



# Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Fall 2009

## A Note from the President

We've had a summer full of activity. It's a pleasure reconnecting with so many of our neighbors who retreat to SFE from the valley heat or demanding lifestyle of the city during the summer for a little repose. I've had the opportunity to make the acquaintances of some new neighborhoods this year. I hope you have too.

I participated in the CERT training in August. We are fortunate to have so many conscientious citizens in our Neighborhood. In addition to our very well trained and impressive volunteer fire department.

We now have almost 20 people who have completed the initial 20 hours of training to respond or assist in case of an emergency or disaster. Here we to are Blessed to dwell in a community of truly caring residents.

Here's to beautiful season of Autumnal Colors. Hope to see you at the Fall Event October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Your POA Board Pres.,  
Deb Switzer

## Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association Presents:



## Fall Social Event October 10<sup>th</sup>



Please join your friends and neighbors for a Fall Potluck Dinner. A Super Fun Solve & Seek game for kids that is GPS friendly and is for all ages with prizes at hidden destinations around the Firehouse.

**What to Bring:** *A warm dish to share such as chili, homemade bread, soup, stew, goulash, etc. Bring a hand-held GPS if you have one.*

**What to Wear:** *Warm clothes and good shoes for walking around the firehouse at game time.*

**When:** *Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>*

**Where:** *Sherwood Forest Estates Fire Department.*

**What Time:** *Dinner and Game start at 5:00pm.*

**What not to Bring:** *Alcoholic beverages are not allowed near or on the firehouse premises*



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## 2009-2010 SFE POA Board

President:	Debi Switzer
Vice President:	Dave Jones
Secretary:	Jim Poley
Treasurer:	Sue Hadley
Member:	Rusty Rothman
Member:	Elissa Hellwig
Newsletter:	Judson Swearingen Jr.

## Minutes of SFE POA Annual Meeting on July 4, 2009 @ 9:00 am

*Meeting called to order by Debi Switzer, SFE POA President*

### BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Debi Switzer, President  
Steve Abbit, Vice President  
Elissa Hellwig, Secretary  
Sue Hadley, Treasurer  
Bill Jacobi, Newsletter Editor  
Dave Jones, Member at Large  
Rusty Rothman, Member at Large

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### PRESIDENT'S WELCOME – Debi Switzer

### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Elissa Hellwig

A MOTION to accept the July 4, 2008 Annual Meeting minutes was made by Rick Switzer, seconded by Lynn Jacobi. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Hadley

Sue reported a bank balance as of 6/30/09 of \$3,678.41. A MOTION was made to accept the report by Dave Jones, seconded by Rusty Rothman. The motion passed unanimously.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

For helping the Board Committee revise and review the Bylaws of Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association, Inc, Articles of Incorporation and Charter, a gift certificate was given to Jim Shipman.

For help with bringing DSL to our community, a gift certificate was given to Judson Swearingen Jr..

### REVISED SFEPOA LEGAL DOCUMENTS

Bill Jacobi reported that no revision of the above mentioned legal documents has been done in over ten years. He reviewed with the homeowners what the Bylaws involved and suggested that everyone look over the completed document which can be found on our website.

## **RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING OFFICERS**

Steve Abbit was recognized for his service on the Board. He spearheaded the Fall Family Fun Night. Additionally, Bill Jacobi is leaving the Board and was recognized for his service as newsletter editor and creating our great web site as it is today.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Nominees were Jud Swearingen, Jim Poley and Rusty Rothman. All were unanimously elected to the Board. Nominating Committee chairman Dave Jones thanked his committee members Wayne Marx and Kathy Piotro.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Rusty Rothman, Neighborhood Watch Captain spoke on the Neighborhood Watch program. All owners are asked to fill out an information sheet that will only be used by the SFE Fire Department, Neighborhood Watch and Sheriff's Department. Alert your local Neighborhood Watch volunteer on your street if you will be gone for an extended period. The watch still needs more volunteers for the east side of the community. Please see the web site for meeting schedule.

## **CERT – COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

Jack Hadley presented the CERT program that is funded from a grant from the Department of Homeland Security. CERT is a program that educates people about disaster preparedness and trains in basic disaster response skills, which also apply to daily emergencies. SFE currently has 3 people that plan to be in training although we need 10. Training is held at the firehouse on a Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. If interested, more information and schedule is on our website.

## **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ATV LAWS**

Gerry Blair of the Office of Information at the Sheriff's office spoke of the enforcement of ATV laws. These and other rules that apply are being strictly enforced. Fines are quite high.

## **FOREST SERVICE**

Deirdre McLaughlin informed us that the ATV laws are state laws. As of 1/7/09 ATV's are to have a decal at the cost of \$25.00 yearly. Riding an ATV involves having a decal, plate, and seat back for any passenger, helmets and eye protection for riders under 18. No one may ride in front of the driver and the speed limit is strictly enforced. For more information, our web site has a link to AZ Game and Fish where you may download information to be sure you are in compliance.

One instance of rabies was reported in Parks. Mid-July the Forest Service will be doing further work on rabies containment.

## **COCONINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Keith Howerand and Jason Lurkens reported that we have a quiet community and have received 5 reports in the last 6 months. Last year we experienced several burglaries. Should you see anything suspicious call 911 for an emergency or non-emergency call 928-774-4523 (select option 1) for dispatch.

Most break-ins usually happen in the winter. Some indications that you are not home are no footprints in the snow, any lights and berms not disturbed. Sign up with the Sheriff to have your home monitored as they patrol our community regularly.

Regarding Polaris, Rhinos and utility vehicles, seat belts are required and anyone 5 years or younger must be in a restraint. If the vehicle has no windshield, everyone must wear eye protection.

## **KAIBAB RANGER'S DISTRICT**

Keith Halloran said any questions about burning might be addressed by calling 928-635-8311. Fireworks are illegal by state law.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Wayne Marx thanked the property owners for their generous donation of the office equipment (computer, printer etc). He also thanked the Auxiliary and recognized the volunteers for their dedication. Special recognition was given to Wayne Christensen.

All of this support allows the fire department to obtain state of the art fire equipment.

The department now has 2 pumpers and now can fight fires from 150 feet away. Forest Service donated another water tank, which gives us 40,000 gallons of water available.

Wayne said there was one fire incident in our community, which stemmed from dumped hot ashes.

The moon pit is open and hours are available on our web site and in the fire department window.

We have a 70% participation rate with the thinning project.

U of A is sponsoring the Fire Wise Project to promote public awareness and community participation and \$2.00 per capita is assessed in the District to further this program.

**FOREST RESTRICTION**

Bob Mills reported that when Kaibab orders forest restriction it does not affect our subdivision. The County Board of Supervisors directs us as to restrictions and will be posted at our entrance. If anyone is going to have a campfire, please call 928-635-9837 first. When burning, be sure to have shovels and water available.

**STREET SIGNS**

Anne Dudley volunteered to assemble street signs should anyone in our community or Mt Rose request them.

**SFEFD AUXILIARY REPORT**

She asked that those who need address signs speak with her. Anne Dudley gave a reminder of the Auxiliary pancake breakfast held 2 times per year and announced a potluck with cakewalk planned for August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm.

New shirts are available for sale and Anne reminded us of the yard sale being held in Williams on July 18<sup>th</sup> and asked for donations.

The Auxiliary was able to purchase CPR training equipment. They also purchased the new sign on the front of the firehouse.

**RAFFLE DRAWINGS**

Many businesses have helped in the past with providing gift certificates for the drawings, so due to the economy, the Board this year purchased gift certificates for Pine Country Inn, Red Raven, Doc Holliday's, Twisters, Wild West Junction, Mt Ranch Grill, Rosa's Cantina, Safeway and Poncho McGillicuddys.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion by Rick Switzer, seconded by Dave Jones to adjourn was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**SUBMITTED**

Elissa Hellwig, Secretary

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2009-2010 SFC VFD Auxiliary	
President:	Anne Dudley
Vice President:	Shirley Kowren
Secretary:	Betty Ferrier
Treasurer:	Catherine Cook

## SFE VFD Auxiliary Message

Dear SFE Friends,



**The SFE Auxiliary needs you!**

Thank you for another great summer of SFE Auxiliary Events. The SFE Auxiliary continues to support the firefighters through your participation and generous contributions. This summer we saw many new faces at the two pancake breakfasts and the cake walk. We thank you for your contributions to the yard sale. It was a great success. We will be doing it again in a couple of years.

The new neighborhood T-shirts and hats have been very popular. They are a beautiful hunter green with a beige design. I hope you get one before we sell out. We also purchased new shirts and hats for the firefighters. Check out the new logo the next time you see an SFE firefighter out and about.

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 volunteers that support our firefighters.

Anne Dudley, SFE Auxiliary President

## 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](mailto:adcabinaz@yahoo.com) to have your sign made.

## Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association Treasurer's Report August 24, 2009

Balance on hand June 30, 2009		\$3678.41
<b>INCOME</b>		
Dues	960.00	
Total Income		<u>960.00</u>
Total		<b>\$4638.41</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Skype Conference Call (June 17, 2009)	4.38	
Annual Meeting (Food and Agenda Printing)	41.47	
CERT Luncheons	<u>112.52</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>&lt;158.37&gt;</u>
<b>BANK BALANCE 8-24-09</b>		<b><u>\$4480.04</u></b>

Sue Hadley, Treasurer

## SFEPONA provides a new AED for our community Article provided by Dave Jones

The POA learned of a need for a new AED to replace a ten year old unit currently at the SFE Fire Department. The new unit has been ordered and should arrive by the time you read this news letter. Here are some FAQ and answers:

1. What is an AED - An AED is a small electronic portable device, which automatically diagnoses and treats life-threatening ventricular fibrillation or quivering of the heart.
2. What does an AED cost? - The internet has quite a few dealers and the prices range from \$1,200.00 to \$2,000.00. Packages include the AED, cabinets, training, and miscellaneous support items. Our package cost \$1295.00.
3. How quick do you need to use an AED after Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)? The AED should be used within 3 to 5 minutes. Chance of survival is reduced by 10 percent each minute defibrillation is delayed.
4. Where is the best place to keep the AED? - The fire station is and will be the central location for SFEPONA members. So it makes sense to keep it at the fire station. (Wayne and I have discussed some ideas so we can have access and keep it secure.)
5. Training - We will schedule classes for POA, CERT and Neighborhood Watch members.

In summary, we hope that we will never need to use the AED but it is assuring to know that we may be able to save a life of one of our SFEPONA members.

### **UPDATE:**

We have very good news about the training on the AED unit. The AED that the Property Owners Association purchased for SFE is here and we will have training for all CERT people on Saturday October 10, 2009 at the fire house. Training will start at 10:00 AM and last about one and one half hour. Others in the community might join us as some of the fire fighters might also.

Any CERT members who have a partner that did not get to take our last CERT training class are welcome to attend this AED training. (Update from Jack Hadley)

## Notes from the Firehouse

### **Thinning:**

Time is running out for taking advantage of the Rural Communities Fuel Management Partnership tree thinning grants. Under this plan you can have your one acre lot professionally surveyed, thinned and cleared of the generated debris for only \$350. This is less than the cost of having a private contractor come out to fell one tree. About 72 % of the lots in SFE have been treated already and the results are dramatic. Fire danger is down, more native plants are coming back and wildlife activity is on the rise.

There is one very common mistake several folks, including myself, have made and that is having the cut trees processed into fireplace size rounds and having them stacked on the property. This is an option available to property owners who sign on with the plan; however, most fail to realize the drawbacks. Ponderosa pine is not the most ideal firewood you can burn in a household fireplace. It burns up fast, clogs chimneys with a pitchy residue that can cause flue fires and, as happens in most cases, the huge piles of wood sit outside for years attracting unwanted insects like the dreaded bark beetles. Just drive around the neighborhood and count the piles of blackened and rotted "firewood" that is now just a pile of unusable hazardous debris.

### **CERT:**

For those of you who would like to get involved in a group program that helps keep our subdivision safe but Neighborhood Watch is too passive and the Volunteer Fire Department is a bit too intense, then CERT might be for you.

It is with great pleasure that I can say we have nearly 20 property owners who have completed the Community Emergency Response Team training and there are several more ready to sign up for the next class.

With the mandated fire department's training requirements getting so time consuming for many of our current reservist firefighters, the one-time CERT certification class (with optional refresher and specialty trainings) is the best of both worlds. The folks who pass the course will still be able to work hand-in-hand with the department and will also be qualified to assist in a number of additional emergency situations related to law enforcement and homeland security.

### **Good Byes:**

We recently had the bittersweet experience of saying farewell to Chris and Reta Christensen. They are moving to that big valley to the south where thin air and tall stair cases are not an issue. The bitterness was saying good-bye but the sweetness is how we did it.

The Hadley's tricked Chris and Reta into thinking they were going to town for a birthday celebration dinner but instead they were driven to the firehouse where a big surprise awaited them. They were greeted with the sight of all the fire vehicles, lights a blazing, surrounded and covered by cheering well wishers. It was quite an emotional sight to see. I lost count of the number of folks who attended but they filled the building to capacity for a great pot luck supper, dedication speeches and many well deserved accolades.

Both the Christensen's have been instrumental in the development and improvement of the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District for over 20 years. We will miss them but wish them well.

### **This N That:**

The Moonset Pit, where you are encouraged to dispose of the forest debris cleared from your yards, will be closing for the season soon. There is an optional schedule for October if enough people want it but we would need more volunteers to check folks in.

Speaking of volunteers, there is always a great need for some extra helping hands in and around the neighborhood and especially at the firehouse. If you have a talent for building, repairing, organizing, office work, etc., please consider donating your time.

I would also like to remind you all of the odd weather patterns we have been experiencing. Even though there are no state or county wide restrictions on open fires, I strongly urge you to be extra careful when burning debris or camp fires. Always have a wide area cleared around the burn site, have a water source near (a hose or a bucket), a shovel and the fire departments phone number, 928-635-9837, in case you get in trouble. I would also encourage you to call that number if you have any doubts whether or not it is safe to burn. If you see a red flag on the SFE entry sign, official restrictions are in place and open fires of any type are prohibited.

**Wayne Marx**  
Chief SFEFD



## Important Phone Numbers

- Emergency..... 911
- SFE Fire Dept..... 928 635-9837
- Chief, Wayne Marx ... 928 607-3005
- SFE Fire Board Chairman  
Martin Rothman ..... 928 635-0954
- SFE Auxiliary President  
Anne Dudley ..... 928 635-0417
- SFE POA President  
Debi Switzer..... 602 803-1846
- 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

## 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 ([SFEPOA@SherwoodForestEstates.org](mailto:SFEPOA@SherwoodForestEstates.org)) or a message using our website's guest book (found in the website's *Contacts* section) and tell us “**yes, email please.**” 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!

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