



# Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Winter 2019

<http://sherwoodforestestatesaz.com>

## From the SFE Board

**Kathie Krushinsky/President of the SFE POA**

**Clarisse Kostolny/Vice President of the SFE POA**

This has been an amazing summer. We have had several homes and properties for sale and many have sold. We have many new faces at our events and "Welcome" to them all. We have several families now with young children. So just a reminder that we all need to **slow down** on our interior roads and watch for our walkers, bike riders and horses. Yes, we now will have a resident with a couple of horses in SFE. Please remember that during the dry and dusty summer to slow down and try to keep the dust to a minimum. Maybe even drive below the posted 25 mph. Let's try to leave our faster "city" lives behind and just enjoy this beautiful community at a slower pace.

This next Summer we will again share Moonset Pit duties with Parks. If you would be interested in helping with a 2-hr. shift this next summer please contact, Kathie Krushinsky at 405-919-4363. We are going to try to have a few child friendly activities at our events, and thinking of having a Blood Drive and possibly offering CPR classes to anyone interested. These would be held at our SFE Firehouse.

AUTUMN, THAT'S RIGHT. It's just good Ol' Mother Earth moving us away from the sun (tipping on her axis) making it chilly. The time of the year is almost here, (September 23) with all your favorite pumpkin-spice flavors. I mean butter, yogurts, cereal and lattes. The concoction coming from ground cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and dry ginger-YUMMY! Until the 1300's "Harvest" was the word used to describe the next few months of weather. The picking of pumpkins, squash and sweet potatoes and it meant the gathering of ripe crops, (a little bit of trivia there perhaps?). So, during this wonderful season, grab your pumpkin-spiced everything, chunky scarves and enjoy your fantasy football!

\*\*\*Please consider joining our SFE "Nextdoor" Community Site (Nextdoor.com) to keep updated and informed on what's happening in the area and any other fun activities that help bring us together as a community.

### **HOW TO BE A GREAT NEIGHBOR**

1. *Introduce yourself*
2. *Be Considerate*
3. *Be aware of shared walls and property boundaries*
4. *Be a good and responsible pet owner*
5. *Keep Parties fun and quiet after 10pm*
6. *Stay Tidy*
7. *Follow the Golden Rule*

### **FYI**

Are you planning to build on your property while you live in your RV, 5th Wheel, etc...? Please check with Coconino County on any rules and required permits. We have heard of "incidents" that the county has been in the area to enforce any required permits.

In addition, ...

If you are planning on purchasing any outdoor storage sheds, livestock pens, Conex boxes or other type of large containers *BE AWARE that Coconino County has restrictions on color, sizes, location and permits required. Please reach out to them first and become informed. Coconino County 219 East Cherry Avenue Flagstaff, AZ 86001 Phone: 928.679.7120 Toll Free: 877.679.7120*

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Jeanna Roush, POA Treasurer

Money...money...money....we accept you voluntary annual \$20 per 1+ acre lot all year long. The funds benefit the neighborhood in several ways. We do an annual community trash pickup. This is a volunteer activity. When the cleanup is complete the volunteers are treated to a delicious meal. Watch for information about next year's neighborhood cleanup in the spring newsletter or on the boards at the entrance to Sherwood Forest Estates.

We have had conversations about adding a second day for another cleanup day. If you think this is a great idea, please let one of the board members know. Also, if you have a great suggestion for things that might benefit the neighborhood, again please let one of the board members know.

If you are new, and have received one of the welcome bags we would love your input. Was it helpful? Any suggestions for things to add? Or remove. Is there too much information? Too little? Relevant information? We appreciate anything you have to offer or share.

## Secretary

### Judy Maurer-Secretary

This summer's activities were fairly new to me, I'm a snowbird.

I was just voted into the SFE POA Board as the new Secretary for the coming year.

The events scheduled this summer required my presence in helping the team prepare the setups for the upcoming events for our neighborhood.

My fun began with the Labor Day Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast. I have never made so many batches of pancake batter before. We had a great team of helpers making sure the line moving smoothly.

The next challenge was the wonderful Firewise Night and Taco Bar. Our neighbors young and old loved this event. We generously stuffed a lot of tacos.

The last function I had the privilege of helping host was the fabulous POA Chili Cookoff. Meeting and greeting a lot of these neighbors was so much fun. It was a wonderful experience seeing all of the volunteer's willing to help with all stages of this event.

## Member at large

### Brian Burdikoff- Member at Large

Hi ya'll

First off, Glad to hear the internet may be getting better.

The rains have been lovely for us.

As a member of Sherwood Forest Estates Fire, our trucks are in great shape and we are continuing to improve our water supply at the firehouse.

Looking forward to the fall season.

## SFE Fire Auxiliary

What's going on with our Auxiliary?

### Sue Hamilton-SFEFD Auxiliary President

We started our wonderful mountain summer with our SFEFD Auxiliary Memorial Day Breakfast. We had some great activities like, painting with an artist, Bingo and finished with our Labor Day Breakfast.

If anyone would like to see some activity repeated for next summer or have something new or different that they would like to do let me know.

SFEFD Auxiliary President

## Neighborhood Watch

### SFE/MRR Neighborhood Watch

#### Mary Anderson, SFE/MRR Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Ten neighbors met on **April 11** at the SFEFD. Jon Paxton, Coconino County Sheriff's Office Community Programs Planner and Public Information Officer, updated us on recent events in the county. He also gave a presentation on Crime Scene Preservation. If you see a possible crime scene, DO NOT ENTER IT, unless a life is at risk inside it.

Eight neighbors met on **July 11** with a no show from the Sheriff's Office. After a short discussion we adjourned.

Twenty neighbors and several guests attended the potluck meeting on **Sept 12**. The food was great. And the chatter was evidence of the fun we were having.

#### We will be starting future meetings at 6:00 p.m.

Doris Allen has stepped down as Block Captain. A replacement is needed for the **east side of E Knighthood Ln**. Call Mary at 928.635.1390 if you are interested.

Alan Anderson from Coconino Sheriff's Office gave a presentation on READY-SET-GO Program. Is your GO BAG ready?

Mary led a Q&A of What do I do? Who do I call? We had a good discussion about different scenarios.

Please join us for our meetings next year at 6 p.m. on April 9, July 9, and September 10, 2020.

## Summer Events, SFE & MRR

### Clarisse Kostolny, Events Planner

#### SUMMER/SPRING EVENTS 2020

Hello Neighbors!

So, I need to share with all of you that we have some fine "Chili Chefs" among us. This year's Chili Cook Off was simply AMAZING. We had eleven entries and some mighty stiff competition. However, In the end we had to pick just the top three chili's. So, with everyone's help the winners chosen were:

1. 1st Place-Jason Doud (winner of a Red Lobster gift card)
2. 2nd Place-R and L Schulhauser (winner of an Olive Garden gift card)
3. 3rd Place-Dave Mills (winner of an Olive Garden gift card)

Thank you to everyone for helping choose the winners and more importantly helping us eat up ALL the chili. I would also like to send out a Special Shoutout to the Netzel Family and the Foster Family's young ladies for helping with the counting, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

\*In my acknowledgements if I have forgotten someone it is truly accidental and I do really appreciate each and every person that was involved.

### On the Horizon...

#### 1. Annual Neighborhood Cleanup

This activity is a way to get your cardio low-impact exercise in for the day or if you prefer bring your ATV/UTV. We meet at the firehouse for coffee and donuts then head out in search of those items (trash) that "un-beautifies" our area. We will provide plastic bags and plastic gloves. This event takes only a little bit of your time and it is a GR8T way to meet and bond with your neighbors. The date is yet to be determined but, most likely will be sometime in the month of June 2020.

#### 2. Annual Yard Sale

This is a great event for all. Folks come from all over the area in search of "treasures". You know what they say, "one mans junk, is another man's treasure". For this event we ask for a \$10.00 donation to help cover the costs of balloons/banners and advertising to identify your home to all the shoppers.

This event will most likely be taking place sometime in June or in early July 2020. We will keep you posted.

#### 3. Chili Cook-Off

One of our most favorite community events, (and certainly dear to my heart). Join us for a wonderful time and don't forget to bring your family and friends. Bring your chili to share or to enter in the contest. This event is FREE, but we will sell tasting muffin tins for a nominal \$1.00 fee. Come meet your friendly neighbors, EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

#### **"THANK YOU" CORNER:**

To all of you who have participated in helping out.

#### **IN CLOSING...**

My dear neighbors please feel free to reach out to me anytime as I *love* hearing from everyone!

**I wish you all a wonderful Autumn Season.**

**From the Fire Chief**

## 2019 Winter Newsletter From the Fire Chief

It has been an interesting summer, to say the least. The number of Auxiliary members has reached near record levels and the POA has been very active. Both organizations continue to be a valuable resource for the Fire District through financial support and individual members donating personal time to special projects. As always, their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Another near record is the low number of emergency calls our department has received since the beginning of our fiscal year. On average, it has been less than one a month, but we remain diligent in our preparedness. In order to maintain a high level of dependability we are continually reaching out for new volunteers. There are several different ways a person can help, from special project assistance to becoming an actual firefighter or EMT. I encourage anyone interested at any level to contact me directly at (928) 607-3005.

As many of you know, there has been no shortage of controversy lately concerning the running of our fire department. Many issues have yet to be resolved but the process is well under way. The best way to stay on top of important issues and to have your voice heard is to attend the monthly fire board meetings. These meetings are usually scheduled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the firehouse and we start at 7:00 PM. Actual schedules are posted on the bulletin board at the firehouse and are also posted on our website.

If you are leaving the neighborhood for the winter, please take extra care when preparing your home for the winter. There have been many instances of freeze damage, especially plumbing. For those of you who will be spending the winter, it is strongly recommended that you have a professional check your heating system. Also, if you have a fireplace or heat with wood products, please check to see if your chimney is clear and any spark screens installed are free of soot.

Let's all be safe out there.

Wayne Marx  
Chief, SFEFD

## Internet Proposal From CenturyLink

It has been a long project thus far in bringing Internet to our community. As the bets were against success in the first placement of equipment, we prevailed. As we learned very quickly the speeds were not what we had hoped for, nor was the bandwidth sufficient to carry the communities' demands. Not being part of the company (CenturyLink) it took awhile to figure out what the issues were. As we were "Capped" from any more new accounts, several learned very quickly that they could not get there accounts re-activated the following summer upon returning. Once all attempts were exhausted to get a simple upgrade to address these issues, it was time to start over with a formal request from the community.

As most of you remember, the survey was redone to show the interest of our community and the issues the community was experiencing. The original point of contact at CenturyLink had moved on and was no longer in a position to assist. Being referred to the engineer in our area the dialog was re-started. In an attempt to forward the survey, he became non-responsive to e-mails and phone calls. Later found out he had moved on too. After this delay a (senior) engineer took up our cause. A project coordinator was assigned. After a number of persuasive conversations, CenturyLink did a cost analyses for "an upgrade" The suggestions of progressive phases to keep cost down and service to the community to the demands of the users was rejected. This would have built the revenue to do a smooth phase by phase upgrade to get us to the final phase where the community would have been set for the next 20 plus years of services and products that CenturyLink could offer at standard billing rates. Instead CenturyLink has come back with a proposal basically going directly to the final step, stating that the equipment for a multi-phase proposal is of the outdated equipment and was not interested in anything supplying speeds less than 40 Meg. to the door.

This proposal is not what was hoped for. It is a starting point for further negotiations. The Break down is as follows.

**Type of agreement is a Bulk Agreement.** This means that it is a package deal, all or none.

It also means that CenturyLink will treat SFE as a single Customer. (MMR would have the option to be included in this) And that they will send one bill and "we" will be the bill collector to process all of the individual accounts. (Or a management company)

**The Term is for 10 years** meaning that the "network" would revert to a standard product offering. Our service pricing would be the company standard. No longer at the \$39.95/mo.

**Product offered is GPON Fiber Internet. 100meg.**

**Price for the term will be \$39.95/month with no increase during the 10 year term** including the bye in outlined below.

**Ramp up period is for 36 months. This is the grace period that only the active customers would be charged.** After which all 282 lots (accounts customers) would be charged whether active or not. This includes the empty lots.

**Fiber overbuild and aid to investment. The total cost is \$800,000 for the project. CenturyLink wants \$366,000 which is \$1,300 per Lot up front to start the project.** Note: the ten year obligation of \$39.95 has the balance of the \$800,000 built into it.

Another way to look at this is the \$1,300 broken down as part of the monthly cost would be about \$79.00 each over the ten years. This is there way to covering some of there upfront cost on the project. The project includes the equipment installed in the Williams Central office, the Fiber run to the neighborhood, the equipment

upgrade at the north east corner, the fiber runs on the telephone poles with terminals, the drops (fiber from the pole to the side of the house), the fiber box at the house, the cat 5e wire to the jack inside and the modem.

**This also includes installation to the jack in the home and the modem.**

The box on the side of the house will require a power outlet plug to power there fiber box. **This power plug will be supplied by and at the customers' expense.**

Now that you have had a moment to digest this, we do want to have a modern internet service in our community. As our fire departments upgrades have lowered our insurance costs, the upgrading of the internet would increase the desirability of our neighborhood.

As this proposal may be too tenuous, let's look at what services that are or will be available to compare.

There is a big push for low earth orbit satellite based internet that is in the early stages of deployment by SpaceX called STARLINK. (not skynet) they plan to have two deployments a month in 2020. They would hopefully be taking on customers sometime in 2020. Nothing on there website yet. This will be high speed and low latency. Cost should be competitive to ground base internet. Google and Amazon are also talking about satellite based internet.

SudenLink (the cable company) has not been approached as a potential internet provider.

The Cellular companies currently offering 3G and 4G at there high frequencies have been difficult to receive do the terrain and trees blocking the signal.

As those participation in the NextDoor App, have learned of another resent survey for interest in internet. In review of this offer, the equipment technology is interesting. A company called PiNAPoL (Pineapple) is offering there own modem with some special features and administrative controls that allow increased stability and an optional placement of a suitable external antenna to overcome the attenuation of the cellular signal caused by the trees. Currently T-mobile is the backbone for this service. In testing the equipment and service in several places including in town along side another cellular service with there supplied modem, the results were unexpected. T-mobile and the PiNAPoL modem worked well in all locations in the test.

The "other company" in the test had many issues including disconnects and slow webpage loading. Surprisingly the service was even worse in town near the cell tower.

It appears that any of the services in our area will only be in the 3G or 4G technology. (5G in the future) The speeds are as follows; 3G ranges from 0.1 to 8 Mbits/sec typical download speeds, 4G ranges from 15 to 90Mbits/sec. and 5G ranges from 150 to 200Mbits/sec.

There is some misleading information associated with these technologies and the frequencies that they are on. The stories are that 5G is dangerous. Basically the 3G, 4G, and 5G are technologies or the format in which the data is transferred. The Frequency is the issue on if it is being considered dangerous. The higher the frequency and the longer term exposure are the contested issues. Any of the technologies can be on any of the frequencies.

In short, any 4G services will provide speeds well above what we have now for streaming videos and alike with adequate reception. The "other company" indicated an average of about 35Mbits/sec for our area. The resent testing has failed to live up to that claim.

There was another company looking to install fiber in the area awhile back, but they have failed to move forward. No further information.

What is needed at this point from our community is a response to be compiled and presented back to CenturyLink on their proposal.

If (an estimate) 90% or more were to agree to the proposal, we could absorb the non-participating 10% increasing our cost slightly. This should be an all or nothing as it is presented.  
This proposal expires February 22, 2020.

A large response from the community is recommended so that there is no confusion as to where we stand as a community. This is not a simple majority vote. This need to be a 90% plus YES response if we were to go forward in working out any details and further negotiations.

With anything less, a consensus of where we stand needs to be sent back to voice our position on the proposal. Below is a survey/response page to give your feedback on the CenturyLink proposal. This will be shared with the project person at CenturyLink.

I want to thank everyone in this journey.

Judson Swearingen Jr.  
SFE Board, Member at large.

**Please see the last page for the survey**

# Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association

## SFEPOA 2019 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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?  
Leave name and email info at [SherwoodForestPOA@gmail.com](mailto:SherwoodForestPOA@gmail.com)

Please print, fill out and mail this form along with \$20.00 per lot



**\*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](mailto: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!**

<http://www.sherwoodforestestatesaz.com>

**\*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  
Bruce Speirs...[bspeirs1055@gmail.com](mailto:bspeirs1055@gmail.com)
- SFE Auxiliary President  
Sue Hamilton ..... 928-303-4584
- SFEPOA President  
Doris Allen.....480-391-2214
- Coconino Sheriff..... 928 635-4487
- Forestry Service ..... 928 635-5600
- Coconino Animal Management  
..... 928 228-2717
- Coconino Community Service  
(Building Inspection & Zoning)  
..... 928 226-2700  
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## CenturyLink Internet Proposal Survey

Please place an X in the left box of the statement(s) that you best agree with.

	I agree with the proposal as it is presented and want to participate.
	I disagree with the proposal as it is presented
	I want to see high speed internet upgraded but I want to be treated as a regular customer. CenturyLink needs to carry there own weight.
	I have no interest in participating in the project, I'm happy with what I have.

	I think the community should be treated as one customer.
	If yes to being treated as one customer, are you willing to form something like a HOA to enforce the billing of others? (Under this proposal)
	I am willing to pay a "buy in" and be billed at the standard rate to entice CenturyLink to upgrade. With no binding contracts. (How much are you willing to pay for the buy in? \$ _____ )
	If CenturyLink does an upgrade (on their own) I am willing to switch to CenturyLink from my current service.

Any comments:

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