



Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Winter 2013

<http://sherwoodforestestates.org>

From the President

Notes from the SFEPOA President:

Are we in the Arizona North Country or the northwest of America? Over 7 inches of rain at our house since the end of May and others have recorded much more! No! I am not complaining. It is good to see the water tanks full and the cows down in the meadow are in grass up to their knees. They all have a grin on their faces. (Bet you didn't know cows could grin!)

It has really been a very cool, quiet summer. Had a few neighborhood parties like the burger/brat burn for Block Watch and the chili cook off which included some families from our neighbors Mountain Rose Ranch. Welcome to them.

Thinking of Mountain Rose Ranch, let's remember that the roads down there are all privately owned and not maintained by the County. If they get torn up by careless kids on ATVs, the residents of MRR have to pay to have them fixed.

I also need to mention that a few MRR residents are now helping out with the fire department and I have talked with a few others and by next year they should be up here full time and they too want to help the FD. If you have been out on Forest Service Roads 25 or 102, then you know that the Forest Service is doing a very large timbering project. Yes, in some spots it looks bare, but that is how it looked 120 years ago before we all decided to "Manage" the forest. Back then there were only 17 pines per acre. Naturally caused fires kept the forest floor clean and hence there were few, if any, catastrophic fires. (No, I was not around back then.) I look at it as a really great way to reduce the fire danger to SFE.

On a bitter-sweet note: Dave and Diane Jones have sold their home and are moving. We are really sorry to see them go, but Dave has always had a desire to build his own home so they are buying a large lot in Parks and hope to be building by next summer. Dave was the past president of our POA and headed up our neighborhood cleanup campaign. They will be missed for all they do for SFE and their always friendly and welcoming manner. Don't be strangers, ya'll.

I am writing this on Labor Day. Very quiet! Few if any ATVs or UTVs up and down the roads. Parents, please remember that a person must be at least 16 and have a valid driver's license to operate an ATV or UTV on our roads or on the Forest Service roads. Vehicles must also be licensed and insured. An OHV sticker must also be in place for the Forest Service roads. Fines are steep and the Sheriff's department is no longer issuing warnings.

It was really great to see so many old and new faces at the pancake breakfast on Labor Day weekend. Old and new: Come join us. There are lots of things for you to volunteer to do. You will meet new friends and feel good about helping your neighborhood. Call me and we will see where you and your talents can be put to the best and most fun use.

If I don't see you till spring, have a safe and enjoyable winter.

Jack



The Loerwin family, who resides part time on Friar Tuck in SFE, won Best family group in the 4th of July parade in Williams. Last year they entered as the Sherwood Forest Merrie Men! See attached photograph. Congratulations to you all.

2013 SFE POA Board

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CSFEPOA Annual Meeting

July 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Hadley at 9:10 am. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the audience was asked to relocate to the parking lot in front of the lined up fire trucks where a ceremony for the 19 Yarnell Fire Fighters and 2 Forest Service employees who died on June 30 was conducted by Chief Wayne Marx. The names of the deceased were read with the bell sounded for each. The moving ceremony was concluded by a bagpipe solo of "Amazing Grace" by Michael Donelson.

After returning to the Fire House Jack welcomed everyone and introduced the POA Board members. He then introduced the Sheriff's Deputy James Stieg, a SFE resident, who apologized for the absence of Gerry Blair. When Jack told the audience that there had been loose dog complaints, the Deputy recommended that the Sheriff's Department be called and that the Sheriff's Department would connect them with Animal Control.

Martha Simoneau of Mountain Rose Ranch (MRR) was introduced. She wished to express her appreciation of our community and present to the Fire Department a lovely cross stitch needlework of Smoky the Bear. Jack reminded the audience that MRR roads are private and that donuts made by youth on ATVs are a problem both in MRR and SFE. He also stressed that dust made by speeding vehicles is a continuing problem.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on June 30, 2012 were summarized by President Hadley. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Motion passed.

The **Treasurer's Report** as of May 31, 2013 was also presented by Jack due to absence of the Treasurer. A current balance of \$2286.24 was reported with the significant expenditures being \$750 for the entry sign and \$1539 for mannequins for FD First Aid Training. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried. A copy of the report is attached.

Other Old Business: Bob and Penny Mills were thanked for their continuing work on the **entry sign**. Cathy Cook was thanked for her work with MRR residents in hosting a **chili cook-off** on June 8, 2013. There were 8 entrants including several from MRR and the event was very well attended by both neighborhoods. This event is to be repeated next spring as an annual event. Dave and Diane Jones and Danny and Vicki Hunter were thanked for holding the **neighborhood cleanup** on Memorial Day weekend. This was another successful event with a lot of participation both for the cleanup and the BBQ that followed.

New Business: Election of new POA Board members: Doris Allen and Chris Babcock were introduced as nominees for the two vacant positions on the board. A motion was made and seconded to elect them by acclamation. Motion passed.

Jack announced there was some interest in making a **park area** west of the fire house. Diane Jones will be giving some ideas on this at some future time. There was also discussion of the park area that existed at the SFE entrance in bygone days.

Speakers:

SFE Fire Department. Wayne Marx, Chief, stressed that budgets had been severely reduced due to tax valuations, but he reported that significant grants and anonymous resident donations had been received which helped defray this. He also mentioned that members of the department were aging but that they were recruiting. He noted that members of the community could volunteer for jobs that were needed but didn't require fire training. He also noted that making our community a FIRE-WISE community was something that 51% of property owners could make happen. More on that in the future.

Auxiliary Report. Sue Hadley noted that all property owners of SFE and MRR were welcome to become active. The "interest form" that was presented last year had brought new volunteers to help with the annual Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend pancake breakfasts. The breakfasts along with T-shirt sales account for most of the funds raised to benefit SFEFD.

Neighborhood Watch Report. In the absence of Marcy Aldacushion, Chair, Doris Allen reported that monthly meetings were being held and urged that residents register as participants. The previous month a BBQ/Pot luck provided in part by a grant from Matt Ryan, our County Supervisor, and the Sheriff's Department and Gerry Blair was well attended. Normal meetings were announced as the 2nd Thursday of the summer months.

Neighborhood Survey. Paul Cook of the SFEFD announced that a neighborhood survey to locate property propane tanks, water tanks, septic tanks, electric shutoffs, etc, is forthcoming. This is to assist SFEFD in case of fire on your property.

Kaibab Forest Service. Deirdre McLaughlin discussed Stage 2 Fire Restrictions. She stated new Forest travel maps were available at the Visitor Center or at the Forest Service office. She stated that stickers for OHV were required for all public lands in the state. She stressed that 100 Club and Wildland Fire Fighters were 2 charitable organizations that benefited our department. Cutting is being done south of SFE that will greatly improve our forest interface.

Door prizes for 4 restaurants in Williams were drawn.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Hadley, Acting Secretary Chris Babcock, POA Secretary

Culverts

Thinking of putting in a culvert out by the road in front of your property? Well, did you know you need a permit from the County? It is called an encroachment permit.

It is easy and costs you nothing. Just call 928-679-8300 and tell them what you want to do. They will put you in touch with the right person who will come out, and after looking at your property, tell you what size culvert you need.

If you secure a permit and the County Works, while plowing, tears up your culvert or it becomes plugged up with rocks or cinders, the County will clean or repair it at no charge to you.

No permit? All repairs and cleaning are up to you!

A note from Doris

Hi, my name is Doris Allen and my husband Jon and I have been property owners in SFE since 2001. We have two sons and two granddaughters. I worked in the Scottsdale Unified School District since 1979 at a couple of different jobs, mostly accounting and textbooks and was fortunate enough to retire Spring of 2012. Since then, we spend the majority of our time here in SFE but when the weather turns cold we are lucky enough to live in the Phoenix area for the winter. We have become those dreaded "snowbirds". I am currently involved with the Neighborhood Watch program and a block captain for East Knighthood Lane. I am also participating in the Fire Auxiliary here in SFE. I work two days a week at the Grand Canyon Harley Dealership in Bellemont. And when I am not at work or at home, you can usually find me at Bearizona. I look forward to serving you as a member of SFE Property Owners Association.

Please contact me at anytime if you have questions or suggestions.

Doris Allen



This past October 5th, Sherwood Forest Estates' POA hosted a no cost Italian Night and Silent Auction to benefit YOUR volunteer Fire Dept. Upon entering the firehouse, residents and community members were greeted with an

Italian themed décor of dimmed lighting enhanced with blinking lights, fall leaves and candle (battery operated) centerpieces, red and green place settings and subtle opera playing in the background. The POA board members present (Jack Hadley, Chris Babcock, Frank Honer and Cathy Cook), wearing mustaches, chef hats and aprons brought



many smiles to the 43+ individuals served. The hearty meal consisted of lasagna, Caesar salad and delicious breadsticks donated by Olive Garden. Dessert was Italian ice of various flavors.

The Silent Auction offering choices of indoor and outdoor lights, various candle displays, games, small appliances, quilts, artworks and paintings made over \$300 for the Depts' training budget. In addition, many anonymous donations were made in thanks for the evenings' fun making the total raised over \$400.00!!! A big thanks to all for their generous contributions and continued support!!!

The POA would like to acknowledge and thank non-POA members Mary Honer, Kathie Krushinsky, Paul Cook and Wayne Marx for their assistance in cleaning the firehouse and setting up for the event Friday evening. After the conclusion of the dinner and Silent Auction, so many of you remained to assist in clean up that it is impossible to name you all. However, you know who you are and we thank you!



YOUR POA
(Property Owners Association)



SFEFD Auxiliary

The SFEFD Auxiliary concluded their summer activities with a Labor Day weekend fundraiser pancake breakfast. Along with pancakes and sausage, orange juice and coffee, this time we added scrambled eggs! It was a rainy morning, but attendance was still pretty good.

The Auxiliary has added several new members this summer, and this, along with additional volunteers from the neighborhood and the fire department, makes the work load of sponsoring these fundraisers lighter. Our recent expenditures from these fundraisers have included sending both the fire chief and the department's training officer to two state conferences, providing additional decals for our fire trucks and purchasing a "wall of water" hose attachment—all these items make our fire department better and our neighborhood safer.

Auxiliary meetings will resume in the spring. All residents of Sherwood Forest and Mountain Rose Ranch are welcome to attend meetings and be an active part of our efforts to benefit the fire department. Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of the summer months at 1:00 pm at the fire house.

Neighborhood Watch

The Sherwood Forest Estates Neighborhood Watch held monthly meetings throughout the busy season this year (May – September). In June we hosted a community potluck with wonderful food supplied by the community, and the main dish provided by the Coconino County Supervisor and Sheriff's office. There were two speakers from the Sheriff's Office talking about household inventory programs, the forest watch program, and the general function of a Block Watch Group. Greg Rebis spoke about the Sheriff's Property Watch program. Please see the following website for an enrollment form at

<http://sherwoodforestestates.org/POA/index-files/Neighborhood-Watch.html>

The SFE website also contains contact information for each street's Block Watch captain. We are still looking for a volunteer for the east half of Robin Hood (and you don't need to live on that section of the street). Please contact Marcy Aldacushion if you are interested.

The SFE Neighborhood Watch group will start meeting again next spring, and all community members are welcome to attend. 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.

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.

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 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.

Update from Your Fire Department

From The Firehouse

In these unsettling socio-economic times, I'm sure everyone would enjoy a bit of good news. No, our budget issues haven't miraculously disappeared and we could still use some extra help around the fire station but real progress is being made at an encouraging pace.

The budget is being handled through careful belt tightening and we are getting some vital assistance from the Auxiliary and the POA on important items such as firefighter training and updated equipment. We are also benefitting from networking with other agencies that are willing to share surplus supplies.

Most encouraging however is the rate at which we are gaining new volunteers and the expanded workload our existing firefighters are willing to take on. Difficult times tend to bring out the best in good people and, fortunately, we seem to have a lot of good people in our district.

For those of you who are still “on the fence” when it comes to volunteering in a community like ours, joining the fire department isn’t your only option. There are county and state programs that require far less of a time commitment and are not as physically demanding but still help keep our neighborhood safe.

On a related subject, we are forging ahead with becoming a Firewise community. We already meet the majority of the requirements and can easily work in the remaining few. As a tie-in and in an ongoing effort to be as well prepared as possible should there be an emergency at your home, our firefighters will be conducting detailed surveys on every developed property in the SFE fire district. This will help insure both your safety and that of our volunteers. All of the personnel conducting these surveys will have on a department shirt or jacket, logoed ball cap and will possess an official state employee identification card. Please take the time to visit with them and fill out a simple two page form.

Now for a word of caution: For those of you, who don’t spend winters up here in snow country; make sure your property is properly winterized. This was a record year for people needing to have major freeze damage repairs done to their homes. If you don’t know how to properly winterize, it is much less expensive to have a licensed plumber come out and prep your home than it is for them to come in the spring and repair broken systems. If this is your first winter staying up here and you intend to use a wood burning fireplace, please make sure you know how to use it properly and what burnable materials work the best. If you feel you might need a few pointers, you may call the fire department at 635-9837 and we would be happy to assist. Also, make sure you have *working smoke detectors* strategically placed in your home.

Have an enjoyable and safe fall and winter,

Wayne Marx
Chief, SFEFD

On A Sad Note

It is with equal amounts of sadness and relief that I am sharing the news of Jim Shipman's passing. Jim had been battling cancer for some time now and the treatments he received only added to his suffering.

For those of you who may not know, Jim was our fire board chairman and, even while going through his terrible ordeal, he helped and guided us through some of the most serious financial difficulties our fire district has ever faced. His wit, intelligence, experience and clear thinking will be greatly missed.

At Jim's request, there will be no service of any kind at this time but his wife Pam will be organizing a celebration of his life in the spring. I have pledged the support of the department should she need any help with their property or in organizing the spring event.

If you wish to send a card, the address is:
Pam Shipman
14947 W. Red Fox Rd.
Surprise, AZ 85387

Take good care,
Wayne

***Important Phone Numbers**

- Call 911 first with your emergency. This will reduce delays and get the proper resources responding.
- Emergency911
- SFE Fire Dept928 635-9837
- Chief, Wayne Marx ...928 607-3005
- SFE Fire Board Chairman
Beth Dormady928 635-9761
- SFE Auxiliary President
Sue Hadley928 635-2055
- SFE POA President
Jack Hadley928 607-3547
- Coconino Sheriff.....928 635-4487
- Forestry Service928 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) _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (s) _____ or _____

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