



Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Spring 2016

<http://sherwoodforestestates.org>

From the President

Notes from the SFEPOA President:

As winter begins to wind down and hints of spring are in the air, it is time to say “hello” to all that SFE has to offer. The snow has been plentiful this year, and the melting of it returns water to our ground. And that is something that is always gratefully accepted. The ground water brings the animals, birds and plants to our little corner of the world.

A lot has happened in the last year, and almost all of it to our benefit. The fire department has grown tremendously with new members. And lots of training has already taken place. But, new volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested in volunteering or just seeing what being a volunteer is about, contact Wayne Marx or Jack Hadley.

Thanks to the efforts of Wayne Marx and Anne Dudley, we are now a recognized Firewise Community. We are seeing more and more of the properties being cleaned up and becoming safer from wild fires. A few hours of cleaning up around your place a few times a year makes a much safer community for all of us. Be sure to check with your insurance company. I checked with ours and we received a discount because of the Fire Wise status.

Volunteers are also needed for 3 hour shift, once a month to count cars and track the hours that people have put into cleaning up their property. This is one of the activities that helped to make us a Fire-Wise community. Sign up with a buddy and spend a quick 3 hours meeting your neighbors. If enough people volunteer, would need to do it only once a year, per team. Not a bad way to give back to your community. No special training, just a quick 5 minutes and you know everything there is to know.

Lots of events are being planned for the summer season. The annual Pancake Breakfast on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, the Annual Meeting on Saturday July 2nd followed by a hot dog luncheon, Annual Clean Up Day, Fire Wise events, Chili Cook-Off, and hopefully a Poker Run Rally.

Hopefully, by the end of May we will have all of the dates and times in place. At that time we will send out an email to you with all of the events and the dates and times. Be sure to check the website calendar for updates.

Looking forward to seeing you, in the cool pines, through-out the summer.

Doris Allen

SFEPOA Annual Meeting

July 2nd 2016

Our Annual SHERWOOD FOREST ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION meeting will be held on Saturday, **July 2nd 2016** at the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire House. Refreshments and sign-in starts at 8:30AM with the official meeting starting at 9:00 AM.

2015 SFE POA Board

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance as of 30 Jun 2015	\$2769.55	Apple Pies	\$89.84
Income		Stamps for POA Newsletters	\$143.00
Dues	\$745.00	SFEFD Aux Supplies for Poker-Run	\$100.00
Interest	\$0.44	Chile Cook-off Supplies/Prizes	\$201.39
Chile Cook Off Donations	\$181.00	POA and Director Insurance	\$431.00
Surplus Pie Selloff	\$10.00	Arizona Corp. Commission Fees	\$10.00
Total Income to Date	\$936.44	National Bank of Arizona	
Total	\$3,705.99	Paper Statements*	\$20.00
Disbursements		Total Disbursements	\$1,413.44
Annual Meeting Jul 2015		Bank Balance January 31 2016	\$2,292.55
Supplies/Door Prizes	\$418.21	*Sep-Dec 2015 (Now On-line banking statements)	
		Dennis Moore February 21, 2016	

Annual Neighborhood Cleanup

Again this year Danny and Vicky Hunter, Walt and Kathie Krushinsky will be helping with the Annual Neighborhood Cleanup. A date has not been set but will probably be in late June. We will meet at the Fire House at 9:30 am with coffee and donuts provided. We will have the plastic bags and plastic gloves for you but you might want to bring heavy work gloves. Danny has once again volunteered to bring his trailer and then take the collected items 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 neighbors and help make Sherwood Forest Estates a cleaner, nicer place to live. We may grill dogs and burgers afterwards time and weather permitting.

SFEFD Auxiliary

The auxiliary is a volunteer organization whose primary function is to support the fire department financially by hosting two breakfasts during the summer and other fund raising activities. Of course, all donations are gratefully accepted. The monies raised help provide meals for firefighters, hats and shirts, firefighting and CPR training, certification, purchasing and maintaining equipment, etc.

The SFEFD will resume monthly meetings in May. The annual Memorial Weekend Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 28, from 8-10 am. Set up for the breakfast will be on Friday, May 27 at 4:00 pm. Please help, if you can. Last year the auxiliary sponsored a Poker Run which raised \$700. A repeat of this fund raiser is being considered. Our first meeting date has not been determined. Please watch for e-mails or signs at the subdivision entrance for notice of meetings/activities. Everyone is invited to attend our meetings and participate in all of our activities. Your fresh ideas and help are needed. Plus it's fun and a great way to meet your neighbors.

If you would like to be on an e-mail list for notice of these meetings, please contact any auxiliary member. Current officers for the auxiliary are:

President: Mary Honer (602-882-1921) mhoner@cox.net
Secretary: Sue Hadley (928-635-2055) isjhadley@hotmail.com
Treasurer: Doris Allen (480-391-2214) doris@allallens.com

Summer Social Events

1. Chili Cook-off Contest

To Our Community of Neighbors in SFE and MRR,

The "Annual Chili Cook-Off" hosted by Sherwood Forest Estates' Property Owners Association (POA) and Mountain Rose Ranch's Home Owners Association (HOA) is usually in July at the Firehouse. **We need your chili!** If you are interested in entering the Chili Cook-Off and sharing your favorite chili recipe please email Kathie Krushinsky at krushinskywk@gmail.com with "Chili Cook-Off" in the subject line. Additional information will be emailed to you. Dinner will include chili, condiments, cornbread and dessert. We had several great suggestions last year one of which was to change the judging this year. This year anyone who comes to the 'Chili Chow Down' will be able to vote for their favorite chili. The day's events are free but the 'boot' will be out for much appreciated donations which will go directly to the SFE Fire Department. Plan to come hungry. More information coming soon.

2. Fall Dinner and Door Prizes

To Our Community of Neighbors in SFE and MRR,

We are planning our Fall Dinner for August or September. This will be held at the Firehouse. We are still working on the menu, date/time. We have had several great suggestions, but would love to hear from you with your menu suggestions. We will have Silent Auction Baskets as a fund raiser for our SFE Fire Department. We will also try schedule this on a weekend that will not conflict with the "Moonset Pit" dates. If you have suggestions for this meal or even better would like to volunteer, please contact Kathie Krushinsky krushinskywk@gmail.com.

Neighbors Looking out for Neighbors

The SFE Neighborhood Block Watch program was established in 2008 in order to provide a forum for learning how to prevent rural crime in the community. After a temporary hiatus when Marcy Aldacushion stepped down as Organizer, Kathie Krushinsky has agreed to take the position. We should start meeting again in June (date to be determined) with the continued goal of keeping our neighborhood as safe and crime free as possible. This year we will have a "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. The Block Watch team still needs volunteer Block Watch Captain. Block Watch Captains are our eyes (only) on any suspicious activity in our neighborhood. You are never asked to put yourself in harms way but only to report the activity in question. As a neighbor if you should have immediate issues or concerns please Dial 9-1-1; do not attempt personal contact if there is any concern for your 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. Please keep watching out for vehicles or individuals who are in the neighborhood. Thank you all for helping us to become a safe and crime-free neighborhood. We need your help and would encourage you to join us at our meetings.

Moonset Pit

Your Sherwood Forest Estates Fire Department encourages you to rake, prune and gather debris from your property and deposit it at Moonset Pit. This is an important step in reducing the risk of wildfire damage to your home. The use of the pit is a community service provided to help private citizens create defensible space and improve forest health in their communities. The Kaibab National Forest and the communities of Parks and Sherwood Forest Fire District are offering this service.

Moonset Pit will be open on the second and fourth Saturdays of the summer months. On the dates that Moonset Pit is open, fire personnel and community volunteers staff the pit from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. to ensure access and prevent disposal of unauthorized materials. Only natural, woody debris (such as tree limbs and pine needles) may be deposited at Moonset Pit, located on the north side of old Route 66 one mile west of Parks, AZ.

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

2016 Public Use Schedule:

Saturday May 14	Saturday June 11	Saturday July 9	Saturday August 13	Saturday Sept 10
Saturday May 28	Saturday June 25	Saturday July 23	Saturday August 27	Saturday Sept 24

Volunteers are needed to staff the pit. Please contact Anne Dudley at (928) 707-1680 to help out. We welcome new volunteers and are happy to train them. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and help your community.

The 2016 Fire Department, Community & Regional Outlook

If you had told me 8 months ago that I would be writing an optimistic forecast for our community, I'd have questioned your thought process, to put it politely. However, when circumstances threatened the cohesiveness of our little piece of the forest, the residents of both Sherwood Forest Estates and Mountain Rose Ranch have rallied like never before. Through the combined efforts of our neighbors, putting in countless hours of research, schooling, planning, organizing and the like, we have come out of a dangerous slump and our prospects are brighter than ever before.

For example:

The Fire Department now has more, younger, able bodied, professionally trained personnel than at any other time in our 28 year history. Even though we still struggle with the expense of keeping our equipment up to industry standards, we have managed to maintain a level of preparedness that is the envy of most rural fire districts. We also enjoy state wide recognition for our efforts in multi-agency training, resource sharing, communication standardization and county wide emergency preparedness planning.

The Communities of Sherwood Forest and Mountain Rose Ranch are becoming very cohesive. A prime example is the fact that, through the efforts of the fire department and the Auxiliary, which include members from both developments, we have managed to achieve the national status of being a Firewise community. The imaginary line, that once kept these neighbors at arm's length, has all but disappeared. Depending on the insurance carrier you use, living in a Firewise community could mean extra savings on your premium.

The Greater Northern Arizona Area that at one time seemed to be defined as one fire department's ability to out shine its neighbors, is rapidly seeing the value in combining and standardizing life and property saving efforts. More than ever before, emergency agencies of every kind are learning how to train and work together for the greater good of our region. For example; Sherwood Forest FD, High Country Fire & Rescue and the Junipine FD have started work on the Northern Arizona Fire Authority (NAFA) plan that is studying the feasibility of multiple agencies sharing personnel and resources while each community retains its valuable autonomy.

With that said, we have only scratched the surface of how our neighboring communities can work together for a better and safer tomorrow. In order to have a voice in planning for our community's safety, SFEFD has cultivated a close working relationship with the following agencies:

The Coconino County Office of Emergency Management, the Local Emergency Planning Committee, the American Red Cross, the Coconino Chiefs Consortium, the Ponderosa Fire Advisory Council, the Wildland Fire Advisory Council, the Williams PD, the Flagstaff PD, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office, the Arizona Fire District Association, the Northern Arizona Fire Authority, the Arizona Fire Chief's Association, the Arizona State Division of Forestry, both the Kaibab and Coconino National Forests, the State Wide Rural Communities Resource Coordinators, Northern Arizona University, the Department of Homeland Security, the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Parks Area Connection and now National Firewise.

It should also be noted that we had worked closely with the Rural Communities Fuel Management Partnership for over 15 years until it ran out of funding in the fall of 2015. As a direct result of that relationship, over 70% of the lots in SFE and MRR were professionally thinned at a huge savings to the property owners.

Additionally, we continue to be hands on with the **Ready, Set, Go** neighborhood evacuation program, the emergency communications system, **Red Alert**, the in-house emergency information packaging, **File of Life**, the **Moonset Pit** depository for forest debris, **Firewise Assessments & Surveys** and district wide **Reflective House Numbering**.

As you might imagine, no one person is doing all this coordinating. The biggest assets we have are the dedicated members of our fire department, the FD Auxiliary, the SFE Property Owners Association and the MMR Homeowners Association, all of which stepped up to help last year as never before. However, we need to keep the momentum going and are always on the lookout for new volunteers who want to help improve and protect our community. You don't need to be a smoke eating firefighter to help keep our community safe, just an active interest in working with any of the agencies listed above or on one of our ongoing projects. Watch for postings on meeting times and dates or call the fire department office at 928-635-9837 for more information.

Be safe out there,
Fire Chief, Wayne Marx

Sherwood Fire District Scores Two New Rudos

In the last year, Sherwood Fire District has both become a Firewise Community and earned an ISO 6 rating. This may mean a reduction in your homeowner's insurance rate, but the bigger picture is that the neighborhoods of Mountain Rose Ranch Estates and Sherwood Forest Estates are working hard to make it safer to live in our community surrounded by the beautiful ponderosa pines of Kaibab National Forest and Arizona State Trust Lands.

Firewise

To become (and remain) a Firewise Community the residents of a community must donate time that contributes to wildfire safety. As a community we encourage everyone to rake pine needles and haul them to Moonset Pit. We staff Moonset Pit with volunteers from the neighborhood. Finally, we have Firewise Information Days where we work to inform neighbors about wildfire safety. Each hour spent on these activities helps us to earn the Firewise designation. Here's a link to several things that you can do to make your home more wildfire safe: <http://bit.ly/1m17DV3>.

The National Fire Protection Association's Firewise Communities/USA® program is teaching homeowners how to adapt to living with wildfire. The Firewise program's goal is to reduce the loss of lives, properties, and resources to wildland fire by building and maintaining communities in a way that is compatible with our natural surroundings. Some of the reported benefits to becoming a Firewise community include: lower insurance rates, information on how to protect your home from wildland fires and a better knowledge on what to do in the event of a forest fire.

ISO 6

The volunteer firefighters of Sherwood Fire District worked hard last spring to prepare for an ISO evaluation. They practiced pumping water, nursing trucks, setting up ponds, shuttling water and evaluating risks. They responded to mock fires at many homes in the neighborhood. The result is that Sherwood's ISO rating was lowered from an 8 to a 6. Since we are a neighborhood without fire hydrants gaining an ISO rating so low is challenging. The volunteers of Sherwood Fire invite you to come to any training session (1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-noon) and observe our activities. Or, better yet, join us so that you can be a part of this group that works to protect your community.

ISO stands for Insurance Service Organization. This is a group of trained, professional evaluators that assess almost every fire department in the U.S. ISO uses a consistent set of guidelines to evaluate a fire department, ranking each department from 1 through 10, with 1 being the best and 10 being no protection at all. A fire department's rating is based on many factors including the number of personnel on duty, training level of personnel (paid or volunteer), the amount of water the fire department can get to a fire, and the amount and quality of equipment used (such as fire engines and hand tools). The purpose of ISO is to give insurance companies a uniform system on which to base their insurance premiums.

This spring, on Saturday, May 28th, please join your neighbors for our semi-annual pancake breakfast and Firewise Day. You will be able to gather more information on how to protect your property in the pines. Also, look for Firewise information at your annual homeowners/property owners meeting.

Your Communication Skills

To keep our community humming along, our ability to communicate is very important. We take these services for granted, our email, smart phone, texting, surfing the internet, reading the newspaper and so on. In the last few years, many are noticing that the political, economic, social and infrastructure systems are being challenged to say the least. As we take our local environment for granted and see all of the weather disasters around the world, we sit back sipping our coffee and think Glade I don't live there. At some point in the future these chickens will come home to roost. Causing us to give some thought as to how to cope with no power for a day, then a week or a month (In the summer and in the winter). As services are disrupted, wanting to know what is going on locally and in out lying areas is a natural. Your cell phone says "no service" your home phone has no dial tone, if you had temporary power you might get an update via satellite internet service.

What's the solution?

In good times and in bad, Amateur Radio (also know as Ham Radio) has been there to keep the information flowing. Those involved over the years, Ham Radio licensed operators, have built up a large infrastructure of radio equipment on mountain tops known as repeaters to increase the distance radios such as walkie talkies can reach. Those of us who participate in this great hobby encourage others to get involved by studying and getting their Amateur Radio operators license and become an active part of this great family of communicators.

As a Ham Radio Operator, your ability to receive information and update others is easy and will be comforting. Communicating with your neighbors and with others in the next town puts you ahead of trying to guess what's going on and not to mention, it's a great hobby.

As you achieve your Radio Skills you will discover the vast number of radio systems all around locally as well as in your travels. With all services and systems up, there are many repeaters that are "Linked" meaning that they are connected via the internet. A local repeater may be connected with a repeater hundreds of miles away. There is one system that has almost 80 repeaters connected, covering a large portion of the USA and with repeaters in several other countries. If there is a disruption in internet service then we loose the "links" but we sill have our local repeaters. With a long term power outage, many of our repeaters have emergency power that will last from days to a month or more depending on location and its setup.

As your interest grows, upgrading your Ham Radio License will grant more privileges to include what is called Short wave or HF (High Frequency). These High Frequency radios will communicate over long distances, thousands of miles with out repeaters. There is an E-mail system for Ham radio operators that works with these radios that is also connected to the internet. Adding additional skill will bring less dependence and more comfort to our already challenging lives.

We'll catch you on the air.

***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
Ric Switzer 928 310-8505
- SFE Auxiliary President
Mary Honer 602 822-1921
- 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 2016 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 _____

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