



Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Spring 2012

From the President

Notes from the SFEPOA President:

Another summer season is starting at Sherwood Forest Estates. Our year-round residents are packing away the snow shovels and our part-time residents are airing out their cabins and checking their water systems. This is a great time to clean up our lots, pick up downed tree branches and rake up pine needles in preparation for fire season.

As we celebrate another wonderful summer in the pines, please help to keep our neighborhood safe and secure: be careful with open fires (watch the entrance sign for information on any fire restrictions), observe our speed limits and

watch out for pedestrians as you drive. Please keep dust down to a minimum (until the monsoon rains come, our streets get very dry) and be on the lookout for any unusual activities (particularly at homes you know to be unoccupied). By looking out for one another, we can keep our neighborhood the “secret jewel” that it is.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting of the Property Owners on Saturday, June 30th, at the Fire House.

Your President,
Jim Poley

2012 SFE POA Board

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SFEPOA Annual Meeting

SHERWOOD FOREST ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING June 30, 2012

Our Annual Meeting of the Property Owners will be held on Saturday, June 30th, in the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire House. Refreshments and sign-in start at 8:30AM with the official meeting starting at 9:00AM.

SFE Entrance Sign Needs Repair

Our Sherwood Forest Estates entrance sign is starting to show some wear. It is not holding up as well as we had hoped given our dry climate and cold winters. Your SFE Board is considering either refurbishing the sign or replacing it with a new one. We would like to solicit community input before proceeding. If we replace the sign, is there information you would like to see added or removed? We would like our sign to be both informative and attractive. Send your suggestions to any of our board members. We hope to be able to discuss any proposals at our annual meeting on June 30th.



The original sign.

New SFEPOA Board Members Needed

The purpose of the Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association, Inc. is to:

- promote projects, services and activities that maintain or enhance property values;
- promote the safety, peace and well-being of the members;
- support the enforcement of zoning laws, health codes, and all other laws and regulations applicable to Coconino County and the State of Arizona.

Your Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association Board is comprised of seven individuals serving staggered three-year terms. It is not a requirement for board members to be full-time residents. The board meets several times per year to plan events and take action on community issues.

This year, the terms for board members Judson Swearingen and Jim Poley are expiring. In addition, we need to fill the position held by Rusty Rothman who has resigned from the board. Jim Poley is heading the nominating committee to find property owners who would like to serve on this board. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please call Jim at (602) 370-9731 or Debi Switzer at (602) 803-1846 for more information. You will find this to be a rewarding experience.

A Special Thanks

We would like to extend our appreciation to Rusty Rothman for the tremendous amount of time and effort that she has put in with the board, Neighborhood Watch Program and Auxiliary. She has been a strong and dedicated supporter for the board and community.

Moonset Pit

Williams, Ariz. – Moonset Pit will be open starting Saturday, May 12th, to allow residents to deposit forest debris from their private property. The pit is located on National Forest land west of Parks and east of Spitz Springs on the north side of Old Route 66.

The pit will be open on the second and fourth Saturdays each month through September with October tentative.

Fire personnel and community volunteers will staff the pit from 9AM to 3PM to ensure access and prevent disposal of unauthorized materials. Only natural, woody debris from private property can be deposited.

You can take steps to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to your home. Clearing flammable material away from your home reduces the risk of a wildfire from starting or spreading on your property. It also gives firefighters an area in which to work.

Illegal dumping at Moonset Pit has been a major problem. Pit abuses include dumping items other than natural, woody debris and dumping outside of the pit when the gate is closed. Please help us continue to offer this community service by using the pit appropriately.

For more information please call Ray Raetzel at (928) 635-0059 or Anne Dudley at (928) 635-0417.

Williams Special Event Schedule 2012

In addition to our wonderful weather here in the summer, we are also fortunate to have such a variety of activities to keep us entertained. Here is a summary of the Williams special events to look forward to:

On Saturday and Sunday, May 12th and 13th, Williams is observing "National Train Day" at the Grand Canyon Railway with its "Trains, Planes and Automobiles" celebration. Come experience Historic Route 66, the Cataract Creek Rambler and view the classic cars and vintage tractors on display. Hay bale rides are also available for additional family fun.

On Saturday, May 12th, only, H. A. Clark Memorial Airport, 4 miles north of Williams on Airport Road, is hosting its second annual Airport Open House during Williams' "Trains, Planes and Automobiles celebration." Pilots from all over the state, residents and visitors are invited for a pancake breakfast hosted by the Williams' local Boys Scouts troop. If you have not seen Williams' beautiful airport, this is a perfect opportunity to do so. A free shuttle (9:00AM - 3:00PM) is provided between the airport and train station for your convenience. Flight simulators and Young Eagle Flights for kids (sponsored by EAA Chapter #856 out of Flagstaff) will also be available throughout the day.

Memorial Day weekend: SFE Auxiliary Pancake breakfast at the Fire House. In Williams, it's Rendezvous Days with Trader's Row, Fishing Derby, BBQ and Parade. Also, there are hourly steam engine rides at the train depot on Saturday and Sunday.

June has National Trails Day, Corvette Tour (100+ shiny Corvettes), HOG (Harley Owners Group) Rally, Rodeo, and War Birds Air Display at Valle.

July: SFEPOA annual meeting at the Firehouse. In Williams, during the 4th of July weekend, there is a Railhead shooting competition, hourly steam engine rides again offered at the depot, BBQ festival, 4th of July parade at 6 pm on the 4th and many more family activities including a Women's Barrel Race and a Community Homemade Ice Cream Social at the Community United Methodist Church at 2nd and Sherman with donations going to the Police Department.

August offers Team Roping, Cool Country Cruise-in, (which last year had more than 250 classic cars), Miss Route 66 Pageant, Dog Agility contest, Rotary Club Western Auction at Miss Kitty's and a Fly-in at Valle Airport with activities for the whole family.

September: Labor Day Weekend: SFE Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast at the Firehouse and in Williams there's a rodeo and a 5K and 10K fun run. Other September activities are an Amusements Carnival, Century Bicycle Ride, Mexican Independence Day festival, Habitat Benefit Golf Tournament, and a really special event, this year, the Taste of Williams at Bearizona.

If you haven't yet been to Bearizona, it's a must! And even if you have, it's changing and growing, so a repeat visit is a treat. There's so much to do--walking, hiking, biking, riding ATVs, picnicking and golfing. Nearby Flagstaff has lots of summer concerts, arts and crafts shows, and various festivals. Check the local newspapers or www.williamschamber.com or www.flagstaffchamber.com for more information.

Preparedness

Preparation: What does this really mean? The list of possible scenarios is long and each person's needs vary. Start by asking what is nominal for your everyday life. Look at each part of your day and list what it would take to continue or substitute each activity for various disruptions such as a forest fire, ice storm, or a major earthquake in another area like Los Angeles. Next, look at the possible duration for these events and how it would affect you in fulfilling the gaps in services and supplies that you have come to rely upon.

Look at the financial side; for example, do I go to the store 4 times a month or once a month to save on fuel cost and purchase at today's price for the month to avoid next week's price increase. Can we re-fi our loans to lower fixed rates from ARMs or variables; also, can we consolidate into deductible home mortgages for the tax advantages? (Seek legal advice for your financial planning.)

Be informed, check multiple sources to evaluate their accuracy and reassess your situation from time to time. Keep your plans private, be a good listener and learn from others--both the good and the bad. Your peace of mind cannot be purchased; it is developed from your knowing that you are able to face the unexpected and still be able to take care of yourself and family.

From Your Fire Department

It is a pleasure to report that it has been a pretty uneventful winter in Sherwood Forest. As always, your fire department uses this quiet time to prepare for inevitable emergencies.

Through the generosity of an SFE couple, who wish to remain anonymous, we have been able to add much needed First Responder medical equipment and supplies to our arsenal. The median age of our communities' population is always on our minds when planning for our training and equipment needs and now we have the proper tools with which to work.

There is some very good news about the availability of funds in the cooped lot thinning program. Through the continuing efforts of the Rural Communities Fuel Management Partnership (RCFMP), there are still some funds available to help defer the cost of thinning the overgrowth of trees on our properties. However, due to cost increases and changing rules set by the grant providers, the cost to the property owner will probably increase to \$425.00 per acre, which is still about what you might expect an arborist to charge for felling just one or two trees. If you are unfamiliar with the program, please contact the fire department.

We also have good news concerning the disposal of potentially hazardous forest debris. The Moonset pit will be open again this summer and SFE is a major player. The schedule has the pit open for property owner use on the second and fourth Saturdays of May through September (with October tentative) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The only exception is the first Saturday in July which will be substituted for the second. A schedule will be posted in the fire house office window.

Even though we have a very safe and largely crime-free community, there are still a few things each of us could do to make our homes less vulnerable. Thieves, being mostly stealthy opportunists, have been known to stake out properties that are obviously vacant. Signs they look for might include barriers across driveway entrances, uncollected mail, phone books or advertisements lying around the property and, in the winter, unused driveways. We will have a chance to openly discuss possible solutions at the annual POA meeting.

As we do every year, we encourage anyone with an interest in serving our community to contact the fire department about volunteer projects and positions.

Important Reminder: If you are calling in an emergency, **Call 911 First. Do not** call our fire department and **do not** call my cell phone. Since the last newsletter, well-meaning citizens wanting to report emergencies have called my cell phone first and on two of those occasions I was not "on call" and was actually out of town. This simple mistake will cause dispatching delays where sometimes seconds can make a difference. I encourage you to **call our department immediately after calling 911** so we can begin our firefighter call-out. If I am on duty, which I normally am, your call will be transferred directly to my cell phone anyway.

You may contact me directly by calling (928) 635-9837 or emailing sherwoodfire@qwestoffice.net.

Be safe out there,
Wayne Marx
Chief, SFEFD

Important Phone Numbers

- **Call 911 first with your emergency. This will reduce delays and get the proper resources responding.**

- Emergency..... 911
- SFE Fire Dept.....(928) 635-9837
- Chief, Wayne Marx ... (928) 607-3005
- SFE Fire Board Chairman
Beth Dormady (928) 635-9761
- SFE Auxiliary President
Anne Dudley (928) 635-0417
- SFE POA President
Jim Poley..... (602) 370-9731
- Coconino Sheriff (928) 635-4487
- Forestry Service..... (928) 635-5600
- Coconino Animal Management
..... (928) 228-2717

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 (SFPEOA@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 SFPEOA 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!**

Just in case you miss us at the meeting, here is a form you can use for the dues. Thank you.

Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association

SFEPOA 2012 Annual Membership Dues Form

Please PRINT, fill out and mail this form along with \$20 to:

SFE POA, P.O. Box 211, Williams, AZ 86046-0211

Make checks payable to: SFEPOA

Please fill out the entire form. Providing all information allows us to properly update and maintain our database and is very much appreciated.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Lot Number(s) _____

SFE Address _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (s) _____ / _____

Email Address _____

Additional Preferred Contact info): _____

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