



Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Summer 2003

A Note from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The annual meeting of the Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association (SFE POA) will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2003. Please join us at the firehouse at 10 am for brunch with your neighbors. The meeting will be at 11:00 am. As in the past few years, we will have several speakers to inform you about what's going on in the neighborhood. We plan to be done by noon. Last year over 100 of your neighbors attended the annual meeting, let's see if we can beat that number this year!

The SFE POA is looking for a few of you to be on the Board. We have a few vacancies this year. This is your opportunity to get involved and help to make Sherwood Forest Estates a friendly and inviting place to live. Please contact me at 635-0417 if you are interested in serving on the board and want more details. Or, be at the annual meeting, as we will take nominations from the floor.

I hope to see you at the annual meeting.

Anne Dudley, SFE POA President

Fire Danger Still High

Fire season is upon us! As of this writing, the fire danger is in the high range. While the Kaibab National Forest is not closed yet this summer, it is still very dry. When the forest is closed, **ALL** outdoor fires, including charcoal grills, are banned. You may still use your gas grill.

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 okay your burn. You will also need to call the Forest Service Dispatch at 635-2601 and tell them when and what you are burning.

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
- Be sure that your fire is cold before you leave it

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

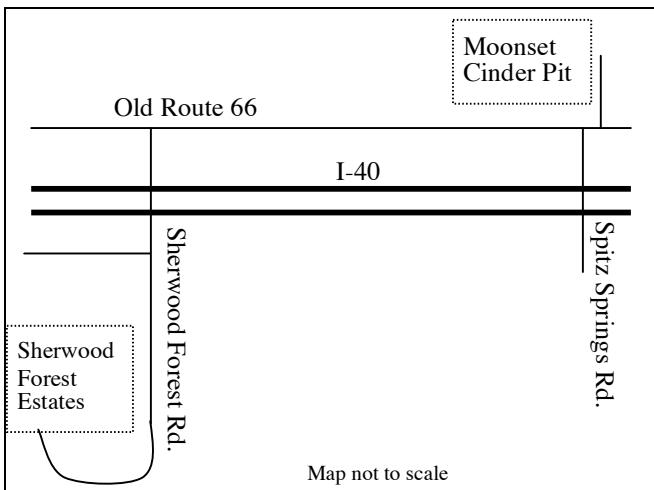
2002-2003 SFE POA Board

President:	Anne Dudley	<u>Members-at-Large</u>
Vice President:	Beth Dormady	Dick McNeil
Secretary:	Dick Fisher	Penny Mills
Treasurer:	Lionel Giguere	Nancy Sereno

Moonset Cinder Pit Open

Once again this summer the Moonset Cinder Pit is open to residents of Sherwood Forest Estates to help encourage the cleaning of pine needles from property. Moonset Cinder Pit is on Old Route 66 about half way to Parks. See the map below. It will be open one Saturday in July. Watch for signs for the exact date.

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 pine needles in bags, please dump them out of the bags and take the bags back home.



Train Derailment

This spring there was a train derailment at the crossing. This closed down the main entrance to Sherwood Forest Estates for several hours. Do you know the back way out? Route 102, just south of the SFE entrance sign heads west across State Trust land (4WD only) and then through the Kaibab National Forest (any car). Follow 102 until it ends. Turn right and follow Garland Prairie Road up to I-40. See the map in the adjacent column. Note that our new neighbor to the west has improved the fire road that connects the southwest corner of SFE to 102 through the meadow.

Since this derailment many of the SFE Volunteer Firefighters have attended train derailment training in conjunction with the Parks/Bellemont Fire Department.

SFE Fire District Board

The Sherwood Forest Fire District holds open meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the SFE Fire House. All are welcome to attend.

If you have comments or concerns about the SFE Fire Department or Fire Board, please drop a note to:

Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District Board

450 Little John Rd
Williams, AZ 86046

Sandy Peterson, Chair
Jane Snowberger, Treasurer
Martin Rothman, Clerk

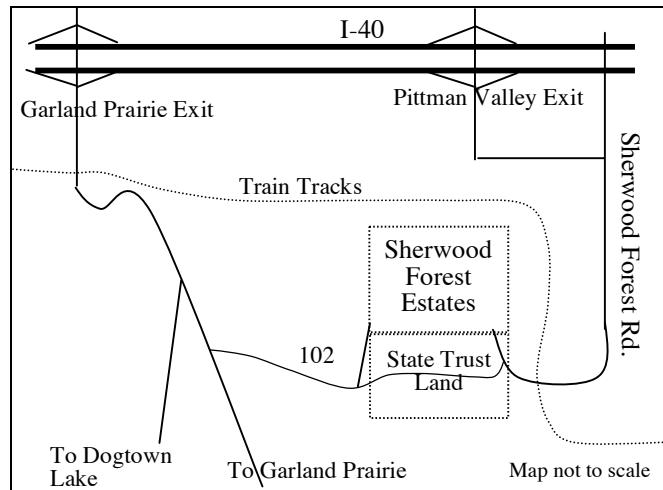
SFE Fire Department



The SFE Fire Department invites you to join the all-volunteer team of firefighters protecting our community. Stop by any of the training sessions or contact Bob Mills for details.

SFE VFD Auxiliary

The Sherwood Forest Estates Fire Department Auxiliary invites you to attend any of its planning meetings at 9:30 am on the third Saturday of the month at the SFE Fire House.



Minutes SFEPOA Annual Meeting 7/06/02

Call to order : Anne Dudley

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report: Dick Fisher, Approved

Treasurer's Report: Lionel Giguere, Approved

SFE sign at the entrance has been refinished.

Beth Dormady, SFEPOA Vice President Report: Brochure has been finalized and printed. Available today for handout.

First raffle(459696): Peak Confections, Williams– Loretta Johnson

Recap of SFE organizations: Property Owners Association, Fire District Board, Volunteer Fire Department and Fire Department Auxiliary.

Elections: Two inactive members on the board need to be replaced. We need two nominations for board members. Call for nominations. Need local representation. Nancy Sereno nominated by her husband. Dick O'Neil has volunteered but could not be here today. Vote by acclamation: no abstentions. Finalized the two nominees.

Need to have the bylaws revamped. Three sets with differing terms of office. Request for assistance from a legal representative.

Second raffle(459719): Pine Country Restaurant - Jan Rudd

Guest Speaker: Carol Pavlik Real Estate agent

In 2001, 7 lots @ \$19-29K sold and six homes sold @ \$100-165K. So far in 2002, 6 lots sold @ \$25-35k and 7 homes @ \$83-235K have sold. The average cost has reached \$100/ft². SFE owners are in the Main Consolidated School District for grade school. Can choose either Williams or Flagstaff for middle and high school.

The land west of SFE (160 acres) has been divided into four 40 acre-parcels. USGS reports water table is at 1500-2200 with substantial water. Owner, Tony Collens is planning to drill a well for the parcels.

Guest speaker: Herb Johnson, Coconino Sheriff Volunteer, Property Watch

Moonset cider pit very successful over 75 cars by 9 AM. 200 visits by 3PM. Carl Fuller thanked for moving the pile in the pit. Thanked the SFE fire department (SFE VFD) for coordinating the dumping.

Herb visits 46 homes every 10 days in home watch. One shed broken into during the year. The Dudley's left their lights on during Christmas! We have seen an 80% reduction in burglary rate. ATV activity has been kept to a minimum. Loose dog problem during the winter. SFE VFD handled this. Hanta Virus: 2 cases in Parks, both survived. No rabies this year. Prairie dogs lost to plague. 13 miles north there is a small colony. Plague is in the area. Health agency responded and tested all the areas after they die out.

There has been a cut back on available personnel for property watch. Question from audience: 'Do you watch all the homes or do you have a list?' We watch all the homes at least once per week, but for individual watch activity you must sign up. Area covered by Herb is from Sycamore Canyon to the Grand Canyon and from Ashfork to Belmont. The service is free but owners must sign up at Coconino Sheriff's department or through Herb. Forms are available. No significant problems this year. The average response time for law enforcement calls is 8 - 10 minutes. Ambulance response about the same time. Two things not accomplished lot numbers verses street numbers.

Third raffle(459691): Rack and Bull Restaurant - Donny Bridges

Guest Speakers: Jackie Denk and Art Mathias, U.S. Forest Service

Slide show from forest service. 'How do we report fires?' Williams does not have enhanced 911, thus you must tell the operator your address, lot number and directions. 'What is the proper way to report a fire?' 911 is the first call. Once you call 911, they call the volunteer firefighters via pagers. You can call SFE VFD, too. By this fall the system will be up and running street number and name assignment in process. Everyone will be notified via the mail form the county.

Greater Parks Fuels Reduction Program: Partnership with many agencies to reduce the risk of fire. Kaibab, Coconino. Helps property owners to reduce the risk of fire. Education is a primary goal of the partnership. Started from a survey by Kaibab. Sherwood Forest and parks scored very high for risk of wild land fire. Goal is to remove trees so that a fire can be caught when it is on the ground. Protect lives and communities from wild fire Improving the overall forest health. During drought trees are vulnerable to disease. Brochure available on bark beetles. History of the pine forest in northern Arizona. During early settler era forest was open and park like. Heavy grazing started there were many large trees but fires

every 2 – 10 years kept the small trees in check and there was heavy grasses to fuel fires. Grazing removed the grass and fire control prevented the natural thinning. The 1930's, many small trees and grasses removed by cattle. By 1989 many small trees where grasses once thrived. Detailed review of how the program works for individual property owners. State will mark trees to be removed but property owner has the final say as to what trees are removed. \$100/acre – great deal! 50 acres treated in 2001 in SFE. 200 additional acres signed up. Jackie thanked the Williams District ranger for opening the Moonset pit this weekend. Key points: 1.Brochures available 2.Take the time to cleanup and treat the area 3.Help the neighbors 4.Sign up for the program. Take action on your home and property, the partnership will help. Be proactive. Use the programs when they are available. Think long term. Remember...it is your responsibility

Fourth raffle(459683): Safeway - Pam Poley

Guest Speaker: Sue Hadley, Fire Department Auxiliary

Introduced Beth Dormady, and Jane Snowberger board members. The auxiliary is open to all to join. Meetings are the third Saturday of each from April to September at 9:30 in the morning at the fire house. Fund raisers include pancake breakfast and bake sales. SFE shirts. \$12. There is a SFE yard sale August 3rd. Sign up or give to them to sell your items. Sign up sheet available. August 31 breakfast; craft bazaar at firehouse. \$10 for a 10x10 space. The auxiliary spent many hours doing neighborhood clean up. Request for all to participate to keep SFE clean. Barrels available at fire house for recycling. Next meeting two weeks from today. (7/20/2002)

Guest Speaker: Bob Mills, Fire Chief

There were 200 + cars at Moonset pit today! Fire department consists of 24 people some full and some part time. Fire practice is the first Saturday of the month. The fire department currently has 5 pieces of equipment. Water is available by tanker truck. Someone is on stand-by all the time. Bob's wife Penny coordinates the phone notification. Bob introduced: Sandy Peterson – Fire Board Chair, Dan Dormady - Assistant Chief , Chris Christenson – Chief Engineer. This year there was a house fire in Parks. SFE and Parks responded. Agreements with Junipine and Parks fire departments to assist when needed. The fire district has comprehensive plan for evacuation and protection. Brochures were distributed on doors of homeowners this weekend. Jane Snowberger gave suspenders to Bob Mills with thanks for his service.

Fifth Raffle(459703): Grand Canyon Railway - Catherine Cook

Our Thanks to Reta and Chris Christensen who donated the tickets for the Grand Canyon Railway!

Fire open house, barbecue and potluck follows. Meeting adjourned. Minutes submitted by Dick Fisher



A Small-town Fourth of July

Make plans now to spend our nation's birthday in the northland. Flagstaff, Williams and Parks all have special events to commemorate the holiday.

The parade through downtown Williams at 10:00 am on the Fourth features classic cars and fire trucks. The best spot to catch candy is near the Safeway on Old Route 66. The fireworks start after 9:00 pm. This show is usually so good that folks drive from Flagstaff to see it. Best viewing area is at the grade school. Bring your lawn chairs. Williams also has a sidewalk art sale, barbecue and ice cream social planned. Parks has a parade on the Fourth, too. It is usually at about 1:00 pm. Pick a spot along Old Route 66 or Spring Valley Road, but watch out for the water balloons. Sherwood Forest Estates Volunteer Fire Department usually takes a truck to this parade.



Bark Beetles

Bark beetles are active in the Williams area. The recent years of drought have made the ponderosa pines vulnerable to these pests. Hillsides near Williams and throughout Northern Arizona have masses of dead trees on them.

The bark beetles are native to the Southwest and normally play a beneficial role in the ecosystem, preying on weak or damaged pine trees, making the forest healthier. The extreme drought has kept the ponderosa pines from producing the protective sap needed to keep out the bark beetles.

To help control the spread of bark beetles, property owners are asked to take down dead pines as quickly as possible and burn or remove the trees. Trees left on the property just allow the beetles to move to another, healthy pine and infect it.

SFE Calendar Of Events

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

Tuesday, June 17

7 pm SFE Fire District Board Mtg.

Saturday, June 21

9:30 am SFE VFD Auxiliary Meeting
2 pm – 4 pm SFE VFD Training

Saturday, July 5

10 am Brunch with SFE neighbors
11 am Property Owners Meeting

Sunday, July 6

2 pm – 4 pm SFE VFD Training

Tuesday, July 15

7 pm SFE Fire District Board Mtg.

Saturday, July 19

9:30 am SFE VFD Auxiliary Meeting
2 pm – 4 pm SFE VFD Training

Sunday, August 3

2 pm – 4 pm SFE VFD Training

Saturday, August 16

9:30 am SFE VFD Auxiliary Meeting
2 pm – 4 pm SFE VFD Training

Tuesday, August 19

7 pm SFE Fire District Board Mtg.

Saturday, August 30

8 am – 10 am Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 7

2 pm – 4 pm SFE VFD Training

Tuesday, September 16

7 pm SFE Fire District Board Mtg.

Saturday, September 20

9:30 am SFE VFD Auxiliary Meeting
2 pm – 4 pm SFE VFD Training

Visit the SFE Property Owners Web Site at

<http://www.thefishers.org/SFEPOA/SFEPOA.html>

Dick Fisher will enjoy your comments about the site.

Please renew your SFEPOA membership for 2003!

Mail this form and \$10 to: SFEPOA, P.O. Box 221, Williams, AZ 86046

Checks should be made payable to SFEPOA.

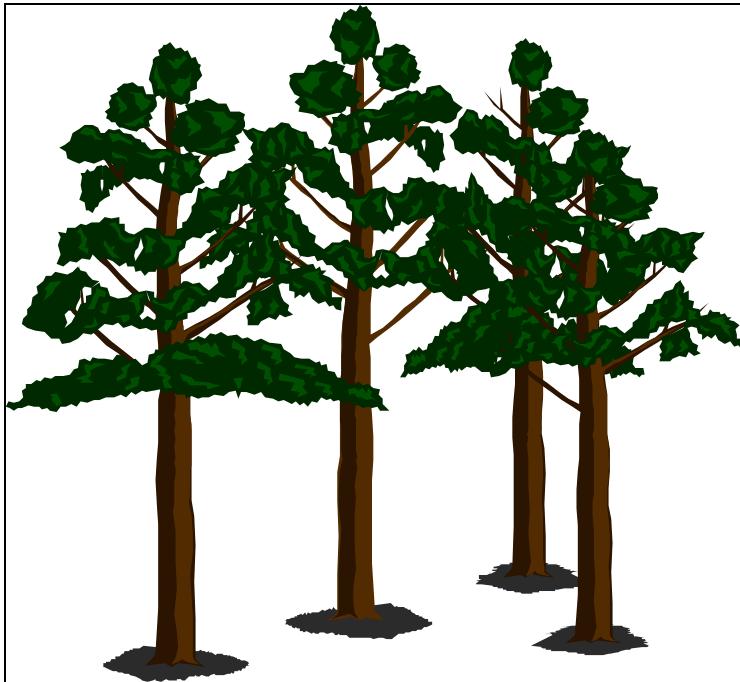
If your name and address are correct on the label on the reverse side, just write ‘same’ on the line.

Name: _____ Lot Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

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



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