

Sherwood's Spring Spotlight 2023 Newsletter

<http://sherwoodforestestateaz.com>

House blanketed in white in SFE



Field of yellow, Bush Highway, Mesa



WOW! What a difference a few hours make! Arizona is amazing!

Reports from SFE's Property Owners' Board

Acting President, Catherine Cook

Freezing temperatures, strong winds, and never ending snowfall, OH MY! What a winter in northern Arizona! Now that most of the snow has melted I am happy to finally be able to say HAPPY SPRING to ALL!!!! And for those of you that live in SFE year round I am sure you may want to shout it!!!

With all the moisture and beautiful flowers we are now enjoying comes the real threat of wildfires when they dry out. Please be diligent and clear away pine needles, dead limbs and trees from your homes (a minimum of 30 feet,) gutters and if possible your property.

There have been several additional weekend rentals sold in SFE this year. If you are living next to or near one, please contact the Fire Dept (#928-635-9837) if you witness outside burning during "NO BURN" days. Also, the sheriff stated last year to not approach individuals breaking rules but to contact them (#928-635-4487.) There is currently a committee comprised of residents and elected officials looking into the ability to dictate new rules to bring stricter guidelines to weekend rentals in our surrounding areas.

It is often stated but bears repeating; Please, *PLEASE* slow down when approaching and passing individual walkers. It only takes a few seconds out of your drive and the walkers do appreciate the consideration to not breathe in the dust. Also, if walking your dogs remember to bring a bag to collect their droppings. This, also, is very much appreciated!

Speaking of dogs, leashes are required for all dogs while walking them in our neighborhood. The county has ordinances for this and persistent barking which disturbs others. If one is reported to the county for either, you could face a fine.

“Sherwood Cares,” a collaboration between the POA, Auxiliary and Fire Department, is a group that rallies support for our neighbors that due to unforeseen circumstances find themselves in need. Sherwood Cares is available to assist with meals, transportation to Dr’s, small maintenance issues and emotional support. If you know of anyone in need or you would like to become a part of Sherwood Cares please contact a member of the POA or Auxiliary.

It saddens me to pass on that we have lost another valuable member of our SFE community. Diana Strefeler passed away on 3/27/23 and her smile and gentle manner will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with her husband, Bill, and the rest of her family.

Our annual Property Owners Association meeting will be held on Saturday, July 1st, at 10:00AM. If there is a specific topic you would like presented please email Cathy Cook at Cathypoa@yahoo.com with the subject line “**POA Topic**”. After the meeting, and weather permitting, the POA will sponsor an outdoor socializing and BBQ lunch for our resident attendees. Hope to see you there!

Vice-President, Catherine Cook

As stated in previous newsletters, it is the VP’s responsibility to organize, coordinate and run the varied POA events throughout the year. Since it takes many hands to have a successful function, at last year’s annual meeting a volunteer list was presented and signed by many. Those that joined that volunteer list were not contacted as of yet but expect you will be this year! I very much look forward to working with you and having your assistance. If anyone has an idea or recommendation for a community event that the POA could possibly sponsor please send an email to Cathypoa@yahoo.com with “**Event Suggestions**” in the subject line. A big shout out to the Auxiliary members who consistently volunteer their support!

Currently there are many annual events scheduled with more to come: Firehouse Flix, Specialty dinners.... Mark your calendars when advertised and plan to join us for fun in our beautiful community in the pines.

Due to the low representation and low turnout at last year’s Community Yard Sale, this year’s event has been postponed until next year. This was a unanimous decision by your POA BOARD at its final meeting of 2022.

Please understand the following dates are **tentative** due to unforeseen circumstances but will be adhered to as much as possible. If changes are necessary, they will be posted on Nextdoor, Facebook, our portable messages board(s) by the entrance and on our POA website located on a link from the SFE website found on the first page of this Newsletter.

REMEMBER these DATES are TENTATIVE and may CHANGE

The majority of the following events take place at your Fire House

Wed., May 17 th	7:00PM	First POA BOARD meeting of 2023
Friday, May 19 th	10:00AM	First Auxiliary meeting of 2023
Sat., May 20th,	8:00AM-2:00PM	Moonset Pit opens for Green Waste
Saturday, May 20 th	Doors open 6:45PM	Firehouse Flix-- 7:00-9:00PM
Friday, May 26 th	4:00PM	Memorial Day Breakfast set up
Saturday, May 27 th	8:00AM-10:00AM	Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, June 10 th	9:00AM-1:00PM 10:00AM	1 st of two Blood Drives at the Firehouse Auxiliary meeting
Friday, June 30 th	4:00PM	Annual POA meeting set up
Saturday, July 1 st	10:00AM	POA Annual meeting (9:15 coffee and muffins)
Saturday July 8 th	9:00AM-1:00PM	Neighborhood Cleanup and Lunch
Thursday, July 13 th	5:00PM	Neighborhood Watch meeting and Pot Luck
Saturday, Aug. 12 th	9:00AM-1:00PM 10:00AM	2 nd of two Blood Drives at the Firehouse Auxiliary meeting
Thursday, Aug. 24 th	5:00PM	Neighborhood Watch in conjunction with Firewise meeting and Taco Bar
Friday, Sept. 1 st	4:00PM	Labor Day Breakfast set up
Saturday, Sept. 2 rd	8:00AM-10:00AM	Labor Day Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Sept. 9 th	10:00AM	2023 Final Auxiliary meeting
Saturday, Oct. 7 th ,	4:30PM-6:00PM	Chili Cook-off Contest

Treasurer, Jeanna Roush

We have an annual voluntary fee of **\$20** for each of the one-acre lots you own. (2 lots = \$40,...) Many choose to pay their voluntary dues at our annual meeting in July, but we do take it at any time you wish to pay. The money from dues supports the Fire Department for items that cannot be included in their budget. It also supports neighborhood projects like the green reflective address signs, blood drives, the annual Newsletters (printing costs and mailings) and many community events. If you are not sure if you have paid your dues for this year, please call and leave a message at **#928 635 2723**. I will look it up and return your call.

2023-2024 SFE POA Board

Acting President	Catherine Cook	Cathypoa@yahoo.com	602-320-2464
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Member	Matthew Griffin	cr500cr@cox.net	623-703-0053

Reports from around your Neighborhood

SFE Auxiliary President, Tina Johnson

The SFEFD Auxiliary is looking forward to a fun summer in 2023! As always, the highlight for the Auxiliary will be the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend pancake breakfasts and working closely with the POA in support of their activities.

The first Auxiliary meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 19 at 10 am at the Firehouse. This will be an important meeting. First, some business. We did not have a quorum to hold elections at the September meeting, so we need to officially elect the president and secretary. Tina Johnson has been nominated for President and Sue Hadley for Secretary.

Equally important we need to prepare for the pancake breakfast, which will take place the following week! I hope to see a lot of familiar faces and some new faces too!

Neighborhood Watch, Mary Anderson

Neighborhood Watch is a program to help keep Sherwood Forest Estates and Mountain Rose Ranch Estates safe. Mark your calendars for these two informative meetings, the first of which is a potluck so bring a dish to share. Meeting dates are **July 13th** and **August 24th**. Topics for July 13th are READY-SET-GO (they are expecting a very bad fire season and it never hurts to refresh your memory of the program and what to place in your GO BAG.) Also presented at this meeting will be information on the Woods Watch program. The August 14th meeting topics are TBD. Please inform Mary Anderson (#928-635-1390) of topics you would like to have covered by the Sheriff's Office, our Fire Department or others. All meetings are held at the firehouse and begin at 5:00PM.

Mary has been the Neighborhood Watch coordinator since 2013 (10 years!) and has recently indicated she will no longer be holding the position after this year. If you are interested in helping coordinate the two-three required meetings and communicating with the Block Watch Captains please contact Mary at the number above. Mary plans to run the July 13th meeting but would like to assist and support a new coordinator for the meeting on August 24th. Please consider being SFE's Block Watch coordinator for we do not want to lose this valuable program.

The POA appreciates Mary's hard work and would like to thank her for her decade of dedication and leadership in helping to improve the safety of SFE's residents.

2023-2024 Neighborhood Watch Captains

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COVERAGE</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>CONTACT #'s</u>
Friar Tuck Tr	All	David Marrufo	928-380-8739
Long Bow Dr	East Half	Jack Hadley	928-635-2055
Long Bow Dr	West Half	Liz Oldham	602-509-0393
Knighthood Ln	East Half	Jeanna Roush	928-635-2723
Knighthood Ln	West Half	Kathy Krushinsky	405-919-4363
Jolly Rogue Ln	East Half	Rhonda Galle	928-635-1390
Jolly Rogue Ln	West Half	Mary Anderson*	928-635-1390
Robin Hood Rd	East Half	Brienne McDowell	602-677-1127
Robin Hood Rd	West Half	Courtney Soberanes	928-864-8964
Mountain Rose Ranch	All	Sue Hamilton	928-303-4584

SFE/MRRE Neighborhood Watch is on the SFE website at www.sherwoodforeststatesaz.com where additional information is available. Click on **More** and then **Neighborhood Watch**.

The Fiber Project Update, Jud Swearingen

Finally, winter is over and work has resumed on the fiber project. Some of the existing underground ducting is being repaired from past damage in Williams. The path to Sherwood Forest Estates has changed to accommodate the build out to Parks and Belmont. This is taking much longer than any of us ever expected but everyone on the project is pushing forward.

Snow Stake Project, Jud Swearingen

Due to the heavy snow over this past winter, many of the driveway entrances in Sherwood Forest Estates became unidentifiable not to mention the path of the driveway itself. This would hamper emergency services in time of need. To remedy this problem it was suggested we place snow stakes to identify the driveway entrances and its path. Two orange stakes would identify the driveway entrance, green stakes would show the driveway's path and red stakes would identify hazards such as mailboxes, posts, large rocks, propane tanks or anything else deemed hazardous to first responders and a snowplow. This way when responding to an emergency or giving a resident a way out, a snow plow can clear the driveway safely.

Visit <https://discountsnowstakes.com/8ft-snow-stakes.html.html> for an example and great prices.

Firewise, Anne Dudley

Thanks to all our neighbors in Sherwood Forest Estates and Mountain Rose Ranch Estates who continue to clear their lots of pine needles and other woody debris. This is especially imperative this year with all the snow and moisture, which contributed to larger amounts of vegetation. Due to your diligence in clearing your properties in the past, the Sherwood Area continues to be a Firewise neighborhood. If you are wondering what you can do to make your home safer, visit: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Preparing-homes-for-wildfire>. As you work to prepare your home for wildfire, don't forget to log hours you worked at: <https://tinyurl.com/firewiseform>. Volunteer hours spent clearing properties or staffing Moonset Pit (our Green Waste Disposal Site) help Sherwood maintain its Firewise status.

This year's Firewise meeting and taco bar dinner will be held in conjunction with the 2nd Neighborhood Watch meeting on August 24th, at 5:00PM. Hope to see you there!

Firewise Chair, annedudley1@gmail.com

New Owner of Property or an Existing Home?

WELCOME to our special community where our motto is "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

Please send your name and your Sherwood's address to cathypoa@yahoo.com using "New to SFE" in the subject line so it can be added to the email database for our Sherwood Forest Estate's semi-annual newsletters.

Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District

2023-24 Fire District Board

Chairman: Steve Diefenderfer Secretary: Paul Cook Treasurer: Roe Irving
Member: Rodger Anderson Member: Deb Hamby

Fire District Board meetings are held at 6:00PM at the Fire Station on the third Tuesday of each month. Meeting agendas are posted 24hrs in advance in the outside display case on the east side of building one. As stated in last year's Newsletter, transparency is the board's emphasis. Meetings are open to the public and all concerns and/or input will be taken under advisement. Residents of both Sherwood Forest Estates and Mountain Rose Ranch Estates are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Fire Chief Moede's Report

As we move out of winter, I want to thank our members for their commitment to providing excellent preparation and response to our community. We are very lucky to have all of you on the team.

Winter provided us with a number of challenges that included access, driving conditions and patient movement. Through it all we had great internal response from our members and great support from our area partners such as the County plow crew, High Country Fire and Lifeline Ambulance. I am proud of how our members worked to ensure the vehicles were ready and able to respond and to see the effectiveness of our radio repeater system.

Spring will bring a great deal of plant growth from this moisture, which will dry out later in the season. Continued vigilance in ground clearance will be needed by all of us. We are working with the Kaibab Forest to conduct a trees per acre study in order to identify the tree density in our district. My hope is to use the information to convince homeowners of the necessity to thin our trees. I am working on developing outside financial support and contractors to assist homeowners with the thinning process.

The Fire District continues to improve. The Fire Board continues to support us with funding for emergency power at the fire station, funding for improvements to our water trailer project and funding for a newer fast attack vehicle, which just arrived. The Board members have changed recently. We said goodbye to Walter Krushinsky and Sue Hamilton. On behalf of the district, we say thank you to you both for the never-ending support and service to this community. We welcome new board members Roe Irving and Deb Hamby. We look forward to working with you.

We also want to thank the Fire Auxiliary for increasing our equipment inventory with the purchase of a new cut off saw that we will be training with in the future.

As our community grows the fire district continues to strive to provide quality emergency services to the community.

POA's Sponsored Events

Blood Drives, Jeanna Roush, Coordinator

The Property Owner's Association will once again sponsor two blood drives at the fire house this summer; **June 10th** and **August 12th** from **9:00AM-1:00PM**. A prior signup is requested for all blood donors and flyers will be posted with the information on how to do so prior to the event. It will also be posted on our Sherwood Forest Estates' website and Next Door account.

Remember, the unselfish gift of your blood donation **MAKES A DIFFERENCE!!!** and **SAVES LIVES!!!** I thank you in advance

Neighborhood Cleanup

The Neighborhood Cleanup that was postponed from last year due to the abundance of mosquitos will be held on Saturday, July 8th, from 9:00-11:00PM or later. If you plan to volunteer please email Cathypoa@yahoo.com with "**Neighborhood Cleanup**" in the subject line. Getting an approximate count of participants allows for the planning for the provided appreciation lunch afterwards. The location for the lunch is still to be determined. Please report to the firehouse at 8:30AM for assignments, coffee and breakfast muffins. Remember to bring water, gloves, wear a hat and put on sunscreen.

Green Waste Removal

This year we are starting out in a Stage 2 fire risk status. We are going to try for the first open day to be May 20th and will be open every other Saturday until mid-September. As soon as I get the exact dates, I will post them and again have a signboard by the SFE entry sign.

Please remember to keep track of all of your cleanup hours. This information helps us to keep our Firewise Neighborhood status and possibly help to lower you homeowners' insurance. The volunteers at Moonset Pit document the volume of green waste brought in and the approximate hours spent collecting.

Because of the heavier winter there are several tree limbs down and pine needles are already falling.

Again, this year we are sharing Moonset Pit duties with Parks. On our weekend **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS please**. If you would be interested in volunteering a 2-hr. shift this summer please contact, Kathie Krushinsky at #405-919-4363.

Firehouse FLix

Come watch a movie on a 10'5" screen on Saturday, May 20th, while enjoying the provided water and popcorn. The movies are shown inside of building one so that weather and insects do not infringe on the experience. The side entrance door will open at approximately 6:45PM for a 7:00PM showing. Please be prompt so as not to disturb those already seated. If you would prefer a different NON-alcoholic beverage than the water feel free to bring one. Last year several kids brought blankets and pillows and enjoyed the movie from a prone position. However, there is plenty of seating for those of us not inclined to choose the floor. ☺

Watch for announcements on future "Firehouse Flix" showings!

Chili Cook-Off is BACK!!!!

The POA is once again sponsoring the Annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, October 7th, from 4:30-6:00PM. It was cancelled last year due to the lack of entrants informing the organizers of their interest. After it was cancelled many expressed disappointment of the cancellation. If you would like to enter the Cook-Off please do not forget to express your interest by registering via an email to Chili450@yahoo.com. with "**Chili Cook-Off**" in the subject line. This is a very fun evening and you taste buds will thank you!

Reminders will be sent out on Nextdoor, Facebook, the website and on the message boards.

☺ *"Who Woulda Thunk It"* ☺

Place a CLEAN dustpan under a sink faucet with the handle over the sink edge towards and over a bucket that will not fit in the sink. Slowly turn the water on and watch it flow into the bucket below.

Use an old pillowcase to clean fan blades. Slip it over the blade and pull it off with a little pressure on the top and all the dust falls into the case.

Use a pant or skirt hanger to clip open to a recipe in a cookbook and then hook it to a cabinet while preparing a meal. It is out of the way and at eye level. It works!

Use a hanging shoe rack to store and organize your cleaning supplies.

Use an accented letter (ã, á) in your password for higher security.

Slit open toilet paper rolls and use as a cuff to keep wrapping paper from unrolling.

Use frozen coffee cubes in iced coffee or cappuccino to keep it from getting watered down.

Important Phone Numbers

- **Call 911** first with your emergency. This will reduce delays and get the proper resources responding. Remember to state you are in **“Sherwood Forest Estates.”**
 - Emergency_____ 911
 - SFE Fire Dept._____ 928-635-9837
 - Chief, John Moede_____ 928-220-5207
 - SFE Fire Board Chairman, Steve Diefenderfer_ 661-212-3805
 - SFE Auxiliary President, Tina Johnson_____ 602-826-3709
 - SFEPOA Acting President & VP, Cathy Cook_ 602-320-2464
 - 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**

The REVERSE 911 phone system operated by the County will alert you with evacuation notifications. Be sure that you are registered with the **READY- SET- GO** Alert program so you will get the alert. For Information concerning EVENTS in the Sherwood Forest Estate Fire District, Please refer to <http://sfefd.org> Events Website. More information on evacuation plans is available at the firehouse and on our website.

Save this page to have handy for future reference.

Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association

2023 Annual Membership Dues Form

Please **PRINT**, fill out and mail this form along with **\$20 per lot** 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 _____

Phone (s) _____ or _____

Email Address _____

Additional Preferred Contact info _____

Email ONLY in 2025

Keep your SFE Newsletter coming to you! Due to the rising costs of printing and mailing the POA is planning to transition their biannual newsletter to **EMAIL ONLY** delivery in the spring of 2025. Thank you for being on our current email list but if you should update or have a different preferred email address in the future please provide the information below to Cathypoa@yahoo.com with the subject line **"New Email."** To be removed from the Newsletter mailings send an email to Cathypoa@yahoo.com with the subject line **"Remove Please."**

Your name

SFE address (not lot #)

Preferred Email Address

The Newsletters will also be available on the Sherwood Forest Estates website.