



Sherwood Forest Estates Newsletter

Winter 2025

<http://sherwoodforestestatesaz.com>

From the SFE President

It is truly hard to believe another year has nearly gone by!! We hope this newsletter finds you happy and healthy!! I would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to our Dynamic Duo. . . Matt McDowell Fire Chief and Chuck Pruitt Assistant Fire Chief. They each go above and beyond for the residents of Sherwood Forest Estates. They do countless things to support our community living up to Neighbors Helping Neighbors!! The multiple things they do that go above and beyond. . . attend county meetings, SFE Auxiliary meetings, SFEPOA meetings, representing Sherwood Forest Estates in ways, writing grants, opening the Fire House for all of our numerous activities, attending trainings, doing trainings, monitoring the surrounding forest for unattended campfires, and illegal dumping, monitoring fires, assisting on fire and medical calls in neighboring departments and including the surrounding forest, and importantly attending to medical and fire calls in our neighborhood. I doubt that was a complete list. Again thank you both. . . and a big thank you to all the volunteers that serve on SFEFD!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is important to us as a neighborhood. This can be by volunteering for the fire department. It can be helping the neighbor clean their lot by raking or by hauling their needles, pinecones, branches to Moonset Pit. It can be giving them fire wood if they need it and you do not. It can be watching their property when they are gone. It can be taking meals if they have had some kind of medical situation. It can be showing up to the Neighborhood Cleanup. It can be joining the board of the Auxiliary or SFEPOA. It can be attending or helping at one of the activities or attending the meetings. It can be by donating your life saving blood at one of our blood drives. I am sharing this because we need you. We need your help. We have so many new neighbors. Those of us that have been here a while would love to meet those of you that are new. We would have to have your input and ideas. We have a "Care Group" that is part of the POA and headed up by Kathie Krushinsky, she would love to have your help. Our Auxiliary President is Rhonda Galle, she would love to have your help. The current POA group would love to have your help.

"Care" can mean providing for the well-being of someone or something, feeling concern or worry for the safety of someone. Some things being a caring neighbor can include things like cleaning your yard. Monica has shared some great information about being FireWise. Each of our homes would be safer if each neighbor makes their own yard Firewise. Please be respectful of your neighbors by driving the speed limit. It reduces the amount of dust, makes us safe as we walk our pets and family. Please also stop at the stop signs.

Some of our neighbors have been reaching out to the county due to poor road maintenance and have successfully gotten some work done. The roads here got worse after the recent rain. Many new potholes are present on the roads. Another part of those contacts was concerning culverts. In Arizona it is the responsibility of the property owners to install and maintain culverts. Some of the road damage comes from poor drainage. Here is some information about maintenance of your culvert.

Before the monsoon season and after heavy rains that can occur in the mountains inspect and clear your culverts to prevent flooding. For serious issues including severe erosion, structural damage or for a culvert that is consistently

blocked, you may need a professional to repair or replace the culvert. For minor blockages found on inspection, use a shovel to clear debris or a pole to push through the blockages. Use proper erosion control. Around the inlet use stone to break the water's force and prevent the soil from washing away. Place the stone to protect the area where water will hit with force and or change direction. Do not place it directly in front of the opening as this can trap debris and increase the risk of blockages. Keep the downstream area clear to allow water to carry sediment and debris away. Clean out weeds, needles and other vegetation. Also clean out trash items that may have washed down. Organic matter should not reduce water flow by more than 20%. Make sure there is no pooling water around the culvert ends which could represent blockage or other problems. Regular maintenance of your culvert will reduce the risk of flooding to both you and your neighbors. Neighbors working with neighbors, together we can minimize the impact of heavy rainfall and keep water flowing smoothly through or off our properties and off our roads

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Jeanna Roush

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SFE Fire Auxiliary

The Auxiliary's mission is to provide supplemental funding and support to the SFE Fire District and its volunteers. Our main fund raising activities have been our pancake breakfasts on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. In 2025 we added a couple of events to our calendar, Bingo and Rock Painting, both were hits this summer. Bingo will be scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month between May 2026 and October 2026.

Our newly 2025 Rock Snake named 'ROBIN' will be on display at the entrance to Sherwood Forest Estate's from May 2026 thru October 2026!! We hope to add many newly painted Rocks in 2026! We also sell Sherwood Forest Estate's hats, T-shirts and Sweatshirts! They are on display at the pancake breakfasts and at most of the POA activities. You may call or text Rhonda Galle, 928-202-7774 for ordering T-shirts.

The 2025 Pancake Breakfast's were very popular as usual. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

The Auxiliary meets monthly from April to September each year. We will announce the 2026 dates in the Spring Newsletter and post it on Next door and the SFE Facebook page. Please join us!

Rhonda Galle,
President SFEFD AUXILIARY

SFE/MMR Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is a program to help keep Sherwood Forest Estates and Mountain Rose Ranch Estates safe.

Please update your calendars with our revised meeting dates for this Spring and Summer. The first meeting for the Spring has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 13th at 5:00 pm, this meeting will be for all Block Captains and any residents wishing to attend. The summer meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd at 5:30 pm, This meeting will be a Pot Luck meeting, so bring a dish to share. Topics for June 13th will be published on Nextdoor, Facebook and our website. Both meetings are held at the firehouse.

Hello neighbors, if you have not already met me, I am David Marrufo and I reside on South Friar Tuck Trail and, have lived year round in the Sherwood Forest Estates since 2008. I am always available to any and all residents of our beautiful neighborhood.

If there are concerns or suggestions for improvement, please feel free to contact me either on my cell phone at (928) 224-9672 (text or voice) or by email at "david.marrufo@live.com".

2025-2026 Neighborhood Watch Block Captains

LOCATION	COVERAGE	CAPTAIN	CONTACT #'s
Friar Tuck Trail	All	David Marrufo*	(928) 224-9672
Long Bow Drive	East End	David Marrufo (Temp**)	(928) 224-9672
(**Looking for a volunteer)			
Long Bow Drive	West End	Liz Oldham	(602) 509-0393
Knighthood Lane	East End	Jeanna Roush	(928) 635-2723
Knighthood Lane	West End	Kathy Krushinsky	(405) 919-4363
Jolly Rogue Lane	East End	Rhonda Galle	(928) 635-1390
Jolly Rogue Lane	West End	Mary Anderson	(928) 635-1390
Robin Hood Road	East End	Brienne McDowell	(602) 677-1127
Robin Hood Road	West End	Rhonda Galle (Temp**)	(928) 635-1390
(**Looking for a volunteer)			
Mountain Rose Ranch	North	Sue Hamilton	(928) 303-4584
Mountain Rose Ranch	South	Kenny Hardcastle	(940) 600-3203

(*Coordinator of Neighborhood Watch Block Captains)

Neighborhood Watch Block 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 <http://www.sherwoodforestatesaz.com> where additional information is available. Click on More and then Neighborhood Watch. Click on More and then Neighborhood Watch.

Moonsæt Pit Fall 2025

This year we again shared Moonset Pit duties with Parks. We were able to open on May 3rd and remained open every other Saturday until September 20th. As soon as I get the exact dates for May 2026, I will post them. It will probably in the Spring 2026 Newsletter. Again, we will have a sign board by the SFE entry sign posting the open dates. If we have volunteers after September, I will try to open Buggy Wheel again. We had a wonderful participant response this year!

Moonset Pit and Buggy are **Free!** **Please do not dump green waste in the forest.** **There are hefty fines if you are caught and most important you are endangering all of your SFE fire fighters, and neighbors here in SFE.** **Remember the winds blow from South to North, so if we end up with a fire in our forest and you have added fuel, your green waste, in the forest the fire will burn that much harder.**

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

As a special "Thank You", to our volunteer's, this year our SFE POA has given me gift cards to give out. Boy, do we appreciate our volunteers!

Here are our collective number's (aprox).

ALL – Moonset Pit

Number of Participants - Return Visits - Acres - Cubic Yards - Hours Worked

1076	916	3,436	8,868	916
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SFE & MRR – Moonset Pit

Number of Participants - Return Visits - Acres - Cubic Yards - Hours Worked

379	191	596	2,214	1,985
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ALL – Buggy Wheel

Number of Participants - Return Visits - Acres - Cubic Yards - Hours Worked

53	19	256	267	304
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SFE & MRR – Buggy Wheel

Number of Participants - Return Visits - Acres - Cubic Yards - Hours Worked

31	7	91	147	204
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As always on SFE weekends WE NEED VOLUNTEERS please. If you would be interested in volunteering a 2-hr. shift this next summer please contact, Kathie Krushinsky at (405) 919-4363.

♫ Special Thanks

On October 15th the firehouse was turned into a café style environment for the SFE community to celebrate two long-term residents' dedication and commitment to the betterment of our neighborhood. Sue and Jack Hadley bought their first property in SFE in 1968 and Anne and David Dudley, both former teachers, part time residency lasted for 28 years. Both couples were honored throughout the night and a brief summary of their chosen responsibilities follows.

Sue was kept very busy volunteering as the treasurer on the POA where she assisted in rewriting the by-laws for the organization. She also held all the officer positions on the Auxiliary's boards multiple times while supporting and assisting in the many varied events offered for community members. Jack was a volunteer in the SFE Fire

Department for two decades where one of his duties was the training officer. He was also known then, and to this day, as the #1 recruitment officer for the fire department! Need some history of the neighborhood? Just ask Jack!

Anne and David both spent just under twenty years as volunteers on the Sherwood Fire Department; David as a firefighter and Anne as the dispatcher. Anne built and was the Webmaster for the SFE website, the Fire Department website and the POA/Aux websites. In addition to keeping up the websites, Anne and David started and then continued as the FireWise coordinators and spent the initial years of Moonset Pit scheduling the volunteers. Over the years Anne also held the position of president, secretary and treasurer of the Auxiliary multiple times.

Chief McDowell recognized both couples with an emotional speech honoring their devotion to the furtherance of the SFE community. He then presented each with a beautiful plaque of appreciation.

In addition to honoring the Hadley's and Dudley's, Chief McDowell thanked and presented retired firefighter Larry Donelson a plaque in recognition for his decades of support, commitment and allegiance to the Sherwood Fire Department.

It was an evening filled with laughter, the sharing of memories, good wishes and the shedding of a few tears. The special night would not have been possible without the assistance of Asst. Chief Pruett and his wife, Judy, Tina Johnson and Paul Cook. It was a team effort for the set up, decorating and support behind the scenes.

A huge THANK YOU to each of them!

Some closing words from the celebrated couples:

Sue and Jack stated that, "Sherwood Forest Estates truly lives up to its motto of 'Neighbors Helping Neighbor's' and we are sad to leave."

Anne and David stated that, "They will miss the many friendships and the friendly neighborhood of Sherwood."

FireWise

Firewise and Additional Information

Due to the number of recent wildfires, many fire departments are triaging properties when called to fight a wildfire:

Defendable space = Defended Non-defendable space = Pass

There are three Home Ignition Zones to consider when planning on surviving a wildfire:

Zone 1, also known as the Immediate Zone, is 0-5feet from the structure

Zone 2, also known as the Intermediate Zone, is 5-30feet from the structure

Zone 3, also known as the Extended Zone, is 30-100feet from the structure

CLEAR pine needles, dead leaves and anything that can burn from your rooflines, gutters, decks, patios, porches, and along fence lines. Falling embers will then have nothing to burn.

TRIM back any tree branches or shrubs that comes closer than 5-10feet (Zone 2) to the house and all branches hanging over the roofline. Prune tree branches 10feet from the ground to prevent a vertical fire ladder to the tree crowns.

RAKE landscaping mulch to at least 5feet (Zone1) away from you house, porch, deck or fence. The mulch can be a big fire hazard and if ignited could move onto the nearest structure. Use crushed stone or gravel instead in the Immediate Zone (Zone1.) By limiting the flammable vegetation in the three Home Ignition Zones survival from a wildfire improves.

REMOVE any woodpiles, spare lumber, vehicles, boats, and portable propane tanks (to name a few) that can act as a large fuel source. Place at a minimum of 30feet away (Zone 3) from structures. Also remove plants containing resins, oils and waxes.

STORE furniture cushions, flammable mats, potted plants and other outside furnishings and/or decorations from patios, decks and porches to the inside of your house. Embers could land on any of the above and ignite. Also remove or never store flammable materials under decks, patios or porches.

CLEAN AND SEAL because wind borne embers can get into homes easily through vents and other openings and burn the home from the inside out. Walk around your house to see what openings you can screen or temporarily seal up. Don't forget the restroom and microwave vents on your roof! Remember, wherever you find blown needles or leaves, that is where hot embers can and will blow.

CLOSE windows and doors tightly and seal any pet doors if ordered to evacuate. Embers entering through these openings can burn the house from the inside out. If time permits move flammable furniture to the middle of the room away from windows.

“Cannot do in 20minutes what should have been done in 20 years.” (Firewise video)

Make sure your property has room for emergency vehicles to maneuver and turn around and your address sign is clear for emergency personnel to see during the day and night. (The SFE Property Owners Association provides green nighttime reflective address signs to SFE residents at no cost.) Sign Up for the **READY, SET, GO** Emergency notifications at Coconino.az.gov/ready Select phone, text and email for alerts and if you signed up more than six months ago, please reregister due to updates on the site.

Take advantage of the Moonset Pit and Buggy Wheel free green waste disposal locations. The schedule can be found on SFE's website at sherwoodforestestatesaz.com.

From the Fire House

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As the colder weather settles in, bringing with it the need for heating and preparing our homes for winter. I want to take a moment to address some critical safety measures and share a few important updates from the Fire District. Winter is the time of year when we see the highest risk of house fires related to heating equipment. Please take proactive steps to protect your family and property:

Wood Stoves and Chimneys: If you use a wood stove or fireplace, ensuring proper ventilation and maintenance should be done prior to every winter. Please have your chimney and stove piping cleaned and inspected by a certified professional before you begin using them regularly. Creosote buildup is a major hazard.

Detector Checks: Fire safety starts with early warning. Check the batteries in both your smoke detectors and your carbon monoxide (CO) detectors today. Test these devices monthly and replace any unit that is older than ten years. Working detectors are your first line of defense.

Fire Extinguisher Readiness: Every home should have a readily accessible, working fire extinguisher. Know its location and ensure everyone in the household knows how to use it (remember the acronym: PASS – Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep).

Travel: Plan Ahead! Check www.AZ511.gov prior to leaving for the latest road conditions and closures. You should always attempt to keep a full fuel tank prior to encountering inclement weather. Keep extra blankets, water and a cell phone charger accessible. Best rule is, if you don't need to travel in winter conditions, just stay home.

Community and Department Update

On a bittersweet note, we recently bid farewell to two truly valuable families who have relocated out of the area. The Dudleys and Hadleys contributions to our community and their unwavering support for the Fire District will be deeply missed. We wish them the absolute best in their new homes and endeavors.

Join Our Team

The heart of our department lies in the dedicated men and women who serve, and we are always looking for volunteers! If you have a desire to serve your neighbors, learn valuable skills, and be part of a close-knit team, we encourage you to reach out. We offer flexible opportunities, whether you are interested in firefighting, emergency medical response, or administrative support. Your community needs you.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in keeping our community safe. Please have a warm and safe winter season.

Sincerely,
Chief McDowell
Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District

Fiber Internet Service from TelecomWest

TelecomWest has completed all of operational tasks. They are fully operational. New services are being installed around town. For us here in Sherwood Forest we are waiting for the permit to be approved from the Railroad to burrow under the tracks. We hope this will be soon. It looks we have an alternate route if the railroad takes too long. We should see activity here by the summer time.

TelcomWest asks that you please go to the website and reregister for service. You will get a text and email after registering. Please respond to all to complete the process. <https://telcomwest.com> Check Availability or Sign Up For Service Link.

Once the installation starts in our neighborhood, it's advised to get the service installed to your door at that time. After that it will cost more to come back for each installation. As conduit will be installed in the ground from the street to the service area at your house.

Thank you again for your support.

Judson Swearingen Jr. Member at Large

APS Pole Transfer

APS has started working on installing power poles on private property to remove the power drop wires from the trees. They indicated there are some 800 homes in the larger area that are affected. From that it sounds like its going to take awhile. The good news is they have started.

Snow Stakes

<https://discountsnowstakes.com/catalog/product/view/id/78/s/5ft-snow-stakes-plain-3-8/category/15>

Markers for driveway edge (snow) for the plowable area for emergency access.

SHERWOOD FOREST ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

SFEPOA 2026 Annual Membership Dues Form

Please PRINT, fill out and mail this form along with \$20 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: _____

If you are not already receiving your newsletter via email, would you like to?

Leave name and email info at SherwoodForestPOA@gmail.com

Please print, fill out and mail this form along with \$20.00 per lot

***Fire Alert – Evacuation Plan**

Living in a rural community you should always 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.

Mail or Email - a choice you can make now!

If you are ready to go paperless, please send an email to SherwoodForestPOA@gmail.com or a message using our website’s guest book (found in the website’s *Contacts* section) and tell us “**Yes, email, please,**” and 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.sherwoodforestestatesaz.com>

***Important Phone Numbers**

- Call 911 first with your emergency. This will reduce delays and get the proper resources responding.
- Emergency..... 911
- SFE Fire Dept..... 928 635-9837
- Chief, Matt McDowell ..928 607-3005
- SFE Fire Board Chairman
Walter Krushinsky.....405-650-4003
- SFE Auxiliary President
Rhonda Galle.....928-635-1390
- SFEPOA President
Jeanna Roush 928-635-2723
- 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
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