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Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association

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Pollution Article

COMMUNITY !!

On August 12, 1977, a village meeting was held at the Zimmerman School, Mt. Lemmon, Az. to discuss the pros and cons of forming a board that would act as a liaison with Trico, the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners, the Water Co-op, the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club and Pima County so that we would have a sense of 'Community'. A cohesive group rather than the headless octopus we have had for so long. It was decided by those present that a board of five persons would be best suited to our needs and the floor was opened for nominations. Eighteen persons were placed in nomination with the election date set for the weekend of August 19, 20 and 21. The voting sites selected were the Chuck Wagon in the village and the 'A' frame in Ski Valley. 257 votes were cast with Mary Ann Arford serving as the Registrar. The five people selected were Mickey Henry, Ted Choate, John McClarren, Leslie May and Peggy Moore. Our Congratulations!!

The get things off to a roaring start they have planned the following:

COMMUNITY PIG ROAST AND POT LUCK

September 23, 1977, Mt. Lemmon Az.
(Barbeque area next to the Inn)

PIG WILL BE DONE AT 7:00 PM - BRING YOUR COVERED DISH AND TICKET!!

Tickets - \$3.50, Children - .75. Tickets for sale at Real Estate Office

Your ticket will get you:

All the beer you can drink!!

All the pig you can eat!!

Hamburgers and soda for the kids!

DOOR PRIZE

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Let's have a super turnout for this event.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association will be held Thursday, October 20th, 1977 at the Tucson Womans Club, 6245 E. Bellevue Ave. Tucson, Az. The program will be devoted to demonstrations and movies on Fire Prevention, which is of primary importance to all cabin owners. In addition the Environmental Agency and Programs 201 and 208 will be featured as that also affects us all - whether we happen to be connected to the sewer or not. It is time for election of officers for the board. There will be dinner and a bar with the proceeds going to our fire department and door prizes as well. Further information on this meeting will be coming to you the first of October as to type of dinner, cost, time, etc. Please circle this date on your calendar!!

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND PROGRAMS 201 and 208

Under the original 201 program Pima County was to upgrade the sewage treatment system, but the 208 program came up under which the State would survey all streams and rivers on a non-point pollution basis. The Committee selected Sabino Creek as a prime target. However, using data provided by the University of Arizona the engineers for the P.A.G. (Pima Association of Governments) 208 found that the cabins were not the polluting problem, but rather that horses

and dogs were the main polluters. The water samples were taken above the treatment plant, but nevertheless they said the treatment plant should be eliminated - the environmental groups want no discharge whatsoever into the creek. They want it drinking and swimming clear. Pima County wishes to convert usbs onto septic tanks, although when the system was initially put in it was pushed as being for our best interests - they insisted.

On July 7th at the Zimmerman School on Mt. Lemmon and on July 21st at the Pima County Board of Supervisor's Hearing Room and sponsored by Pima Association of Governments, what are claimed as the two major sources of pollution in the Upper Sabino Creek Watershed - the Mt. Lemmon Wastewater Treatment Plant and sewer system and the horses and animal corrals near the creek - were brought up. The P.A.G. recommendations for handling the situation were as follows:

1. Amending the existing 201 plans for community sewage treatment facility and to place the existing 45 connections on an appropriate onsite disposal system.

2. Establish survey procedures to locate improperly functioning septic tanks on private and Forest land. Deficient systems must be improved or replaced.

3. Review and develop new standards for the construction of new on-site disposal systems.

4. Construct and maintain no discharge public restroom facilities in Summerhaven for solid waste residuals reduction and prevention.

Under this latter recommendation are (a) Establish an educational program to reduce littering by recreationists using Upper Sabino Creek Watershed. (b) to arrange for animal waste disposal and prevention through possible removal of horses and other livestock from Upper Sabino Creek Watershed. (c) Establish routine programs to round up stray dogs on the Upper Creek Watershed. (d) Establish an education program to encourage water conservation by Summerhaven and Forest Service residents. (e) Establish a land use planning program in which development on Sabino Creek reflects water quality goals. (f) a continuing water quality monitoring program should be established to assure the recommended program is achieving water quality goals. (g) the continuing water quality program will evaluate the Mt. Lemmon pollution abatement program.'

The above new standards were adopted Wednesday, August 10, 1977, by the state Water Quality Control Council. To meet the standards, the County Board of Supervisors will be asked to pay the cost of installing individual septic tanks to each of the 45 cabins served by the county's sub-standard plant, said plant being closed down instead of upgraded. Bruce Scott, a state water quality control officer, said that "Ideally, in a couple of years, Sabino Creek will be what it was 20 years ago" and the new standards are "as tight a health standard as you can come with."

Their new proposal would provide septic tanks only to those residences now linked to the county service. The remaining cabin owners would be required to meet upgraded standards on their own if their existing systems were found inadequate. All this was rushed through as the county was pressed to meet a federal deadline established by the Environmental Protection Agency. The supervisors allocated \$284,000 to improve sewage treatment for Sabino Creek area residents and expanding its service to other cabin owners, but it is unlikely the efforts would have cleaned the affluent enough to meet state standards.

The high standards were set in response to 'public pressure' to protect the creek - the same public who gleefully toss pop cans, beer cans and bottles and wet garbage up and down the length of the Hitchcock Highway, to say nothing of along the Butterfly Peak Trail, Sunset Trail, Lemmon Rock Trail and the Palisades Trail from the Girl Scout Camp to Lower Sabino itself.

At last word the Board of Supervisors had turned thumbs down on the updating of the sewage treatment plant, so we shall see what develops and keep you informed in future issues of the 'Mt. Lemmon Echoes'.

Because of the extra hours of work and extra deputies assigned to the mountain during the Mt. Lemmon Womans Club Fourth of July Celebration, all the

organizations on the mountain sent a letter of 'Thanks' to Sheriff Boykin for all courtesies extended to us at that time.

MT. LEMMON WATER CO-OP CO.

The Co-op hired Mr. Leon Luke as Maintenance Man in June. Mr. Luke has spent his adult life working in plumbing and in design, construction and operation of water distribution systems. With knowledge of welding and other skills he is well qualified to tackle the multi-faceted problems of his job. He, his wife Dora, and their children live in the Andre cabin in the village. Their phone number is 791-9739. Mr. Luke is available for private jobs after 3:00PM any day, and all day on his days off which are Tuesday and Wednesday. With the heavy rains, the water supply is excellent. Miner's Ridge Tank had to be partly emptied to permit replacement of some valves, and is now being re-filled. All other tanks are full, and there is more water than can be pumped.

The FHA loan is reported close to completion, but the federal government may require further reports and paperwork from the Co-op.

The current board members are: Fred Keers, Gerry Hackney, Bill Roe, Milo Blecha, Kip Ripley, Bruce McKeller, Reese Woodling, Mickey Henry and Jim Vaughn.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

'Bang, bang, bang', went the hammers - 'Squeak, squeak, squeak' went the nails. This was the Sound of Music on Saturday last - September 3rd, as valiant volunteers went to work to further completion of the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station. It needed doors, insulation and electric wiring. We absolutely had to have a safe and warm shelter for our fire engine in order to keep those sub-zero temperatures of which the mountain is capable in the winter from freezing the pump. On occasion gasoline has also been stolen.

These hardy people got the electrical wiring installed, the insulation in and also the framing for the door, but not the door itself. That will follow soon. The progress is very evident to anyone who passes by, after seeing the shell as it has been. Those on the work crew included John McClarren, Mickey Henry, Tiger, Chuck Wassing, Chuck Molander, Gerry Hackney, Tom Attaway, Bill Adams, Ted Choate, Joan Choate, John Eaton, Bill Rhind and Leslie May. If we have omitted a name we extend our apologies, but nevertheless for every resident - winter or summer - we can truly say 'Happiness is a completed fire station'.

MT. LEMMON INN

Although all of us who live in the valley and on the mountain sadly know, we have many members who live in far away states who do not about the fire in the early morning hours of April 29, 1977 that burned the Mt. Lemmon Sawmill & Co. Restaurant to the ground. The original lodge was built in 1945 as a restaurant and country store by Tony Zimmerman with the addition of a two-story structure used as a hotel built in the early '50s. The Inn was the second commercial building in Mt. Lemmon to burn down within the last ten years - the 50 year old Ponderosa Lodge was destroyed in 1970.

Only the stone fireplaces were left, but it is hoped that the Inn - which was Mt. Lemmon to many folk in the valley - will arise like a Phoenix from the ashes and be going full blast again. Not only was it the entertainment center for ptluck dinners and other mountain gatherings, but it was also the site for gatherings, in the summer, of the Tucson Ecumenical Council church services for as many of the 300 mountain residents who wished to attend.

In the meantime, the 'Chuck Wagon', just across the street from the Inn site, is being run by Fran Hayes and Bob Zimmerman and there you can get just about the best Patty Melts, hamburgers and accompanying 'goodies' as can be found anywhere in Pima County. To quote the Unsinkable Molly Brown "We ain't down yet!".

It is with regret that we have to notify you of the passing of two of our board members - Vesta Pfligler, former Postmaster of Mt. Lemmon and board member for years, who passed away in May of this year and Mary Bender who gave so much of herself to the mountain and was a board member at the time of her death in August. They are missed.

This Board of Directors wishes to Congratulate the Mt. Lemmon Womans Club on the Fourth of July Celebration held in the village. The crowd attending the Fiddlers Contest was tremendous, the parade the best yet and the Arts and Crafts Booths were outstanding. We hope this becomes an annual affair and gets bigger and better all the time.

Mrs. James Morse - Francie, former member of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association Board of Directors, has been appointed Postmaster of Mt. Lemmon.

Beginning in the next issue, which will be out the middle of January, the Mt. Lemmon Echoes will begin a series pertaining to the history of the mountains and each issue will feature one of the older or special cabins that make our mountain what it is. We have heard the expression 'If these walls could only talk!' - well, we will see if we can make this happen.

A big Welcome to David Miles and his 'Mount Lemmon News' - don't miss it! His slogan 'You can overlook Tucson, but you can't overlook Mt. Lemmon' says it all.

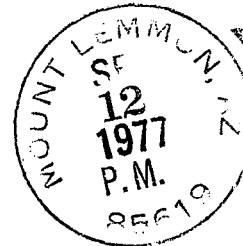
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