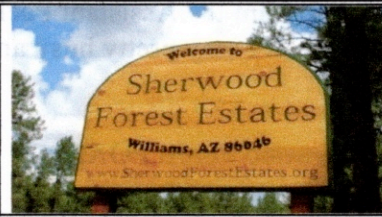


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Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

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A Note from the President

Greetings SFE property owners,
Our sign is officially done and in our possession. If it's not up by the time you receive this, it will be up before too long. We are all looking forward to seeing it at the entryway.

Our fall event last year on Nov. 11th was such a great success. The evening was filled with family entertainment, neighborly fellowship, and wonderful soups, stews and desserts. I'm pleased to say it exceeded our expectations and we have decided to do it again! Mark your calendar for October 6th and look for more info in this newsletter.

For those who use the internet, I encourage you to check out our web site on a regular basis. It is updated continually and has valuable

information on local issues, upcoming events and much more. It is your web site and source of real-time information about our SFE community

We seem to be getting some heavier monsoon rains this year, and they were certainly welcomed, needed and refreshing.

On a personal note, I'm pleased to announce that I am officially a part-time resident in Sherwood Forest. My husband is working up here now and is a full-time resident. I still enjoy my career in the Valley, which is flexible enough that it allows me to be here on a weekly basis and to be more involved.

Deb Switzer, SFE POA, President

2007-2008 SFE POA Board

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And from the Vice President

Hello Neighbors, I am the new Vice President of the Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association (SFE POA). I wanted to take an opportunity to let you know a bit about my family and I and what we are about. When you see us, please introduce yourselves as we always enjoy meeting new friends.

My wife Lori and I have 2 little boys, Jordan (7 years old) and Jesse (5 years old). You may have seen them at the POA meetings or the Fire Station events helping out and having fun. We are part-timers to Sherwood Forest and have a place with my mother, Julie, on Knighthood Lane. We love to come up and ride quads, throw horseshoes, go on treasure hunts, hike, fish, play games, watch movies, eat and relax. We come up to enjoy nature and break away for a while from the corporate world. We live full time in Ahwatukee. I am a volunteer fire-fighter for Sherwood Forest. I also volunteer as the Wolf Den Leader for my son's Cub

Scout Pack. Additionally, I am the Assistant Pack Leader for BSA Pack 478. We stay pretty busy and involved; life is good.

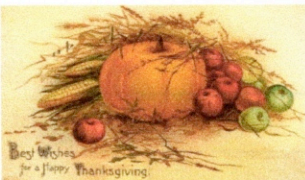
As a member of the Sherwood Forest POA, my goals include:

1. Support of homeowners – provide information on issues, concerns and events
2. Strengthen community relations through sponsored events and gatherings
3. Support our SFE Fire Department for increased community safety and security
4. Support our other community organizations (auxiliary, etc).

I look forward to my new role with the POA. Ultimately, I hope that my involvement on this board leads to good things for all residents of Sherwood Forest Estates.

Sincerely,
Steve Abbit, SFE POA Vice President

Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association Presents:



Fall Social Event October 6th, 2007

Please join your friends and neighbors for a Fall Pot Luck Dinner, a family friendly movie played on a HUGE screen and hayrides (weather permitting) for kids of all ages.

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, October 6th*

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*

What not to Bring: *Alcoholic beverages are not allowed near or on the firehouse premises*

SFEVFD Auxiliary Message

Dear SFE Friends,
The SFE Auxiliary needs you!



Please join us at the firehouse on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am as we plan events to help raise funds for the firefighters. Contact Anne Dudley for more information at (928) 635-0417

I hope to see you soon,
Anne Dudley

2007-2008 SFEVFD Auxiliary

President:	Anne Dudley	anne.dudley@gmail.maricopa.edu	928 635-0417
Vice President:	Shirley Kowren	rustyroth@wildblue.net	928 635-0954
Secretary:	Beth Dormady		
Treasurer:	Catherine Cook		

Minutes SFE POA Annual Meeting June 30, 2007 @ 10:00 am

Meeting called to order by Kathy Piotro, SFEPOA President

Pledge of Allegiance

Kathy introduced and thanked 2006-2007 Board (listed below), explained about Board Members being elected by Property Owners at Annual Meeting but that the Board decides among themselves who will fill what office:

President	Kathy Piotro
Vice President	Debi Switzer
Secretary	Rusty Rothman
Treasurer	Nancy Sereno
Newsletter Editor and Webpage Master	Bill Jacobi
Member at large	Steve Abbit

Elissa Hellwig was nominated and elected to an open position on the board. New officers for the year 2007 - 2008 will be selected at a following board meeting and presented on SFE POA Web Site.

Drew and awarded six door prize winners

Secretary's report:

Last year's meeting minutes were published on the SFE POA WEB, in fall newsletter and meeting handout and stand as written.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer's report was published in spring newsletter and the meeting handout and stands as written.

Steve Abbit announced SFE POA Fall Event Oct. 6, 2007:

The evening consists of a potluck of warm dishes, a movie, and hayrides.

Bill Jacobi - Newsletter, Website, and sign:

- ◆ Check out the SFE Website address at www.sherwoodforestestates.org Events are all listed on web calendar and please use SFE POA email address published on the web for any SFE questions or comments.
- ◆ Bill is working on a WI-FI project for SFE neighborhood. This is a private business effort not related to POA.
- ◆ New Sign: Had hoped to have entrance sign in place before meeting, but is delayed while a correction is being made on it.

Jud (property owner):

Is trying to get DSL services setup from Qwest for SFE and needs property owners to sign a petition in support of the effort. Petitions located in back of room.

Wayne Marx, Fire Chief:

- ◆ 10000 gal tank donation from Kaibab National Forest
- ◆ 6000 gal tank donation from Coconino National Forest
- ◆ Red Flag means "NO FIRES"
- ◆ Fuel moisture is down to 7%, should be 18-20%, very volatile conditions!
- ◆ Firefighter training is up, have 28 volunteer firefighters on roster
- ◆ Fire Department is available to check property and advise on fire defense
- ◆ Notices will be in window of Fire Department and on bulletin board on back of SFE Sign
- ◆ Call 911 for emergency or 211 for emergency information in case of an evacuation
- ◆ \$350 for thinning
- ◆ Pit schedule twice a month-no charge will take only natural burnable
- ◆ New fire truck unfortunately having foam system installed
- ◆ 28 volunteers and 6 trucks
- ◆ Part timers who close off their driveway with chain or wire are advertising that know no one is there.
- ◆ July 4th Parades in Parks at 12 or 1:00 PM & Williams at 6:00 PM
- ◆ Wildfire success stories at www.wflcweb.org/success_stories/
- ◆ 100 hours of volunteering at Moonset pit from SFE
- ◆ Bill Williams is closed to off road traffic, chainsaws, etc.
- ◆ Fire Department email changed to sherwoodfire@wildblue.net
- ◆ Will be sending letters to owners of lots that need thinning that suggests they should address the issue and of the available \$350 a lot thinning project

Deirdre McLaughlin, Williams Ranger District:

- ◆ Remember monsoons start with dry lightning storms
- ◆ When pioneers came, there were 3-50 trees per acre; now there are 300-500 per acre
- ◆ CPR/First Aid Training July 28th and Aug 25th, \$35

Anne Dudley, President SFEFD Auxiliary:

- ◆ July 7th Hot Dog/Ice Cream Social Fundraiser
- ◆ Donating \$200 to Shylock fund and putting out donation bucket at Fundraiser July 7th
- ◆ Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast made a record amount
- ◆ CPR/First Aid Training July 28th and Aug 25th
- ◆ Auxiliary meeting July 21st 9 am at Fire House

Nancy Sereno, Fire Board Treasurer:

- ◆ Board has 3 elected members: Chair, Clerk, Treasurer
- ◆ Function is to control the Budget
- ◆ Thanked prior boards for foundation which provided the method for the purchase of new truck

Patty McGuire, Summit Company:

- ◆ Defendable Space & Thinning benefits
- ◆ Your responsibility to remove ground fuel, ladders of lower branches
- ◆ Communicate with neighbors if their property needs work to help protect your property
- ◆ Communicate with FD so they know your special needs; underground tanks, etc
- ◆ Vents should be covered with metal, not plastic screens
- ◆ If fire:
 - Take flammable things away from walls and windows
 - Turn off propane
 - Leave lights on when evacuating
 - Disconnect electric garage opener
 - Clear out path around house for firefighters (lawn furniture etc)
 - Can help protect your home with fire resistant products
 - www.baracade.com
 - Spray on and around house
 - Water Soluble
 - Shelf life is 3 years
 - www.firewise.org

Greg Rebus, Coconino Sheriff's Department:

- ◆ "Property Watch" check property when you are not there for doors unlocked, windows broken, etc.
- ◆ 50 properties they are keeping watch on in area
- ◆ Brochures available:
 - Children's Id and fingerprint kit
 - File of Life
 - Great Escape (Children's book)
 - ATV Pamphlets

Questions, Answers and Comments:

1. A complaint was registered about unleashed dogs
2. Speed limit is 25 miles per hour but should keep it slower due to dust and children.



From the Fire Chief

Protecting Your Property Investment

Your decision to purchase property in Sherwood Forest Estates should prove to be one of the best investments you will ever make. We can all enjoy the seclusion of forest lands while still being near municipal conveniences. This, however, could all change in a heartbeat in the event of a fire.

Even though Sherwood Forest has state-of-the-art firefighting equipment and a skilled group of volunteers willing to help protect our subdivision, a catastrophic fire can race through untreated properties within a matter of minutes. We are also in a severe and sustained drought condition that, by all indications, will be with us for several years to come. This is why I am urging you to consider taking advantage of the thinning program provided in our area.

The Rural Communities Fuel Management Partnership (RCFMP), of which Sherwood Forest FD is a member, will professionally assess, mark and thin your property for as little as \$250.00 an acre, which is often the price of felling one large tree (see brochure for details). Not only does this treatment significantly reduce the threat of fire spreading through the community, but it also helps stop the deadly damage caused by bark beetles and mistletoe.

Time is of the essence since this program is grant subsidized and funding could run out soon. In

order to be assured a spot on the schedule, I would suggest that you contact the RCFMP within the next two weeks. The number is 928-523-8676.

Even if you were among the first property owners to take advantage of this program, you may wish to consider having your acreage reassessed and retreated. I would encourage you to view the property on the north east corner of Knighthood Lane and Little John Road. This is a wonderful example of a properly thinned area. You can also go on line and read one of the Western Forestry Leadership Coalition "Success Stories" featuring Sherwood Forest at http://www.wflcweb.org/success_stories/114/.

Please keep in mind what the value of your investment would be if fire were to sweep our neighborhood. Suddenly, the price of thinning doesn't seem very significant' does it? You should also be aware of the fact that you have the last word on just how many trees will be removed.

For those of you receiving this letter by mail, I am enclosing a brochure and a property review we recently conducted regarding your acreage. This assessment reflects our view of what would be in the best interest of both you and your neighbors.

Wayne Marx

Chief, SFEFD

2007-2008 Volunteer Fire Department

Chief:	Wayne Marx	928 635-9837
Asst. Chief:	Bob Mills	
Chief Engineer:	Chris Christensen	
Captain:	Dan Dormady	
Maint. Officer:	John Ferrier	

2007-2008 Fire Board Members

Chair:	Martin Rothman	cwbypo8@wildblue.net	928 635-0954
Treasurer:	Nancy Sereno		
Clerk:	Debbie Hamby		

Rural Communities Fuels Management Partnership



Assistance for protecting
your property from
wildfire

The PARTNERSHIP

The overarching goal of RCFMP is to reduce the threat that wildland fire poses to lives and communities by helping property owners near public lands implement tree thinning treatments on their property. Through those treatments, the project seeks to not only reduce fire risk but also improve forest health and complement fuels reduction treatments occurring on adjacent National Forest or State Trust lands.

The partnership includes: Kaibab National Forest; Arizona State Land Department; Coconino County; City of Williams; Sherwood Forest Estates; Ponderosa, Williams, Summit and Fort Valley Fire Districts; NAU Ecological Restoration Institute; and University of Arizona.



Protecting lives and communities

The PROGRAM



ASSISTANCE Offered

The partnership can assist you by assessing your property, recommending a treatment, arranging for implementation of thinning, and supplementing the cost of treatment.

Assistance is offered with
planning through imple-
mentation

RCFMP obtains federal grant funds to supplement the thinning costs. Generally, when we remove the cut material the cost to property owners is \$350 per acre, and \$250 per acre when we pile and burn the cut material on site.



Rural Communities Fuels Management Partnership

For assistance contact
Program Coordinator
Phone: 928-523-8676
E-mail: amatthia@ag.arizona.edu

Additional contact - Arizona State Land
Department 928-774-1425

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
- SFE Auxiliary President
Anne Dudley 928 635-0417
- SFE POA President
Debi Switzer 602 803-1846
- 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

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 (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!

<http://www.SherwoodForestEstates.org>

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