



# Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

*Spring 2014*

<http://sherwoodforestestates.org>

## From the President

Notes from the SFEPOA President:

Welcome back to our hide-a-ways in the pines. I trust that all of you snowbirds had a safe winter.

I understand that except for being cold, winter did not come upon SFE very heavy, but here it is the first week of May and it snowed today. What do they say? If you don't like the weather, wait, it will soon change!

The elk, deer and prong horns are back down below the tracks. There were also some geese sitting by the water hole the other evening. Guess they needed a rest on their long trip north. All of this wildlife says that summer is just around the corner.

I know that Fire Chief Wayne will cover it in depth, but it can not be said enough, **the forests are very dry. We are now under red flag warnings and no live fires are allowed out doors. No smoking except inside a structure or auto and of course, NO fireworks! Please see the Chief's report for more on this.**

If you have someone else using your home, please make sure they know these rules. We had a few unfortunate situations occur last year and the firefighters and our Chief sure don't wish for a repeat.

The Forest Service did a lot of tree thinning to the west and south of us and it should reduce the fire danger from the prevailing winds carrying a fire into us. Thanks to the Forest Service.

When you see our training officer, Deidre McLaughlin, ask her what she got for her birthday last year and how it is coming along?

As explained elsewhere the dust is as bad as ever. Not much luck in getting the roads paved so please slow down.

We do have two openings coming up on the Board. Cathy Cook and Mike Kowren have served their 3 year term. If you would like to help our neighborhood continue as the safe fun community that it is, then I ask, please call me at 928-635-2055. I'll be happy to discuss what's involved before you say yes.

Dave and Diane Jones moved away last fall. They headed up the neighborhood cleanup for many years with the very able help of Danny and Vicky Hunter. The Hunters have agreed to help again this year and I will sort of head it up. Plan to meet at the fire house at 9:30AM on Saturday, June 28th. We will have the plastic bags for you and Danny has once again volunteered to bring his trailer and then take the trash to the Williams transfer station. We are usually done in less than 2 hours. Bring your ATV, UTV or just come. We will find someone for you to ride with. This is a great way for you to get to know your neighbor and help make Sherwood Forest Estates a cleaner, nicer place to live.

Hope to see you all at the Memorial Day pancake breakfast on the 24th of May, the cleanup on the 28th of June and also on the 5th of July for our annual meeting and the Chili cook-off.

Jack

**SFEPOA Annual Meeting**

**SHERWOOD FOREST ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

**July 5, 2014**

Our Annual Meeting of the Property Owners will be held on Saturday, July 5th 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.

<u>2013 SFE POA Board</u>			
President:	Jack Hadley	<a href="mailto:jshadley@q.com">jshadley@q.com</a>	928-635-2055
Vice President	Judson Swearingen Jr.	<a href="mailto:mrnet@ix.netcom.com">mrnet@ix.netcom.com</a>	818-621-1865
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Secretary:	Chris Babcock	<a href="mailto:jcbab@netzero.net">jcbab@netzero.net</a>	928-635-2025
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**SHERWOOD FOREST ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**JUNE 30, 2012 – MAY 31, 2013**

<b>Balance on hand June 30, 2012</b>	<b>\$4,088.10</b>
Dues/donations/interest	\$1,380.10
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$1,380.10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,468.20</b>

Spring news letter (postage)	\$ 72.93
#'s for residential signs	\$ 5.60
Mannequins for FD training	\$1,539.36
Deposit slips	\$ 40.49
Supplies for neighborhood cleanup	
Barbeque for workers	\$105.84

**Disbursements**

Annual meeting 2012 (Food, supplies & gift certificates)	\$278.75
Copies for 2012 annual meeting	\$ 3.99
SFE entry sign	\$750.00
Liability insurance	\$385.00

<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$3,181.96</b>
<b>Bank Balance May 31, 2013</b>	<b>\$2,286.84</b>

Betty Ferrier, June 21, 2013

## Chili Contest and Fun!!!



To Our Community of Neighbors in SFE and MMR,

You are invited to the “2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off” hosted by Sherwood Forest Estates’ Property Owners Association (POA) and Mountain Rose Ranch’s Home Owners Association (HOA). This year’s Cook-Off is being held on Saturday, July 5th, from 4:30-6:00PM at the Firehouse. The Cook-Off is on the afternoon of Sherwood Forest’s Property Owners Meeting to permit a full day of laughter with friends, family and neighbors. If you are interested in entering the Chili Cook-Off and sharing your favorite chili recipe please email Catherine Cook at [Chili450@yahoo.com](mailto:Chili450@yahoo.com) with “Chili Cook-Off” in the subject line. Additional information will be emailed to you.

Seven neighborhood volunteers will be judging the chili in a blind taste test at 3:30PM. The ‘Chili Chow Down’ will open to the neighborhoods at approximately 4:30PM.

The day’s events are being held to encourage each person to meet neighbors and form new contacts. Please come with the mindset to introduce yourself to individuals you have not yet met.

Hope to see you at the fun afternoon of Chili tasting!



Soooo.....

*... Do Come With on July 5th!*

## Neighborhood Watch

The SFE Neighborhood Watch group should start meeting again, but is on temporary hiatus. We are looking for a new leader to organize meetings and events (Marcy Aldacushion has had to step down due to other commitments). Please contact Marcy ([maldacus@gmail.com](mailto:maldacus@gmail.com), (928) 284-8366) if you would like to take on this role. Responsibilities include organizing the monthly meetings, compiling the Neighborhood Watch Enrollment Forms, organizing an annual "Meet Your Neighbors and Local Law Enforcement" potluck, and hopefully new activities as well, such as temporarily using a speed measurement unit, organizing more frequent drive-through by police to look for illegal or suspicious activities, or anything else that might fit the role of a community group such as Block Watch.

All community members are welcome to attend the meetings. A priority item for future discussion includes helping SFE become a FireWise community. The SFE website calendar will provide meeting information prior to each meeting.

The SFE website also contains contact information for each street's Block Watch captain. The Block Watch team still needs a volunteer Block Watch Captain for east Robinhood.

Please see the following website for an enrollment form for the vacation house watch program: (<http://sherwoodforeststates.org/POA/index-files/Neighborhood-Watch.html>).

Please keep watching out for unusual people and vehicles in the neighborhood. Dial 9-1-1 for immediate issues or concerns; do not attempt contact if there is any concern for safety. For less urgent issues like fallen trees or broken windows, contact the Block Captain for that street. He or she may be able to contact the homeowner.

Thank you all for helping us to become a safe and crime-free neighborhood.

## SFEFD Auxiliary

The SFEFD Auxiliary has resumed their meetings for this season. Plans are underway for the annual Memorial Weekend Breakfast to be held on Saturday, May 24, from 8-10 am.

We are inviting the community to clean their clutter and donate usable items for a yard sale which the Auxiliary will be holding at the Kiwanis Swap Meet in Williams on July 26.

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, [isjhadley@hotmail.com](mailto:isjhadley@hotmail.com)  
Secretary: Anne Dudley  
Treasurer: Doris Allen

**Don't forget: Pancake Breakfast—Saturday, May 24, 8-10 am.**

## Address Signs

Those bright green reflective address signs are still available! They help your friends, your fire department , and emergency vehicles find you quickly. They are free and available now. Call Anne Dudley (928-635-0417) or Sue Hadley (928) 635-2055 and get **YOURS** made.

## 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 [sherwoodforeststates.org](http://sherwoodforeststates.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.

## Clean your Clutter

The SFEFD Auxiliary is holding a sale of gently used and reusable items at the Kiwanis Swap Meet in Williams on July 26. We need your contributions to make this a big success! Tools, household items and clothing in good condition can be accepted. Look around you and think about cleaning up some of the clutter of items you no longer need. They can be donated the week preceding the sale. All proceeds will benefit our fire department. Contact Mary Honer at [mhoner@cox.net](mailto:mhoner@cox.net) for additional information.

## Moonset Pit

WILLIAMS, AZ – Starting May 10th, 2014, Moonset Pit will be open to the public for the disposal of natural, woody debris such as tree limbs and pine needles from their private property. Moonset Pit is located one mile west of Parks, AZ on the north side of old Route 66.

“Each and every homeowner can help better protect their homes and properties by removing the woody debris that allows wild land fires to move across the landscape.” says District Fire Management Officer, James Pettit.

“Taking un-bagged woody debris to Moonset Pit is a responsible and easy way to increase safety.”

### **Moonset Pit Fast Facts:**

- YES- un-bagged woody debris, branches, leaves, pine needles
- YES- public access on open dates from 9am to 3pm
- NO- garbage, building materials, treated wood, household items
- NO- bagged items of any kind

## 2014 Public Use Schedule:

Saturday May 10  
Saturday May 24  
Saturday June 14  
Saturday June 28  
Saturday July 12

Saturday July 26  
Saturday August 9  
Saturday August 23  
Saturday September 13  
Saturday September 27

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.

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.

*Please, Respect Your Neighbors*

## SLOW DOWN

Many of your neighbors have breathing problems such as asthma or COPD.

The dust which is raised by speeding autos only makes our breathing worse and prohibits us from going for walks around the neighborhood.

When things are really dry and the wind is blowing, 25 mph may still be too fast.

Won't you please, out of respect for us, slow down? We will appreciate it and thank you.

## Top Ten Reasons to Drive Slow in Sherwood Forest Estates

Number 10: You will save on gas.

Number 9: Less wear and tear on your auto.

Number 8: Tires will last longer.

Number 7: Less dust on your car.

Number 6: Less dust in your house.

Number 5: Less dust on you.

Number 4: Your neighbors will breathe easier.

Number 3: Streets will be safer.

Number 2: No fear if the Sheriff is near.

And the Number one reason to drive slower while in Sherwood Forest Estates is:

**We will all love you for doing so.**

## Update from Your Fire Department

The good news is that most everything in Sherwood Forest is humming along pretty smoothly. The department's budget woes are slowly but steadily being resolved, we have new recruits joining our ranks and we have been awarded some generous government grants that aid us in upgrading our ageing equipment. The bad news is we will be experiencing a seriously dry fire season and water supplies are critically low. It will take everyone's cooperation to keep our neighborhood safe.

As I drive around the subdivision, I am reminded of how I envisioned life in the forest back in 1988.

- I wanted as many trees as possible on my property, after all, why bother living in a forest if you have to look at your neighbors.
- If I did need to remove some dead or nuisance trees I sure as heck wanted the wood for my fireplace.
- The fireplace was a great tool for getting rid of anything burnable.
- The thick duff (decaying pine needles, leaves, etc.) felt great while hiking on my old aching feet.
- My biggest concern was keeping pesky critters out of the house while I was away.

Oh, how things have changed and this is just a sampling of how I look at things now.

- Trees are wonderful but trees are fuel. Trees, along with duff and other combustibles need to be cleared well away from the house.
- The comforting feeling of having firewood stacked in the yard, processed from your own trees, is great but often foolhardy. Pine needs to be split and cured before it is burned. All too often stacks of this "free" firewood are left to turn black and rot, creating a breeding ground for pests and disease, or are burned prematurely causing other problems.
- After learning the hard way, I no longer burn cereal boxes and other trash in the fireplace because the waxy residue from packaging clogs chimneys and spark screens, as does improperly cured pine.
- That comfortable duff is a great wick for fire and an even better place for embers to live long after a campfire or trash pile is burned.

A great place to find all kinds of tips for keeping your property safe is [www.azsf.az.gov/programs/fire/firewise](http://www.azsf.az.gov/programs/fire/firewise) and researching the Arizona Firewise program. We are working on becoming a Firewise Community but you can start taking a proactive approach to fire safety on your own and starting now.

It is not my place as your fire chief to dictate how you live or take care of your property. It is, however, my duty to keep everyone up to date on the perils' of living in a forest and what can be done to mitigate fire danger.

Just a few more thoughts on preparations for an active fire season:

- Visit the Coconino County website or call 928-679-8311 and register your phones under the **Code Red** program. By doing so, we can alert everyone quickly to emergency situations affecting our neighborhood.
- Watch for marquee messages, red flag warnings (which means **NO FIRES**) and our new, soon to be erected, Fire Danger sign, all of which will be near the SFE entrance.
- Remember to dial 911 if there is an emergency. Calling the fire department or my cell phone will only delay getting the help you need.



- Please be as helpful as possible when you are visited by our firefighters who will be gathering critical information regarding the location of your utilities, special needs in case of fire or evacuation and leaving you with valuable Firewise information. Also, do not be shy about asking for proper photo identification.
- Make every effort to attend the annual Property Owners Association meeting where a great deal of information can be shared and personal concerns answered.

Enjoy your summer while playing it safe,

**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](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!**

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 2014 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: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not already receiving your newsletter via email, would you like to?

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