

Sherwood Forest Estates Winter 2024 Newsletter



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President

We have some vacancies on our board. We would love to have these all filled. Why. . . we would love to have the input from new people to the board. As you read through this newsletter you will see references to the many ways you can volunteer. The time is truly a minimum. In the fall and winter months most of the business that needs to be done for the SFEPOA can be done via text or email. In spring we usually have a planning meeting for the activities. In summer we have our annual meeting and election of new board members. We also help the Auxiliary with the Pancake Breakfast Memorial weekend and Labor Day weekend. Please give some serious thought to joining us, the more we have, the better. New members bring fresh ideas! This is your neighborhood! If you have been a resident in Sherwood Forest Estates for a long time. . . . You are a value to us! If you are new to Sherwood Forest Estates, you are also a value to us. In either case your input is valuable. If you only want to help with one activity you are a value to us.

Vice-President

Sherwood Forest Estates POA Annual Meeting

10:00AM, Sunday, May 26th, 2024

Thank you to those who attended the earlier SHERWOOD FOREST ESTATES POA Annual meeting this year. The meeting was held on Labor Day Sunday to avoid conflicts with Williams and Parks over the 4th of July weekend. The great turnout of residents learned a lot from our guest speakers: SFE's Fire Chief Matt McDowell, Chief Deputy Brett Axlund, and Jon Paxton. A representative from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) was unable to personally attend but shared information to be presented. The scheduled Firewise presentation was moved to a later date.

Following the guest speakers were reports from the various SFE community organizations. Many topics were covered and great information shared that is included in the "DRAFT" minutes of the 2024 POA Annual meeting found on the SFE Website.

At the conclusion of the meeting Catherine Cook announced she was stepping down. Jud Swearingen, POA Member at Large, agreed to take over the SFE's POA Newsletter going forward. THANK YOU, Jud! Jeanna Roush, the POA Treasurer, stated she would fulfill the role of POA President for a year. THANK YOU, Jeanna!!!! A complimentary lunch provided by the POA was enjoyed by all following the meeting.

2024-2025 SFE POA Board

President	Jeanne Roush	drjr7797@centurylink.net	623-203-8247
Vice-President	OPEN on May 26 th , 2024		
Treasurer	Jeanne Roush	drjr7797@centurylink.net	623-203-8247
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Member	Matthew Griffin	cr500cr@cox.net	623-703-0053
Member	OPEN on May 26 th , 2024		

Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District



FIRE BOARD

After serving out their 4-year term on the Fire Board, elected members Steve Diefenderfer and Paul Cook stepped down as of the November 19th, 2024, Board Meeting.

Steve, the Board's Chairman, was responsible for creating each meeting's agenda, calling special meetings when necessary, communicating with the Fire Chief and running the meetings while keeping all attendees and board members focused and on task.

Paul, the Board's Secretary, was responsible for all communications to the board, writing up the monthly minutes, conversing with the Election Department of Coconino County, filing out and submitting all required forms and stepping in for Steve to run a meeting if he was unable to attend.

A huge THANK YOU to both Steve and Paul for their professionalism, integrity and commitment to the Fire Board and our community.

Because no one submitted an application to the Coconino County Election's Department to run for the board and be placed on the ballot for the November 2024 election, the Board, by a unanimous vote, appointed two individuals that filed a letter of intent expressing an interest to serve on the Fire Board. Appointed to the 2025 Fire Board for a four-year term beginning December 17th were full time SFE residents Dan Roush and Jason Doud. Your willingness to support the Fire Department and community by volunteering your time is appreciated.

Committee officers will be determined at the December 17th meeting.



Jason Doud Paul Cook Steve Diefenderfer Dan Roush

Fire District Board meetings are held at the Fire Station on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00PM. Meeting agendas are posted 24hrs in advance in the outside display case on the east side of Building 1 and on Sherwood's website. As stated in previous Newsletters, 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.

The Fire Chief, or Asst. Chief if he is unable to attend, presents the monthly report to the Board on recruitment, trainings, vehicle maintenance, building upgrades and the number of calls responded to both in and out of district. After approval and acceptance by the Board at the following month's meeting, the meeting minutes are posted on the SFE website

Fire Chief, Matt McDowell

Burr, its cold in here! I have already heard that from my wife too many times. Sadly, our nights of sleeping with the windows open are done for this year. Winter is on our doorsteps in the beautiful Sherwood Forest Estates and Mountain Rose Ranches. This is your chance to get your home ready for the upcoming season. When was the last time your chimney was swept? The buildup of creosote in your chimney can cause a multitude of problems including a chimney fire. In addition, now would be a great time to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If they are over 10 years old, it is time to buy new ones. We all know that detectors love to notify you that their batteries are low around 2:00 am.

Before the snow hits the ground have a plan for your homes, vehicles, and driveways. There are numerous individuals in the surrounding area that enjoy pushing the white stuff around. The county does an excellent job plowing our main roads but, sometimes they make quite the berm in our driveways. Gather those contacts numbers now so you're not searching when you need them the most.

I just want to take this time to say thank you to our awesome volunteers in the community from the POA, HOA, Fire Department Auxiliary, Moonset Pit, Fire Board, Neighborhood Watch, and YOUR Fire Department. These volunteers help keep the community going. All these groups are always looking for new volunteers. You could help embody our departments motto of "NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS" by choosing to volunteer for any one of these great groups.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. Sherwoodfirechief@gmail.com or 928-220-5207

Care for each other,

Matthew McDowell

Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District Fire Chief

Reports from around your Neighborhood

Firefighter Appreciation BBQ



On September 18th, the Sherwood Forest Estates Auxiliary hosted a Firefighter Appreciation BBQ at the Cook's residence. Current and past firefighters, Auxiliary members and spouses and several kids enjoyed the delicious hamburgers grilled by Chief Matt McDowell. Corn hole competition challenges kept the friendly bantering lively. Laughter was heard throughout the afternoon and evening. Especially when after the feast, Cathy Cook proudly entered carrying a custom cake for dessert with the Sherwood Fire Logo, the names of the current firefighters and two miniature fire trucks. One firefighter teased, "Don't drop it!" Cathy rolled her eyes at the comment and then promptly hit the side of the dessert table and watched the special cake go flying. The laughter abruptly stopped and not a sound was heard. An Auxiliary member rushed in to help and the attached picture was the result. With most of the cake surviving (use your imagination to fill in the missing) all carried on as if nothing had happened.



A big thank you to the Auxiliary members who came early to assist in the preparation of the hors d'oeuvres, slice and dice the meal's condiments and finish the setup. Several also remained afterward to assist in the clean-up. A true team effort!

A HUGE THANK YOU to our current volunteer fire fighters (pictured above) who respond to all calls and who dedicate their time to keeping our neighborhood and residents safe.

YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

SFE Auxiliary President, Tina Johnson

The Auxiliary's mission is to provide supplemental funding and support to the SFE Fire District and its volunteers. Our main fund-raising activities are pancake breakfasts on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. We also sell Sherwood Forest hats and t-shirts. They are on display at the pancake breakfasts and at some of the POA activities.

The 2024 pancake breakfasts were very popular as usual. We had over 90 people at each of the breakfasts! The Memorial Day breakfast generated \$497 dollars after expenses and the Labor Day breakfast generated a whopping \$740 after expenses. Thank you for your generosity! The firefighters were on hand to help at the Labor Day breakfast which made it extra special. A special thanks to Jason and Cindy Doud for providing the eggs for the Labor Day weekend breakfast and to Dan and Jeanne Roush for beautifully framing the recognition certificate that was presented to the Allen family at the breakfast.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers who routinely attended meetings and worked so hard to make our activities happen, especially the pancake breakfasts. Thank you, Mary Anderson, Cathy Cook, Anne Dudley, Rhonda Galle, Sue Hadley, Shirley Kowren, Kathie Krushinsky, Judy Maurer, Brie McDowell, David Marrufo, Rosie Reed and Jeanna Roush. We also had many from the community who helped at the breakfasts which was greatly appreciated. Last but not least, thank you to Chief Matt McDowell for being so supportive of the Auxiliary activities.

At the Auxiliary's September meeting Rhonda Galle was elected president for the 2025-2026 term. Tina Johnson was elected Secretary for 2025-2026. Elections for treasurer for 2026-2027 will be held in September 2025. Anne Dudley is the current treasurer.

The Auxiliary meets monthly from April to September each year. We will announce the 2025 dates in the Spring Newsletter and post it on Nextdoor and the SFE Facebook page. Please join us!

PLEASE BE A KIND NEIGHBOR

A couple of reminders

The roads in Sherwood Forest Estates are dirt, but they are county roads. The posted speed limit is 25 mph. We do not have sidewalks, but we do have a lot of people that walk on our roads. Please slow down. They do not enjoy being covered with your dust. The dust also blows into our homes, and some of our residents have health issues that are made worse with the dust. Because the roads are governed by the county – all laws apply. All drivers must have a driver's license, and if operating an off-road vehicle they need to follow helmet laws.

Also, many residents and visitors walk their dogs. Leash laws are in effect in Coconino County. That includes our neighborhood. And please be considerate and pickup and dispose of any droppings.

Notice to Renters and Non-Property Owners

Sherwood Forest Estates is a small rural community governed by a formal Property Owners Association (POA). While it is in the forest, it is NOT in the wilderness. We would ask that you please observe certain requests from the community. These would include:

1. Please use slower speeds when the roads are dry. Great clouds of dust are easily created, and this dust moves over the houses and properties of residents. If you are towing trailers or have large tires, please drive even slower. Look in your rear-view mirrors and if you are creating these thick dust clouds, you're going too fast. Clouds of dust also affect our many neighborhood walkers. Please be respectful and slow down when approaching and passing those out for a stroll. If your dog accompanies you, please be considerate and dispose of any droppings.

2. It is very enjoyable to sit around a campfire on the property you are staying at but if Forest Fire Restrictions are in affect please follow the restrictions. They exist for a reason. If these restrictions are in affect do NOT burn charcoal, campfires or any open flames, this includes any restrictions that pertain to smoking in open areas. The Forest Service does patrol the neighborhood when there are restrictions in place. They are very serious about it. If they observe infractions the fines are routinely in the range of \$300-\$350 (Your neighbors may actually call them!)

3. This country is a wonderland to explore on Quads, Side-by Sides or other motorized vehicles. The speed you drive on actual forest roads is a matter of your choice concerning safety, but the streets of Sherwood Forest Estates are county roads that people live on. Please observe speed limits (see item 1) and NO acrobatic driving or "donut" types of maneuvers in front of the properties. This is common courtesy. Any vehicle driving on our roads are still bound by all laws of vehicle traffic and operations. There are age restrictions, helmet laws for minors and having more than one person on a quad. Because of complaints, the Sheriff Deputies patrol our neighborhood and will uphold the laws. (There is a Sheriff's Deputy living in our neighborhood!)

Thank you for your attention to these POA requests. Enjoy exploring and finding out just how beautiful this country is but please, do be considerate of your neighbors.

Neighborhood Watch

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 Tuesday, June 10th and Tuesday, August 26th for 2025. Topics for June 10th will be published on Nextdoor, Facebook and our website. Both meetings are held at the firehouse and begin at 5:30PM.

Hello neighbors, if you have not already met me, I am David Marrufo and I reside at 875 South Friar Tuck Trail and, have lived year-round in the Sherwood Forest Estates since 2008. I have taken over the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator from Mary Anderson as of June 2024. I want to thank Mary for her excellent work as Neighborhood Watch coordinator since 2013. I will continue to carry on with the hard work and leadership Mary has laid out. I am always available to any and all residences of our beautiful neighborhood. If there are concerns or suggestions for improvement, please feel free to contact me either on my cell at (928) 221-7693 or by email at "david.marrufo@live.com".

2024-2025 Block Watch Captains

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COVERAGE</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>CONTACT #'s</u>
Friar Tuck Tr	All	David Marrufo*	928-221-7693
Long Bow Dr	East Half	David Marrufo (Tmp)	928-221-7693
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	OPEN	OPEN
Mountain Rose Ranch	North	Sue Hamilton	928-303-4584
Mountain Rose Ranch	South	Kenny Hardcastle	940-600-3203

(*Coordinator of Neighborhood Block Watch Captains)

Block Watch Captains are needed for the East End of Long Bow Drive (Little John Road to Friar Tuck Trail) and the West End of Robin Hood Road (Minstrel Lane to Little John Road). Please contact David Marrufo at his number above if interested. 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.

Fiber Internet Service in SFE

TelcomWest is up and running in Williams and its first customer went live on Veterans Day. The crew is working hard to make the city of Williams proud to have a privately run Internet Service Provider that has our community in mind. Very soon TelcomWest will start to run the fiber to Sherwood Forest Estates and Mountain Rose Ranch. Please take a moment and go to the website of TelcomWest.com and sign up as a show of interest. The prices are on the website.

CenturyLink Internet in SFE

Back in approximately 2008 after a lot of work CenturyLink installed Internet service to SFE. Although not very fast we had internet. An attempt to upgrade the service was undertaken. The upgrade was not acceptable do to the requirements of CenturyLink and the proposal was rejected. TelcomWest was approached and the project was accepted by TelcomWest as a viable undertaking back in 2020. After many delays due to Covid-19 TelcomWest is up and running.

About a year ago we had a lightning strike that hit the utility lines and damaged the remote terminal for our internet. It took CenturyLink awhile to find and replacement the equipment. 6-8 months ago a letter was sent out that if the equipment is damaged again it will not be replaced. We were good with that. A few months ago letters were sent to existing customers that there internet service was going to be terminated. No reason was given at that time. I later was told the technology that supplies our internet is being removed and no replacement is being offered at this time. One by one the services are being turned off. CenturyLink has been installing upgraded internet services around the county leaving us out. Soon we will have Fiber internet from TelcomWest to the door here in our district and SFE and MMR will be better for it.

2024 Firewise, Anne Dudley

Sherwood Forest Estates is in its ninth year of the Firewise program. Our thanks to all the neighbors in Sherwood Forest Estates and Mountain Rose Ranch Estates who continue to clear their lots of pine needles and other woody debris and haul to Moonset Pit. Due to your diligence in clearing your properties in the past, the Sherwood Area continues to be a Firewise neighborhood.

Chili Cook-Off

Sherwood Forest Estates POA's TENTH annual Chili Cook-Off was held on Saturday, October 5th, from 4:30-6:00PM. There were 9 entries with fun names like "Firehouse Hot Chili," "Easy Peasy Chili" and "White Blaze Chili." The 35+ attendees enjoyed the explosion of flavors from the unique chicken, pork, and beef chili creations. Not only did those who attended enjoy the great variety of food but they were given a ticket upon arrival to vote on their favorite. At the end the tickets were tabulated and the top three winners for the Olympic themed awards presentation were announced after the playing of the Olympic entrance song. Once on the podium, the 3rd Place Bronze Chili medal went to Deb Switzer with her "White Blaze Chili", the 2nd Place Silver Chili medal went to Tina Johnson with her "Fiesta Chicken Chili" and the 1st Place Gold Chili medal winner was Monica McBree with her "Fire Truck Chili!" As at the Olympics, all winners received a special map. This "special" map was to the Flagstaff's Chili's. © All three were also presented a bouquet of fall leaves along with a gift certificate for \$40, \$35 and \$30 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Congratulations to the winners and a thank you to the additional Chili Chefs; Kenny Hardcastle, Rhonda Galle, Brie McDowell, Anne Dudley and Judy Maurer. A HUGE THANK-YOU to those who joined the fun evening of great food and camaraderie. You made the final POA event of 2024 a fun and memorable culinary delight!!!

Moonset Pit 2024

What a wonderful and successful summer we had at the "Pit"!! Thank you to our fantastic volunteers and to all who participated.

Below you will find the SFE & MMR participant chart. These numbers are approximate. Thank you for helping us to retain our Firewise status and also helping to keep our families, homes, and also ours fantastic SFEFD firefighters safe.

We would love to have more Moonset Pit Volunteers!! This would be a 3-hour shift, morning or afternoon on a Saturday. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors and help to keep our community safe.

Thank you, Contact Kathie Krushinsky at (405)-919-4363

Moonset Pit 2024

	Total number of participants	Number of Participants SFE & MMR	No. of Acres	No. of Hours Worked	No. of Cubic Yards	No. of Return Trips	
May 4th	66	6	224	1,101	2,103	126	P
May 18th	110	19	327	623	634	79	S
June 1st	112	22	384	970	1,894	92	P
June 15th	97	15	337	1,348	2,005	69	S
June 29th	29	72	355	707	765	81	P
July 13th	80	24	247	1,324	327	60	S
July 27th	19	54	236	532	533	38	P
Aug 10th	24	54	248	546	354	27	S
Aug 24th	72	43	424	594	513	34	P
Sept 7th	71	31	229	511	399	34	S
Total	680	340	3,011	8,256	9,527	640	

The difference between the total Participants and the SFE & MMR participants are Parks and other Williams & outside communities.

Firehouse Flix!!!

A heartfelt thank-you to those of you that consistently came out to support and enjoy the Firehouse Flixs. This summer's single movie was "*Lost in Space*." Additional "Flixs" were planned but unfortunately community and personal conflicts with schedules kept the showings to only one this summer. If you would like to continue this POA event, the POA needs to hear from you. Do you wish it to continue and, if so, do you have a movie recommendation?

At this summer's "FH Flix", the attendees not only enjoyed complementary all-you-can-eat popcorn and water but a large assortment of chips and candy donated by Anne Evans. THANKS, Anne!!!! And a huge thanks to those that remained afterward to pack up the tables and chairs!!! It is appreciated!

Met a New Owner or Neighbor?

Welcome them to our special community where our motto is "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

If they would like to receive the Newsletters, please have them send an email to mrnet@ix.netcom.com with "Yes, Newsletter, please," in the subject line and provide the following information:

Full name SFE address Email address

They will receive the biannual Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter **via email** sent out in the Spring and Fall of each year. The Newsletter is also posted on the SFE website.

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, Matt McDowell_____928-220-5207
SFE Fire Board Chairman, Walt Krushinsky_____405-650-4008
SFE Auxiliary President, Rhonda Galle_____928-635-1390
SFEPOA President, Jeana Roush_____623-203-8247
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 certainly carries special risks. One of the major risks we face are fires. Residents of rural communities should always be in the "READY" stage. The Reverse 911 phone system by Coconino County will call in the case of needed evacuation notifications. Registration is voluntary. Please take the time to sign up at: Coconino.az.gov/ready. If you have signed up previously, please update your contact information. Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of wildland fire so your home is ready in the case of fire. Should you get a notice to evacuate, follow the evacuation orders from your local sheriff. Stay on the designated routes and avoid closures.

When fire restrictions are in effect, we all need to follow the restrictions. They are in existence for a reason and the Forest Service does patrol the neighborhood and can and will issue fines.

Save this page to have handy for future reference.

Sherwood Forest Estates Property Owners Association

2025 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 _____

Sherwood Forest Estates 2024 Survey

Fire House Flixs

Should we continue doing these? _____ Yes _____ No

How often should we do them? _____

Chili Cookoff

Should we continue to sponsor these? _____ Yes _____ No

Currently done in October – continue at this time? _____ Yes _____ No

If NO – suggested date _____

Other Suggested Activities

Painting class? _____ Yes _____ No Would you come? _____ Yes _____ No

Tie Dye T shirt? _____ Yes _____ No Would you come? _____ Yes _____ No

Corn hole tournament? _____ Yes _____ No

Painting of message rocks? _____ Yes _____ No Would you come? _____ yes _____ No

Children’s Activities? _____ Yes _____ No

Community Yard Sale? _____ Yes _____ No How often? _____

Cares Group? _____ Yes _____ No

Christmas Cookie Exchange? _____ Yes _____ No

Other Suggestions: _____

If you can teach any of these please write “I can teach” next to your suggestion

Thank you for your time, and suggestions!

Please email this to: jeannafepoa@gmail.com

Or mail it to: SFEPOA
PO Box 211
Williams AZ 86046

If you are mailing in your annual dues, feel free to mail them together.