



# Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Spring 2008

## A Note from the POA President

Spring Greetings to all of our SFE Neighbors!  
Being up here most weekends, I got to experience a lot of the snow we received this winter. I actually got "stuck" in my own driveway once. My hat's off to our full-timers!

The moisture is certainly good for our forest but, as always, we continue to be proactive to make or keep our properties defensible.

I'm sure everyone is aware that Sherwood Forest Estates has a web site. We are making an ongoing effort to have our site be the "go to" tool for information and to-way communication regarding the POA, Fire Department, and Auxiliary, calendar, local government and business links. Our newsletters have been and will be posted on the site along with any additional supporting information.

This year, the Sherwood Forest Estates annual Property Owners Association meeting will be held on Saturday morning, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. A Continental Breakfast will be provided to allow time to sign in, pay dues for those who have not prepaid, receive and read a copy of last year's minutes for approval with this year's meeting agenda and meet and greet friends and neighbors.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you at our Annual POA meeting in July.

Cordially,  
Your board President,  
Debi Switzer

### 2007-2008 SFE POA Board

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## Letters to the Editor

The Sherwood Forest Estates holiday family events have been bringing our extended family together up north now for the last couple of years. We particularly enjoy the family movie nights where our kids can bring their sleeping bags and pillows and enjoy a family movie set up in the firehouse while the adults indulge in a variety of fall potluck dishes and warm apple cider. Then the whole family can go along for some fun on a hayride around the community. What a great way to bring this community together! These events will continue to bring our family up to "Grandma and Grandpa's" cabin and we truly hope this tradition continues! *From: Kimberly Patters*

I absolutely HATED being dragged up there when I was a teenager throughout the 80's. No friends nor TV and all (*of the teen age stuff*). Now, I'd like to live there. I have a picture of my parents' SFE cabin as wallpaper on my work computer here in Phoenix and I always look at it. Good Lord, I'd like to be up there... trees, never HOT and I like watching the trains. Being stuck in Phoenix stinks! From: Eric Paul Johnson (*an entry from our SFE web guest book*)

## SFEVFD Auxiliary Update

Dear SFE Friends & Neighbors,

In the last year, the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire Department Auxiliary has supported the SFE Fire Department in many ways. We have paid for the CPR/AED training of 17 firefighters. We keep the firefighters hydrated and fed through our purchases of water, soda, and munchies. We help to outfit the trucks with needed first aid accessories. All of this is possible through your attendance at Auxiliary events and your generous donations to the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary will sponsor 4 activities this summer. Our semi-annual Pancake Breakfasts will be held on the Saturdays of the holiday weekends (Memorial & Labor Day). We invite you to enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausages with friends and family from 8 am until 10 am on May 24 and August 30. The cost is \$5 for an adult, \$2 for a child (3 to 12 years old).

The SFE Auxiliary will host a Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. Come on down to the Firehouse and have a delicious hot dog with all the trimmings and an ice cream sundae made with your favorite toppings. The dinner will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children (3 to 12 years old) and is always a favorite way to socialize with neighbors.

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm, we will host a Mexican-themed dinner and cake walk. The cake walk (shall we say Mexican Hat Dance) is always a favorite with the kids.

The SFE FD Auxiliary needs you. We need your ideas for new events and for new fund raisers. We need your energy and time to help set up and take down tables and chairs for each of our big events. We need you to be a part of the group of tireless volunteers that support our firefighters. I hope you'll plan to come to an Auxiliary Meeting (dates are on the calendar), or contact me if you are willing to help with an event. Please send me an email to add you to the distribution list.

If you can't make it to an event, and wish to make a contribution to the Auxiliary, you can mail a check to the SFE Auxiliary in care of Anne Dudley, 827 Friar Tuck Trail, Williams, AZ 86046.

Thanks for all that you do to make our neighborhood a safer place to live, and I hope to see you soon at an Auxiliary event,

Anne Dudley  
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adcabinaz@yahoo.com

### 2007-2008 SFEVFD Auxiliary

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Vice President:	Shirley Kowren		
Secretary:	Beth Dormady		
Treasurer:	Catherine Cook		

## A Note from the Fire Chief

It takes a while to adjust to living in a forest, especially if you are a big city transplant. So many of the services one takes for granted in an urban environment take on an entirely new perspective. You need to arrange for potable water, propane and trash collection, not to mention keeping an eye on the old septic system but most of us quickly learn to take these chores in stride. However, the one aspect of rural living that many still take for granted is property protection and how easy it is to be a vital part of the system.

As many of you know, the fire department is like a mini city hall. This is where the board of directors meet to develop and enforce policy, it is a “go to” facility for questions concerning Wildland Urban Interface living and it is the hub of activities designed to keep you and your property safe.

Over the years your fire department has done a great deal more for you than just having a good showing in holiday parades. Considering the size of our district, we have an organization that is second to none when it comes to the amount of equipment and trained personnel ready to serve you and our surrounding emergency agencies.

Above and beyond being ready to fight fires, your department is instrumental in fire prevention, emergency medical agency assistance, homeland security involvement and a

form of neighborhood watch. We are also working closer than ever with law enforcement to keep our roads safe. In order to continue with these programs we will constantly be on the lookout for new ways to keep up with the latest technology.

The biggest effort we will be making in the next two years is to become a “Firewise Community” (a designation from the State of Arizona) and it will take a majority endorsement on the part of our property owners. This will involve an effort on your part to assist the fire department in keeping your property safe and defensible. In many of the communities that have joined this statewide program there have been favorable rate considerations on the part of insurance companies. There are many ways you can serve this community, directly or indirectly, and I encourage all of you to do so.

I would be amiss if I didn't take this opportunity to publicly thank all of the volunteers that have done such a great job this last year. This includes our board of directors, the department auxiliary and especially our dedicated firefighters.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Wayne Marx  
Chief SFEFD

### 2007-2008 Volunteer Fire Department

Chief:	Wayne Marx	928 635-9837
Asst. Chief:	Bob Mills	
Chief Engineer:	Chris Christensen	
Captain:	Dan Dormady	
Maint. Officer:	John Ferrier	

### 2007-2008 Fire Board Members

Chair:	Martin Rothman	<a href="mailto:cwbyo8@wildblue.net">cwbyo8@wildblue.net</a>	928 635-0954
Treasurer:	Nancy Sereno		
Clerk:	Debbie Hamby		

## The Neighbor Network

**DID YOU KNOW...**your neighbors here in Sherwood Forest Estates own companies that offer lots of services to help us when we need them? I thought it would be great to introduce some of your neighbors and share their companies with you. They may have just what you are looking for or even help you out in a pinch.

**Jeff and Marcia Younger on Long Bow own Younger Scaffold and Supplies.** Jeff has been in the scaffold and scaffold supply business for over 21 years, since 1986. They started Younger Scaffold & Supplies in October of 2005. They are truly a family owned and operated company who believe in and pride themselves on customer service. Jeff says they are not trying to be biggest or “out-do” anyone else but rather “take care of our own neck of the world and do the absolute best we can for our valued customers.” Younger Scaffold and Supplies can help with all of your scaffold and scaffold supplies needs. They can be reached on the web at [www.YoungerScaffold.com](http://www.YoungerScaffold.com), via email at [Jeff@YoungerScaffold.com](mailto:Jeff@YoungerScaffold.com) or at 602-799-9682.

**Gene Bronsart on Knighthood Lane owns High Country Iron.** He started the company in mid-2007. Gene’s company designs and builds made-to-order unique quality wrought iron and log products for your home or cabin. Product lines include blanket stands, coat racks, towel bars and other bath accessories. Gene has also received his construction contractor’s license to offer design and construction of custom ornamental handrails, fences, gates, stairs and more. You can find Gene on the web at [www.HighCountryIron.com](http://www.HighCountryIron.com), via email at [sales@HighCountryIron.com](mailto:sales@HighCountryIron.com) or call him at 928-221-4117.

**Jason Babcock & Tony Robertson own BRRT Trucking.** You have undoubtedly seen their trucks and staff working hard in our neighborhood. They started the company with one truck back in December of 2003 and have grown to three trucks, a Montana tractor, backhoe, Gannon/box scraper, post-hole auger, grader, landscape rake and more.

BRRT is licensed, bonded and insured in excavation and grading. They offer services including excavation, grading, hauling any materials, lot cleanup, cinders, pad preparation, driveway development, lot drainage analysis and correction and more. They also sell landscaping material and culverts. BRRT’s motto is “We’re a small business in business to make a living, not a killing.” You can reach BRRT at 928-606-7577

**Amy Sorenson on Knighthood Lane owns Ewe-Nique Promotions.** Amy started the business 10 years ago. She and her family are part time residents of SFE. Ewe-Nique Promotions provides “anything that is logo-ed”. Do you need shirts with your logo, pens, watches, bags, portfolios, Frisbees, cups, glasses, mouse pads, etc? Ewe-Nique Productions takes pride in offering service above and beyond what you'll find anywhere else. You can reach Ewe-Nique Promotions on the web at [www.EweNiquePromotions.com](http://www.EweNiquePromotions.com), via email at [amy@EweNiquePromotions.com](mailto:amy@EweNiquePromotions.com) or at 602-908-2760.

**Jason Babcock on Long Bow owns Country Handyman.** Jason is licensed, bonded and insured. Jason has over 25 years in the construction and building profession and has owned his own company since 1999. Jason and his family have lived in SFE full time since 2002. Country Handyman is fully tooled for building anything from a dog house to a mansion and everything in between. They also handle small plumbing and electrical jobs. Jason prides himself and his business on being able to handle any job as the “single point of contact.” The homeowner never has to contact another service man. Jason takes care of all contacts before, during and after a project. You can reach Country Handyman at 928-606-5461.

**SFE Fire Chief Wayne Marx on Knighthood Lane owns The Williams Laundromat** across from Rod’s Steak House on Route 66. They are open from 6:00 am to 10:30 pm, 7 days a week.

They offer self-serve machines as well as a “Fluff and Fold” drop-off service where they wash, dry and fold your laundry. Fluff and Fold will be available starting around April 1<sup>st</sup>, will be priced per load and SFE residents will receive a discounted rate!

Would you like your company in the next SFE Newsletter in “The Neighbor Network?”

If so, please contact Steve Abbit, VP of SFE POA, at [SAbbit@cox.net](mailto:SAbbit@cox.net) or 480-620-6360

### SFE Calendar Highlights 2008

Saturday, May 24 – Pancake Breakfast (8-10 am @ firehouse)  
Saturday, June 7 – Auxiliary Meeting (9:00 am at Dudley’s Cabin, 827 Friar Tuck)  
Saturday, June 21 – Evening Social (6:00 pm Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social)  
Saturday, July 5 – Annual Property Owner’s Meeting (8:30-10:30 am @ firehouse)  
Saturday, July 19 – Auxiliary Meeting (see web calendar)  
Saturday, August 2 – Evening Event (6:00 pm Mexican Dinner and Cake Walk)  
Saturday, August 16 – Auxiliary Meeting (see web calendar)  
Saturday, August 30 – Pancake Breakfast (morning @ firehouse)  
Saturday, September 20 – Auxiliary Meeting (see web calendar)

For all calendar event details please see:

<http://www.sherwoodforeststates.org/POA/index-files/calendar.html>

### Sherwood Forest Volunteer Fire Department: what do they do anyway?

Did you know...the Sherwood Forest Fire Department is 90% volunteer? Did you know that the volunteer hours invested by the 25 volunteer firefighters exceeds 3,000 hours per year not including the 200 + hours the volunteers spend in formal training classes at major colleges, universities and through state and city programs?

Okay, so our volunteer firefighters train a lot... but what else does our fire department do... why so many volunteer and training hours?

The SFE Fire Department is trained and committed to protect families, homes, and properties inside Sherwood Forest and even in surrounding cities and towns. Many of the volunteers are trained in both wildland firefighting and in structure firefighting. Training is rigorous, time consuming, expensive and exhausting. These volunteers have trained in the searing heat of the Phoenix Valley in July and August and the snow and freezing temperatures of Northern Arizona in November, December and January. Some have even traveled to other states to attend training on how to deal with nuclear disaster,

terrorism and biohazards. Did you know they were watching out for you?

Almost all of the equipment used by the SFE FD is donated or retired by major state and local fire and police departments. It would be great to have new, technologically advanced equipment, but this is not how most rural volunteer departments work. The SFE FD equipment is often refurbished and is primarily maintained by the volunteers on the department. Only recently did your volunteer department acquire a truck manufactured within the last 2 decades; all of the other trucks are from the 1980’s and earlier. You can bet the newer one will be well cared for. Look for the RAT (Rapid Attack Truck) at the fire station.

Your Fire Department takes care of your neighbors too! Not only Sherwood Forest residents benefit from having dedicated volunteers ready and willing to risk their lives to protect you, your family and property. Did you know much of Northern Arizona benefits from our little community’s volunteers as well? Yes, Sherwood Forest Volunteer Fire

Department assists other communities when they call. How so? Read on...

Sherwood Forest Volunteer Fire Department has what are called "Mutual Aid" agreements. They are sanctioned by the county. These are reciprocal aid agreements in which the SFE FD responds to incidents in other areas. And, those other areas respond to us when we need them. Most other areas are significantly larger than Sherwood Forest Estates and require substantially more aid. In recent history, the Ponderosa Fire Department has come to Sherwood Forest to provide medical assistance during accidents. Reciprocally, the Sherwood Forest Volunteer Fire Department has aided them and others with motor vehicle accidents along I-40, with house fires and with "slash" burning and control. Slash piles are the enormous piles of leftover cuttings from all of the thinning projects in the area.

Can you imagine not having firefighters on hand in the event a spark blew out of range? Do you recall what happened at the Williams Fourth of July Fireworks Show this past year? Sparks and hot fireworks began igniting spot fires in and around

Williams. Our own Sherwood Forest Volunteer Fire Department was on site identifying and securing "hot" areas, putting out spot fires, assisting patrons with evacuation and keeping us all in Northern Arizona safe.

Some of the surrounding areas your Sherwood Forest Fire Department Volunteers take care of, and they take care of us, include:

- AZ State Land Forestry Division
- Ash Fork Fire Department
- Coconino County Sheriff's Office
- Junipine Fire Department
- Juniper Woods Fire Department
- Kaibab Estates West Fire Department
- Kaibab National Forest
- Tusayan Fire Department
- Williams Police Department
- Williams Fire Department
- Valle Wood Fire Department

Say "hi" to an SFE Volunteer Firefighter when you get a chance; they'll appreciate you right back!

*By: Steve Abbit*

## Web links to Local Activities and Entertainment

There's so much to see and do here. I hope this is a helpful assistant in finding some of the great places to go and experience. I'll begin with closest to the SFE neighborhood and branch out.

Note: "\*" Indicates an organization that has donated a gift certificate or free passes in the last year(s) to our SFEPOA annual door prize give-away.

### **Mountain Ranch Resort:**

Has a \*Fitness Center and \*Horse Back Riding Stables. The restaurant is \*Mountain Ranch Bar and Grill. A local little-known fact is that they will offer a discount on meals for neighboring residents.

<http://www.mountainranchresort.com/>

### **\*Grand Canyon Deer Farm (and Petting Zoo):**

Year around fun for the whole family... <http://www.deerfarm.com/> they have faithfully donated passes to our annual door prize give-away.

### **City of Williams:**

<http://www.williamsarizona.gov/parks&rec.htm>

- \*Aqua Center
  - Heated indoor Pool
  - Site has schedule of public swimming, water aerobics and other classes.
- Skate Park

- Winter Ice Skating
- Golf Course <http://www.elephant-rocks.com/>

### **Oak Hill Snow Play Area:**

Located one mile east of the “T” intersection of Sherwood Forest Road and Route 66. Look on the south side of the road directly across from the Keyhole Sink trailhead.

[http://gorp.away.com/gorp/resource/us\\_national\\_forest/az/ski\\_kaib.htm](http://gorp.away.com/gorp/resource/us_national_forest/az/ski_kaib.htm)

### **Williams Area Hiking:**

<http://www.trails.com/activity.asp?area=13407> (This site may be accessed a few times for a two week trial before being required to become a member for a fee.) [http://www.localhikes.com/MSA/MSA\\_2620.asp](http://www.localhikes.com/MSA/MSA_2620.asp)

If you haven't already ventured into the Lava Tubes (a local favorite), I highly recommend it. Heed the good advice of very sturdy shoes, a jacket (even in the middle of summer) and several good flashlights!

**Sycamore Canyon:** <http://www.americansouthwest.net/arizona/index.shtml>

**Whitehorse Lake:** <http://www.go-arizona.com/Flagstaff/Fishing/>

### **Geocaching:**

This is an activity that incorporates the use of a GPS device to “seek and find” an item by global positioning coordinates. Go to: <http://www.geocaching.com/faq/>

Membership is free and required to retrieve coordinates, but not necessary to investigate and learn what it's about.

This additional link shows how many locations are listed just in our own 86046 zip code area.

<http://www.geocaching.com/seek/nearest.aspx?zip=86046&dist=20>

Winter has its charm in spite of the fact that a few places go into hibernation for the season. The '07-'08 snow season was an abundant opportunity to take advantage of the fun it offered.

### **\*Elk Ridge Ski & Outdoor Recreation:**

The newly-reopened facility on Bill Williams Mountain: <http://www.elkridgeski.com/>. They have remodeled the lodge and have new ski and snowboarding equipment.

### **The well known Arizona Snow Bowl:**

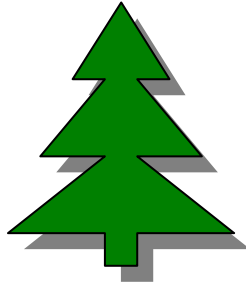
<http://www.arizonasnowbowl.com/> <http://www.onthesnow.com/AZ/504/index.html>

**Cross Country Skiing:** [http://gorp.away.com/gorp/resource/us\\_national\\_forest/az/ski\\_kaib.htm](http://gorp.away.com/gorp/resource/us_national_forest/az/ski_kaib.htm)

### **The Always Famous Grand Canyon Railway:**

Polar Express: Starts in Early November and goes through the middle of January. <http://www.thetrain.com/>

**Grand Canyon National Park:** <http://www.nps.gov/archive/grca/grandcanyon/>



### Important Phone Numbers

- Emergency .....911
- SFE Fire Dept .....928 635-9837
- Chief, Wayne Marx....928 607-3005
- SFE Fire Board Members  
Martin Rothman.....928 635-0954
- SFE Auxiliary President  
Anne Dudley.....928 635-0417
- SFE POA President  
Debi Switzer .....602 803-1846
- Coconino Sheriff.....928 635-4487
- Forestry Service .....928 635-5600
- Coconino Animal Management  
.....928 228-2717
- Coconino Community Service  
(Building Inspection & Zoning)  
.....928 226-2700

### 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.

### Mail or Email, a choice you can make now!

If you are ready to go paperless, please send an email to [SFEPOA@SherwoodForestEstates.org](mailto:SFEPOA@SherwoodForestEstates.org) or a message using our website's guest book (found in the website's *Contacts* section) and tell us "**yes, email please.**" Provide the following information:

- your full name
- lot number or full SFE address
- your email address

We will send you an email notice whenever a key event or the latest Newsletter is posted on the SFEPOA Website.

Remember, the web's guestbook is the perfect place to share your thoughts and concerns with your POA board and the SFE community. **Check it out!**

<http://www.SherwoodForestEstates.org>

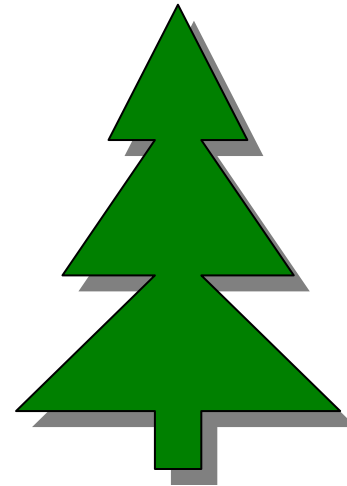
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**Rural Communities  
Fuels Management  
Partnership**



**Assistance for protecting  
your property from  
wildfire**



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Management Partnership**

For assistance contact  
Program Coordinator  
Phone: 928-523-8676  
E-mail: [amatthia@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:amatthia@ag.arizona.edu)

Additional contact - Arizona State Land  
Department 928-774-1425

***It is time to renew your SFEPOA membership for 2008!***

Mail this form and **\$20** to: SFEPOA, 809 West Riordan Rd., Ste. 100 #316, Flagstaff, AZ 86001  
*Checks should be made payable to SFEPOA.*

***If your name and address are correct on the label below, just write "same" on the line.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot Number/s: \_\_\_\_\_

SFE Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send future newsletters by email only:  or tell us by email: [SFEPOA@SherwoodForestEstates.org](mailto:SFEPOA@SherwoodForestEstates.org)

Email 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Email 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Comments or Concerns: (send a note to: [SFEPOA@SherwoodForestEstates.org](mailto:SFEPOA@SherwoodForestEstates.org) )

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