



Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Spring 2005

A Note from the President

*Dear Friends and Neighbors,
It has been a wonderful wet and snowy winter in Sherwood Forest. What a relief for all of us to have such wonderful moisture to fill our lakes and hopefully strengthen our trees to defend against the bark beetles! It was a rough summer for many of us who had to take down many of our trees due to bark beetle infestation.*

Many property owners have taken advantage of the Department of Corrections forest thinning projects. Last fall, many property owners also visited the fire pits to dispose of needles and tree debris cleaned up from their lots.

Many new homes have also been built this winter and the SFEOA welcomes all new members. Get involved with the Property Owners Association and Fire Department and Fire Department Auxiliary, who sponsor and co-sponsor many social and fundraising events throughout the year.

Kathy Piotro, SFE POA President

Homeowner's Meeting

Fourth of July falls on a Monday this year. We hope you are planning to spend the three day weekend at Sherwood. We have decided to try an evening homeowners meeting followed by a neighborhood get-together and a salute to Bob Mills.

The annual meeting will start at 4:30 pm on Saturday, July 2, 2005. We plan to fill the hour with speakers that will inform you about life in Sherwood Forest.

During the interim, while we reset the firehouse for dinner and start the bar-b-cues, we plan to have activities for the young and the young at heart. Starting at 6 pm we will have a bar-b-cue honoring Bob Mills for his four and a half years of service to SFE as Fire Chief. During his term as Chief, Bob helped the volunteer fire department become more active in mutual aid. As a result our firefighters have had a lot of experience fighting fires. There will be a short ceremony and plenty of time to say thanks to Bob for all his hard work.

For the bar-b-cue, the Property Owners Association will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a side dish or an appetizer.

We are planning a cake walk for desserts. Bring a cake to raffle off and plenty of quarters. Previous cake walks have been enormously popular and raised substantial funds for the firefighters.

While you are in Northern Arizona for the weekend, don't miss the parade in Parks (we usually enter one of our firetrucks) nor the fireworks in Williams.

2004-2005 SFE POA Board

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SFE VFD Auxiliary

The Auxiliary meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the Fire Department. All residents are welcome to participate in the auxiliary and/or its activities to help support our volunteer fire department. The next meeting is at 10:00 am on May 21st. Please join us!

The Annual Pancake Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 28th. It will include biscuits and gravy in addition to 'all you can eat' pancakes and sausage from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. The price will remain the same as last year: \$5 for adults; \$2 for children 3-10; children under 3 free, and \$15 for family (2 adults and children).

At the Pancake Breakfast we will have the 50/50 Raffle. Tickets will be 25¢ for one ticket or \$1 for 5 tickets. At 10:00 am some lucky winner will get 50% of the contributions. The other 50% will go help the Auxiliary support the Firefighters.

In addition, throughout the summer we will be selling raffle tickets for a barbecue set which includes heavy duty wooden handled skewers plus other barbecue accessories. These tickets will be 50¢ each or 3 tickets for a dollar. The drawing for the barbecue set will be at the homeowners July meeting.

Also, on the 28th, we will have a swap meet at the Fire Department for the residents to participate in both by having a booth or shopping. If you wish to participate, 10 ft squares will be available for rent for \$5. Participants will need to provide their own tables.

Contact Betty Ferrier at 635-4979 or jtfebf@peoplepc.com if you have questions or to sign up for the swap meet.

SFE Fire Department

For those of you who haven't heard, you have a new fire chief. That would be me. I conducted my first meeting and training on April 2nd and oversaw an incident on April 17th. It was a pleasant surprise to find that everyone seemed to take this transition in stride.

I would like to personally thank Bob Mills for the four and a half years of leadership he donated to our department and for his offer to step into the position of Assistant Chief. In light of all the problems other departments in our area are suffering, I feel

especially lucky to be working with an agreeable and forward thinking, crew and board of directors.

My primary qualification for this job is that I have the time to devote to an occupation I have wanted to be involved in for the last 34 years. I also have an extensive business background that will show itself in the way the office will be run. I have also taken every possible opportunity to attend accredited fire related schools and I am involved in several fire organizations. Due to our community's continued involvement and the professional image we have within the fire community, I have been able to obtain a pledge of assistance from several of the fire chiefs in our area. I have been afforded invaluable contacts and thousands of dollars worth of supplies and schooling, at no cost to our department, by interacting with the Wildland Fire Advisory Council (WFAC) and the Ponderosa Fire Advisory Council (PFAC).



I am designing new schedules and duties that will be more flexible, and in some cases less physically demanding, as I understand that volunteering can be stressful, disruptive to family life, and subtract from much needed relaxation time. It is my vision to create another level of volunteers, as not everyone needs to drag a fire hose, or drive a big truck, to be of value to the fire department. Volunteers who can participate at a less frantic pace will still be giving back to their community. As always, our foremost training goal will be to provide our "first in" firefighters with the latest information and "hands on" opportunities to continue to hone their skills. Just because we are a small rural fire department, tucked back in the woods, doesn't mean we take our mission lightly. We have our beautiful community to protect and we are also involved in mutual aid pacts that pledge our support to neighboring communities. We will project a professional image and still have a lot of fun.

I encourage your input on training schedules and any other changes you feel might be helpful in making your fire department a better, safer, and more productive place to spend volunteer hours. I look forward to spending some one-on-one time with each of our firefighters, and anyone else who cares to have input into the department. The office phone number is 928-635-9837 and our new email address is sfevfd@peoplepc.com.

Let's all enjoy a safe summer, assuming it ever gets here!

Respectfully, Wayne Marx, Chief S.F.E.F.D.

Minutes SFE POA Annual Meeting July 5, 2004 10:00 am

Call to order: Anne Dudley at 10:00 am

Pledge of Allegiance: Anne Dudley

President's Welcome: Anne Dudley

Introduction of Board Members: Anne Dudley

Secretary's Report: Kathy Piotro

Minutes from the last annual meeting July 5, 2003, submitted by Dick Fisher, were in the newsletter.

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Sereno, absent

Treasurer's report approved as printed on back of agenda. A new computer is being purchased for the fire dept. The budget was approved.

Vice President: Will Howard, no report.

Drawings for raffle prizes throughout the meeting

\$25 Doc Holliday Restaurant – Catherine Cook

\$25 Rosa's Cantina – Beth and Dan Dormady

\$25 Cruiser's Café – Joyce Bartell

\$25 Pine Country Restaurant – Sharon Rudd

\$25 Christmas Tree Gallery – Wayne Marx

\$25 Pancho McGuilicuddy's – Mrs. Brumbaugh

\$25 Pizza Factory – Martin Rothman

Grand Canyon Railroad – Mrs. Lieberman

SFE VFD Sweatshirt – Michael Evans

Bear basket – Ray Riley

Guest Speakers:

Herb Johnson - Volunteer Coconino County Sheriff's Department

Introduced new volunteer, Craig Rebus, who will be covering SFE.

31 property owners in SFE are signed up with the Sheriff's Dept. for property watch. Visits are made every two weeks. 688 volunteer visits were made this past year. There was one small fire and 1 break-in, family oriented.

Stop signs need to be obeyed!! The posted speed limit is 25 mph for speed and dust control.

What happens if a volunteer finds an open door during a property check? A deputy is called and they enter the property and check it out. If nothing looks tampered with, the deputy will lock up or the property owner can come and check for stolen property and then lock up.

For fire emergency, call 911. You will be dispatched to Williams at 226-5167, or to Flagstaff at 226-5199 ext 0.

There was a useful suggestion offered, to attach property owners names and phone numbers to the neighborhood plot lot plan.

Bob Mills, Chief- Sherwood Forest Estates Volunteer Fire Department

We will be participating in both the Parks and Williams July 4th parades.

For homeowners insurance rates, the SFEVFD is a class 8 fire dept., which lowers your insurance rates.

For property taxes, we are assessed \$1.50/\$100 valuation which goes to our fire district.

Bill Miller, owner Williams Realty

The big interest of all property owners was the value of homes and lots in SFE. Lots are selling \$35,000 to \$60,000 per acre. Structures are selling on an average of \$150,000 to \$200,000. There are only a few lots and homes for sale at the present time.

Dave Sewell, Forest Service, Williams Ranger Division

The Department of Corrections, Forest Service Thinning Projects, has been expanded to 12 crews. Another grant has been given for the SFE thinning projects. Two crews will be in SFE from September - December 2004.

The main goal of the thinning projects is to reduce fuels on private property. The cost to thin is \$350/acre.

When the forest service comes out to tag the trees, they are now tagging the trees to keep. This is the opposite of what was done in the last thinning. The goals of the taggers are to: 1. Separate crowns of trees, 2. Improve forest health. 3.

Aesthetics. There are currently two fire pits open for free removal of natural forest debris (logs and needles), with a third to open soon. The Moonset Pit, located just west of Parks will be open July 17, August 21 and September 18 from 9am-3pm. [Editor's note: These are last summer's dates, see calendar for this year's dates.] The Parks-Bellefont and Sherwood Forest Estates Volunteer Fire Departments will staff the pit on those days. Jackie Denk, Forest Service, can be reached at 635-5607.

Lt. R.W. Augustine, Coconino County Sheriff's Office

Inquiries into starting a SFE Neighborhood Watch have been made. Watch for upcoming information.

Rusty Rothman, SFEVFD Auxiliary President

Introduced Pat Cook of auxiliary who passed around a signup sheet for helping with FD auxiliary and neighborhood events. The auxiliary needs new members and are actively recruiting. Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of the month and membership is open to anyone interested. The auxiliary provides support and fundraisers for the benefit of the fire department and the fire fighters, by purchasing shirts, hats, beverages and small equipment.

A few of the planned events: July 17th Ice cream social and fire dept. open house, August 21st- potluck supper, September 4th- pancake breakfast
 Two fundraisers are being held at today's meeting. The raffle of a bear basket to be raffled at this meeting. Also, the Victorian dollhouse, made by Betty Diefendorfer, will be raffled off on Labor Day Weekend. Tickets are currently being sold by the auxiliary.

Martin Rothman, Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District Board Member

Sandy Peterson, Chairperson was unable to attend.

The Mountain Rose Ranch properties have been annexed to SFE Fire District, which doubles our budget.

A savings account is being started for the purchase of a new fire truck. A brush truck was purchased from grants for \$7000. Two new 5000 gal. water tanks were also purchased. New radios and pagers have been purchased .

Election of new SFEPOA Board Member

Nominations were asked from the floor. No response. Debbie Switzer, showed an interest, volunteered to serve and vote was taken . Debi Switzer was elected to the SFEPOA Board by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm. Minutes submitted by Kathy Piotro.



Forest Clean Up

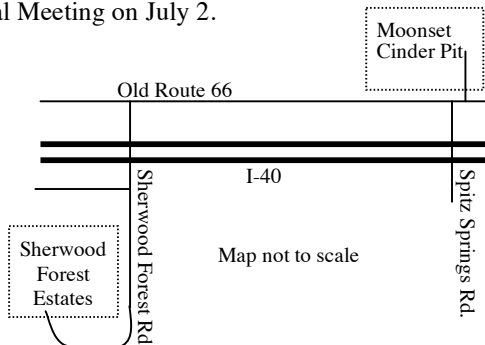
WILLIAMS, Ariz. – The Kaibab National Forest will be hosting a forest clean-up day Friday, May 20, from 8 a.m. to noon. During the event, Forest Service employees and community volunteers will pick up trash in Oak Hill Snow Play Area, along old Route 66, near Forest Road 124 and in other locations where the need exists.

“The Kaibab National Forest would like to invite the Williams community to lend a hand in this project,” said clean-up coordinator and Forest Service employee Susan Brown. Those interested in helping out should arrive at Buckskinner Park between 7:30 and 8 a.m. to receive bags and be assigned a work area. Participants should wear clothing appropriate for working outside and bring gloves and water. Work will continue until noon when there will be a barbeque lunch at Buckskinner Park for those who participated. The lunch will be sponsored by the Williams Clean and Beautiful Committee. For more information, contact Susan Brown at 928-635-8383 or susanlbrown@fs.fed.us.

Welcome to New Neighbors

Mountain Rose Ranch, just west of Sherwood Forest Estates, is a part of our fire district. The 32 10-acre, high meadow lots sold in about one year. Some properties are beginning to have signs of septic systems, cisterns and foundations. There is even one house.

We have expanded our mailing list to include our new neighbors. We invite them to join us at any Sherwood Forest event and especially the SFE Property Owners Annual Meeting on July 2.



New Addresses @ Sherwood

Many homes in Sherwood Forest received new addresses last February. This is part of a countywide ordinance to standardize addressing in unincorporated areas. For a complete copy of the ordinance go to www.cc.coconino.az.us/gis/Standard_Addressing/Ordinance.asp. If you have questions about the renumbering, please contact the Coconino County Geographical Information Systems Department at 928.779.6625.

Adjusting the addresses helps to prepare us to be a part of the statewide enhanced 911 system. The 911 system currently in place cannot identify your location. This means that if you are in an emergency situation, you may be asked to give your address and directions to your property. This might be difficult for visitors. Confusion is compounded by the fact that undeveloped properties are referred to by lot number, not street address. Sherwood Forest Estates Fire Department maintains a map that cross indexes lot numbers and street addresses. We have shared this map with other emergency service organizations, in order to help them locate properties within our community. Please share your new address with us so that we can update the map.

Cinder Pit Open

Once again this summer the Moonset Cinder Pit will be open to receive your pine needles and trees. All homeowners and property owners are asked to clean the pine needles and dead trees off their property annually and haul them to the pit. This simple act diminishes the fire danger for both you and your neighbors. If you cannot do it yourself, consider hiring someone to do it for you. Only woody debris will be accepted at the site. No household waste or constructions remnants can be accepted. If pine needles are bagged, you will be asked to unbag them as we burn the pile each winter.

The pit will be open from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm on the following Saturdays: April 23, May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23, August 6 & 27.

SFE Calendar Of Events

Everyone is welcome at all events, see you at the firehouse!

Saturday, April 30 6 pm	Potluck @ Firehouse
Sunday, May 1 2 pm – 4 pm	SFE VFD Training
Saturday, May 14 9 am – 3 pm	Moonset Cinder Pit Open
Saturday, May 21 10 am 2 pm – 4 pm	SFE VFD Auxiliary Meeting SFE VFD Training
Saturday, May 28 8-10 am 9 am – 3 pm	Pancake Breakfast & Swap Meet Moonset Cinder Pit Open
Sunday, June 5 2 pm – 4 pm	SFE VFD Training
Saturday, June 11 9 am – 3 pm	Moonset Cinder Pit Open
Saturday, June 18 10 am 2 pm – 4 pm 6 pm	SFE VFD Auxiliary Meeting SFE VFD Training Potluck & Bingo
Tuesday, June 21 7 pm	SFE Fire District Board Mtg.
Saturday, June 25 9 am – 3 pm	Moonset Cinder Pit Open

Saturday, July 2 4:30 – 6 pm 6 pm – ??	Annual Property Owners Mtg Bar-B-Que, Cake Walk & Bob Mills ‘Thank You’ Party <i>all are welcome, bring a side dish and/or a cake for the walk</i>
Saturday, July 9 9 am – 3 pm 2 pm – 4 pm 3 pm – 5 pm	Moonset Cinder Pit Open SFE VFD Training Fire Department Open House & Ice Cream Social
Saturday, July 16 2 pm – 4 pm 3 pm – 5 pm	SFE VFD Training Kitchen Raising Party
Tuesday, July 19 7 pm	SFE Fire District Board Mtg.
Saturday, August 6 9 am – 3 pm	Moonset Cinder Pit Open
Sunday, August 7 2 pm – 4 pm	SFE VFD Training
Tuesday, August 16 7 pm	SFE Fire District Board Mtg.
Saturday, August 20 2 pm – 4 pm 6 pm	SFE VFD Training End of Summer Weenie Roast & Ice Cream Social
Saturday, September 3 8 – 10 am	Pancake Breakfast <i>to support the fire department</i>

It is time to renew your SFEPOA membership for 2005!

Mail this form and \$10 to: SFEPOA, P.O. Box 221, Williams, AZ 86046

Checks should be made payable to SFEPOA.

If your name and address are correct on the label on the reverse side, just write ‘same’ on the line.

Name: _____ Lot Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

NEW Street Address in SFE: _____

Any Comments or Concerns:

Important Phone Numbers

- Emergency911
- SFE V. Fire Dept.....928.635.9837
- Chief, Wayne Marx928.607.3005
- SFE Board Members
Lori Goldrich
Martin Rothman928.635.0954
Jane Snowberger928.635.1079
- SFE Auxiliary President
Betty Ferrier928.635.4979
- SFE POA President
Kathy Piotro928.635.0417
- Coconino Sheriff928.635.4487
- Forestry Service.....928.635.5600
- Coconino Animal Management
.....928.228.2717
- Coconino Community Service
(building inspection & zoning)
.....928.226.2700



Sherwood Forest Estates Williams, Arizona

Fire Alert – Evacuation Plan

Continuous honking of horns of the fire trucks is a warning that there is a forest fire and evacuation is necessary. Please follow any directions given to you by firefighters as you leave the neighborhood. Details of the evacuation plan are available at the firehouse.



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