Sherwood Forest Estates Fall 2023 Newsletter



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SFE Pines Mesa, Desert Saguaro Lake Reports from SFE's Property Owners' Board

POA's President, Catherine Cook

As President of the POA I feel it is my position to not only work with the title companies when a property is sold but to inform and update our community on matters expressed by many. Thus, the following details are provided for your information. The POA in providing these particulars is in no way suggesting or supporting any one item or company over the other. The resulting information was researched online and provided here soley as a reference

A battery/solar operated NOAA portable weather/alert radio is *highly recommended* to have on hand to keep abreast of updates should a power outage or emergency occur in our area. A search of "battery operated weather radio" sent a link to Popular Mechanics. There it listed the top ten radios with over 4.5 stars where the options varied along with the price. Depending on the options the price range of the radios advertised was \$28 to over \$100.

Charging options were Hand Crank, solar, batteries, rechargeable batteries, C charger, USB and/or AC power with the ability to use a single or multiple modes of charging. Some radios included AM/FM, a flashlight, a reading light, a USB port to charge a phone, a loud alarm, a flashing light, an SOS capability and any combination of the above. And, yes, Amazon and various box stores carry a variety as well.

Six compaines for pine needle and/or property assistance cleanup are provided in response to inquiries for assistance and information. Once again it must be reiterated that the POA, nor anyone affilated with it, specifically recommends or supports one of the following businesses over the other.

These companies are provided only as a reference and to support our resdients.

Dirty Deeds #928-550-2064 Razzle Dazzle #713-899-3686

Local Joe's #928-255-3755 Tree/Ranch Services #760-993-7424 Allied Forces #928-773-8904 Park View Tree Service #928-607-1960

With water prices rising for the many that drive to locations to fill up portable tanks you may be thinking about hiring a delivery company. This task can prove difficult for new and longtime residents with companies going out of business and others too busy to accept new properties. Below are two businesses willing to deliver water to Sherwood Forest Estates. As stated several times previously, the POA, nor anyone affilated with it, specifically recommends or supports one of the following businesses over the other. These companies are provided solely as a reference and to support our residents.

Open Country Water Hauling #928-225-4197 Knighthood Water Servicess LLC #928-600-1315

A frequent concern expressed by many is the increasing number of weekend rentals in our neighborhood and what can be done about it. Research on this matter concluded that SFE has approximately 20 rentals at this time listed on AirBnB and VRBO. This number does not include private rentals, thise ib Expedia, Zillow or other rental sights. Due to one rental being on multiple sites it became difficult to create a definite accounting, especially when additional ones are frequently being added. However, in Coconino County new regulations regarding weekend rental properties went into effect on November 1st. These new regulations, guidelines and requirements can be found at Coconino.az.gov/3052/Short-Term-Rental-Information. Scroll down to the correct link.

As requested, the following phone numbers are being made available if one feels the need to voice a complaint concerning the weekend rentals in our neighborhood.

VRBO - #1-877-202-9331

Airbnb - #1-844-234-2500.

It has also been brought to the POA Board's attention that there are residents that have concerns about the tree felling on the south side of the entrance road to our neighborhood. We were informed by the Fire Department that those that live here year round experience hazardous roadway conditions when trying to exit or enter the neighborhood during the winter months when the snow and ice does not melt. This is due to the lack of sunshine hitting that area. Trimming the trees by this section of the road should allow more sunshine to hit the road and thus assist in melting the dangerous ice that remains in that stretch.

Being a Firewise Community, our neighborhood has been schooled by Forest Service personnel on the benefits of thinning (not clear cutting!) the densely treed forest. Doing so not only aids in the fight if a fire should erupt but it also supports a healthier forest by eliminating the competition for the limited water and nutrients available. As you, the desire to keep our neighborhood safe and healthy is paramount and when learning the facts I have come to understand the two-fold benefit to our forests of thinning the properties. As a property owner and/or a resident, if you still have concerns or opinions

on this topic, or any other, an invitation is extended to you to attend a Fire Board meeting where you are able to express your views, concerns and ask questions. Explanations, answers, and guidance on where to search for a solution or a commitment to follow-up to get an answer for you if one is not readily available are assured. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at **5:00PM** during the winter months of November-March and **6:00PM** during the Spring, Summer and Fall.

If you would like a green address sign, please send an email to <u>CathyPOA@yahoo.com</u> with "Green Sign" in the subject line. After answering a few questions, (e.g. verticle or horizontal) the POA will deliver a complimentary sign to your address.

Frequent walkers in the neighborhood have noticed the concerted effort made by passing vehicles to slow down and not dust them out. This considerate and kind gesture is very much appreciated. Thank you!!!!

Planning for the 2024 Annual POA Meeting will begin in the Spring of 2024. If you have a suggestion for a topic to address and/or a presenter you would like to hear from, please send your request to Cathypoa@yahoo.com with the subject line, "2024 POA Mtg Suggestion." The meeting date is TBD, will be shortened and lunch will once again be provided to those that remain after its conclusion.

Sadly, two valued members of our community have lost loved ones. Brie McDowell lost her mother, Pennie Kvaran, on August 22nd, and Rhonda Gale's sister, Dorothy Peightal, passed on September 15th. Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to both.

Vice-President, Catherine Cook

The role of the VP is to plan, organized and run the many events held throughout the year. These POA sponsored events along with the Auxiliary breakfasts will be addressed later in the Newsletter so read on and enjoy learning of the great happenings in your very special neighborhood community.

To those that signed up at the Annual POA Meeting to be temporary volunteers for future events, I thank you! Your willingness to assist in some of the many facets required to put on a function is greatly appreciated! Interested is signing up to help? Go to Cathypoa@yahoo.com with the subject line "Volunteering" to be added to the existing list.

A big shout out to the following restaurants and their generous donations for this year's POA Annual meeting's raffle prizes. Please consider them when eating in Williams and let them know <u>SFE appreciates their support!</u> **CONGRATULATIONS** to all the lucky winners!

Frontier (Margaret Hanson) Goldies (2) (Norm Kerr & Anne Dudley) Dara Thai (Sue Ford)

Miss Kitty's Steakhouse (2) (Frank Honer & Jack Valentine) Historic Brewery (Greg Whelan)

Treasurer, Jeanna Roush

As is our policy, the requested \$20.00 dues per lot, per year is voluntary. Originally our area was divided into lots that were an acre or slightly larger. Over the years some owners bought neighboring lots giving them two, three or even four acres. New owners often think of it as one lot, but for the Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners association they are two, three or four lots. For those that own the additional acres, the dues would be \$20 per acre or lot. Again it is voluntary. If you are not sure if you have paid your dues, please message me at: jeannaroush@bellsouth.net and I will check and let you know.

The balance in the POA account is \$8,020.77. These funds are used to support the community with various social events and activities for all and assist the Auxiliary and Fire Dept when needed.

Member at Large, Matt Griffin

Matt is not only a part time resident of our neighborhood and a Member at Large on the POA Board, but he is also a certifified realtor in our area. At the POA annual meeting he shared that in the last year, 6 raw land properties averaging a price of \$120,000 and 9 homes with an average price of \$450,000 have sold. At the time of the annual meeting there were two active properties. Several more raw land and homes have been listed since. He also shared there are approximately 20 weekend rentals in Sherwood Forest Estates and touched on their impact on the neighborhood.

POA Annual Meeting, July 1st, 2023



There was a great turnout of new and longtime residents at this years' SHERWOOD FOREST ESTATES POA's annual meeting. Guest speakers included SFE's Fire Chief John Moede and his invited guest, Alan Anderson, Chief Deputy Brett Axlund and Sherriff Jim Driscoll. James Lane from Kadampa Retreat and Matt Ryan, County Supervisor, were present to answer any questions for the residents during breaks and the provided lunch.

Chief Moede stated he has been with the department for four years and is proud of the department's accomplishments thus far. Several of those attained were an emphasis on vehicle maintenance, vehicle replacement, upgrades to the buildings and grounds and most importantly new radios and a repeater tower on top of Bill Williams Mountain to improve emergency communications and a recently installed back up generator for heat in the buildings to prevent the water in the trucks from freezing over the winter. Chief Moede also stressed the importance of thinning the trees throughout our community to help prevent a devastating crown fire.

Alan Anderson encouraged all to join CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and to create a personal evacuation plan and to learn SFE's plan when completed.

Chief Deputy Brett Axlund touched on the problems with the weekend rentals and stated it is a problem in all communities. He also told the attendees that we live in a very safe neighborhood.

There were only TEN incidences from 6/28/22-6/28/23. ONE for each:

Abandoned Vehicle Death Assist Other Agency Suspicious Activiies

Suicidal Subject Accident Burglary Missing Person (Not SAR)

There were **TWO** Found Properties

Jon Paxton, Community Programs Planner and Public Information Officer, reviewed the "Ready, Set, Go" program and stressed the importance of preparing a "Go Bag" for at least a 72-hour stay away from home. He also emphasized the importance of having a portable hand crank radio and flashlight.

Following the guests speakers were reports from the various SFE community organizations. Many topics were covered and will be included later in this newsletter.

A complimentary lunch provided by the POA of BBQ pulled pork or pulled chicken, watermelon, coleslaw, chips, iced tea, lemonade and a choice of cherry, apple or blueberry mini pies with vanilla ice cream was enjoyed by many after the meeting.

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Reports from around your Neighborhood

SFE Auxiliary President, Tina Johnson

The Auxiliary supports the SFE Fire Department and with previous funds they were able to purchase a "chop saw" for our Department. This heavy-duty saw will help to enter any building with metal doors or saw an opening to gain access to fight a fire.





The Auxiliary also purchased shirts and hats for the firefighters, a badly needed white board for use in trainings and additional apparel for purchase by our residents. We raise the money for these items at our annual pancake breakfasts on the Saturday mornings of Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.

All (men and women) are welcome to become part of the Auxiliary. We will begin meeting again in the Spring so watch for the dates to be published and come join us in supporting our volunteer firefighters.

At the final meeting of 2023 held on September 9th, 2023, Anne Dudley was nominatated by a unamious vote of those present and she agreed to continue as the Tressurer of the Auxiliary. The position of Secretary is vacant. If interested please attend a meeting in the Spring. Until the position is filled the President is also the acting Secretary.

Internet Fiber & Snow Stakes, Jud Swearingen

Telcom continues to plan for the fiber optic internet in our neighborhood. They are actively laying the cable in Williams and Sherwood is scheduled after Williams is completed.

With this past years snowy winter, you may wish to add snow stakes to your driveway to make it easier when plowing to recognize the entrance, the flow of the driveway and any obstacles that may hinder the plowing. I suggest orange stakes for either side of the entrance, green stakes along the sides of the driveway and red stakes to mark any hazardous obstacles. Contact me for additional information at mrnet@ix.netcom.com.
Thanks, Jud

Neighborhood Watch, Mary Anderson

The first Neighborhood Watch meeting and potluck dinner was held on July 13th. Sadly only a handful attended the meeting but those that did enjoyed a variety of good food and camaraderie. Our guest speaker, Chief John Moede, discussed the need to thin our neighborhood trees to be proactive in case of a fire. He informed the attendees of his discussions with a company to assist in this effort. He also shared how the new repeater radio tower put in place on Bill Williams Mountain last year and the new radios recently approved by the Fire Board have already assisted in several calls where multiple agencies requested to use the multi-agency channel to enhance communications. A "new to the department" pre-owned truck was purchased and is a great addition to the fleet. An emergency back up generator is installed for both buildings to provide power and badly needed heat in the winter to protect the vehicles inside and to provide emergency communications during a blackout.

The second Neighborhood Watch meeting was held on August 24th, in conjunction with a Firewise presentation by Anne Dudley, Firewise coordinator, and a Taco Bar courtesy of your POA. Jon Paxton, Community Programs Planner and Public Information Officer, also introduced the "Woods Watch" volunteer program to the attendees. For information on this program email Jon Paxton at jpaxton@coconino.az.gov. SFE's training for 'Woods Watch' is planned for the spring. Watch for the announcement of the time and date being posted next year.

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

Don't forget to have a "GO BAG" for yourself and your pets packed and ready to GO!

I have been the Block Watch Coordinator for 10 years and will be stepping down. If you are interested to taking on this important roll please contact me at the number below and I will be happy to discuss the requirements of the position. I look forward to hearing from you. Mary Anderson

2023-2024 Block Watch Captains

Location	Coverage	Captain	Contact
S Friar Tuck Tr E Long Bow Dr	All East Half	David Marrufo Open	928-380-8739
E Long Bow Dr	West Half	Liz Oldham	602-509-0393
E Knighthood Ln	East Half	Jeanna Roush	928-635-2723
E Knighthood Ln	West Half	Kathy Krushinsky	405-919-4363
E Jolly Rogue Ln	East Half	Rhonda Galle	928-635-1390
E Jolly Rogue Ln	West Half	Mary Anderson	928-635-1390
E Robin Hood Rd	East Half	Brienne McDowell	602-677-1127
E Robin Hood Rd	West Half	Courtney Soberanes	928-864-8964
Mountain Rose Ranch	All	Open	

Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District

2022-24 Fire District Board

The Board supports the Fire Chief in his mission to increase the number of volunteers, refine volunteer training, improve vehicle maintenance and hone the building upgrades. Fire District Board meetings are held at 6:00PM at the Fire Station on the third Tuesday in the Spring, Summer and Fall months with November-March being held at 5:00PM. Meeting agendas are posted 24 hours in advance in the outside display case on the east side of building one. The meeting minutes are posted on the SFE website after approval and acceptance by the Board at the following meeting. As stated in previous Newsletters, transparency is this Board's emphasis. Meetings are open to the public and all concerns and/or input are taken under advisement. Residents of both Sherwood Forest Estates and Mountain Rose Ranch Estates are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

There will be two open seats on the five-member Fire Board for the 2024 elections. If interested in running for one of these elected positions, please contact Paul Cook, Secretary, at SFEFDBPaul@yahoo.com for information and the requirements. Terms will begin on December 1st, 2024, and run for four years.

Fire Chief Moede's Report

Our summer has come and gone and cold weather will be here soon. Last year we had significant snowfall and there are predictions of the same for this season. The Fire District policy is not to plow snow and this is posted on the windows of the station. However, there is a list of snow removal contractors on the station windows for a reference. Don't wait till the snow is falling to have these contact numbers. Please make sure you have extra supplies for you, your family and your pets. Have your chimney checked and be sure to have working smoke and CO2 detectors.

What is the number one cause of fires in winter? Heating equipment. About two-thirds of home heating fire deaths are caused by portable or fixed space heaters. Keep space heaters at least three feet from bedding, drapes, furniture or other flammable materials.

In Fire District news we continue to improve. We are at the final stages of having emergency power at the fire station. Our radio frequency project is up and running and generating income from surrounding agencies that require additional coverage.

The Fire Department and POA are working with the Department of Agriculture to begin trimming trees in the district. This is a project designed to reduce the fuel loads and decrease the potential of a catastrophic crown fire.

Our newer fast attack vehicle is proving to have great flexibility and ease of use.

Our volunteer organization continues to ebb and flow. This year a number of our long term volunteers have moved on. We have said goodbye to Chris Musgrove (2 years), Gary Taylor (3 years), Michael Donaldson (17 years), Deidre Marx (17 years) and Larry Donaldson (21 years!) We thank all of these resolute firefighters for their years of service to our Fire District community. You will be missed.

Wishing you and yours a safe and happy holiday season.

Chief John Moede

Auxiliary Sponsored Events

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

May 27th, 2023

We had over 90 people attend our Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast and all appeared to have a great time. Please consider attending a future Auxiliary meeting. It is a great group with the mission of supporting our volunteer firefighters in any way we can.

The 50/50 Winner, Brian Bakke, won \$48.00! Congratulations!

All monies received through your donations, the 50/50 raffle and shirt sales assist Sherwood Fire in purchasing additional equipment requested by the Chief and Asst. Chief. This Auxiliary sponsored Pancake Breakfast received over \$875.00 after expenses.

THANK YOU for your generosity!



Labor Day Pancake Breakfast

September 2nd, 2023

The rain held, YAY!, and the Annual Labor Day Pancake breakfast was once again very popular. Over 80 community members attended the second breakfast gathering this summer. Many new faces (WELCOME!) and introductions were made. The pancakes were extra fluffy and cooked faster thanks to the new black stone grill purchased by the Auxiliary. As always, a BIG THANK YOU to those that assisted in the set up, cooking, serving and clean up. Once again, the Labor Day Pancake Breakfast was a great success because of you! Monies donated to assist your Fire Dept. along with T-shirt sales and the 50/50 Raffle totaled over \$500.00! **THANK YOU** again!

Congratulations to Scott and Minnie Westley! They won \$104.00 in the morning's 50/50 Raffle!

POA's Sponsored Events

Green Waste Removal

This year we started out in a Stage 2 fire risk status. We were able to open on May 20th and remained open every other Saturday until September 9th. As soon as I get the exact dates for 2024 they will be posted on our Facebook, Nextdoor, website, the Spring 2024 Newsletter and on the message board by the front entrance. If we have volunteers after September 9th, I will try to open Buggy Wheel. Boy, could we have used it this year!

Please remember to keep track of all of your cleanup hours. This information helps us to keep our **Firewise** Neighborhood status and possibly helps to lower your homeowners' insurance.

As a special "Thank You" to our volunteers this year our SFE POA sponsored a great get-together with many delicious appetizers at the Mustang River Grill in Parks. We had over 20 attend plus we were able to meet the restacking bulldozer driver's who kept us open for the summer. Boy, do we appreciate them!



Again, this year we shared Moonset Pit duties with Parks. Below are our approximate collective numbers.

Participants - Return Visits - Acres Cleared - Cubic Yards - Hours Worked 647 747 1,391 9,059 6,210

As always, on our weekends WE NEED VOLUNTEERS <u>please</u>. If you would be interested in volunteering a 3-hour shift (8AM-11AM or 11AM-2PM) this next summer please contact Kathie Krushinsky at #405-919-4363.

Chili Cook-Off



Attendee Monica McBee is surrounded by the many Chili Creations



3rd Place - Chris Cleland

2nd Place -Jeanna Roush

1st Place - Leslie Tipton

Firehouse Flix!!!

Many enjoyed several Firehouse Flixs and a thank you for those that did! This summer's movies were "The House with the Clock in its Wall," "Secondhand Lions," and "Night at the Museum." And as always, the attendees enjoyed complementary all-you-can-eat popcorn and water. A huge THANK YOU to those that remained afterward to pack up the tables and chairs!!!

Blood Drives

The POA Board at the annual meeting 4 years ago decided as a community we felt it was important to sponsor Blood Drives. Why? It does not cost anything, it saves lives and the blood stays locally to help our neighbors. In other words the person you save when you donate may be the loved one of your neighbors. We started with one drive and the last three years have sponsored two. They have been successful... but the number of donors has decreased. We need your help. We are starting to lose donors for a variety of reasons. The two dates for next summer will be listed on our website as soon as we get them. If you or any of your loved ones could donate we would totally appreciate it! The drive is at the Fire Department here in Sherwood Forest Estates so you do not need to go very far away! A big thanks to everyone that has donated in the past! We hope you will

again but do understand if you are not able. We have raffle drawings for prizes, many of which were donated by residents of SFE. I hope to see you next summer at our Blood Drives. If you want more information please call me, Jeanna Roush, at #928 635 2723.





Community Yard Sale

As mentioned in the Spring Newsletter, by a unanimous vote of the POA Board the Community Yard Sale was postponed for a year. The current intention is to schedule it in the spring/summer of 2024. Date TBD. So start collecting your treasures.

Neighborhood Cleanup

The Neighborhood Cleanup was held on Saturday, September 23rd. You might have seen the "Mother Nature Won't Hinder Us" volunteers in rain gear that came out to clean up the trash found along the streets and in the culverts throughout our neighborhood and along the main road coming in from Highway 66. Once again, Kathie Krushinsky organized the event. After a successful but exhausting morning of collecting more than **88** pounds of trash, the POA provided lunch and dessert for all the volunteers.

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. Your efforts in the hours spent clearing your properties and/or the volunteers staffing Moonset Pit, our Green Waste Disposal Site, support the Sherwood Area in continuing to be a Firewise Community. A special thank you to Kathie Krushinsky for managing and providing the numbers from the pit. Look for a Firewise event to be announced next year. *Stay Safe and Healthy,* annedudley1@gmail.com



Important Phone Numbers

• <u>Call 911</u> <u>first</u> 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 President, Catherine 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*

Living in a rural community you should <u>always</u> be in the "Ready" stage. The REVERSE 911 phone system operated by the County will update you with evacuation notifications. Be sure that you are registered with the READY- SET- GO Alert program so you will receive the most current communications. Additional instructions on evacuation plans are available at the firehouse and on our SFE website. When vacating the area please follow any directions given to you by official or assigned personnel.

Save this page to have handy for future reference.

Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association 2024 Annual Membership Dues Form

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

Met a New Owner or Neighbor?

If they would like to receive the Newsletters please have them send an email to Cathypoa@yahoo.com with "Yes, Newsletter, please," in the subject line and provide the following information: Full name SFE address Email address

Thank you for receiving the newsletter via email and saving the POA from the rising cost of stamps and printing. It is appreciated. Also, the email version you have just received includes pictures and additional information not in the mailed version due to length and weight restrictions on the mailings. This Newsletter is also posted on the SFE website.

Take Care and Be Safe, Catherine (Cathy) Cook ©, POA President, VP and Newsletter