



Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Fall 2016

<http://sherwoodforestestates.org>

From the President

Notes from the SFEPOA President:

Hello, from Sherwood Forest Estates. The weather is becoming fall-like, with the winds blowing, leaves changing colors and pine needles dropping. The days have been nice up here. Mid 60's to the low 70's. The nights are definitely cooling down, to the mid 30's or lower. We are enjoying the change of seasons.

A lot has happened this summer. First the bad news. A home in our subdivision was vandalized this spring. The good news, nothing was taken. The bad news, anything that could be broken was: chairs, tables, windows, cabinets, toilets, etc. You get the picture. All of this damage only to find out that the homeowner's insurance did not cover vandalism. The lesson to be learned? Check with your agent now, and make sure you are covered for vandalism. And not just for your second home, but also for your main residence.

Make sure you know who your **Neighborhood Block Captain** is. If you don't know, check with Mary Anderson ABAmary@gmail.com. She is the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator and is working with the Coconino County Sheriff's office to get our program up and running again. If you are willing to be a Block Watch Captain, again get in touch with Mary. Keep an eye on your property and your neighbors. You don't always know who the bad guy might be.

GREAT news! The **Fire Department** has acquired a new vehicle, a rescue truck. Many thanks to Bob Simoneau for researching and locating this vehicle. And to Martha Simoneau for helping to get the vehicle back to SFE from Florida. For FREE. Hard to beat that price. There were some expenses in getting the vehicle back to Sherwood Forest Fire District, but it is now here and being shined and cleaned and refurbished. And with the addition of EMT classes this spring, we are moving right along. I believe we are, if not the best, at least in the top 2 volunteer districts in the state. Just my opinion.

Because of a donation from Aaron and Paulette Robinson, the **POA** was able to offer BBQ pork for lunch after the annual meeting. I hope you were able to enjoy the food. It was GREAT and what a way to celebrate the 4th of July weekend. Besides the meeting and the luncheon, the **fire department** was in the Parks parade on the 4th of July. An active weekend, indeed.

The **POA** sponsored chili cook-off was a great event with good attendance. The judging format was changed and made for a lively contest. If you couldn't make it this year, plan for next year. It's fun for the whole family.

The **Auxiliary** held two pancake breakfasts, Memorial Day and Labor Day. A nice surprise addition to the Labor Day breakfast was biscuits and gravy. They were greatly appreciated and disappeared quickly. Please mark your calendars for the Saturdays before Memorial Day and Labor Day for a great breakfast and a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. Another free family activity. Donations are appreciated.

Be sure to check your SFE web page for updates throughout the year. And have a wonderful winter, whether you spend it here in SFE or somewhere else. Be safe and stay healthy.

Doris Allen
President POA

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance as of 01 Feb 2016	\$2,292.55	Gift Card for A. Robinson for Pulled Pork	\$50.09
Income		P.O.Box Rental	\$58.00
Dues	\$1,570.00	POA and Director Insurance	\$431.00
Interest	\$0.56	Web Services	
Annual Meeting		(01 Jul 2016 – Dec 2016)	\$80.00
Breakfast Donations	\$181.00	Arizona Corp. Commission Fees	\$35.00
Fire Dept Decal Purchases	\$108.00	Chili Cook Off Supplies/Prizes (Labor Day)	\$225.74
Chili Cook Off Donations (Labor Day Weekend)	\$159.00	National Bank of Arizona	
Total Income to Date	\$2,069.56	Total Disbursements	\$1,262.01
Total	\$4,362.11	Bank Balance September 30, 2016	\$3,100.10
Disbursements		Dennis Moore September 27, 2016	
Annual Meeting Jul 2016			
Supplies/Door Prizes	\$382.18		

SFEPOA Annual Meeting Minutes – July 2, 2016

The annual meeting of the Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association was held at the firehouse of the SFEFD on July 2, 2016. The meeting was called to order by President Doris Allen at 9:05 a.m. with a call for the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees were welcomed and the POA Board members were introduced: President, Doris Allen; Vice-President, Jack Hadley, Treasurer, Dennis Moore; Secretary Chris Babcock was absent; Members at large, Kathie Krushinsky, Wayne Marx, and Jud Swearingen.

The reading of the minutes of the 2015 meeting was dispensed with. Motion to approve. (M/S Wayne Marx, Jack Hadley) Passed.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dennis Moore showing a balance of \$2347.84 as of June 30, 2016. Motion to approve (M/S Jack Hadley, Kathie Krushinsky) Passed.

The Nominating Chairman Jack Hadley presented the names of the two candidates to fill the 2 member vacancies: Debbie Hansen and Doris Allen to retain her seat. No other candidates were named and motion to elect by acclamation made, (M/S Sue Hadley, Rick Switzer) Passed.

Thank you was given to Chris Babcock for her years of service as secretary of the Board and a special thank you to Aaron and Paulette Robinson for providing pulled pork, beans and slaw for lunch following the meeting.

An announcement was made concerning a special memorial to be held at the Fire House on July 16, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. for Olan Dunn who was the first fire chief and instrumental in the formation of our fire department. It was also announced that long time resident Reta Christensen had recently passed away.

Guest Speakers:

Mary Honer, president of the SFEFD Auxiliary, invited others to join in the fundraising efforts and showed a sweatshirt being added to the offerings as well as a FD supporter decal.

Matt Ryan, County Supervisor, spoke of the budget woes of the county, emergency management changes, vacation rentals ordinance being over-ruled by state legislation, commercial use of wells across I-40 was in violation of Parks Area Plan and is now in litigation, and he thanked volunteers who man Moonset Pit. He also announced upcoming county events such as county fair, vaccination clinics, and school health fairs.

Cathy Cook showed audience the green reflective signs and urged residents to request one if they hadn't yet.

Bill Miller of Williams Realty characterized SFE as a true community with the best fire department he had ever seen. He said that property values were rising but that there was no average price for homes or lots in SFE since properties varied so much.

Jim Driscoll, Chief Deputy, said he came to our POA meeting in 1981 when he was a Lieutenant in Williams. He stated that the country is at a hyper state of alert and suggested a class in Situation Awareness which they would be happy to come teach. The national trend is that crime is going up but body cams would make all law enforcement officers more accountable and their department would be getting such in the next few months.

Kathie Krushinsky, event coordinator of the POA, thanked Aaron Robinson for the BBQ lunch he had provided. She announced that the annual neighborhood cleanup had gone very well with 200 pounds of debris. She announced the annual Chili Cook-off would be held on Sunday of Labor Day weekend with everyone a judge.

Mary Anderson, Neighborhood Watch Captain, announced that a meeting would be held in the next month and suggested that everyone make sure their info is up to date.

Deidre McLaughlin, Kaibab National Forest, announced that fire restrictions were presently in force. She described the forest restoration being done by Good Earth thinning as well as controlled burns was restoring northern Arizona forests to their grasslands status.

Wayne Marx, Fire Chief, stated that the department is in very good shape. He introduced those present of the 18 fire fighters the department now has and also introduced the Fire Board Chairman, Rick Switzer. He announced that we are now rated ISO 6 and also are a Fire Wise Community. He announced that safety vests were available for hikers, bikers, etc. from a donation from Kimberly Clark. We are a 911 community but do not yet provide emergency medical service but an EMT may be available next year. He showed Evacuation Route Signs that would be needed if a train derailment and a fire might cause evacuation to become necessary. CERT volunteers would aid in such effort.

Before adjournment door prizes were won by Kathie Krushinsky, Don Stuckey, and Mark Brenneman. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. with lunch to follow.

Sue Hadley, Acting Secretary

2016 Summer Social Events

1. Annual Neighborhood Cleanup

We had another successful neighborhood and surrounding area clean up “Clean-Up”. The Annual Clean-Up committee members were Danny and Vicki Hunter and Walt and Kathie Krushinsky. We had 17 neighbor volunteers and a total of 40 hours worked. We collected over 200 pounds of miscellaneous trash.

I would also like to acknowledge the donation of collection bags from Carol Glassburn who is responsible for the annual City of Williams yearly clean up.

2. Annual POA Meeting Lunch

A delicious pulled pork lunch was served after the annual SFE POA meeting this year.

A special “Thank You” to Aaron and Paulette Robinson for the donation of the BBQ pulled pork, homemade BBQ sauce, beans, cole slaw and buns. A dessert of ice cream cups and cookies was also served. We served over 50 meals and many came back for “seconds”. Also the “Crew” who helped makes the luncheon happen. There were many positive comments from those joining us for lunch and staying to catch up socializing with friends and new neighbors.

3. Chili Cook-off Contest

This year we had 8 contestants. They were: Bill Miller, Anne Dudley, Ruth Moore, Cathy Cook, Diana Strefeler, Elissa Hellwig, Dee McLaughlin and Betty Ferrier. A big “Thank You” for entering their delicious chili’s.

The Cook-Off judging was changed this year to everyone who came to the ‘Chili Chow Down’ dinner. We had over 50 neighbors and friends who enjoyed a great chilies “chow down” dinner and stayed to visit.



Winner's were: 1st Place, Ruth Moore (Judy's Chili), 2nd Place, Betty Ferrier (Crock Pot Cream Cheese Chicken Chili), and a two-way tie for 3rd Place- Elissa Hellwig(Kehrs Mill Brew) and Anne Dudley (ETBTKS, Everything But the Kitchen Sink Chili). Prizes were Chili's Restaurant gift cards.
 A special thanks to the "Crew"-Sue Hamilton, Doris Allen and Cathy Cook.



This was the last POA event for this season.

Plans for next year: Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up and BBQ, SFE POA Luncheon, Chili Cook-Off, Taco Dinner, Spaghetti Dinner, Game Night and Ice Cream Social.

Thank you all for making this a wonderful Summer in SFE.
 Kathie Krushinsky

New in Town

Hello to you all in lovely Sherwood Forest Estates, my happy place!

I'd like to introduce myself to you. Even though I've met so many of you since I moved here at the beginning of this year, this is my first opportunity to address you as your new secretary of the board of SFE POA, and I'm very happy to do so.

My name is Debra Henson. As I mentioned before, I actually moved here full time in the middle of January of this year. I retired as an official court reporter from the federal court system in San Diego on December 31. I had the great honor and true privilege of working for a wonderful judge for 22 years, both in San Diego Superior Court and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, which includes both San Diego and Imperial Counties, the Honorable Jeffrey T. Miller. During my time in federal court when Judge Miller was out of the courthouse, I also worked for most of the other 14 federal judges. All in all, my time in federal court was incredibly interesting and rewarding, and I do miss the many dedicated and honorable people I had the privilege of working with there.

More than ten years ago, my sister and brother-in-law, Martha and Bob Simoneau, and I were looking for a place to retire that had features the three of us had agreed on – beauty, seasons, less expensive cost of living than Southern California, away from large cities, and several other requirements – and had a “moment of clarity” when on a road trip and passed through this area; all three of us exclaimed basically at the same time: “I could live here!” So began the wishing, hoping, and planning for that future that we all could see so clearly: Life in the mountains of Northern Arizona, specifically Williams. Eventually Martha and Bob selected their property in Mountain Rose Ranch, and although I knew I wanted to live in Sherwood Forest, I didn't find my “forever home” until this spring. And what a happy day it was for me when the property I'd had my eye on for some time finally became my own little dream come true on Minstrel Lane!

I stayed with Martha and Bob for a bit when I first arrived, then rented a house on Long Bow. During that time I started to become interested in our own fire department and was able to use some of the administrative skills I'd developed from 32 years as a court reporter to help Chief Marx and Assistant Chief McLaughlin in the office of the Sherwood Forest Estates Fire Department. It is extremely rewarding to spend time and help with such a fine and dedicated group as our volunteer fire department, I am pleased and honored to do so. It was at one of these workdays that I was approached by our own Jack Hadley and asked if I would be willing to serve as your new secretary. I was happy to do that, and here I am. After just a couple of meetings, I have been enjoying my time on the board and hope to serve you in the best way I can. I am so pleased to be here in our little community, and for those of you I have not met yet, please come and introduce yourselves to me at the next event!

SFEFD Auxiliary

2016 has been an eventful year for the Auxiliary. We hosted two breakfasts (Memorial Day and Labor Day). A memorial for Olan Dunn, our first fire chief, was hosted by the auxiliary providing some food, set up, serving and cleanup. Other events that the auxiliary hosted were: Large Animal Rescue and the Situational Awareness Class. Snacks and/or breakfasts were provided for the firefighter trainings. We keep our firefighters looking sharp by purchasing shirts and hats. Many of our members have been very generous with their time by cleaning and organizing the kitchen and storage areas. We also contributed some elbow grease in cleaning up the newly acquired ambulance. This year's total income from breakfast fund raisers and contributions is \$1959.80 giving us a balance of \$2742.45. As you can tell, the auxiliary has been very supportive of our fire

department. We have a very active membership with new members joining each year. It has been a pleasure being the president the past two years. I look forward to working with the auxiliary under its newly elected president, Diana Strefeler.

Sincerely,
Mary Honer

If you would like to be on an e-mail list for notice of these meetings, please contact any auxiliary member. Current officers for the auxiliary are:

President: Diana Streefeler (623-293-2815) bstrefeler@cox.net
Secretary: Sue Hamilton (928-303-4584) suehamilton303@yahoo.com
Treasurer: Doris Allen (480-391-2214) doris@allallens.com

Neighbors Looking out for Neighbors

The first meeting of the Sherwood Forest Estates/Mountain Rose Ranch Neighborhood Watch was held October 9, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the fire station. Neighborhood watch captains met before the meeting to set future meeting dates, discuss and review information received from submitted information sheets and discuss the duties of each captain. Jon Paxton, Community Programs Planner of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office, gave a brief presentation followed by a discussion led by a sheriff's deputy. We look forward to seeing you at the first meeting next spring. If you have not completed an information sheet, please go the SFE website to obtain a copy. You will be able to indicate whether you wish to be active in the Neighborhood Watch program.

Thirteen residents of Sherwood Forest Estates and Mountain Rose Ranch and 3 members of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office met at the SFE Fire Station at 2:00 pm for our first Neighborhood Watch meeting since September 2013.

Neighborhood Watch Captains met before the meeting and decided to meet in January, April, July and September on the second Thursday of the month. We reviewed maps for each NW captain, information sheet content to be included and set a minimum of once per week to walk our area. NW decals were distributed to those that wished one.

Jon Paxton, Community Programs Planner, Sgt. Gerrit Boeck, and Deputy Gregor from the Coconino County Sheriff's Office shared possible topics for future meetings including Code Red and File of Life programs available to residents. Concerns about ATV/quad improper use were discussed. These vehicles need to be registered, operators must be licensed and helmets must be worn by children 16 or younger. An additional decal is required to drive into the forest.

Our next meeting is January 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the SFE Fire Station. The topic will be Emergency Preparedness, pipelines, train and fire. Remember – The best property watch is by neighbors. We hope to see you there.

If you have not completed an information sheet, please go to the SFE website to obtain a copy. You will be able to indicate whether you wish to be active in the Neighborhood Watch program

Sherwood Forest Fire Department,

It takes teamwork to make the dream work



While thinking about all the positive things I could report on that have taken place in our Fire District this year, one common denominator has made it all possible: **People.**

One great example revolves around our newest emergency vehicle, a Fire / Rescue rig that was recently donated to our department. It had seen a decade's worth of reliable duty as a "big box" ambulance and rescue unit and still has a lot of useful years ahead. We have started refitting it as a supply vehicle that will also be used for rehab duty, as a mobile command center, a HazMat resource rig and a medical unit as soon as our new EMTs come on line.

Now the really interesting part of this story is the number of people working in unison that made it all possible.

First you have the Simoneaus, Bob and Martha, who live in Mountain Rose Ranch (MRR) and serve on the fire department. Bob found the rig on the east coast through an internet search and set up the entire deal. When plans were being made to get the truck back here, he and Martha offered to fly to Florida at their own expense to bring it back, which they did. We estimated that it would cost around \$2,000 to get it here, and they brought it home right on target.

Since this wasn't an acquisition we had planned for in the annual budget, we figured we could justify the transport costs by using part of the state cooperative funds we received from our participation on the recent BERT fire. As it turns out, we needn't have worried because as soon as our POA and Auxiliary got word of the project, they each offered to cover half the expenses.

So, here we are, with this new (to us) vehicle and the fire department hasn't had to spend a dime. Well, there is always the cost of rehab and retrofit to consider, right? Wrong. Before the rig was even here, a local couple, who have asked to remain anonymous, pledged the amount it will take to outfit it. And our story isn't over yet.

To date, we have received medical equipment and supplies from neighboring departments and hours upon hours of donated time helping to clean-up, fix-up and dress-up the new SFEFD R-9.

Once word started getting around about this "many hands" project, the MRRHOA board requested a meeting to discuss how they too might become more involved. We haven't had our first snowfall yet, and look at the size of this snowball rolling through our community.

With all that said, we still haven't touched on the many other good works our internal organizations and next-door neighbors are doing. That list includes managing and volunteering at the Moonset Pit, neighborhood

clean-up day, representation in local parades, hosting multi-agency training events, fundraising events, vehicle maintenance, building improvement and maintenance projects, volunteering in the office, potable water delivery donations, the Neighborhood Watch program, etc., etc., etc.

And what kind of chief would I be if I didn't express my profound appreciation to all of our firefighters who have accepted the challenge of adapting to more technical and time-consuming training than we have ever required before? Several of our troops will also be participating in the new EMT Training Program SFEFD is hosting this winter, helping to make our community safer than ever before. We hope to be adding Basic Life Support (BLS) response to our list of duties, starting in July of 2017.

Remember, there is always room for another volunteer, regardless of age or skill level. Do you want to help with the dream? *Join the team.*

Have a safe and warm fall and winter. We'll see you in the spring with another update.

Wayne Marx
Chief, SFEFD

P.S. Truth be known, I even had help with making this article readable. What a community, huh?

Firewise Fall 2016

Sherwood Forest Estates is a Firewise Community once again. Our renewal was approved! The Firewise designation means that we are working to make Sherwood a safer place to live by doing things that reduce the risk of losing our homes to a wildfire. As the summer monsoons and fall rains drench our neighborhood, it is hard to worry about fire danger. Now is the time to get a start on abating the fire danger to your home for next year. Here are some ideas from the Firewise.org website.

Before a wildfire threatens your area...

In and around your home

- Clear leaves and other debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks. This prevents embers from igniting your home.
- Remove dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house.
- Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- Remove flammable materials (firewood stacks, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Wildfire can spread to tree tops. Prune trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- Inspect shingles or roof tiles. Replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.
- Cover exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
- Enclose under-eave and soffit vents or screens with metal mesh to prevent ember entry.

***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
Ric Switzer 928 310-8505
- SFE Auxiliary President
Diana Strefeler 928 303-4584
- SFE POA President
Doris Allen 480 391-2214
- Coconino Sheriff 928 635-4487
- Forestry Service..... 928 635-5600
- Coconino Animal Management
..... 928 228-2717

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If you are ready to go paperless, please send an email (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!**

Just in case you missed us at the meeting; here is a form you can use for the dues.... Thank you

Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association

SFEPOA 2017 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.

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