



Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Fall 2006

A Note from the President

It was great to see and meet so many of you at our annual meeting on July 1st. It has been a wonderful wet past few months and a real welcome to all of us after the dry June.

We have a lot of new neighbors in our area and we welcome you to Sherwood Forest Estates. All property owners are eligible for membership in the Property Owners Association. Each owner or joint owner has one vote only per parcel owned. This entitles them to vote on items of business brought before the Association at annual meetings or other regular meetings, and special meetings of the owners which can be called by the Board of Directors, or the members.

Membership in our association is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged, as this is one of the ways members have to make their voices heard in local and county matters and to support their association. Dues for the upcoming year are \$20 as approved and voted on by the membership. Please see the Treasurer's report for an update of all the projects your Board has worked on in the past year. Your dues are the means to accomplish these projects.

Please see article regarding the entry sign design contest, one of the projects this year's Board is working on.

Please plan to join us for the SFEPOA Fall Activity on Saturday, November 11. See you then.

Kathy Piotro, SFE POA President

SFEVFD Auxiliary Update

The Sherwood Forest Estates FD Auxiliary has had a very busy and productive summer. Besides our two annual pancake breakfasts on Memorial and Labor Day weekends, we hosted a Hot Dog Roast and a Spaghetti Dinner. These events raise money in support of our firefighters and bring the community together to get to know one another. It was great to see a mix of new faces and old friends at these events! If you have not yet attended a community event, please come to the next one and meet your neighbors. All events are posted on the SFE web site and at the entrance to SFE.

We also have SFE t-shirts, sweatshirts and baseball caps for sale. Wouldn't they make a great Christmas present? And, so that you can be safe this winter when burning a fire in your fireplace we are selling Chemflex, a product that smothers chimney fires.

The Auxiliary is always looking for new ideas to raise money and new members to help with behind the scenes details (like setting up tables, cooking spaghetti, shopping for supplies). If you have a great fund raising idea or if you would like to support our firefighters by being a part of the Auxiliary contact Anne Dudley at 928.635.0417. We will add your name to our email list and let you know about planning meetings and event set-ups.

Anne Dudley, SFEVFD Auxiliary President

2006-2007 SFE POA Board

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Members:	Steve Abbit & Bill Hansen		

Don't know what to do or where to go?

My husband and I live for the times when we're able to get to our home in Sherwood. Although we are not full-timers yet, we enjoy relaxing with the doors and windows open allowing the cool breezes to flow through the house, particularly with the occasional refreshment of an afternoon monsoon rain. Not to mention, the brilliance of our famous Arizona Sunsets, what could be finer? There are also times when we desire to be somewhat adventurous and depending on our level of ambitiousness, we find no lack of things to do.

Here are some of the activities and entertainments I'm aware of. For your convenience, most, if not all of these links are available on our neighborhood web site.

<http://sherwoodforestates.org/POA/>

I'll begin with the closest to the neighborhood and then move outward.

Mountain Ranch Resort: Has a nice little restaurant and a little known fact, they will offer a discount on meals for local residents. They have a fitness center and horse back riding stables. <http://www.mountainranchresort.com/>

Grand Canyon Deer Farm: Year around fun for the whole family and Santa is a standard feature from Thanksgiving through Christmas. <http://www.deerfarm.com/>

City of Williams:

<http://www.williamsarizona.gov/parks&rec.htm>

- Heated indoor Pool
- Skate Park
- Winter Ice Skating
- Golf Course <http://www.elephant-rocks.com/>

Williams Area Hiking:

- <http://www.trails.com/activity.asp?area=13407> (This site may be accessed a few times or a two week trial before being required to become a member for a fee)
- <http://www.localhikes.com>

Oak Hill Snow Play Area: One mile East of the "T" intersection of Sherwood Forest Road and Route 66. It is on the South side of the road directly across from the Keyhole Sink Trail head.

http://gorp.away.com/gorp/resource/us_national_forest/az/ski_kaib.htm

Sycamore Canyon:

<http://www.americansouthwest.net/arizona/index.shtml>

Whitehorse Lake:

<http://www.go-arizona.com/Flagstaff/Fishing/>

Geocaching: I recently learned about this from Anne and Dave Dudley and have discovered that it is quite popular. What is it? A site that gives global positioning coordinates for a location/item to be "sought out and found". Geocache is a site that requires membership (no fees) to login in order to retrieve the coordinates. <http://www.geocaching.com/faq/> This additional link shows how many locations are listed just in the 86046 zip code area. <http://www.geocaching.com/seek/nearest.aspx?zip=86046&dist=20>

Winter: Snow has its charm in spite of the fact that a few places go into hibernation for the season. There are times that we actually get enough snow to take advantage of the fun it offers. This year is promising to be one of those years! <http://www.arizonasnowbowl.com/> <http://www.onthesnow.com/AZ/504/index.html>

Cross Country Skiing:

http://gorp.away.com/gorp/resource/us_national_forest/az/ski_kaib.htm

Grand Canyon Railway:

Polar Express: Starts in Early November and goes through the middle of January. <http://www.thetrain.com/>

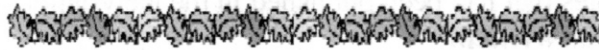
Grand Canyon National Park:

<http://www.nps.gov/archive/grca/grandcanyon/>

Debi Switzer, SFE POA Vice President

- Kathy Piotro, the President of SFEPOA, called meeting to order
 - Gave a thank you to Anne and David Dudley for shopping for the food
 - Gave a thank you to Debi Switzer for soliciting donations.
- Myra Rothman, SFEPOA Secretary, gave Secretary's Report asking for acceptance for the previous meetings minutes that had been published in the Newsletter. **The 2005 Minutes were accepted unanimously as written.**
- Nancy Sereno, SFEPOA Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. **The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously.**
- Subject was brought up for discussion to raise dues to \$20.00 a year from the \$10.00. **Change in dues was accepted unanimously.**
- Bill Jacobi, SFEPOA Web Master, asked for feedback on the SFE web page. Send email to billj@wfjacobi.com
 - New guest book – use this as feedback on any topic
 - Raised subject of hard copy vs. website for Newsletter
 - Send entries for calendar to Bill at billj@wfjacobi.com
- There are 2 openings on the Board: Anne Dudley is resigning as the Newsletter editor and a Member at Large" position open.
 - Newsletter Editor- Bill Jacobi was nominated and voted in unanimously
 - Member at Large- Bill Hansen volunteered and was voted in unanimously
- Wayne Marx, SFVFD Fire Chief, spoke on-
 - Defensible Area
 - Thinning
 - "211" for fire conditions
 - Parcels and addresses
 - Training requested
 - Volunteers needed
 - Skills needed
 - Thank you to SFE Auxiliary and Property Owners Association for providing support for Fire Department.
 - Quads-Rules are available
 - Please follow rules
 - If you see repeat offenders call Wayne
- Deirdre McLaughlin, gave an update on the Warm Fire
- Dave Dudley, Gave a talk on- evacuation bag to have ready, some of the things are:
 - Evacuation - 4 "Ps" to have ready in case of evacuation:
 - Plan
 - Photos
 - Pets
 - Pills
 - Handouts
 - "Preparing for Evacuation"
 - Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District Evacuation Plan"
 - Tune to 600 AM or Channel 2 for information on local fires

- Martin Rothman, SFEFD Board Chairperson
 - Explained that the Fire Board handled the Fire Department Tax Money
 - Introduced board Nancy, Treasurer and Debbie Hamby, Clerk
 - Make sure and change your address on your voter's registration
- Sheriff's Office-Property Watch explained "Property Watch" sign up at table located in back of firehouse.



Sherwood Forest Estates
Property Owners Association Presents:



November 11th, 2006 @ 5:00pm

Warm Comforting Food,...

A Family Friendly Movie,...

and Hay Rides for Kids of All Ages!!

Please join your friends and neighbors for a warm winter Pot Luck Dinner, a family friendly movie played on a HUGE screen and hay rides through our beautiful neighborhood (weather permitting) for kids of all ages; from 2 days to 200 years young.

What to Bring: *A warm dish to share such as chili, home-made bread, soup, stew, goulash, etc*
Pillows and blankets for lounging on while watching the movie if you'd like

What to Wear: *Comfy, friendly, snuggly warm clothes for relaxing, talking & watching movies*

When: *Saturday, November 11th*

Where: *Sherwood Forest Estates Fire Department (a.k.a. movie theater)*

What Time: *Dinner and hay rides start at 5:00pm and we will wrap up when the movie ends*

From the Fire Chief

It has been a very rewarding year for our department in many ways. As always our main focus is on fire prevention and the residents of both Sherwood Forest Estates and Mountain Rose Ranch have been extremely cooperative. With very few exceptions, the property owners understand the potential dangers of living in a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) environment and readily embrace our efforts. Several factors contributed to a fire free year in our subdivisions.

First and foremost I want to acknowledge the dedication of the volunteers on our department. We have more people, putting in more hours than ever before in the history of our department. Of course part of that can be attributed to an increase in population and a larger base to draw from, but a great deal has to do with a growing awareness of the dangers of living in a forest. Our board of directors, as well as our auxiliary, also needs to be commended for the encouragement and funding they provided for several fire related classes.

In the last year we have sent 4 people through the Arizona Wildfire Academy, 4 people through State Fire School, 2 people through formal Haz-Mat training, 4 people through a Pipeline Safety class and have conducted several monthly and bi-monthly trainings conducted at our own station. You should be encouraged by the fact that we seldom have less than a dozen people at every fire training session and often several more. These volunteers are taking great pride in their department as well as their community and deserve our continued support and appreciation. In addition, the board approved my request to be sent through the State Fire Marshals academy. I'm pleased to report that I am now a state certified firefighter and also have a state certification as a fire instructor.

Even though we have enjoyed above average rainfall this season, most people are aware that we are in an extended drought cycle and need to take special care.

To this end we have tried to develop an open burning policy that follows all county and National Forest guidelines as well as incorporating a few of our own. The intent is to immediately report seasonal restriction information as it comes in and to provide a list of safe burning practices developed for our area. This information will be posted behind the SFE entry sign, at the firehouse and is always available by calling your fire department at 635-9837. I encourage input from the community, as open pit burning is one of the biggest fire dangers we face.

Just in case you thought it was too late to sign up for the Rural Communities Fuel Management Project (RCFMP) tree thinning deal, it's not. You can have an entire acre professionally marked and thinned for only \$350.00. You could easily pay that much for removing one or two good sized trees. This thinning helps create much needed fire breaks on your property and encourages the healthy growth of the remaining trees and other natural vegetation. Contact the Fire department for applications. This program ends when grant funding runs out so don't delay.

Our community relies heavily on volunteerism and there are many ways a person can help. There is always room in the Auxiliary for both men and women, we encourage input and participation at our monthly fireboard meetings and of course there is a standing offer to anyone interested in training as a firefighter. If those options are too structured for you, we are always in need of help with a one-time only building or maintenance project.

I look forward to the continued community support and will always encourage an open and frank dialogue from our residents. Please feel free to call me anytime or stop by the firehouse for a visit.

Wayne Marx
SFEFD Chief

Please ride your ATV with care through our Sherwood Forest Estates neighborhood.

There are more kids than ever playing in our neighborhood and nobody wants them to get hurt. The following are some good tips from the AZ Game and Fish on ATV use anywhere.

OHV tips

1. Don't ride double. Carrying a passenger on an ATV designed for one person changes the center of gravity, and can cause loss of control leading to serious injury or death.
2. ATVs are not designed to be operated on paved surfaces. Pavement may seriously diminish handling and control.
3. Leave all gates as you find them.
4. Know OHV laws in the areas you enter.
5. Stay on existing roads and trails.

**DESIGN THE NEW SHERWOOD FOREST ESTATES SIGN AND
WIN THE APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF YOUR NEIGHBORS AND A
\$100.00 HOME DEPOT CARD**

Contest Rules

1. Entries are limited to owners of property in Sherwood Forest Estates.
2. One entry per lot.
3. Sign Design-
 - Can not exceed twenty (20) square feet in area
 - Mount on existing post (dimensions below)
 - Contain following information:
 - Sherwood Forest Estates
 - sherwoodforestestates.org
 - Have options to hang/mount up to four (4) of the following meeting signs
 - Fire Board Meeting 00/00 ____ (time)
 - SFEFD Auxiliary Meeting 00/00 ____ (time)
 - Fire Department Practice 00/00 ____ (time)
 - Property Owners Meeting 00/00 ____ (time)
 - Special Event 00/00 ____ (time)
 - Fire Conditions
 - Next Moon Set Pit 00/00 ____ - ____ (time)
 - NO BURNING
 - Emergency 911
4. Deadline for entries is December 31, 2006.
5. Judging will be done by Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners on the website: [Sherwood Forest Estates Website](http://SherwoodForestEstatesWebsite)
6. Winner will be notified by January 31, 2007
7. Entries can be submitted by email to rustyroth@hotmail.com or mailed to:

Rusty Rothman
7415 Long Bow Drive
Williams, AZ 86046.
(928) 635-0954
8. Entries must include submitter's name, email address, mailing address, address in Sherwood Forest Estates (if different) and phone number.

DESIGN THE NEW SHERWOOD FOREST ESTATES SIGN Contest
Current Sign



Treasurer's Report - SFE POA Annual Meeting July 1, 2006 @ 10:00 am

Beginning Balance on June 1, 2005 **\$5,170.65**

Total Dues Received \$975.00

Cash on Hand \$110.00

Expenses

Transfer to Cash \$100.00

Corp. Commission - Annual Report \$10.00

Copy Charges for Agenda \$12.82

Food for Meetings \$179.13

Office Supplies \$10.08

P O Box Rental Fee '05 \$38.00

Returned Check Bank Charges \$13.25

Raffle Prizes \$39.76

SFEVFD Donation - Kitchen Fund \$600.00

Shade Shelter \$75.68

Chair Caddy \$489.00

Out-going Fire Chief Gift \$100.00

Interstate Sign Purchase \$800.00

Total Expenses \$2,467.72

Ending Balance on June 1, 2006 **\$3,787.93**

Important Phone Numbers

- Emergency..... 911
- SFE Fire Dept..... 928.635.9837
- Chief, Wayne Marx... 928.607.3005
- SFE Fire Board Members
Martin Rothman 928.635.0954
Jane Snowberger..... 928.635.1079
- SFE Auxiliary President
Anne Dudley 928.635.0417
- SFE POA President
Kathy Piotro 480.688.3023
- 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

Sherwood Forest Estates Williams, Arizona

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 (billj@wfjacobi.com) or a message using our web site's guest book (found in the web site'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 News Letter is posted on the SFEPOA Web Site.

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!

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