



Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Spring 2009

A note from the POA President

Spring Greetings to all of our SFE Neighbors! Being up here most weekends, I get to experience the beautiful transition from winter to spring. What a lovely time of year.

This POA Board year (2008-2009) has been filled with great projects and I'm excited to share that we have brought about some new services and events for the SFE community thanks to the hard work contributed by board members, Auxiliary and property owners. This has truly been a collaborative year!

Here is a list of accomplishments we will talk more about at our annual Property Owners Association meeting on Saturday morning, July 4th :

- Neighborhood watch project
- Address sign extension
- Road signs upgrade

- High speed internet services(DSL)
- POA Board corp. documents review
- POA Board processes review
- POA financial internal audit success
- POA mail address reassignment
- 2008 fall event success
- Spring cleaning event addition
- Fire Dept. PC equipment upgrades

This meeting will also address a major board turnover as some of us have reached or exceeded our three year term of membership. Dave Jones is leading the nominating committee to address this need. If you have interest in serving on the SFE POA Board, please contact Dave at 602 330-5520.

Thank you all for your kind support.
Debi Switzer
President, SFE POA

2008-2009 SFE POA Board

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SFEVFD Auxiliary Update

Welcome to another season of SFE Auxiliary events. The Auxiliary will sponsor four activities this summer. We hope that you will plan to attend them and support our firefighters.

Our semi-annual Pancake Breakfasts: The first one was held on Saturday (May 23rd) of the Memorial Day weekend. The next one will be held on Saturday (Sept. 5th) of the Labor Day weekend. We invite you to enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausages with friends and family from 8:00-10:00 am on September 5th. The cost is \$5 for an adult, \$3 for a child (3 to 12 years old). The pancakes are always light and fluffy and the sausage crisp and delicious. **Look for the new T-shirts that will be for sale at the breakfast.**

The second event of the summer will be a yard/garage sale that will be in Williams at the Swap Meet on a Saturday in June (date still open - check the SFE website calendar). We invite you to donate items of value that we can sell to raise money for the firefighters. Please contact Marilyn Gildersleeve at (928) 635-2650 to arrange details. If your item is large, we can store it at the firehouse after May 30th. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. We need folks to help sort and price items, trucks to move the items to Williams, and workers to sell items throughout the day. If garage sales are your forté, we need that expertise. Please call Marilyn.

On Saturday, August 1st, the Auxiliary will host a neighborhood potluck dinner and cakewalk. The cakewalk is always a favorite for the kids, and the kid in all of us. If you would like to donate a cake or dessert for the cakewalk, please bring it that night, or

contact Anne Dudley at (928) 635-0417. In the last year, the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire Department Auxiliary has supported the SFE Fire Department in many ways. We have paid for the CPR/AED training of 10 more firefighters. We keep the firefighters hydrated and fed through our purchases of water, soda, and munchies. We help to outfit the trucks with needed first aid accessories. All of this is possible through your attendance at Auxiliary events and your generous donations to the Auxiliary.

The SFE FD Auxiliary needs you. We need your ideas for new events and for new fund raisers. We need your energy and time to help set up and take down tables and chairs for each of our big events. We need you to be a part of the group of tireless volunteers that support our firefighters. I hope you'll plan to come to an Auxiliary Meeting (dates are on the calendar), or contact me if you are willing to help with an event. Please send me an email to add you to the distribution list. If you can't make it to an event, and wish to make a contribution to the Auxiliary, you can mail a check to the SFE Auxiliary in care of Anne Dudley, 827 Friar Tuck Trail, Williams, AZ 86046. Thanks for all that you do to make our neighborhood a safer place to live, and I hope to see you soon at an Auxiliary event.

Anne Dudley
(928) 635-0417
adcabinaz@yahoo.com

2008-2009 SFEVFD Auxiliary

President:	Anne Dudley
Vice President:	Shirley Kowren
Secretary:	Betty Ferrier
Treasurer:	Catherine Cook

Notes From the Fire Chief

Just in case you ever wondered where your fire related tax dollars are going, I thought I'd share an informal version of our mission statement with you.

To provide for the preservation and protection of life and property:

Our priorities dictate that in any emergency our first concern is for the safety of our residents and our firefighters. Buildings and trees are important to us all and we will do all we can to protect them, but they come in a distant second to our caring for people in need.

To engage the community in fire prevention:

If I had my way, the only use we would ever get out of our expensive fire fighting equipment would be to train with it. However, living in this type of environment, it's not a question of if the fires will come, but when. As your fire department, we will do all we can to assist our residents with the information and tools needed to make their properties as safe and defensible as possible. We ask that everyone understand their individual responsibilities when it comes to keeping our subdivisions safe. To this end, I will be suggesting we involve our community in the Arizona Firewise Program. Details will follow in the weeks to come.

To provide for the safe and efficient operation of the fire district:

In order to achieve this goal the men and women involved in the operation of the SFEFD invest a great deal of personal free time in specialized training. Every year, we have an impressive representation at such formal training opportunities as State Fire

School and the Arizona Wildfire Academy. In addition, we are heavily involved in multi-agency Fire Advisory Council drills, on-line training and our in-house scheduled training. Even the fire board attends at least two conferences each year to make sure we are doing things by the book.

To promote professionalism within the SFEFD:

Some folks have the impression that the title of "volunteer" is synonymous with amateur, which is inaccurate and a stigma we are working to dispel. In addition to the training requirements set forth for all of our front line firefighters, we have identified a need for specialized equipment. Through the efforts of my predecessors, who carefully managed very tight budgets, and the cooperation of a progressive fire board, we have been able to purchase two state-of-the-art engines. We have also been working hard to bring our older equipment up to current standards and have increased our firefighting water reserves to over 40,000 gallons.

To be of assistance to neighbors in need:

In this instance, potential neighbors in need encompasses over 25 emergency services agency districts covering much of northern Arizona. Through the use of mutual aid agreements or, in the case of state and federal agencies, a cooperative agreement, we have set guidelines for providing such assistance. This is a win-win situation within which we can also ask for their help should things get out of hand in our area.

Notes From the Fire Chief *(continued)*

To promote forest health:

Sometimes it is hard to accept the things that are done for the ultimate good of the forest. This involves thinning and other fuel reduction projects such as prescribed burning. We, as a district, are deeply involved in the planning and promotion of such operations through our association with Arizona State Forestry Division, the Kaibab and Coconino National Forests Management and our own localized Rural Communities Fuel Management Partnership. The latter promotes and underwrites our individual lot thinning and the use of Moonset Pit for forest waste disposal at no cost to individuals

involved with caring for their own properties.

I hope that sharing this abbreviated statement gives you some idea of the level of commitment made by all the men and women involved in the operation of your fire district. I would also encourage you to consider how you might be of assistance by volunteering a little of your time to this fine organization.

Wayne Marx
Chief, SFEFD

2008-2009 Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Wayne Marx 928 635-9837
Asst. Chief: Bob Mills
Captain: Dan Dormady

2008-2009 Fire Board Members

Chair: Martin Rothman 928 635-0954
Treasurer: Jim Shipman
Clerk: Debbie Hamby



Sherwood Forest Estates Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch is similar to the Block Watch Program commonly used in urban areas, and goes back to the concept of “neighbors looking out for neighbors” that many people remember from 30 years ago. It is one of the most effective ways to prevent and deter criminal activity, attend to home and personal security, address the safety of our children and the elderly and to alleviate fear and isolation. Residents learn how to observe and report suspicious activity and reduce the risk of becoming a crime victim. The SFE program (SFENWP) was started in July of 2008 and has been very successful. SFENWP meetings are held quarterly at the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire Station, 7:00-8:30 pm; our next meeting is July 16th.

Supervisor Matt Ryan attended our first meeting and his office has provided SFE with six “Neighborhood Watch” signs to post throughout the neighborhood. These help deter crime in the area by letting potential criminals know we are watching them. Coconino Sheriff’s Department notes that communities having Watch Programs experience a measurable decrease in break-

ins and transient traffic. Coconino County Sheriff’s Department representative, Gerry Blair, attends all of our meetings, often with one of the Sheriff’s Deputies assigned to our area. They provide information about any recent crimes in our area since the last meeting and answer questions from the group.

Participation is easy. Just fill out the SFENWP Information Form found on our SFE Website (address below) and email to Rusty Rothman at rustyroth@q.com or mail to her at 7415 Long Bow Drive, Williams, AZ 86046. If you have questions, call her at (928) 635-0954 or (928) 856-1050. The information is shared with the Coconino Sheriff’s Office and the SFE Fire Department as well as kept by the SFE Neighborhood Watch Captain and Rusty Rothman for emergencies only. Block Captains will be coming around to provide more information about the SFENWP and to collect your Information Forms if you haven’t already sent one in.

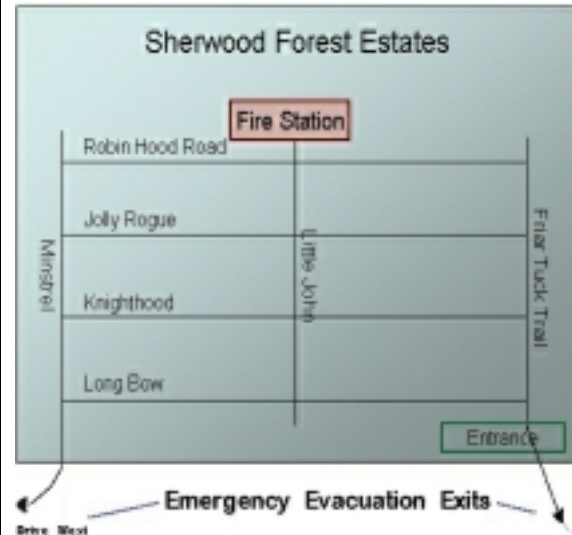
<http://sherwoodforeststates.org/POA/index-files/neighborhood-Watch-Program.html>

Sherwood Forest Estates Neighborhood Watch Program *(continued)*

Block Captains

East half of Long Bow	Jack Hadley
West half of Long Bow	Rusty/Martin Rothman
East half of Knighthood	Ken Piotro
West half of Knighthood	David Marrufo
East half of Jolly Rogue	Volunteer Needed
West half of Jolly Rogue	Mary Anderson
East half of Robin Hood	Volunteer Needed
West half of Robin Hood	Betty/John Ferrier

If you would be willing to serve as a block captain or to assist in other ways, call/email Rusty at rustyroth@q.com, (928) 635-0954 or (928) 856-1050.



SFENWP recommended information sources

SFE website:

<http://sherwoodforeststates.org/POA/index-files/neighborhood-Watch-Program.html>

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team):

For information, brochure, application; see

<http://www.coconino.az.gov/sheriff.aspx?id=8052&terms=cert>

or call Gerry Blair at (928) 226-5089

Ready Coconino, emergency call system coordination:

To register with this system or for more information, contact Sheri Collins or Ruth Ann at (928) 526-2735, or website

<http://www.coconino.az.gov/emergencysvcs.aspx?id=11986&terms=ready>

Sign Your House

Can friends and family find your home in Sherwood? Can the Fire Department, Police and Medical Rescue find your house? Maybe what you need is one of those bright green reflective signs that are popping up around the neighborhood. Please contact Anne Dudley at (928) 635-0417 or adcabinaz@yahoo.com to have your sign made.

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Moonset Pit

Once again, the Moonset Pit will be open for the removal of pine needles from your property. Items are not to be in bags. Only natural forest debris is accepted (pine needles, branches, etc.). No garbage, building materials, lumber or other items are allowed.

Moonset Pit is located off Old Route 66, east of Sherwood Forest and west of Parks. The turn is north onto a dirt road just east of Spitz Springs Road.

Individuals willing to volunteer their time by hosting a pit day, or part of a day, should contact Wayne Marx at 928.607-3005 or Joanie Raetzel at (928) 635-0059. Hosting involves being present at the pit to check in neighbors who are dropping off pine needles. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and help out the fire department. Please call today.

Moonset Pit

9:00am-3:00pm

Saturday, May 9
Saturday, May 23
Saturday, June 13
Saturday, June 27
Sunday, July 5
Saturday, July 25
Saturday, August 8
Saturday, August 22
Saturday, Sept. 5
Saturday, Sept. 19

SFE Calendar Dates for 2009

May 23 rd (Sat) 8-10am	Bi-Annual Pancake Breakfast to Support the Firefighters
Jun TBA (???) morning	Sale @ the Swap Meet in Williams
Jun 20 th (Sat) 9-10:30am	Auxiliary meeting @ location TBA
Jul 4 th (Sat) 8:30-11am	Annual Property Owners Meeting @ Fire House
Jul 18 th (Sat) 9-10:30am	Auxiliary meeting @ location TBA
Aug 1 st (Sat) 6:00 pm	Neighborhood Potluck and Cake Walk
Aug 15 th (Sat) 9-10:30am	Auxiliary meeting @ location TBA
Sept 5 th (Sat) 8-10am	Bi-Annual Pancake Breakfast to Support the Firefighters
Oct 10 th (Sat) TBA	POA Fall Event @ Fire House, details TBA on web calendar

Always check our SFE web Calendar for more activity information at:
<http://www.sherwoodforeststates.org/POA/index-files/calendar.html>

Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association (SFE POA)

Throughout my involvement with the SFE POA Board, I have discovered that many existing and new property owners do not have a clear idea of what our POA is and the difference between a POA and a HOA (Home Owners Association). I have even talked with some of our neighbors who believe that our POA is just a social organization having no real legitimate standing with the state or county. I think it's time to set the record straight.

POA vs. HOA:

A **homeowners' association** (abbrev. **HOA**) is a legal entity created by a real estate developer for the purpose of developing, managing and selling a development of homes. It allows the developer to exit financial and legal responsibility of the community, typically by transferring ownership of the association to the homeowners after selling off a predetermined number of lots. It allows the municipality to increase its tax base, but reduce the amount of services it would ordinarily have to provide to non-homeowners association developments. Fees/dues are often mandatory.

A **property owners' association** (abbrev. **POA**) is a legal entity created by the development's property owners for the purpose of addressing their community needs as described within its bylaws. Dues are voluntary instead of mandatory. All projects requiring significant funding must be approved by the community.

SFE POA is a legal entity. We are a non-profit corporation having been registered with the Arizona corporation commission for many years. Our corporate information can be found on the AZ Corporation Commission web site.

Our current and historical documentation can be found on our SFE web at:

<http://www.sherwoodforeststates.org/POA/index-files/POA-documents.html>

All that being said, the big question is... for what purpose do we exist? So, as defined in our most recent Bylaws document:

SECTION 2 – Purpose

The purpose of this corporation shall be to:

- promote projects, services and activities that maintain or enhance property values
- promote the safety, peace and well-being of the members
- support the enforcement of zoning laws, health codes, and all other laws and regulations applicable to the purpose of this Association

These serve as the prime directives for your SFE POA Board. All POA sponsored projects and community events serve one or more of these objectives. What projects?

Past and present major accomplishments:

1. The shift from self governance to county codes, law enforcement and various funding through property taxes.
2. The creation of the SFE Volunteer Fire Department (which led to the ability to purchase fire insurance for your cabins)
3. County road maintenance
4. Sheriff's department support for property watch and other programs
5. Various annual social events sponsored by the POA and VFD Auxiliary provide social activities for many in the community
6. This newsletter and the SFE web site provide timely communication for all property owners

Each of the above can be traced back to our POA purpose statement as well as all future projects must. We need new members to carry on with this commitment. If you have the time and a desire to serve your community, have good PC skills and maybe even some project management experience, please contact Dave Jones at (602) 330-5520. SFE POA needs you!

Bill Jacobi

Spring Clean-up Day

This year, as in the past, Dave Jones led the Spring Clean-up day event held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 . All involved met at Dave & Diane Jones cabin where the group plotted their attack on our neighborhood. All brought various items necessary for the effort such as Quads, trucks , gloves, suntan lotion. SFEPOA supplied hot dogs, buns, chips, lemonade and water. APS provided the trash bags.

Dave reports that: There were 15 volunteers that met at 10:00 am to start the clean-up. The clean- up went very well and we were done with the Sherwood Forest Estates Road by 11:15 am. Being an energetic group, we were able to continue our efforts into the development. Every road in the Sherwood Forest Estates was checked and cleaned by noon. Total weight of the rubbish was 200 pounds.

We finished the event with a hot dog cookout, along with chips, salsa and cookies.

It was a worthwhile event and an opportunity for neighbors to make some new friends.

Thank you to APS for providing the trash bags, City of Williams for allowing us to dump the trash and, of course, all of the SFE volunteers that gave their time. A special "Thank You" to Danny and Vicki Hunter for using their Jeep and trailer to transport the trash to Williams.

Thank you,
Dave Jones

Note from the Editor:

Dear SFE Property Owners,

For the past three years it has been my pleasure to publish our SFE Newsletter. I hope it has been as fulfilling for you as it has been for me. During that time I have learned more about our community and met more of you than over all of my previous 35 years of SFE property ownership!

This is my last year for this assignment as I'm not seeking reelection this coming July. However, as many of you know, I also

manage your SFE web site and plan to continue maintaining it. So, I will continue to be connected with the POA Board as their/your web service provider. In that capacity, I have had the privilege of responding to many of you who have sent email inquiries using the board's web email connection. I will continue to do so and forward your comments to the rest of the board as I have done in the past. Thanks for all of your support.

Bill Jacobi

It is time to renew your SFEPOA membership for 2009!

Mail this form and **\$20** to: **SFE POA**, PO Box 211, Williams, AZ 86046-0211

Checks should be made payable to SFEPOA.

Please provide all information requested below (do not use "Same"):

Name: _____ Lot Number/s: _____

SFE Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Please send future newsletters by email only: or tell us by email: SFEPOA@SherwoodForestEstates.org

Email 1: _____

Email 2: _____

Any Comments or Concerns: (Please send a note to: SFEPOA@SherwoodForestEstates.org)

<http://www.SherwoodForestEstates.org>

