



Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Winter 2020

<http://sherwoodforestestatesaz.com>

From the President

Kathie Krushinsky-SFE POA President

Happy Fall to all,

To say the least we have had an interesting and sometimes trying Summer!

Most of our usual Summer events had to be cancelled due to the virus. That being said, we were able to have a couple events that were very successful and we were able to follow the distancing rules and regulations.

In June we had our Neighborhood Clean Up. We had 18 volunteers with a total of 63 hours they collected over 100 pounds of debris. We were then treated to a wonderful lunch, hosted by the Taylors on Knighthood. Thank you so much to everyone who participated. Our SFE community looked wonderful.

We had our first, but not our last, SFE Community Blood Drive. Thank you to Jeanna Roush for all of her hard work to make this a very successful event that benefits so many in need. Great job Jeanna.

Our yearly Moonset Pit program was very successful even after a change of location after one use. We had to move to the alternative site. We had so many wonderful volunteers. This year we had 9, Saturday, "Pit" days, we had 18 volunteers, (approximate statistics) 873.35 acres cleared, 1,636.40 hours worked, 1,277 cubic yards hauled. Great job SFE & MRR. This program not only helps residents to dispose of pine needles and tree limbs but also helps to reduce the fire fuel from the forest floor and keep our neighborhoods Firewise. Thanks to Anne Dudley who chairs the Firewise program and coordinators-Sue Hamilton for MRR, Joannie Reitzel for Parks and myself for SFE. Please consider volunteering next year.

VOTE- Our SFEFD Board will be going from 3 to 5 members. There are 4 of our SFE residents running for a seat, **Rodger Anderson, Paul Cook, Steve Diefenderfer and Walt Krushinsky**. Please remember your vote counts.

New Neighbors to SFE-We want to welcome all of our new neighbors. At last count we have 7. We will have New Neighbor packets available for them in the Spring. New residents can call 405-919-4363 to request a packet.

POA Secretary-Our Secretary, Judy Mauer has stepped down. We have filled this position by bringing Brienne McDowell to finish Judy's term. We will have a few more seats available at our 2021 meeting. If you would like to be considered for a seat please contact Kathie, 405-919-4363.

We had a few concerns this Summer-

Internal Road Issues- Speeders and stop sign runners, as well as many under age off road vehicle drivers who were not wearing eye protection or helmets. Our internal roads are Coconino County roads and all rules and regulations apply. Please slow down, be courteous, safe and lawful. Violations can incur hefty tickets with fines as well as dangerous.

Pets-If you are a pet owner please be aware that we have a leash law and when walking with your dog(s), you must have them on a leash. This is a county law. Please remember that although your fur baby may be friendly to you, others could be fearful of them running loose and charging up to them. Also, please out of courtesy to fellow walkers, pick up your dog’s “deposits” and dispose of them.

Rental Property-If you are an owner of properties in SFE that you are using as income property please advise your guests of the **fire restrictions** such as, Red Flag Days and Stage 1 & 2 mandatory fire restrictions. We had several close calls this Summer that required the Sheriff and SFE Fire Department to be summoned. Sometimes it’s easier to remove the fire pit and eliminate the problem.

Ok, enough said!!

We wish you a safe, healthy and happy Winter. Hopefully when we are all back up in the Spring, we can resume all of our usual events plus a few new ones your SFE POA have been discussing.

Your SFE POA President,

Kathie Krushinsky

2019-2020 SFEPOA Board

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Treasurer Report

As we come to the end of what has been a difficult summer for all of us, I hope that you and yours are safe and healthy!! Most of our events or activities were cancelled out of safety for everyone that might attend. It was sad not to see our neighbors and friends. Hopefully this virus and all the changes will soon be a thing of the past.

Since we cancelled the annual meeting that is held close to July 4th many of you have not paid the annual volunteer \$20 dues per each one acre lot. If you are not sure if you have paid, please email me and I will check the records. My email address is: roushjeanna@gmail.com Thank you in advance for handling this. If you have new contact information, be it a new phone number, address, email; please include that with your payment so we can update our records. A big thank you for Dennis and Ruth Moore for doing all the updates each year!!

Blood Drive:

Our First Annual Blood Drive was held June 20th at the Fire House. **A very big thank you for all of you who generously donated blood. The Drive was a very big success!!** We had 30 donors, a much better turnout than the Vitalant Blood Band expected for our first drive!! Needless to say, all precautions were in place. The Blood Bank's needs did not reduce because of the Covid 19 virus, but their supply did. The adapted procedures several years ago to protect those receiving the blood from any illness. Social distancing was maintained from the time the donor arrived until they left, temperatures were taken multiple times, and masks were worn.

We worked with the folks in Parks that sponsor blood drives, and had \$10 gift certificates from the Parks Mercantile for each donor. We plan to have at least one and possibly two drives next summer. Without Covid 19, we will be able to have increase numbers of donors. Please plan to join us for those drives. The date(s) will be included in our winter newsletter and on the website, please watch for them.

Treasurer,

Jeanna Roush

Auxiliary

This Summer due to COVID-19 the SFEFD Auxiliary cancelled all events and meetings. We are looking forward to Spring, 2021 and hoping to get together for all of our regular events. See you in the Spring.

Thank you,

Sue Hamilton, SFEFD Auxiliary President

Firewise

Thanks to all of the hard work raking and hauling pine needles and tree limbs we have been renewed for another year as a Firewise community. Remember to track your hours worked raking throughout the Winter. You can find the form on our SFE website.

Stay safe and healthy,

Anne Dudley, Firewise

SFE/MMR Neighborhood Watch

Due to Covid-19 and a no meeting order from the Coconino County Sheriff, all meetings were cancelled. The SFE Fire District Auxiliary, POA Board and others had such fun plans for the summer of 2020. Hopefully they can be safely held in 2021. Our neighborhoods watch meetings will start at 6 p.m. next year.

Welcome Jeanna Roush to the Block Captain team. She replaces Doris Allen for the East side of E. Knighthood

This summer was a good one even though rain is needed, there were a few complaints about noise and vehicles speeding through the neighborhood. There was also quite an entertaining conversation about the number of goats allowed on an acre. Join NEXTDOOR.com for Sherwood Forest Estates to read the details. NEXT DOOR is a quick way to see what's going on in the neighborhood. It's especially good for reuniting runaway pets with their owners.

REMINDERS:

- SFE has a residential speed limit of 25 MILES PER HOUR. PLEASE KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!
- Sign up to receive Emergency Notifications or update your information at Coconino.AZ.gov/Ready. Click the Sign-Up button to start.
- Is your GO BAG ready? Have you checked for expired items that need to be replaced?
- In an emergency, call 911. Be sure and tell them you are in Sherwood Forest Estates.
- For non-emergencies, call (928) 635-4487 to speak with a Sheriff's dispatcher.

Please review the Neighborhood Watch information on our website to ensure you know what to do. Have a SAFE and HAPPY winter.

Mary Anderson, SFE/MRR Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

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SFE/MRR Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Coconino County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

American Bell Assn., Arizona Desert Bells, San Diego Mission Bells

Member at Large

I'm sure all of have seen many building projects, new and remodel/additions, in the neighborhood this year. I have spoken to several of the owners and contractors to politely remind them of the dust issues we are having especially being so dry.

Also, many of the contractors are not familiar with our layout so they are just blindly following there GPS. Some of our roads are a fun drive if you're in a semi.

I've advised a few that there are more driver friendly streets in SFE.

That being said be a little extra cautious when walking whether alone or with your pets.

Everybody please be safe out there.

Thanks,

Brian Burdikoff, Member at Large
Mountaintop Technical Services Inc.

Views on voting:

It has always been an uncomfortable moment for me when a stranger will ask "where's the best place in town to eat"? The pat answer I give is "food is so subjective that I only feel comfortable telling you where I eat and why".

Under different circumstances I would use a similarly phrased answer when asked who to vote for in the November elections. However, with both national and local politics being so emotional and volatile, I am inclined to just give a bit of seemingly logical advice. Learn as many facts as possible about the candidates and their agendas then decide for yourself. It is tremendously important to do your homework, then get out there and vote.

In the arena of national politics, you may feel that one vote won't make much of a difference but be assured that in local politics, especially when you bring it all the way back to your very own fire district, one vote can make all the difference in the world.

Most people I talk to have a similar opinion on this year's elections, we all look forward to them being over so we can do our best to adjust to the "new normal" and get on with our lives. Fingers crossed we all make wise choices.

Wayne Marx - POA Board Member At Large

Message from the Fire Chief

I don't think it is a surprise to anyone that the fire danger remains very high due to an almost non-existent monsoon season. Our moisture levels are low, 5% lower than last year at this time. I also heard one emergency manager call the season "unprecedented." Our mission at SFEFD is to provide initial attack on any fire, but fire prevention saves more lives and property than any amount of emergency response. So how do we as a community work together to prevent fires especially when we live and work in the forest?

The first step is to use common sense for potential fire starts. One of the recent fires in California was caused by family performing a gender reveal using a smoke device. These units do generate heat when activated and they were reportedly standing in four-foot vegetation. If you think that can't happen here think again. Two weeks ago, we received a report of someone using a drip torch, just north of our area, to burn off his field during a 20-mph wind. These are potentially dangerous decisions that are being made. Stop and think of the consequences before applying any heat to forest or tall grasses.

Our residents are much attuned to visitors starting fires at some of our rental homes. We are working to contact the owners and developing a process that will inform the renters of what they can and can't do while not impacting the business model for the owners. Meanwhile, if you spot a campfire during restrictions, please call 9-1-1 to report it.

For those of you who are decreasing the fire load by raking your pine needles, we thank you for contributing. For those who want more information on what you can do please reach out to our area Firewise Coordinator Anne Dudley (annedudley1@gmail.com). I would also add that the Ready, Set, Go program is very good in helping residents prepare for moving out of the area in the event of fire. You will hear more about this program from us in the future. Coconino County also has a notification system that during an emergency calls, emails or text message alert your mobile device or landline, but you must be signed up to receive these notifications. Reach out to coconino.az.gov/ready to sign up.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

September 16, 2020

Chain Saws and Fire Restrictions

There was some confusion about the use of chain saws during fire restrictions. These are the rules for chain saws under Stage 1 and Stage 2 fire restrictions.

Under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, there are no restrictions on saws at any time of day.

Under Stage 2 Restrictions, Chain saws are restricted and can only be used between the hours of 08:00pm to 09:00am. No Day cutting.

In the past the battery saw was acceptable, but this year things changed and any saw including battery or electric have now been grouped into the restricted category.

Red Flag Warning

A Red Flag Warning means warm temperatures, very low humidities, and stronger winds are expected to combine to produce an increased risk of fire danger.

-If you are allowed to burn in your area, all burn barrels must be covered with a weighted metal cover, with holes no larger than 3/4 of an inch.

-Do not throw cigarettes or matches out of a moving vehicle. They may ignite dry grass on the side of the road and become a wildfire.

-Extinguish all outdoor fires properly. Drown fires with plenty of water and stir to make sure everything is cold to the touch. Dunk charcoal in water until cold. Do not throw live charcoal on the ground and leave it.

-Never leave a fire unattended. Sparks or embers can blow into leaves or grass, ignite a fire, and quickly spread.

STAGE 1 (GENERAL)

Prohibitions:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove, except within a developed recreation site.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or a developed recreation site.

The developed sites are: White Horse Lake Campground, Dogtown Lake Campground, Kaibab Lake Campground, Ten-X Campground, Jacob Lake Campground and DeMotte Campground.

Exemptions:

- Using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
- Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

STAGE 2 (ELEVATED)

Prohibitions:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove fire, including fires in developed campgrounds and improved sites.

- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
- Mechanical and Industrial Prohibitions:
 - Operating chainsaws or any internal combustion engine between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
 - Using an explosive.
 - Using fireworks, which are never allowed on a forest.

Exemptions:

- Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act. This process can be utilized in cases where public works and public utility emergency repairs are necessary.
- Industrial operations where specific operations and exemptions are identified and mitigation measures are implemented as outlined in an agency plan.
- Persons using a device fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
- Operating generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the generator.
- Operating motorized vehicles in compliance with Forest Travel Management Regulations. Parking off any road must be in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the vehicle.
- Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force or other authorized personnel in the performance of an official duty.
- All land within a city boundary is exempted unless otherwise stated by city ordinance.

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

Fire season is no longer confined to a few months during the year; it's almost all year now. Let's work together to ensure our safety, our homes and our forest. Be safe.

John D. Moede

Fire Chief, SFEFD

<https://www.sherwoodforeststatesfiredistrict.com/>

Last Train Leaving

As you know the last attempt to bring high speed internet into the community did not get an adequate community response to the CenturyLink proposal to negotiate for a more reasonable offer. Therefore, it was dropped. That brings us to the last train leaving.

I have been in talks with a company that is interested in bringing Internet Fiber to the Door to a large number of communities here in Northern Arizona which includes us. As you know there is a risk in large ventures like this. To mitigate that risk, a buy in will be required for each community to participate. This buy in will be approximately one year of service and a small fee to bring the fiber to your door on your property including installation of the equipment. This “deposit or pre-payment” will be held in escrow until your service is up and running and then your escrow will disperse. If for some reason the project does not go forward due to a lack of participation from our community your funds will be returned and our community will be bypassed. There will be several tiers of service pricing available to fit your budget. This will be an unlimited bandwidth service, so watching TV over the internet will be possible. This can bring down almost by half of your overall cost by combining your services.

Now that the Virus has changed the business habits of many companies and schools, working and learning from home has become a new way of life for many. This was not for seen late last year while working with CenturyLink.

On a technical note, when the powers goes out, all of our CenturyLink phone and internet service goes out regardless of having a generator to keep your lights on at home. There is no backup power for the CenturyLink equipment feeding our community. This means the SFE Fire Dept has lost all communications too. Poor Cell Phone service is all that is left. The Fiber System will have backup batteries to maintain connectivity for an extended period of time. This will keep many of your cell phone apps and laptops connected with loved ones and others over your fiber internet service Wi-Fi. A backup battery will be required at your home to keep the fiber interface box and Wi-Fi powered up if you don't have a generator.

For more information, questions and registering for the SFE FIBER project, please visit <https://telcomwest.com> Don't mistype the web name or you will get the wrong website. This is an early bird offering so you can plan ahead. In short, we will need about 100 residences to participate to qualify for our portion of the project. For those who don't participate in the initial project build out, your cost to extend the service across your property to your home will be much higher as the equipment will have to be brought in each time. Everything will be underground.

Be Safe and stay connected,

Judson Swearingen Jr, Member at large and newsletter editor.

***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 to SherwoodForestPOA@gmail.com or a message using our website's guest book (found in the website's *Contacts* section) and tell us “**Yes, email, please,**” and 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!**

<http://www.sherwoodforeststatesaz.com>

***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, John Moede 928 220-5207
- SFE Fire Board Chairman
Bruce Speirs...bspeirs1055@gmail.com
- SFE Auxiliary President
Sue Hamilton 928-303-4584
- SFEPOA President
Doris Allen.....480-391-2214
- Coconino Sheriff 928 635-4487
- Forestry Service 928 635-5600
- Coconino Animal Management
928 228-2717
- Coconino Community Service
(Building Inspection & Zoning)
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Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association

SFEPOA 2020 Annual Membership Dues Form

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

SFEPOA, 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 database and is very much appreciated.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Lot Number(s): _____

SFE Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Additional Preferred Contact info: _____

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Please print, fill out and mail this form along with \$20.00 per lot

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