



Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Spring 2011

From the President

President's Report

We have all heard the commercial... "Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there..." Well I would like to take this time to encourage the Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners to be good neighbors. In the Sherwood Forest Estates Fall Newsletter, I asked for feedback from members of our community and received several comments. Most of them came down to one basic theme... we need to be more considerate of our neighbors. Here are a couple of ways that we can be a "good neighbor":

1. Dust abatement can be achieved simply by driving slower. The board discussed several ideas to cut down on dust and make SFE roads safer. These ideas included installing speed bumps, applying a dust controlling material and requesting a slower posted speed limit. All of these ideas would cost money and might make it less pleasant to drive on our roads. Please be considerate and slow down...
2. Light pollution was another subject discussed. We have different reasons for lighting our outdoors... security, decorations and being able to walk safely in the dark. Please think about how your lights might affect your neighbor and turn them off or redirect them.

3. Summer will be here soon and so will the mosquito swarms. We can reduce the mosquito population by eliminating their breeding areas. Check your yards and remove any standing water before they have a chance to breed.
4. Get involved in your community... There are several organizations that you can join... the SFEPOA Board, SFE Fire Department, SFEFD Auxiliary and the Neighborhood Watch program to name a few. Your time will be appreciated and you will be helping the community.
5. Maintain your property. Spring is a great time to clean up some of those items that detract from our neighborhood.
6. Many of us enjoy driving our quads and off road vehicles through our community. Please watch your speed and do not do 'donuts' or 'spin out' on our roads.

We all share in one goal... We want Sherwood Forest Estates to be a place that we can be proud to live and bring our families and friends. So the next time you hear the commercial "Like a good neighbor..." think about how we can make SFE a better place to live.

Thank you,
Dave Jones
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SFEPOE Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on July 2nd 2011. Sign-in is at 8:30am with the meeting starting at 9:00am.

SFPOE Spring Cleanup

On Saturday, May 21st, eight hard working residents picked up litter along Sherwood Forest Road (SFE to Rte. 66), Pittman Valley Road (SFE Rd. to the Quality Inn access road) and all of the streets in our development. What an achievement!. I would like to thank: Danny and Vickie Hunter, Betty Ferrier, Jack and Sue Hadley, Jan Larsen and my lovely wife, Diane.

After the work was completed, we all enjoyed a hot dog BBQ and a few liquid refreshments. It was a great day and we all had a lot of fun.

Thank you,

Dave Jones
Cell 602.330.5520



AED Addition

REMEMBER ALWAYS CALL 911 WITH YOUR EMERGENCY FIRST, not the fire house.

Your POA has purchased a second AED that will be kept in the SFE Fire Department first responder vehicle. This will reduce the response time when not on a call. When they are on a call, the AED kept at the Station is available as previously Planned. Classes will be held again this summer for those who are interested in receiving training who could not attend last year. Classes schedule will be announced.

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. Also as a second contact Sue Hadley at 928.635.2055 or isjhadley@hotmail.com to have your sign made.

Williams Special Event Schedule

In addition to our wonderful weather here in the summer, we are also fortunate to have such a variety of activities to keep us entertained. Here is a summary of the Williams special events:

Memorial Day weekend: SFE Auxiliary Pancake breakfast at the Fire House Sat 8-10 am and in Williams it's Rendezvous Days with Trader's Row (Sat and Sun), Fishing Derby (Sun), BBQ (Sat), and Parade (Sat 11 a.m.). Also there are hourly steam engine rides at the train depot on Sat and Sun.

June has National Trails Day (June 4), Corvette Tour (100+ shiny Corvettes on June 3-4), HOG (Harley Owners Group) Rally (June 9-11), Rodeo (June 17-19), and War Birds Air Display at Valle (June 25).

July: SFEPOA annual meeting at the Firehouse (sign-in 8:30, meeting 9). In Williams, for the 4th of July weekend there is a Railhead shooting competition (June 30-July 3), hourly steam engine rides again offered at the depot (July 2-3), BBQ festival (July 1-3), 4th of July parade at 6pm on the 4th, and many more family activities. Women's Barrel Races are scheduled July 8-10. (July 4th) at 2:00PM Community Homemade Ice Cream Social at the Community United Methodist Church at 2nd and Sherman. The donations go to the Police Department

August offers Team Roping (Aug 6-7), Cool Country Cruise-in (Aug 12-13, which last year had more than 250 classic cars), Miss Route 66 Pageant (Aug 13), Dog Agility contest (Aug 13-14), Rotary Club Western Auction at Miss Kitty's (Aug 20), Fly-in at Valle Airport with activities for the whole family (Aug 27).

September: Labor Day Weekend: SFE Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast at the Firehouse Sat 8-10 am and in Williams there's a rodeo (Sat – Sun) and a 5K and 10K fun run on Monday the 5th. Other Sept activities are an Amusements Carnival (Sept 9-10), Century Bicycle Ride (Sept 10), Mexican Independence Day festival (Sept 17), Habitat Benefit Golf Tournament (Sept 17), and a really special event, the Taste of Williams, this year at Bearizona on Sept 24.

If you haven't yet been to Bearizona, it's a must! And even if you have, it's changing and growing so a repeat visit is a treat. There's so much to do--walking, hiking, biking, ATV-ing, picnicking, golfing. Nearby Flagstaff has lots of summer concerts, arts and craft shows, and various festivals. Check the local newspapers or www.williamschamber.com or www.flagstaffchamber.com for more information.

Moonset Pit

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – Moonset Pit was open Saturday, May 14 to allow residents to deposit forest debris from their private property. The pit is located on National Forest land west of Parks and east of Spitz Springs on the north side of Old Route 66.

The pit will be open the following dates: June 11, June 25, July 2, July 23, Aug. 13, Aug. 27, Sept. 3, Sept. 24 and tentatively Oct. 8 and Oct. 22.

Fire personnel and community volunteers will staff the pit from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to ensure access and prevent disposal of unauthorized materials. Only natural, woody debris from private property can be deposited.

You can take steps to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to your home. Clearing flammable material away from your home reduces the risk of a wildfire from starting or spreading on your property. It also gives firefighters an area to work in.

Illegal dumping at Moonset Pit has been a major problem. Pit abuses include dumping items other than natural, woody debris and dumping outside of the pit when the gate is closed. Please help us continue to offer this community service by using the pit appropriately.

For more information please call Ray Raetzel at (928) 635-0059 or Ann Dudley at (928) 635-0417.

SFE Neighborhood watch program

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

Neighborhood Watch is similar to the Block Watch program commonly conducted 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. Coconino Sheriff's Department notes that when the Watch program is implemented, there is a decrease in break-ins and transient traffic

We try to meet quarterly at the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire Station, next meeting is June 2nd 7pm-8pm, check the webpage for more information.

SFENWP's Neighborhood Watch signs have been received by the county and should be put in place soon, I am told by Gerry Blair from the Coconino County Sheriff's Department, by Coconino County Public Works.

Gerry Blair has attended all the meetings; usually along with one of the Sheriff's Deputies assigned to our area. They provide info about any crime which happened in our area since the last meeting and answer questions from the group.

What do block-watch neighbors look for? Suspicious activity of course:

- Someone screaming or shouting for help
- Sounds of breaking glass or shattering wood
- Unusual noises
- Beam from flashlight or light in neighbor's home
- Persons going door to door
- Someone looking into windows and parked cars
- Persons waiting in front of a home or loitering around the neighborhood
- A stranger in the back yard
- Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home
- Property being carried by persons on foot
- Property being loaded into a vehicle or being removed from a vehicle
- An opened or forced door or window
- Strange vehicles parked at your neighbor's house
- Slow moving vehicles cruising the block
- Someone being forced into a vehicle
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child
- Abandoned cars

Remember if you see a situation that doesn't feel right, it's suspicious. Better to call and find out later there was no reason, than not to and regret it later. Write down the description of any suspicious persons. Get the model, color and license numbers of strange vehicles. Call the police immediately. Don't assume someone else has called. If criminal activity has occurred, let your block watch person and neighbors know but **CALL THE COCONINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FIRST! (928)774-4523**

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.

From Your Fire Department

“Getting It Right” Our Continuing Commitment

Getting something right is a worthy goal for anyone of us but is especially important for a fire department where lives and property are at stake. SFEFD has always had a tradition of dedication, commitment and a forward looking attitude. We are where we are today because of a single minded goal passed forward from administration to administration. What sets our department apart from the typical rural model is not only the commitment shown by our volunteers but the lack of the dreaded ego which can easily undermine progress.

As an example, our department is unique in the fact that as a chief comes to the end of his or her term, that person does not suddenly or completely walk away. Instead, they take a step back to assist the new chief and aid the person coming up through the ranks to fill the void. This was the case with my predecessor, Bob Mills, and will be the case when I step back. The amount of knowledge and experience preserved and passed on in this way is enormous.

What can make or break a rural department are the challenges that force us to think on our feet, constantly improvise and having people with these necessary skills. We don't enjoy unlimited resources and few of us have had extended experience working within an emergency service agency. What works for us is that we encourage all of our firefighters to share their skills and years of experience. What also works is our slant on the military mantra of Ready, Aim, Fire. Often times our cry is Ready, Fire, Aim. Basically this means we prepare as well as possible and if that approach fails we regroup, rethink and try something new.

We have been very fortunate that most of the mistakes, or learning curves as we prefer to call them, have been experienced during training exercises where they are safely and easily corrected. Our extensive hand on training, on our own or with other agencies, has given us an edge of professionalism not enjoyed by many other departments.

Comparing what has happened in 2010 with what we expect in 2011, we find much will stay the same. Because of the interest our property owners have shown in the Forest Thinning Project and other fire prevention guidelines, we expect another quiet year within our district. However, weather conditions being what they are, we fully expect and are preparing for involvement in State and Federal fires. To that end we have added another wild land brush engine to our fleet, bringing our total to 8 units, and are expecting to take delivery of a 400 gallon water wagon, both acquired from state surplus, before fire season starts.

Other things that stay the same are the number of dedicated volunteers we have and the need for more “new blood”, the emphasis on fire prevention, the interaction and training with neighboring agencies and the willingness to change and improve.

What's different? We are doing everything on a smaller budget, suffering stiff price increases on our basic necessities and are working within ever increasing and limiting state and federal guidelines. However, all the differences are not as limiting. As an example, we have just received another AED field unit, compliments of the SFEPOA, which demonstrates the willingness of folks outside the department to help keep our community safe. Our sincere thanks go out to the POA and other individuals who have made personal contributions to our department.

This spring message is a bit lengthy because I feel the persons attending last year's property owners meeting were short changed. I delivered a very short and somewhat glib chief's report and have felt bad ever since. I feel it is important for all of you to know what goes on in your district and, to that end, wish to offer a proposal. The 5 minutes allowed during the annual meeting is never nearly enough time to give a proper overview of your department's mission and capabilities. To correct this situation I propose we have an open house, complete with hands on demonstrations of our capabilities and a chance for you to have an open forum with myself and several of our firefighters.

Here's what I ask of you. Please let me know if this is of interest to you, if you would like to have it just before or after the annual meeting and provide any special topics you would like to have covered. You may send your input to sherwoodfire@gwestoffice.net or call me at 928-635-9837. The more suggestions I get the better we can prepare for an informative gathering.

Wayne Marx
Chief SFEFD

***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
Beth Dormady 928 635-9761
- SFE Auxiliary President
Anne Dudley 928 635-0417
- SFE POA President
Dave Jones 602 330-5520
- Coconino Sheriff 928 635-4487
- Forestry Service..... 928 635-5600
- Coconino Animal Management
..... 928 228-2717

***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 (SFPEOA@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 SFPEOA 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!**

It's time to renew dues; here is a form you can use.... Thank you

Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association

SFEPOA 2011 Annual Membership Dues Form

Please PRINT, fill out and mail this form along with \$20 to:

SFE POA, 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 data base and is very much appreciated.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Lot Number(s) _____

SFE Address _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, St, Zip _____

Phone (s) _____

Email Address (and/or Additional Preferred Contact info): _____

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