their much needed moisture from us.

We are grateful that the Covid-19 virus has not taken hold in the park, and we have been largely spared from its ravages. Regardless of our personal opinions about the efficacy of masks it is important to remember that we have a responsibility to protect others as well as ourselves and we could well be asymptomatic carriers of the virus. A recent study published this week now says masks are the single most effective tool in slowing the spread of the virus and preventing outbreaks.

We were recently informed by management that the park newsletter now being written by the HTA corporate marketing department will be distributed every two months beginning with an August/September issue. The first edition came out today, so be sure to check your mail for it.

As always, our newsletter is written “By the Residents for the Residents” of Pine Lakes, and we welcome any news or articles you wish to submit. Please share this newsletter with any new neighbors so they have the information to subscribe if they wish to. All that is needed is an email to [plcommunitynews@gmail.com](mailto:plcommunitynews@gmail.com) containing the word **Subscribe**.

We appreciate the efforts of PLAMHO in getting the chairs restored to the pool, and also for the news that the picnic area is not closed, even though several emails have noted that gatherings are not permitted.

Please be careful out there, and be tolerant and respectful of others. Remember that we don't know what particular burdens they may be carrying in these strange times. Eventually we may be able to look back on the summer of 2020 as “the best of times and the worst of times.”

Stay safe and well,

*Lee Terry*  
Editor



# PLAMHO NEWS

The highlight of our activities this month was a conference call held between Dani Crawford, Hometown America Regional Manager, Tammy Miles, our Community Manager, Margaret Brewer, PLAMHO AD HOC Chair, and me, to discuss issues of community concern.

We submitted an agenda to HTA in advance to facilitate discussion.

One of the items on our agenda was the importance of necessary road repairs before the monsoon season, but by the date of our call management had already provided some information about the imminent repair schedule.

We also asked that the chairs be returned to the pool as it is difficult for many residents to transport their own chair and we all need a place for our shoes, towels etc. as well as a place to sit and dress. Management agreed and returned a few chairs, although no comfortable lounge chairs. It is important that all chairs must be left in the social distancing placements. If you move a chair, PLEASE put it back; if you see a chair left out of place, most likely because two household members wanted to be closer together, please take it upon yourself to put them back. We must do this or the chairs will again be removed. HTA is allowing the pool to remain open but they do have legitimate liability concerns.

We asked about the use of the picnic area and we were surprised to learn that it is not closed in spite of several emails stating that no gatherings are allowed. We asked Tammy to clarify this with the community and she has done so. Large gatherings are prohibited, for obvious reasons, but outdoor activities are not restricted. Please be smart and keep everyone safe by wearing masks and keeping social distances.

We did mention that some pool users have complained about the condition of the bathrooms. Tammy told us about the cleaning schedules and said she would check on it.

Unfortunately our proposal for an adjustment to Ryan's hours to allow for pool cleaning on the weekend so the pool could be opened was not accepted, nor was our suggestion that one of our residents be hired for the few remaining weeks of our pool season so working residents could enjoy the pool too. This has been done in the past to supplement staff time.

One other concern that we did not have time to address at our meeting, was the request that PLAMHO has received for several years now, and that is for seating or Benches on the upper lake. (The former park manager suggested we take some of the benches from the streets, PLAMHO did not think that was a wise solution).

Tammy mentioned at an earlier time that she had not received that request from any resident, but she would consider it.

So those of you that have mentioned it to me, and had thanked me for placing my glider under my bedroom windows for their use. (Yes, also those who also requested that I put water there as well.) Somehow let Management know your feelings. (not about the water, that's going too far.) Perhaps send her or Gwen a note, so management is aware of how important it is to those of you who have the handicap of being a "Senior Citizen" with limitations.

We raised other issues in the conference call and Dani thoroughly explained HTA's positions as well as the reasons behind them.

All in all, it was a valuable discussion and we agreed to another at the end of the year. We hope that one will be in person and that by that time we will have full use of all our community amenities. We thank Tammy and Dani for taking this time with us.

Your PLAMHO team encourages you to go outside, take walks and breathe the fresh air; wear a mask when in the company of others outside your household; stay positive and help keep all of us safe.

*Betty DellaCorte*

PLAMHO President 2020

# PLRU UPDATE

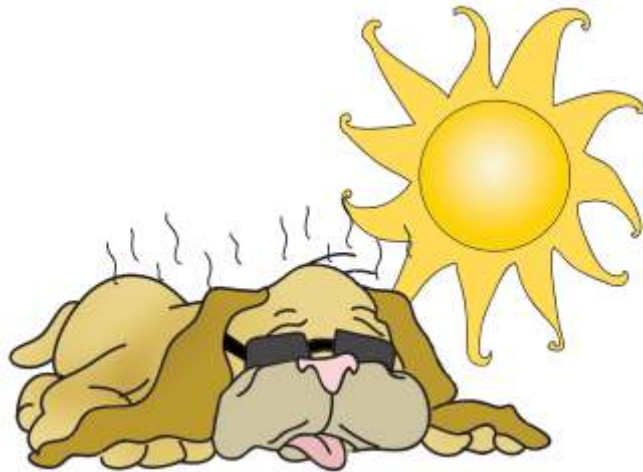
## Rumors and Facts

Recently management has frequently referred to rumors, malicious gossip and slander among other terms, emanating from unnamed sources, without clarifying these statements.

In July of 2019 similar concerns were voiced by management and believing then, as now, that the best way to quell rumors is by telling the truth, we offered management this space to refute the rumors and gossip so often referred to.

That offer still stands. Like management we value truthful communication and look forward to their response to our invitation.

Remember that verifiable facts do not constitute “gossip” so if you hear something please verify it before sharing.



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We have a meeting room that has a 12 ft. conference table available for **Social Distancing**. I will be available on **Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday. From 9 to 11 AM and 2 to 4 PM** for individual appointments.

Classes for groups are available for no more than 3 at one time. If other special hours would be more suitable for you, call and perhaps we can work something out.

### **THERE ARE NO CHARGES FOR OUR EDUCATIONAL CLASSES**

#### **EXAMPLE OF CLASSES OFFERED:**

- 1. WHAT IS ABUSE;** Explore different forms of abuse used to force, manipulate, or control another person in an effort to create the illusion of power.
- 2. CODEPENDENCY:** A manner in which you may be helping others in an unhealthy way. Learn how to begin caring for yourself.
- 3. BOUNDARIES:** Discover how unhealthy your boundaries are, and learn how to begin the healing process toward setting healthy boundaries, living your own life, not that of others.
- 4. FEELING REALITIES vs CARRIED FEELINGS:** An in-depth discovery of what our reality is and what emotions we are carrying around that actually belong to someone else. Learn the difference, and the importance of getting rid of baggage that does not belong to us as well as how to express emotions that we do own.
- 5. OUR HISTORIES:** Explore the messages you have received and the memories you now have, and the impact those memories have made on your life, as it now exists.

#### **OTHER CLASSES OFFERED AND YOUR CHOICE TO ATTEND**

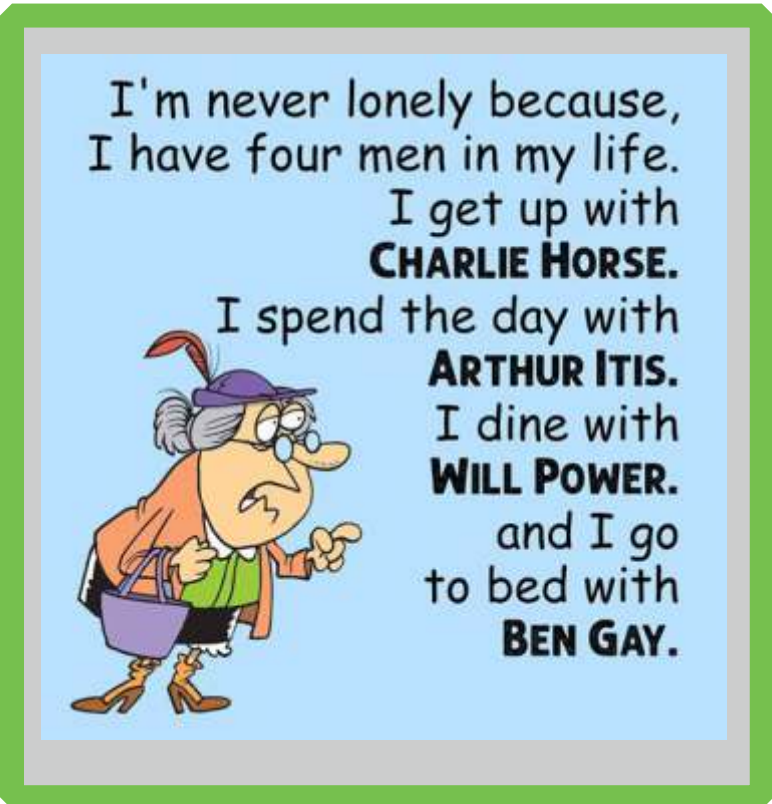
- **FAMILY ROLES**
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## Coyote tips

- ✓ Remove attractants outside your home, including garbage, pet food, water sources and bird feeders that can attract rodents and birds for coyotes to eat.
- ✓ Never feed wildlife. It is unlawful to feed coyotes in a number of Arizona counties per Arizona Revised Statute 13-2927. Violations can result in a fine of up to \$300.
- ✓ Encourage your neighbors not to feed coyotes or leave anything out that might attract the animals.
- ✓ Feed your pets inside, and never leave them unattended, especially at dusk and dawn when coyotes are most active. If it's necessary to leave a small pet outside unattended, keep it in a sturdy enclosure with a roof.
- ✓ Keep poultry, rabbits and rodents in secure enclosures.
- ✓ Trim and remove any ground-level shrubs and branches that provide hiding places or den sites for coyotes or their prey.
- ✓ Secure garbage containers and eliminate odors by cleaning trashcans with a 10 percent chlorine bleach solution. Put out trash containers on the morning of pickup, not the night before.
- ✓ When you encounter coyotes while walking a small pet, pick up your pet, and leave the area.



## How to Scare off a Coyote

- ✓ Make loud noises, but DO NOT turn and run away, the animal may view it as an opportunity to chase.
- ✓ Keep eye contact.
- ✓ Shout and bang pots and pans or rattle empty soda cans with pebbles in it (coyote shaker).
- ✓ Wave your hands or objects like sticks and brooms.
- ✓ Throw small stones or cans.
- ✓ Spray the coyote with a hose.
- ✓ Use a commercial repellent like Mace, if necessary, on bold animals that refuse to leave.
- ✓ Move toward other people, a building or an area with activity.

**In case of an Emergency Call 911**



## Now That's Punny!

1. The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Circumferences. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
7. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
10. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
14. A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'
15. The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
16. In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
17. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
18. Don't join dangerous cults: Practice safe sects
19. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The flight attendant looks at him and says, "I'm sorry sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."
20. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam!"
21. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
22. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says "Are you sure?" The first replies, "I'm positive."
23. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.
24. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out to the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."
25. A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to Spain, where he is named Juan. The other was named Ahmal by his adoptive family in Egypt. Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."



26. A group of friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored his pleas. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to “persuade” the friars to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he’d be back if they didn’t close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that only Hugh can prevent florist friars.



## Do you want to know what the weather is in Pine Lakes rather than Prescott?

There is a difference. We have our own weather station in the community. You can get the free app on your smartphone by going to Bloomsy and looking for pinelakesprescott then download it to your smartphone. By doing this you can see what the weather is in our community no matter where you may travel in the world.

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Last year management installed a surveillance system that would not be out of place in a high security building. There are cameras over the mailbox, surveying the lake, picnic and road areas, monitoring the pool, and even watching over the dumpster.

Now just a year later more cameras have recently been installed in the clubhouse and office area, giving more accurate images and better coverage, so we hear. **WHY???** Don't we deserve an explanation?

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Lynx Lake

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Tucked away in the Bradshaw Mountains at 5,500 feet elevation, Lynx Lake is a beautiful getaway! Located just 15 minutes Southeast of Prescott, this lake is prime for boating, fishing, camping, hiking, kayaking, sailing, and canoeing. Though swimming is prohibited, there are boat rentals if you do not have one of your own at the Lynx Lake Store. They are open from late Spring to early Fall and always closed on Mondays. If you have your own boat be sure to note that only 10 horsepower or less engines are allowed at Lynx lake. If you are looking for a stroll, check out the Lakeshore Trail. This is a 2 mile long trail that leads all the way around the lake. It is mostly wheelchair and stroller accessible but be cautious of a few steeper sections. This lake is part of the Prescott National Forest and visitors should make sure to leave to no trace. This means picking up

garbage and fishing materials. After a fun day on Lake Lynx there is no better place to enjoy the summer than having a picnic with your family and friends. There are many picnic tables and grills on the South and North shores of the lake! Come escape the desert heat and relax on Lynx Lake!

Visitor Information for Linx Lake

#### FISHING FACTS:

There are Rainbow Trout, Largemouth Bass, Crappie, and Catfish in the lake.

An Arizona fishing license is required for anyone over 13 years old

Bag limits are 6 Trout, 6 Bass, and unlimited Crappie and Catfish

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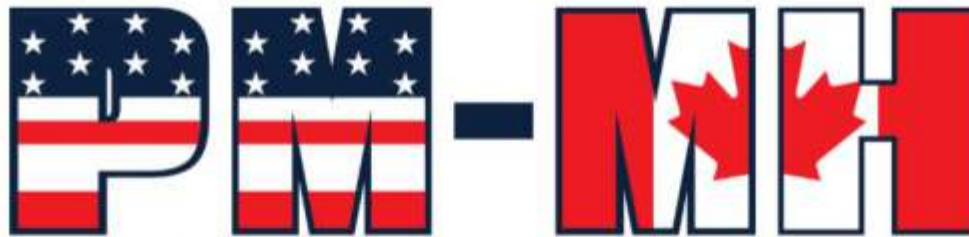
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