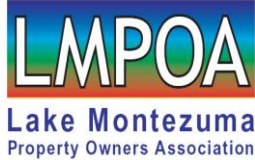


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LMPOA Newsletter



President Jim Bowser, as always, volunteering his time and efforts

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Welcome to Spring in our Desert Oasis

Dear Members,

A huge thank you to the 156 families who have already paid their annual dues. Those funds keep park maintenance, in particular, ongoing. We are requesting those who haven't paid yet to please do so. The receipts will go out in the next mailing.

The board of directors for 2014 is listed on the sidebar. Since two of the current members of the board and other potential additional board members are out of the area over the summer, member Richard Casmier has submitted an amendment to the by-laws with the intent that the organization can continue to operate effectively during those months. The current Article VII Meetings Section 3 of the By-Laws of the Lake Montezuma Property Owners Association, Inc. states "A quorum for meetings of the Board shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board." He has proposed that Article VII Section 3 be amended to read "A quorum for meetings of the Board shall be one-half (1/2) of the members of the Board." The vote on this amendment will be at the May 5 meeting. Responses, written or voiced, will be considered prior to the vote. Approval of at least two-thirds of the members present at the meeting is required for accepting the amendment.

If you would like to read the by-laws, they are now available on the LMPOA website or a copy can be mailed. Web master Steve Sprinz has been updating the site which now includes the by-laws, animal control information, the Beaver Creek eNews and Community Calendar, homeowner's septic system manual, food distribution chart and well, water and flood insurance information in addition to other resources and links. Please let him know how much you appreciate the changes.

Good news! For years LMPOA has joined in the effort to encourage Yavapai County to install a pedestrian bridge next to the Lake Montezuma Bridge. Thanks to the efforts of District 2 Supervisor Tom Thurman and the Public Works Department, one will be in place no later than October 31 of this year. The bridge may be in place earlier subject to the local nesting habits of the southwestern flycatcher which is on the Federal endangered species list. The bowstring truss bridge design was chosen at an LMPOA sponsored meeting last month. Both slide shows presented by engineers at the meeting may be viewed on the LMPOA website.



On the back page are an events schedule and some updated information on two LMPOA sponsored organizations. Beaver Creek Transit is interfacing with the new Yavapai Apache Transit to provide transportation to Cottonwood and Beaver Creek Trails is working with Yavapai County and Coconino National Forest on some projects close to home.



Hope to see you in May,
Lake Montezuma POA

Beaver Creek Transit - BC Buggy



YAT Ribbon Cutting



YAT Route Bus



Drivers in First Aid Class - Nancy Rowland, Ron Melcher, Karin Krippene

Beaver Creek Transit, or Buggy, celebrated its third anniversary on January 3. Three years of bringing free (donations appreciated) transportation to seniors and those of all ages with disabilities thanks to volunteers and LMPOA and BC Adult Center sponsorship have passed quickly. Now BCT is ready to move forward with phase 2, a link to the new Yavapai Apache Transit (YAT) which is linking to Cottonwood Area Transit (CAT). The new route created by the Nation connects much of the Verde Valley with a twice daily bus run. Fares are \$1.25 or \$3.00 for a one day pass.

Diana Bonnaha, YAT Director, hopes to start the service on April 14. When it is available, the BC Buggy will drop off and pick up riders in Camp Verde at the YAT bus stops. For these trips BCT will accept riders of all ages who are old enough not to require a car seat. The trips must be scheduled in advance by calling 592-2839 and ID is required for boarding. Passengers will be dropped at one of the Camp Verde stops in the 8:45 to 9:15 AM time slot and pick up in Camp Verde in the 3:30 to 3:50 PM time range. The YAT bus stops at Wal-Mart, Safeway, Cottonwood Library, and the VV Medical Center. Riders may transfer to CAT routes to go elsewhere.

Please extend your appreciation to Diana, Sonny Jackson, YAN Public Works Director, Robert Mills, YAN Grant Writer, and the Y-A Nation for sharing these opportunities with Beaver Creek residents. Also thank you to the BC Buggy's current volunteer drivers who will get residents to the CV stops: Tony Testa, Nancy Rowland, Nancy Phillips, Ron Melcher, Margaret Holt, Dorcas Gerace, Rick Ayars, Janet Aniol. We could always use more drivers. Please call if you're interested.

Upcoming Events

4/7, LMPOA meeting at Adult Center, 5 PM

4/8, Fourth of July Planning meeting at Adult Center, 8:30 AM

4/10-4/19, Kiwanis Electronic Recycling at BC Self Storage, 9 AM-3 PM

4/10, OLLI classes at BC School: Medicare 10:10 AM, Writing Memoirs 1:15 PM, Yoga Stretches 3 PM

4/12, Free Food Distribution at BC School, 7:45-9AM

4/12, Wellness Fair at BC School, 10 AM-2 PM

4/13, Trek for Tech starts at Ranch House parking lot, 2-4 PM

4/19, Bird Walk at Montezuma Well, 8:30-10:30 AM

4/19-4/20, National Parks Free Entrance

4/19, Traditional Use Garden Planting (FOTW) at Montezuma Well, 9 AM

Beaver Creek Trails Coalition

Beaver Creek Trails Coalition has been active for the past two months with quarterly maintenance of Bell Trail, a field day visit for observation and study of Russell Wash with Coconino National Forest (CNF) personnel, and encouraging CNF to form a management area for Beaver Creek. Supervisor Thurman and his Admin Asst Marlyn Summers attended the March board meeting of the group. He shared his trails expertise and interests. Afterward he wrote a letter in support of BCTC in its quest to motivate CNF in working toward a trail system in the Beaver Creek area. He noted that "Continued partnership in regional planning efforts will help develop guidelines to mitigate undesired impact to public lands and maintain recreation and transportation opportunities for the public."

Yavapai County will be providing BCTC materials such as gravel to help with their work on county right-of-way trails in the vicinity of the new Wet Beaver Creek (Lake Montezuma) Pedestrian Bridge and in other locations.

