



Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Spring 2013

<http://sherwoodforestestates.org>

From the President

Notes from the SFEPOA President:

Ahh! Spring has sprung and the forest is coming alive including the wood pecker that beat a hole in our chimney. This may turn out to be the last spring for that bird. There is a little green in the forest, but it has been a dry winter which means an early fire season.

Our roads are in pretty good shape, but again, the dust problem is as bad as ever. Please remind everyone, including any workmen you might have hired, to slow down and show respect for each other. (And especially to those like me who carry an inhaler at all times.)

I was looking back in time the other day and realized that Sue and I purchased our first lot 45 years ago this summer. My, how things have changed. No county septic or building permits required. No fire protection and a bunch of old trailers. Today, with few exceptions, we all have modern septic systems. Our homes meet County standards and as you all know, we have the finest, most modern volunteer fire department any subdivision could ask for.

A couple of years ago there was a bad fire over by Parks. Some of our fire fighters and our equipment responded. Sue and I as CERT volunteers were working road block duty as some of the men returned that evening. Tired, dirty and covered with black soot. We cannot pay them enough for what they put out for us. So the next time you see one of our volunteers, stop and say thank you. It can never be said enough.

Someone said something about us helping out over at Parks. Don't know if you know it or not, but we have an agreement that we will help them and they in turn will help us if needed.

Plans for this summer: Well, the "Let's have a party people" are in full swing and the auxiliary will again have a pancake breakfast on May 25. Then in June there is a chili cook off along with the residents of Mountain Rose Ranch. That takes place on June 8th. Our annual meeting will again be the following weekend of the Fourth of July. It starts with coffee at 8:30 AM and the meeting at 9:00 AM. Both Betty and Debi will be leaving the Board this year so we need two new members. Call me if you are interested. Betty and Debi will both be missed.

The Auxiliary will have another pancake breakfast on Labor Day weekend. Info on dates, times and who to call if interested in taking part in any of these activates is listed later in this newsletter.

I have asked the Sheriff's Department to provide us with info for this newsletter about ATV riding on county and forest service roads. Please note the part about you being at least 16 and a licensed driver to operate an ATV! Unless designed to hold two, then no double riding is allowed. They are not issuing warnings. Just costly tickets. Sorry folks. It isn't like it used to be, but the laws have to be enforced because so many children have been killed or seriously injured.

And while on the subject of ATVs and roads, please again remember that the roads in Rose Mountain Ranch are private. I know. For those of us who for many years used the forest service road that ran through there to get to 102, it is sad, but progress can't be stopped. You might want to remind your kids also that those roads are private. Let's be good neighbors.

Be aware of any RED FLAG warnings, be safe with fire, have fun and enjoy the cool summer in SFE. See you at the pancake breakfast.

Jack

SFPOA Annual Meeting

SHERWOOD FOREST ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING July 6, 2013

Our Annual Meeting of the Property Owners will be held on Saturday, July 6th in the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire House. Refreshments and sign-in starts at 8:30 AM with the official meeting starting at 9:00 AM.

2012 SFPOA Board

President:	Jack Hadley	jshadley@q.com	928-635-2055
Vice President:	Frank Honer	fhoner@cox.net	602-882-1923
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Chili Contest, Silent Auction* and Fun!!!

Sherwood POA and Mountain Rose HOA are looking for 10 individuals to participate in the 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off at the Firehouse on Saturday, June 8th. Tasting and judging will be from 12:00 to 12:30 with prizes being awarded to the top three favorites later in the afternoon.

Wish to be a participant? Please email Catherine Cook at Haveagud1@yahoo.com with "Chili Cook-Off" in the subject line. She will get back to you with additional information.

Not participating in the Cook-off? WE NEED YOUR APPEITITES!!!! Come enjoy the afternoon and great food** while catching up with your neighbors. The "Chili Chow Down" begins at 12:30!

* ALL Monies from the Silent Auction benefit YOUR Fire Department

**Salads, condiments, beverages and dessert to complement your chili feast provided by Sherwood POA and Mountain Rose HOA.

Openings on the board

After many years of service both Betty Ferrier and Debi Switzer are retiring and we have two vacancies to fill. We only hold a couple of meetings a year and it is a great way for you to get to know your neighbor. New to SFE? We would love to have you join us on the Board. New people mean new ideas. If interested, please call Jack at 928-635-2055 or 928-607-3547. Election will be at the annual meeting.

How About a Little “Trash Talk”

It is the time of year to do a little ‘Spring Cleaning’ and we could use your help... Sherwood Forest Estates (SFE) has sponsored an annual clean up for the past several years. The first year, our team of volunteers (encouraged by Danny and Vickie Hunter), picked up over 500 pounds of trash along the road from the entrance to SFE to Route 66. The following years, the amount of trash went down even though we expanded our pick up area to include every street in SFE.

What: SFE Annual Spring Clean Up

When: Saturday, May 25th, 10:30AM (After the Pancake Breakfast)

Where: Meet at Dave and Diane Jones, 7539 E. Knighthood Lane (NE Corner of Little John and Knighthood)

Why: An opportunity to clean the neighborhood streets and meet your neighbors!

Who: Open to all, living, breathing humans...

We will meet at our house and set up the teams and assign areas. About 10:45 AM, we will head out on quads, Rangers or whatever mode of transportation you choose. Please bring gloves, grabbers, sun block and hats. We will provide garbage bags, water and sodas.

Now the fun part... After the clean up (estimated time 12:30 PM), we will have a BBQ at our house. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and cookies will be served along with water and sodas... Also, you are welcome to bring your own drinks to the BBQ.

We look forward to seeing you then...

Dave and Diane Jones

SFEFD Auxiliary

The SFEFD Auxiliary will hold their first meeting of the 2013 season on Saturday, May 18, at 1:00 at the Fire Department. We will be finalizing plans for the Pancake Breakfast to be held on Saturday, May 25, from 8-10 am and planning our summer activities. Everyone is invited to attend our meetings and participate in all our activities. We need your help!

Please watch for signs at subdivision entrance for notice of future meetings/activities. If you would like to be on email list for notice of these meetings, please contact any auxiliary member.

Current officers for the Auxiliary are:

President: Sue Hadley, 928-635-2055, sjhadley@hotmail.com

Secretary: Anne Dudley

Treasurer: Cathy Cook

Don't forget: Pancake Breakfast—Saturday, May 25, 8-10 am.

Neighborhood Watch

The Sherwood Forest Estates Neighborhood Watch group was established in 2008 in order to provide a forum for learning how to prevent rural crime in the community. The Neighborhood Watch will resume meeting this summer with the continued goal of updating its security action plan for the neighborhood.

Thank you for completing the Neighborhood Watch survey that was circulated throughout the neighborhood and online last fall. If you missed it, and would like to complete a survey, it can be found online at <http://sherwoodforestestates.org/POA/index-files/Neighborhood-Watch.html> and mailed or emailed to Marcy Aldacushion, the Neighborhood Watch coordinator. The information that you provide is confidential, and will be available to only the Block Captains and the Sheriff's Department. This will allow us to contact you or the Sheriff's office regarding suspicious activities or unsafe conditions in the neighborhood or on your property.

If you would like to attend, the Neighborhood Watch is open to all residents (full-time or part-time). Meetings are typically at the fire station on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. Meeting topics consist of presentations or discussions about various programs available to the neighborhood, such as; crime/burglary prevention, fire preparedness, inventorying personal property, and other topics regarding home and personal security. Please check the SFE website calendar for dates. <http://sherwoodforestestates.org/POA/index-files/calendar.html> .

We have Block Watch Captains on nearly each stretch of the east-to-west streets, but we need a few more volunteers. You can volunteer even if you are a part-time resident. (Block Captains and their contact information are located on the Neighborhood Watch website: <http://sherwoodforestestates.org/POA/index-files/Neighborhood-Watch.html>). These captains will note suspicious activities and report them to the Coconino County Sheriff as necessary. Examples of suspicious activities include:

- Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home
- Someone looking into windows and parked cars
- Slow moving vehicles cruising the block
- Someone screaming or shouting for help
- Sounds of breaking glass or shattering wood

Block Captains may also note and report unsafe conditions or emergencies, such as a tree that fell onto your house, or a downed power line.

A successful Neighborhood Watch depends on the help and vigilance of all community members. If you are interested in learning more about the Neighborhood Watch Program, or becoming a Block Watch Captain, please attend the next meeting.

Address Signs

Our neighborhood's homes have a lot of the green reflective address signs that the POA has sponsored for several years, but not nearly enough have participated! It makes your home so much easier to find, so why not avail yourself of this service? Our fire chief would like every residence to have one and mounted so that it is visible from both directions. If you have need for emergency services, you'll be glad you did. Visiting friends and relatives will appreciate it, too.

To have one made please contact:

Anne Dudley (928) 635-0417, adcabinaz@yahoo.com or

Sue Hadley (928) 635-2055, isjhadley@hotmail.com

There is no charge.

Property Watch Program

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office has a Property Watch Program that is a free service to all county residents.

Uniformed volunteers who drive marked patrol vehicles will conduct security checks on your property if you are going to be gone or even if you would like extra security when you are home. A form to request this service is now available on the sherwoodforestestates.org web site or you may call the Williams Substation of the Sheriff's Office at (928) 635-4487 to have a form mailed to you. The volunteer who services our area is Greg Rebis. Many of you have met him at the annual meeting.

Our best security for our homes when we're away is having neighbors and our Neighborhood Watch program watching out for us, but this service adds another dimension.

Moonset Pit

"We encourage our local community members to rake, prune and gather debris from their property and deposit it at Moonset Pit," said Williams District Ranger Martie Schramm. "This is an important step in reducing the risk of wildfire damage to your home."

On open pit dates, fire personnel and community volunteers staff the pit from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to ensure access and prevent disposal of unauthorized materials. Only natural, woody debris may be deposited at Moonset Pit. Open pit dates for 2013 are as follows:

May 11	May 25	June 8	June 22	July 13
July 27	Aug 10	Aug 24	Sept 14	Sept 28

The use of the pit is a community service provided to help private citizens create defensible space and improve forest health in their communities. This service is offered by the Kaibab National Forest and the communities of Parks and Sherwood Forest Estates in coordination with the Rural Communities Fuels Management Partnership. The RCFMP provides assistance in protecting private property from wildfire through tree thinning projects. Information on the RCFMP is available by calling (928) 523-8676 or by visiting <http://redrockcountry.org/rcfmp/>. For more information on Moonset Pit or to volunteer to staff the pit on open dates, call Ray Raetzel at (928) 635-0059 or Anne Dudley at (928) 635-0417.

Update from Your Fire Department

Greetings from the fire department and all the volunteers that serve our unique community. It's been pretty quiet since the fall newsletter was published and that suits us just fine.

As always, our mission is to protect you and your property and our plan is to focus on prevention and preparedness. We would much rather prevent a fire than fight one but, should an emergency present itself, we are prepared.

There are a number of ways each of you can help keep our neighborhood safe:

- Be aware of and comply with burning restrictions during Red Flag periods.
- Report any unattended debris pile or camp fires.

- Follow the homeowner guidelines for a fire safe property.
- When burning, keep water, a shovel and the fire department phone number handy.
- Have the department do a property safety assessment and fill out one of our survey forms.

If you think our property values have taken a hit in a weak economy, just imagine what they would be worth without our trees.

Our community and many of our property owners have been recognized as being very proactive in fire prevention and an Arizona State Division of Forestry representative has invited us to become a *Firewise* community. With the efforts we have put forth so far it would be very easy for us to qualify. More information on this will be presented at the POA meeting in July.

Again this year we will help staff the Moonset Pit the second and fourth Saturdays of the months May through September. The pit will be open from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and is for the disposal of **forest debris only.**

As property owners, we have all seen our land and/or home values drop significantly and, since the fire departments main source of revenue is based on property taxes, we are experiencing a significant shortfall. To combat this situation, which affects vital programs such as firefighter training and equipment purchases, we are finding it necessary to become financially creative. Without going into detail, I'll just say we have some plans already in progress and encourage you to participate in, or give some input to, our new Fundraising Committee.

May you all enjoy a relaxing and safe summer season.

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
Sue Hadley 928 635-2055
- SFE POA President
Jack Hadley 928 635-2055
- Coconino Sheriff 928 635-4487
- Forestry Service 928 635-5600
- Coconino Animal Management 928 228-2717

*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!

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

Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association

SFEPOA 2013 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 data base and is very much appreciated.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Lot Number(s) _____

SFE Address _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone (s) _____ or _____

Email Address _____

Additional Preferred Contact info: _____

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