



Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Summer 2010

A Note from the President

Wow, what a winter - over 11 feet of snow! Spring had to battle to arrive this year but we're glad it finally made it!

Corrected Street Signs: I'd like to thank ALL of the SFE members & neighbors who contacted the county to inform them of the mistakes. Kudos to Jim Poley for applying the "final straw" that finally got results.

Mark Your Calendar: The Annual POA Business Meeting is Saturday July 3rd at the SFE Firehouse. Please arrive at 8:30am to sign in, renew membership, and receive the Agenda and last year's minutes for approval. Refreshments will be available. The Annual Meeting starts at **9:00am**

In keeping with our bylaws, two board positions have met or exceeded their 3 year term limits and are available. If you would be interested in serving on the SFE POA Board, please contact: [Jim Poley @ 602-370-9731](mailto:Jim.Poley@sherwoodforestestates.org), jbpoley@hotmail.com Subject: POA Nomination.

Read on for more information, news and noteworthy events coming up. As always all the info is on our website, SherwoodForestEstates.org. - which is always at your service. I look forward to crossing paths with you this year.

Your POA Board Pres.,
Deb Switzer

2009-2010 SFE POA Board

President:	Debi Switzer
Vice President:	Dave Jones
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Sherwood forest SFEPOA annual meeting for 2010

The Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association (SFE POA) annual meeting, usually on a Saturday closest to the Fourth of July.
JULY 3, 2010.

Automatic Electronic Defibrillator

SFE has an AED stationed at the Firehouse now that was purchased by the POA last year. It has been made available for emergency use for Sherwood Forest Estates neighborhood but training is essential for its use and access. Training is scheduled on Saturday July, 23rd. 2:00 p.m. at the Firehouse with Deirdre McLaughlin. She did the initial training session last summer and is knowledgeable, concise.

Williams Special Events for 2010

Williams has a lot going on in the summer. Here are some of the highlights that you might want to plan for:

Bearizona is scheduled to open in May and then would be open all summer.

June has the HOG rally (June 10-12) and the next weekend an arts, crafts, and antiques expo.

July 4th weekend: SFEPOA meeting on the 3rd, but also in town, Home Town 4th of July, including a parade at 6 pm, a BBQ Festival, and Renaissance Faire on 3rd and 4th. Also during the month are barrel races and a Reunion Rodeo.

August 7 is Taste of Williams (usually held later in the fall—don't miss this!) There are a couple weekends of team roping at the Rodeo Grounds and on the weekend of 13-14th the 14th Annual Cool Country Cruise-in and on the 14th Miss Route 66 Pageant. August 21-22 has 200 shiny Corvettes scheduled in Bloomington's Gold Tour.

Labor Day weekend: the SFE pancake breakfast, don't forget! In Williams there's a junior rodeo and a parade, Later in September are several events at the Rodeo Grounds, including barrel races and roping competitions. September 18 is the Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament at Elephant Rocks.

There's so much to do! Stay and enjoy! For more information, see the local newspaper or visit <http://www.williamschamber.com>.

Sign your house

Can friends and family find your home in Sherwood? Can the Fire Department, Police and Medical Rescue find your house? Maybe what you need is one of those bright green reflective signs that are popping up around the neighborhood. Please contact Anne Dudley at 928.635.0417 or adcabinaz@yahoo.com to have your sign made.

SFE VFD Auxiliary Message

Calendar Dates for 2010

May 29 (SAT)	8-10a	Bi-Annual Pancake Breakfast to Support the Firefighters
Jul 17 (SAT)	1-2:30pm	Auxiliary meeting @ firehouse
July 24 (SAT)	6:00 pm	Neighborhood Potluck and Bingo
Aug 7 (SAT)	1-2:30pm	Auxiliary meeting @ firehouse
Sept 4 (SAT)	8-10a	Bi-Annual Pancake Breakfast to Support the Firefighters

Welcome to another season of SFE Auxiliary Events. The Auxiliary will sponsor three activities this summer. We hope that you will plan to attend them and support our firefighters.

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 29 and September 4. The cost is \$5 for an adult, \$3 for a child (3 to 12 years old). The pancakes are always light and fluffy and the sausage crisp and delicious. T-shirts will be for sale also.

The second event of the summer will be a community potluck and bingo night. Plan to bring your favorite dish down to the fire house on Saturday, July 24 for an evening of neighborhood fun. The potluck starts at 6pm, bingo starts as soon as we are done eating. Prizes will include desserts and other donations.

In the last year, the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire Department Auxiliary has supported the SFE Fire Department by purchasing new t-shirts for all the firefighters and buying extensive decals for vehicles and personnel. The next time you are at the fire house be sure to

ask for a tour of the trucks to see our new look and logo.

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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2009-2010 SFEVFD Auxiliary

President: Anne Dudley adcabinaz@yahoo.com (928) 635-0417

Vice President: Shirley Kowren

Secretary: Betty Ferrier

Treasurer: Catherine Cook

SFE Neighborhood watch program

Website: <http://sherwoodforestestates.org/POA/index-files/neighborhood-Watch-Program.html>

Neighborhood Watch is similar to the Block Watch program commonly conducted in urban areas, and goes back to the concept of "neighbors looking out for neighbors" that many people remember from 30 years ago. It is one of the most effective ways to prevent and deter criminal activity, attend to home and personal security, address the safety of our children and the elderly and to alleviate fear and isolation. Residents learn how to observe and report suspicious activity and reduce the risk of becoming a crime victim. Coconino Sheriff's Department notes that when the Watch program is implemented, there is a decrease in break-ins and transient traffic

We try to meet quarterly at the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire Station, next meeting is not scheduled yet, check the webpage for more information.

SFENWP's Neighborhood Watch signs have been received and should be put in place soon by Coconino County Public Works.

Gerry Blair from the Coconino County Sheriff's Department has attended all the meetings; usually along with one of the Sheriff's Deputies assigned to our area. They provide info about any crime which happened in our area since the last meeting and answer questions from the group.

Please fill out the SFE Neighborhood Watch Information Form on the SFENW Website (address above) and email to Rusty Rothman at rustyroth@q.com or mail to her at 7415 Long Bow Drive, Williams, AZ. 86046. If you have questions call her at 928.635.0954 or 928.856.1050. The information will be given to the Coconino Sheriff's Office and the SFE Fire Department and kept by the SFE Neighborhood Watch Captain, Rusty Rothman for emergencies only. Block Captains will be coming around to inform you about Neighborhood Watch and to ask you to fill out Information Forms if you haven't already.

If you would be willing to serve as a block captain or to assist in other ways call/email Rusty at rustyroth@q.com, (928) 635-0954 or (928) 856-1050.

Email Notification Please

I would like to encourage ALL (SFE & MRR) PROPERTY OWNERS, whether a dues paying member in the POA or not, to sign up for SFE POA Email Notifications.

SFE POA has been using email notifications for over 3 years and it has enabled us to keep property owners informed of pertinent information on upcoming events and any major issues or developments within our two communities. Our contact list currently represents only 35% of SFE property owners and less of MRR residents.

We certainly respect the privacy of those who choose not to share their email information. We all have more "junk mail" than we want or ever expected. Realizing this we insure that our use of email notifications is limited to community information only. This includes notices from the SFE Volunteer Fire Department, SFE VFD Auxiliary, SFE Property Watch Program and POA events. On average this amounted to less than a dozen notices a year in past years. SFE POA is the owner and controller of our email distribution data and maintains the highest privacy standards. We don't share or sell our email data to anyone and we don't advertise!

Current traditional notification methods are bi-yearly paper mailed newsletters, occasional marquee notices at our entryway or postings on our website. Unfortunately, many miss or overlook timely events and/or issues that come up throughout the course of the year. We believe that many more of you would be interested in current events if you were able to get timely notification.

A current example: we now have an Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED) available for emergencies. (See article regarding AED below) We are hoping to schedule a second training or refresher course soon. This Summer Newsletter will be sent out before we are able to set the date. It's very important to be trained in the AED's proper use and getting the word out to those who are interested is essential.

Please join our email contact list by sending an email (from your current email system) to:
SFEPOA@sherwoodforeststates.org

Subject: Email Notifications Please

Body:

Provide your SFE or MRR address/lot number (for identification only) and list any other email addresses you would like to include in our listing.

Thank You!

CERT

To all our friends in SFE. I wrote the following piece a year ago and after reading it again this year I figured out that there was not much else to say about CERT except that we are trying to put a new class together for June or July of this year. We currently have 19 trained volunteers in SFE and we could use you also. If you are interested in being trained, please let me know. Jack

Let Us Imagine For A Moment

Let us imagine for a moment that it is September. The Monsoons never came about and yes the forest is beyond dry. A hunter is out scouting for Elk. He is walking in the forest West and North of White Horse Lake. He is smoking and drops his cigarette. That was all it took for the fire to start!

Because of the dry year all of the northland is ready to burn and there is another large fire going on just South of Flagstaff. The Police and Sherriff's Departments and all the fire departments are overwhelmed. 911 does not answer because the switchboard just has too many calls.

The very well trained fire department of Sherwood Forest Estates is out at the fire northwest of White Horse Lake. The prevailing wind is driving it toward us. We, here at home, are on our own.

Neighbors must direct traffic, help those with special needs, keep communications open, provide minor first aid where needed, direct evacuations if needed and protect our area from any outside unwanted visitors.

This is the job for **CERT**. Community Emergency Response Team.

Funded by a branch of Homeland Security and supervised and trained by the Coconino County Sheriff's Department, CERT can accomplish all of the above and much more.

The first rule of a CERT volunteer is to always work with a buddy. The second is to never put oneself or their buddy in harm's way and third is to do no harm to others.

These rules and many other things about basic first aid and search and rescue are covered in the first 20 hours of CERT training. It is fast paced training, taught by professionals with a lot of hands-on work. A once a month follow-up training is done following a free bar-B-que at the Flagstaff Police Department, however as we gain more trained Williams, Parks and Sherwood Forest Estates volunteers, (there are now about 10, three from SFE) we will hold such monthly training in our own area.

All costs are covered by the Sheriff's Department and each student is given a back pack with helmet, vest, gloves, emergency tools and basic first aid equipment.

We are in the process of forming a CERT training class here in Sherwood Forest Estates. If you are interested or have questions please contact me.

Please come join us and be ready to help our neighbors, but now let us imagine a very wet summer.

Jack Hadley 928-635-2055 or cell 928-607-3547 jshadley@q.com

Notes from the Firehouse

This springtime greeting is being written on April 30th with snow on the ground and an outside temp of 20 degrees. Did I mistakenly move back to Wisconsin?

The winter has been challenging with near record snow accumulation and county cutbacks affecting road clearings. However, it seems we are a hardy and resourceful bunch and managed to come through it all only slightly bruised. With the donation of a snow plow, the loan of a large generator set and some provision stocking at the fire station we were prepared for nearly any emergency. Fortunately, none of the full time residents who weathered the storms were adversely affected.

The most obvious casualties are the mail boxes, most of which are now in heaps somewhere near your neighbor's driveway. In defense of the plowing crew, there is not much that can be done to avoid knocking over a rigid mounted box with that much snow to move. The two most popular solutions have been installing a swing away device or resigning oneself to the annual repair or replacement of the "temporary" boxes.

Buildings fared much better than expected. We only had one mobile home and one cabin with obvious severe roof damage. Several folks spent many hours clearing accumulation off low pitch structures which avoided additional damage. On the other hand, I haven't seen a tin shed north of Ash Fork that hasn't collapsed.

On the subject of snow clearing, I want to thank the fire crews who worked many long hours keeping the fire station clear and operable and for insuring adequate emergency vehicle and personnel access to all parts of the district. In addition, I would like to acknowledge the fire board for authorizing the purchase of a new commercial grade snow plow when the donated model proved to be too light weight for our needs.

The main reason we even have a plow is to maintain the area around the fire station and to provide access to emergencies. In retrospect, we did a few things with our equipment that we will not be able to do in the future due to insurance and other liability issues. Gone are the days of being able to plow driveways for anyone other than department personnel who need a way to respond in case emergencies. We also need to be very cautious about the amount and types of towing service we provide. That will be determined on a case by case basis after evaluating urgency and complexity.

And while we are on the subject, I urge you all to be very careful about where you drive during the spring (or summer as our case may be) thaw. After having sustained such a heavy and soaking snow accumulation, many roads that look solid could in fact act much like quicksand. If you have any doubts about your driveways or back roads you wish to explore I strongly urge you to do a test walk in the area first. When in doubt, stay out.

So much for snow, let's talk trees. The RCFMP tree thinning program is still alive and looking for property owners wanting to improve the health of the forest in general and their property in particular. For the price a person might expect to pay a private company to remove one or two trees you can still have your entire lot assessed, tagged, thinned of overburden trees and have the resulting debris cleared. Contact the fire department for further information. This is a cooperative project that uses grant funding to supplement labor and equipment costs and will not be around indefinitely. Even if you have had this work done before and wish to consider additional tree removal you are still eligible for the program.

The Moonset Pit will also be active again this year for those of you doing your own forest litter clearing. Pit hours, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, will start May 1st and, weather permitting, continue on the first and third Saturday of every month through September with October tentative. This is for forest debris ONLY. Not following the rules could result in this program's cancelation. We also need volunteers to do check-in duties for three hour shifts, so if you have used this facility in the past perhaps it's time to do your part and donate three hours once a year.

Now it's time for my annual bragging rights. Once again your fire department has brought honor (and a sizable amount of cash) to the district. As an example, we were on the potentially devastating Twin fire last year from beginning to end and received well earned recognition plus a healthy paycheck. This proves once again that we have the proper equipment and trained personnel needed for protecting our special environment.

Speaking of trained personnel, we recently sent 8 of our firefighters to the Arizona Wildfire & Incident Management Academy in Prescott where they successfully completed a total of 13 challenging courses. This was the best showing of any department or agency represented and there were several hundred enrolled. I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of our people. The dedication your volunteers have is remarkable and you should take any opportunity to thank them personally.

My personal gratitude extends out from the firefighters to the Fire Board, the Auxiliary and on to the POA. We are a cohesive team and work well together providing the resources needed to protect our special community.

One last note on those resources. With the addition of a recently purchased water tender (our third) and the long term loan of a type-3 brush engine from the state, we now have 8 emergency service vehicles that will be ready for the unpredictable fire season we are facing. It has recently been argued that we could do an adequate job of protecting our district with a fraction of that number. That may be true but we have based our equipment purchasing decisions on the idea that we want to help prevent fires from ever reaching our fence lines. To do this we need resources compatible with our neighbors that include State Land, the Forest Service and all of our mutual aid fire departments in this end of the state.

Logistically we simply can not get any larger so we will concentrate on doing the best job we can with the tactical equipment we now have. Our goal is to keep you safe and, rest assured, you have a great bunch of folks working very hard to do just that. Be proud of what you have here in the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District, I know I am.

Wayne Marx
Chief SFEFD

***Important Phone Numbers**

- Emergency911
- SFE Fire Dept928 635-9837
- Chief, Wayne Marx ...928 607-3005
- SFE Fire Board Chairman
Martin Rothman928 635-0954
- SFE Auxiliary President
Anne Dudley928 635-0417
- SFE POA President
Debi Switzer602 803-1846
- Coconino Sheriff928 635-4487
- Forestry Service928 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 (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>

**It’s time to renew your SFEPOA membership for 2010!
Mail this form & \$20 to: SFE POA, PO Box 211, Williams, AZ 86046-0211
Make Checks payable to SFEPOA**

Please provide all information requested below (do not use “Same”): **Yr. 2010**

Name: _____ **Lot Number/s:** _____

SFE Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ **Amount Enclosed: \$** _____

City, State, Zip: _____ **Phone:** _____

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Email Address (and/or Additional Contact Info): _____