



Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Spring 2017

<http://sherwoodforestestatesaz.com>

From the President

Notes from the SFEPOA President:

Daffodils and irises are starting to show, so it must be spring. All of the rain and snow this winter should make for an abundance of color in all of the plants.

It has been a very busy spring, and hopefully you will notice some changes when you come up and look around our neighborhood. There will be new signs posted throughout the neighborhood cautioning people to SLOW DOWN. The signs have been ordered and received. We are waiting for the fire department to have the time to post these signs. If you would like one on or near your property, please let me know. We are hoping to put them in the most conspicuous spots. Remember to SLOW DOWN. It helps cut down on the dust and any accidents. And it may be your kids, grandkids, or great grandkids playing too close to the street.

If you haven't seen the newly designed website, please take a moment to browse through it. The new web address is www.sherwoodforestestatesaz.com. Anne Dudley and Dennis Moore were instrumental in getting this re-make in motion. Be sure to look under the "NEWS" heading because that is where you will find the latest information.

Also, if you received this newsletter via USPS, that means we do NOT have an email address for you. To help keep costs down, if you have an email address, please let us know so that we can add you to the list. Your information is not shared.

The SFE Auxiliary and the SFEPOA are planning several events for the summer. All information will be posted on the website and there is some info within this newsletter.

Look forward to seeing all of you this summer. Hoping you have had a good, healthy, and productive winter and are planning for the same in Sherwood Forest Estates this summer.

Doris Allen

President

SFEPONA Annual Meeting

July 1st, 2017

Our Annual SHERWOOD FOREST ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION meeting will be held on Saturday, **July 1st, 2017** at the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire House. Refreshments and sign-in start at 8:30 am with the official meeting starting at 9:00 am.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance as of 1 Oct 2016	\$3611.10
Income	
Dues	\$ 550.00
Interest (Estimated Apr 2017 interest at \$0.05)	\$ 0.39
Total Income to Date (Estimated 30 Apr 2017)	\$ 550.39
Total	\$4,161.39
Disbursements	
Am Family Ins Policy (Officers/Directors)	\$ 127.00
Am Family Ins Policy (SFEPONA Liability Policy)	\$ 304.00
SFE Road Signs	\$ 280.35
Travel Expenses for Rescue Truck	\$1,000.00
Stop Payment on Lost Check	\$ 30.00
Final Payment on SFEPONA old Website Services	\$ 93.33
Mailing Mat'l/Cost for New SFEPONA Website	\$ 157.00
Sherwood Forest Fire Fighters Foundation	\$ 500.00
SFEPONA New Website Costs	\$ 239.78
2- Gift Cards for New Website Development	\$ 100.00
Total Disbursements	\$2,832.41
Bank Balance (Estimated April 30 2017)	\$1,329.08

Dennis Moore April 12, 2017

1) Just as a reminder to all residents, the annual dues are \$20.00 per lot, all voluntary, but these funds are used to support the all volunteer fire department that protects our homes and property.

Sherwood Firefighters Foundation

Residents of the Sherwood Forest and Mountain Rose Ranch communities are very supportive of their fire department and its dedicated volunteers. Over the past winter, a need was identified for a mechanism that would enable community members to make financial donations to support firefighter activities, improve fire district facilities, and update fire department equipment. To meet that need, a foundation was formed that allows supporters to make financial contributions that may be claimed as deductions when filing their annual income tax returns.

Sherwood Firefighters Foundation is an IRS 501c(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization, registered as an Arizona non-profit corporation. Our organization was formed in February 2017 for the purpose of providing assistance to firefighters and fire districts.

The Foundation is dedicated to assisting firefighters, rescue, and EMS personnel perform their jobs safely and effectively as well as improving service to the community. As in many professions, there are often much-needed resources, equipment, and tools that fire/rescue and EMS budgets simply do not provide for. Charitable donations from community members and other entities can help defray such needs while potentially providing the contributors a significant tax benefit.

The current focus of Sherwood Firefighters Foundation is to raise and provide financial resources in support of:

- a) Acquiring additional equipment that is critical to emergency response;
- b) Enhancing functional access and storage of emergency equipment; and
- c) Supplementing equipment that can be shared on a regional basis.

Your tax-deductible donations to support these efforts are welcome and greatly appreciated. For additional information or to make a donation, contact:

Sherwood Firefighters Foundation
450 Little John Rd., Williams, AZ 86046

Bob Simoneau, President (818) 935-0062
Dan Woodard, Vice President (602) 329-1197
Debra Henson, Secretary/Treasurer (858) 722-7027

Membership in the Sherwood Firefighters Foundation, both annual and lifetime, are open to all Sherwood Forest Estates and Mountain Rose Ranch property owners. For more information or a membership application, please contact any officer of the SFF. All property owners are encouraged to join and to support the Sherwood Firefighters Foundation.

Neighborhood Watch

The SFE/MRR Neighborhood Watch met on 4/13/17 with five Block Captains, five neighbors, and three county employees at the Sherwood Forest Fire House at 7:00 pm. After introductions, Mary discussed the **Woods Watch Training** the following evening and the **Firewise Landscaping Contest**. Have your entry in by May 12, 2017. A total of \$1000 in prizes will be awarded. For more information see www.Firewise.org.

See more details on the items below in the SFE/MRR Meeting Minutes under Neighborhood Watch soon to be located on the SFE website at www.sherwoodforeststatesaz.com.

Next a presentation on **Emergency Preparedness** was given by Ruthanne Penn from Coconino County. She recommended that a “Go Bag” be assembled for each person with enough food and water for 72 hours (3 days), clothes, toiletries, and towels. A first aid kit, blankets, a flashlight, batteries, a weather radio, prescriptions, and your pets should go with you. Document your pictures, important papers, and valuable items, including serial numbers. Store them on a removable drive for ease of transportation.

Sgt. Gerrit Bloeck discussed **Burglary Prevention** and the recent burglaries at Red Lake. Prevent burglaries by calling the sheriff’s department about any strange people walking or vehicles driving through the neighborhood. If your dog is barking, check it out. Use outside and inside lights with a timer or sensor.

In case your home has been broken into, don’t touch, move, or rearrange anything and back out. Be mindful of footprints and tire tracks.

It was decided to move our Spring Outreach to all residents to a **Summer Outreach**. Block Captains will meet to prepare packets for each household. The packets will be distributed at the POA meeting on July 1 with any remaining packets being distributed later.

The next meeting will be a pot luck on July 13, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the SFE Fire House. Topics will include Code Red, File of Life, and ATV Traffic. Let’s celebrate the safety of our neighborhood.

SFE Little Free Library

If you aren't already aware of it, Sherwood Forest has a Precious Jewel in our midst. This adorable little free library is at 7333 E. Longbow. The owner, Kosondra McCracken, encourages visitors to respectfully peruse the collection; and if you take a book, please leave a book.

Happy Reading!



Summer Social Events

To Our Community of Neighbors in SFE and MRR,

1. Annual Neighborhood Cleanup

Again this year, Danny and Vicki Hunter and Walt and Kathie Krushinsky will be co-chairing 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 furnish 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 two 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 our community a cleaner, nicer place to live. Time and weather permitting, we would like to have a BBQ after.

2. 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 Home Owners Association (HOA) is the Labor Day weekend on Sunday, at the Fire House. 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. 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 we will again have extra vote tickets and muffin tins for purchase and the Boot will be out for much-appreciated donations. All will go directly to the SFE Fire Department. Plan to come hungry.

More information coming soon.

3. Taco Dinners

To Our Community of Neighbors in SFE and MRR,

We are planning two taco dinners this summer. These will be held at the Fire House. We are still working on the date/time. The day’s events are free, but we will have the Boot out for much-appreciated donations. We will also try to schedule these on a weekend that will not conflict with the Moonset Pit dates. If you have suggestions or, even better, would like to volunteer, please contact Kathie Krushinsky at krushinskywk@gmail.com.

We have had several great suggestions, but would love to hear from you with your own ideas!

Kathie Krushinsky
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(405) 919-4363

Reduced Hours at Moonset Pit

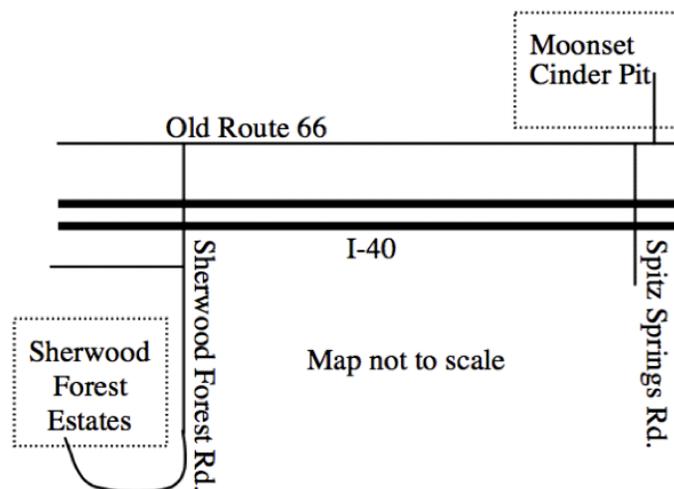
Moonset Pit will only be open on the second and fourth Saturdays of May and June this year. The hours this year are from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. On the dates that Moonset Pit is open, fire personnel and community volunteers staff the pit to ensure access and prevent disposal of unauthorized materials. Only natural, woody debris (such as tree limbs and pine needles) may be deposited at Moonset Pit. The pit is located one mile west of Parks, AZ and just east of Spitz Springs Road on the north side of old Route 66.

The limited access is to allow the U.S. Forest Service time to renovate the area including a 5-acre expansion. This work will be done throughout July and August. Once Moonset is closed in June it will not reopen to the public until May 2018.

*Moonset Pit will be open for four Saturdays:
May 13th and 27th, June 10th and 24th from 7:00am until 2:00pm.*

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 Estates offer this service. Volunteers are needed to staff the pit. Please contact Anne Dudley at (928) 635-0417 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.



SFEFD Auxiliary

The SFEFD Auxiliary will resume monthly meetings on May 11th at 10:00 am at the Fire House. The annual Memorial Weekend Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 28th, from 8-10 am. Set-up for the breakfast will be on Friday, May 27th at 4:00 pm. All help is appreciated and remember, "Many hands make light work."

Last year the fire department was able to purchase a used ambulance from a department in Florida, which really enhances our fire department's capability to be of service to the residents. There is also a new heliport area to be set up on a 10-acre property of MRR to be determined. All are invited to attend. Please come and join in and get to know your neighbors.

Current officers for the auxiliary are:

President: Diana Strefeler (623) 293-2815

Secretary: Sue Hamilton (928) 303-4584

Treasurer: Doris Allen (480) 391-2214

What's That Noise?

We've lived in Sherwood Forest Estates since 2010 or so, part-time, so we are still newbies when it comes to some of the forest noises. We have the train sounds down pretty good, and it's somewhat comforting. But we had an interesting experience recently that made us laugh, more at ourselves than anything else.

We had our cabin re-roofed last fall and hadn't spent too much time up at the cabin until just recently. We came up after spring training was complete down in the valley and the snow had pretty much melted.

Everything looked pretty good inside, no visible leaks, etc. Got to bed early the first night up but was awakened at about 0613 by this resonant knocking, which seemed internal to the house. Well, yes, we looked at each other and said "What's that noise?"

It sounded like it was coming from downstairs (1st floor) in the utility room; maybe the water pump associated with the gas central air heater was "making" noise. Nope! Wasn't that. But the noise continued intermittently. So back upstairs into the bathroom and the resonant knocking/hammering noise continued a few more times, then stopped. Being an engineer, I knew there HAD to be a logical reason for this noise. So I started to think of potential causes that might be causing this noise. Well, first off, the roof had been redone but all the vents and piping remained the same so that didn't seem to be the cause. But a thought hit me, BAAM! We hadn't been in the house for a few months, so perhaps the water in the shower drains had evaporated just enough to set up some sort of differential pressure between the inside and outside, specifically when the heater was running. It sounded good, and Ruth thought so too, and it had just enough of that technical mystic to satisfy me. So the plan was as soon as we heard the noise again, I was going to pour water into the shower drain. So the next morning at about 0630 again the noise was back and I executed the "fill the shower drain" plan. It seemed to stop momentarily, but continued. Ruth said "Call the plumber!" But I didn't, this thing is solvable.

My next thought centered around the upstairs bathroom vent fan exhaust pipes that had been installed in a larger existing old exhaust stack pipe, about 10 inches in diameter with a slotted cap on top. I was thinking that perhaps the original contractor may have put a little flapper plate on top of one or both of the fan vent pipes,

again causing this resonant knocking noise, again during a pressure. After checking with the contractor, he verified there were no flappers on top of the vent pipes. Ah!!! So next time we hear that noise again, I will turn on one or both of the fans, surely that will do the trick! No such luck! Again Ruth says “Call the plumber!” No way! This is not going to get the best of me. So again the next morning at 0615 or so, the noise started up. I slipped out on our bedroom balcony to see if I could hear the noise from the outside. Yes! And much louder, definitely coming from the roof and pretty sure from the big exhaust stack pipe. But the noise stopped shortly after I went out on the balcony.

In the meantime, I had to take our little old long-haired Chihuahua girl (16.5 years) outside for her morning constitutional. As I was standing outside, I was gazing at the big exhaust stack, studying it, waiting for the next scientific cause of the noise to hit me. The noise started up again! I see something up on the top of the slotted exhaust stack lid! It was a bird, and it appeared that its head was hammering the top of the exhaust stack lid, making a significant racket. It was a woodpecker making all that racket. Yep, the noise mystery was solved and I didn't have to pay for a plumber's visit.

I Googled “woodpecker” and “metal objects,” and it seems like they like to hammer on things like metal objects that make a lot of noise for seemingly two reasons: 1) they are announcing/marketing their territory, and 2) it helps in attracting a mate.

So, what are we going to do? Basically nothing. It's going to be additional ambiance to our pine forest living with the train sounds and other forest sounds.

Sherwood Fire District

From Your Fire Department

Here's an interesting statistic to start off with: For the first time in our department's history, approximately 30% of our active firefighters are in their 20s and 30s. As a matter of fact, we even have a 19-year-old in the mix and more on the way. If we take this one step further and look at the number of our firefighters who are available for active duty year-round, that 30% average jumps to nearly 60%. So far the only drawback has been that I now have to explain my dated jokes to a much larger percentage of the group.

Another exciting aspect of having a younger, more highly motivated band of men and women is that we expect to have 9 EMTs on staff as of July 1st. Our Assistant Chief, Dee McLaughlin, has spearheaded a 17-week training course that is being hosted at our fire station and includes individuals from six different local agencies. Add to that the recent additions to our vehicle fleet of a Duty Officer SUV and a “Big Box” rescue rig and you can see how your department is becoming more well-rounded in the services we can provide.

One might start to wonder where we are going to house all these vehicles, and there is exciting news on that front too. A family, who wishes to remain anonymous, moved into our district a few years ago and has taken a special interest in the capital improvement needs of our department. If all goes as planned, they are willing to help fund the addition of another large vehicle maintenance and storage building. If this does happen, our existing building 1 will be remodeled and will feature a formal kitchen, a permanent meeting and/or classroom, dormitories for on-duty EMTs, emergency supply storage, and much more. Once a project like this gets started, it will turn into a district-wide search for folks who are willing to help with construction, carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, painting, etc.

Speaking of working with an unpaid staff, as you might imagine when working with an all-volunteer roster of firefighters, our numbers can be somewhat volatile from time to time; financially rewarding opportunities arise and people move on. With that in mind, we are always looking for new recruits, and age alone is not much of a barrier these days. If you have an interest in helping out, contact us at sherwoodfire@qwestoffice.net and we'll set you up for an interview and have you observe some of our trainings.

You also have a new option when it comes to assisting your fire department but don't have the time or inclination to get physical. Enter the new Sherwood Firefighters Foundation (SFF) further referenced in Bob Simoneau's article. Not only can you make tax-deductible contributions to the Foundation, but you can now become an active member. More details about this will be posted on the SFE website. To date, the Foundation has been gifted a generous start-up donation from the SFEPOA and has received enthusiastic encouragement from emergency service and government agencies statewide. During its short existence, the SFF has already been credited with distributing over \$10,000 worth of surplus equipment to a remote Arizona fire district in need.

With this year's limitations on the use of Moonset Pit for forest debris disposal, we are working on a plan to do some recycling at the Fire House. If all goes well, we will have at least two dates when you can drop needles, slash, and small logs at the station and have it processed. One added advantage to this plan is that there will be wood chip mulch that can be distributed to homeowners in both Sherwood Forest Estates and Mountain Rose Ranch. Watch the new website for exact dates.

Once again, I would like to express my continuing gratitude to the SFEPOA, the SFEFD Auxiliary, and all the individuals who have stepped up to help make our fire district one of the top performers in the state. I especially want to thank our firefighters and support personnel for the wonderful work they are doing. You might think it is a daunting task to direct the efforts of volunteers ranging in age from under 20 to over 70, but when everyone has the same goal in mind, which is the safety and well-being of our neighbors, it is more a privilege than a chore.

Have a safe summer, get involved, and stay tuned to the great new website so you can always stay well informed.

Wayne Marx
Chief, SFEFD

***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 to SherwoodForestPOA@gmail.com or a message using our website's guest book (found in the website's *Contacts* section) and tell us "**Yes, email, please,**" and 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!

***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
Ric Switzer928 310-8505
- SFE Auxiliary President
Diana Strefeler..... 623-293-2815
- SFEPOA President
Doris Allen.....480-391-2214
- Coconino Sheriff.....928 635-4487
- Forestry Service928 635-5600
- Coconino Animal Management
.....928 228-2717
- Coconino Community Service
(Building Inspection & Zoning)
.....928 226-2700
(Building Inspection & Zoning)
.....928 226-2700

Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association

SFEPOA 2017 Annual Membership Dues Form

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

SFEPOA, 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) _____

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