

**Sherwood Forest Estates
Williams, Arizona**



Sherwood Forest Estates
Property Owners Association
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Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Summer 2001



A Note from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The annual meeting on Saturday, May 26 was informative and well attended. In case you weren't able to attend, the minutes are included in this newsletter.

Be sure to read the articles on Fuel Reduction and the Cinder Pit Dump, two very special opportunities available this summer.

I hope that you will make it to one of our many summer gatherings. The SFE Fire Department Auxiliary is hosting two potlucks and a pancake breakfast. The Property Owners Association will be hosting a barbeque. These events are always great fun and a wonderful chance to meet your neighbors.

The Fire Department continues to grow. In the last newsletter, you heard that our insurance rating improved to ISO 8. Plans are developing for a new building that will house three of our trucks and provide a shop space. Sketches of the potential building and its location are posted at the Firehouse.

Once again this year, the SFPEOA Board voted to give the Fire Department \$500 to send several firefighters to the Arizona State Fire School. The Board will also be buying two carts for all the folding chairs we use for the meetings. And, finally, the sign at the entrance to Sherwood Forest is getting a face-lift.

Anne Dudley, SFPEOA President

P.S. The railroad crossing has been improved (a hundredfold) and should be finished by the end of June.

Calendar of Events

Everyone is welcome at all events, see you at the firehouse!

Sat. June 30	6 pm	Sloppy Joe Potluck <i>Bring a side dish to share.</i>
Sun. July 1	2 pm	Fire Training
Sat. July 7	4 pm	Hot Dogs & Hamburgers <i>Activities for families, Bring a side dish to share.</i>
Sat. July 14	8 am-4 pm 9:30 am 2 pm	Cinder Pit Dump Open Auxiliary Meeting Fire Training
Sat. Aug. 4	6 pm	Potluck <i>Bring a side dish to share.</i>
Sun. Aug. 5	2 pm	Fire Training
Sat. Aug. 11	8 am-4 pm	Cinder Pit Dump Open
Sat. Aug. 18	9:30 am 2 pm	Auxiliary Meeting Fire Training
Sat. Sept. 1	8-10 am	Pancake Breakfast
Sun. Sept. 2	2 pm	Fire Training

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting May 26,
2001 11:00 – 1:00**

Call to order: **Anne Dudley, president**

Pledge of allegiance

Minutes from 2000: **Dick Fisher**, Approved

Treasurer's report: **Lionel Giguere**, Approved

Raffle Prize: Rosa's Cantina: Cathy Scelehct

Guest: Kathi Clark, Cool Country Realty

Sherwood Forest Estates property valuations appear to have leveled at current values.

- 15 homes listed \$98K – 260K
 - 6 homes sold since May of 2000
 - 2 @ \$90K, \$104K, \$112K, \$139K, \$190K
 - Land: 3 on the market \$28k, \$28K, \$31K.
 - In the past year 8 lots were sold, \$19- \$27K.
- Lower land values are present in Sherwood than in Parks because the increased septic system requirements are a drawback. On 1/2001 new rules were adopted for testing. Coconino is not honoring the transfer of existing permits! Cost has increased because of additional design requirements:

- Test requires 4 holes @ 10' in depth
- \$240 county inspection
- \$400-500 for engineer
- \$180 for permits.

What are the average costs? Standard system – around \$5K, Alternative system – \$15-27K.

Get system installed if you have a permit!

Raffle: Peak Confections: Debbie Switzer

Guest speaker: Bob Mills – County building department. Inspector for part of the Northland region & lives in Sherwood. (Bob doesn't work for the health dept. ☺)

Zoning snapshot:

- 10x12 storage 10' from structure must meet set back guidelines, but can be built without a permit.
- RS 40000 zoning –single family or modular – after 6/15, 1976 – no mobile homes unless grandfathered in.
- Animals - horses etc. but no swine on a 1-acre lot. Up to a maximum of 3 animals, 1 more for

each additional 1.5 acres. Animals must be kept 100' from neighbors' house.

- Home business: Cottage industry vs. home business, a brochure is available for review.
 - Accessory structures: building an attached structure is ok, as long as you don't use more than 35% of the lot.
 - **Questions:** *How big of a guesthouse can be built?* Detached guesthouses permitted on 2 acres or larger. No trailers for guesthouse. *What about travel trailers?* They are not allowed. You can park a travel trailer on your property but no use of a trailer for temporary living is permitted. If complaints are received, the County will react to them by taking pictures and sending a letter to the owner.
 - *Is a permit needed for a fence?* No, it must be 6' or shorter. *Can we have chain link?* Yes, 3' maximum in the front.
 - *Need a permit for a garage?* Yes. Using 1997 code for building permits. You also need one for a deck, which must carry 60 lb/ft² load. Roofs must carry 40 lb/ft² load.
- For further specifics you can get a copy of the county codes by calling 226-2700.

Raffle: Grand Canyon Railway Tickets: Paul Williams & Janet Pysber (one pair each)

**Our thanks to Chris & Reta Christensen
who donated these!**

**Guest Speaker: SFE Fire Department
Auxiliary - Jane Snowberger**

Fundraisers and social events include:

- 6/30 – 6:00 pm Chili potluck
- 8/4 – 6:00 pm Potluck and watermelon bust

See us to buy Chimfex – removes oxygen from chimney to stop chimney fires. 2 for \$19.

Raffle: Safeway: Marc Darr

Guest Speaker: Doc Smith, NAU Forestry Department – slide show on fuel reduction and forest compared to mid 1800's. The Fuel Reduction Program has been created to reduce tree density and ground fuel on private and public property.

Questions: *After thinning can we get grass seed?*
 Natural seeding is a normal development. Fort Valley reseeding (seen in slideshow) was natural seeding. Thinning of trees permits the remaining trees to become healthier. Old growth trees will respond and become healthier – 50% increase in resin, growth increase, resistant to bark beetles. *Why do the squirrels seem to be eating up one of my trees?* Squirrels nip the new growth looking for sugars in the Cambrian layer. Normally this will not harm the tree.

What about the Hanta Virus? 60% of male mice have the Hanta virus. Be careful when cleaning out sheds and woodpiles.

Guest Speaker: Keith Menasco, Forest Service – Williams, introduced several interface people from the forest service and other agencies. **Art Mathias** is the coordinator for Sherwood partnership program, at the NAU office of cooperative extension.

Raffle: 1000 gallons of Larry Wright Water: Krista Williams

Guest Speaker: Herb Johnson - Coconino County Sheriff's Volunteer, sign up and he will watch your property when you are away. Rabies problem: Many dead skunks have been found to have rabies in the Flagstaff area. The 35 miles around Flagstaff, including SFE, has been quarantined. Domestic animals in the area must be on a leash at all times (even cats).

SFE Fire Board introduction by Anne Dudley.

Guest Speaker: SFE Fire Department Chief, Jack Snowberger: Thanks to the membership for cooperating with the fire restrictions. Introduction of the fire fighters. We now have an ISO 8 rating, which may qualify homeowners for a reduction in insurance rating. Moving from 10 to 8 is a most significant jump. New firehouse stalls are being discussed. There are no plans for a tax rate increase for fire service.

Jack Hadley, training officer, request for volunteer firefighters; please join us at any training session. Training is available for all volunteers and is scheduled regularly. Hadley recognized **Donny Bridges** and **Jack Snowberger** for their efforts in getting the ISO 8 rating.

Comments & Concerns:

- Condition of sign at entrance. It will be stripped and refinished and an additional sign will be added with changeable dates for all of our events.
- We are redeveloping the informational flyer. *How about a real estate flyer?* We will encourage real estate agencies to hand out the flyer, not the invalid rules and regulations.
- *What about the fire burning permits?* Comes from the 911 system requirement. Needed to prevent false alarms etc. See separate article in newsletter.
- *What are the ATV policies?* Must be a licensed driver and obey all traffic laws. If there is a problem, call the Sheriff.
- *What are the new markers at the end of Minstrel all the way to the tracks?* Nobody knew. Call the Coconino office for clarification.

Raffle: Pine Country Kitchen: Shirley Butler

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Dick Fisher, Secretary

Treasurer's Report 2000-2001

Previous Balance	\$ 4793.00
Deposits for 2000-2001	965.00

<u>Expenses</u>	
AZ Corporate Commission	10.00
U S Postmaster	102.00
Office Supplies	47.00
SFE Fire Department	510.00
Door Prizes	
Pine Country Restaurant	25.00
Rosa's Cantina	25.00
Safeway	25.00
Peaks Confectionery	25.00
Larry Wright Water	<u>25.00</u>
Balance - Expenses	794.00

Ending Balance as of 6/11/01	\$ 4964.00
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Submitted by Lionel Giguere, Treasurer

To Burn or Not To Burn

Fire season is upon us! Remember all that green, green grass we saw in April and May? Now it is all turning brown and the fire danger is going up.

As of this writing, the fire danger is in the high range. By the time that you receive this newsletter, it will no doubt be in the extreme range. It is possible that the forest will be closed again this summer.

Please be careful with your outdoor fires. If you are going to burn outdoors, other than campfires, please call the Sherwood Forest Fire Department at 635-9837. If the weather is good, the winds are not too high and the forest is open, the duty officer will give you permission to burn. You will also need to call the Forest Service Dispatch at 635-2601 and tell them when and what you are burning.

If you do not call us prior to burning, firefighting neighbors in fire trucks may visit you. They may not be to pleased at responding to a false alarm during their dinner hour. If you do not call the Forestry Service, and you are visited by one of their firefighting teams, you will be billed for their visit.

When you are burning, either debris or a campfire, please follow these guidelines:

- Clear an area 30 feet in all directions
- Look up, don't burn under branches
- No flames more than waist high
- Watch the fire at all times
- Fires must be out, dead out, at night
- Keep plenty of water nearby
- Have a shovel handy
- A cell phone nearby is a good idea

If the forest is closed, then **ALL** outdoor fires, including charcoal barbeques, will be banned. You may still use your gas barbeque.

Please call us if you have any questions. Let's all work together to make this a safe and fire free summer.

Jack Hadley, SFE Fire Department

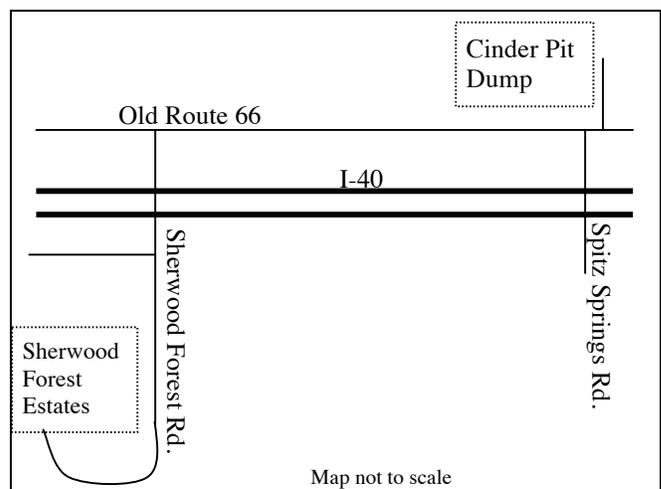
Cinder Pit Dump Open

So now that you have raked up all those pine needles and removed the ladders (those dead branches that go half way up your Ponderosa Pines) from your trees, what do you do with all those piles of needles and branches?

The Forestry Service has opened the Cinder Pit Dump to residents of Sherwood Forest on the second Saturday of each month. The Dump is on Old Route 66 about half way to Parks. See the map below. You are allowed to dump woody materials from around your home, but no household garbage or construction waste. That is, you can't bring those leftover 2x4s from your last remodeling project. If you bring it over in bags, you will be asked to dump it out of the bags (and take the bags back home).

The Sherwood Forest Fire Department will be at the Cinder Pit Dump on Saturday, July 14, and August 11 from 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. to ensure that only appropriate items are left there.

We hope that you will take advantage of this special offer and make your property a safer place to live.



If you have comments or concerns about the SFE Fire Department, please drop us a line:

Sherwood Forest Fire District Board
450 Little John Rd, Williams, AZ 86046

Donny Bridges, President
Jane Snowberger, Treasurer
Sandy Peterson, Clerk

Fuels Reduction Program

A coalition of the U.S. Forestry Service, Coconino County, NAU's Ecological Restoration Institute, AZ State Land Department, and others is working to make the forest a safer place to live. Many representatives from these organizations were on hand at the SFEPOA annual meeting to talk to homeowners about this coalition. You may have also received a letter from Keith Menasco, acting Williams District Ranger, about the project.



If you sign up for the fuels reduction program, the Arizona State Land Department will schedule a time to walk your property,

hopefully with you. They will talk about the general health of your trees and your fire safety. They will then tag trees that should come down. The selection of trees is negotiable. The tree will then be taken down for about \$50 per acre. You may choose to keep the wood or have them haul it away.

For more information contact the Forest Service, Williams Division, at 520-635-5600 or plan to attend the informational meeting at Maine Consolidated School in Parks on Wednesday, July 4th, from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to thin the trees on your property, for a very low price, making the forest around your home healthier and more fire resistant.

2001-2002 SFEPOA Board

President:	Anne Dudley	<u>Members-at-Large</u>
Vice President:	Beth Dormady	Penny Mills
Secretary:	Dick Fisher	Jerry Kinsey
Treasurer:	Lionel Giguere	Rodger Anderson

Please visit the Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Web Site at <http://www.thefishers.org/SFEPOA/SFEPOA.html> (case sensitive address). Dick Fisher would enjoy your comments about the site.

It's not too late to renew for 2001!

Mail this form and \$10 to: SFEPOA, P.O. Box 221, Williams, AZ 86046
Checks should be made payable to SFEPOA.

Name: _____ Lot Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Do you have any comments or concerns that you would like to bring to the attention of the SFE Property Owners Association?

