

Annual dinner April 19 at Savoy Opera House

By Dannie Hayhurst

Time again for the gathering of homeowners and friends of the mountain to dine and hear first hand about your community. The open bar begins at 6 p.m. at the Savoy Opera House with dinner at 7 p.m..

Dinner choices this year include steak and chicken. This issue contains the reservation form for your choice. Be sure to locate, fill out and send in by April 14 as the final head count must be called in by April 15. If you have any questions, call Sheri Lee at 299-7143.

We've rounded up the usual suspects to speak about the community and will be giving out door prizes throughout the evening. Speakers will be Pima County Supervisor Paul Marsh; Water Co-op President, Alex Carrillo; Fire Board Chairman, Bob Zimmerman and Fire Chief Phil Anselmi; Catalina District Ranger, Tom Quinn; Loma-Sabino Chairman, Ross Quigley and Rincon District Commander, PCSO, Lt. Chuck McHugh.

The 5th Annual Summitt Award will be awarded to a deserving community member.

We will also be electing board members to serve for another 3 years. That sounds like a lot, but we promise to be finished by 9:30 p.m. so none of the board has to help in the kitchen! Remember to send in your reservations soon and join your friends and neighbors for an evening of fun!

Water Co-op could use 1950's article again today (road construction too!)

The following includes excerpts from an article published in Arizona Daily Star, July 2, 1950. Article was provided by Mike Stanley and Red Greth and was written by Thomas Ellinwood.

While both the Co-op and road have improved over the years, the same problems persist after nearly 45 years.

"Water is the key to Arizona's economic life.

Annual rainfall spells boom or bust to the rancher; irrigation keeps otherwise desert farming areas producing rich crops each year, the underground table holds the answer to adequate civic water supply for such cities as Tucson; and in almost every other phase of the state's economic life, water plays an important role.

In the year 'round recreation and summer home area atop the Catalina mountains the story is the same - full development hinges on an adequate supply of water.

This problem, which has existed since summer homes were first established on the mountain and which grows more pressing as more and more visitors and cabin-owners make use of the area, is on its way to solution."

Back in 1950, the plan was two fold: the Forest Service envisioned a gravity-fed pipeline originating in springs above Sabino creek that would carry water to storage tanks atop the Loma Linda cabin area and from there a gravity-fed system supplying Summerhaven, Soldier's Camp, Willow Canyon, Palisades ranger station and the Boy Scout Camp.

The other plan by the Mt. Lemmon Water Co-op, then headed by Joe Rubin, was to have originating pipelines at Carter Springs and others in Sabino which would carry water to large storage tanks and from there, the water would go to Summerhaven and be pumped up to the Loma Linda tanks to serve areas as in the Forest Service plan.

In July of 1950, the Co-op was serving about 42 customers including the old Mt. Lemmon Lodge, Zimmerman's store and a group of cabins Joe Rubin rented. The system used the 12,500 gallon tank at Pigeon Springs and was gravity-fed down to Summerhaven. Joe Rubin laid a 3,700 foot line of 1.5" pipe from Carter spring to Summerhaven as the initial step in developing the system as we know it today. Most of the pipe was laid above ground.

There were drawbacks to the system. Water had to be shut off every night to make certain that none was wasted. Water was shut off all winter because so much of the pipe was above ground and would freeze. The supply was insufficient for further development until new sources were tapped and larger tanks were installed for storage.

At the same time this was happening, the new road to the "new ski run site" was being developed. Rather than a large corporation like Granite or Ames, the work was done largely by prison camp labor, working to remove tons of earth by blasting powder and bulldozer.

Almost 45 years later, we are still using the original water system, with

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Fire Dept. developing fire code for area

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By Phil Anselmi

some changes and improvements over the years, and we're watching the road be re-constructed.

A tour of the water system today shows that our tanks are old, most from the 50's and the main tank at Miner's Ridge from the mid-60's. If you happen to wander by and notice the bolts all over the walls, these are plugs used to stop leaks. Take the time to count the plugs and you'll get a good idea of what some of the Co-op's problems are.

There are a variety of pipe sizes being used which have been installed as law dictates and money allows. Various pipe sizes can create distribution problems for an old system.

The improvement that we probably take for granted the most is that we have running water daily as well as year round thanks to the efforts of Mike Stanley and the Co-op. Mike estimates he has lowered and/or buried between 15,000 to 17,000 feet of existing pipe on the mountain - over 3 miles through rock and steep terrain. Remember, water used to be turned off nightly as well as for the winter. Today, we might see brief outages or low pressure, but we have water for the majority of the time - a great improvement over the years, but we still have a long way to go.

The fire department has been studying and working to develop a fire code for the Mt. Lemmon area that will encompass both our "urban interface" or housing areas along with our "wildland" areas or forest area. We are somewhat unique in that we have both areas covered by our fire district. Fire codes include such things as Fire Prevention Programs and building inspections.

We will be using the Uniform Fire Code that has been adopted by the State Fire Marshal's Office along with an inspection program the U.S. Forest Service uses for structure inspections and NFPA 299 (Protection of Life and Property from Wildfire). This whole program is called **Fire Prevention in the Urban Interface**.

Some of the areas we will be looking at are adequate clearance around all structures; fire wood stacked away from cabin walls; address numbers on all cabins; roof, gutters and chimneys clean and clear of debris; spark arresters on chimneys; driveways clearly marked and good access provided in the event a fire truck must use it.

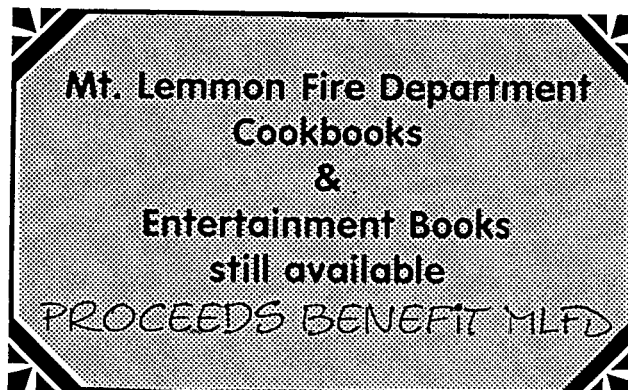
Several calls last year caused some delays that could have been avoided. Renters do not always know

the address of the cabin they have rented. Driveways are not always marked clearly or cabins have no numbers posted. Address numbers are available at the fire department at no charge. We ask that you put them up so they are visible from the road so you can be found in an emergency.

Our plan is to begin offering fire inspections of cabin properties sometime in April or May. We would like to do cabin inspections with cabin owners so that questions can be answered as they come up. Please feel free to call the station at 576-1201 to set up an appointment.

I know there will be many questions concerning the inspection program. We welcome all calls and concerns.

We still have a few home smoke detectors available for \$7.50 to all cabin owners and residents. These are very good units and the price is less than most Tucson outlets.



Birds and Bees... Flowers and Trees... and the Hantavirus

By Sheri Lee

Soon we will all be "spring cleaning" our cabins for another summer season on the mountain. But, something deadly may be lurking in the dusty shadows in and around our cabins...the HANTAVIRUS!

It is the opinion of public health experts that the hantavirus (HV) is mostly carried by Deer Mice, however they include these other rodents as well because:

☒ 34% of Deer Mice caught/tested are infected,

☒ 8% of chipmunks tested are infected with HV,

☒ 9% of pinion mice tested are infected

→2% of packrats are infected and

☒ other rodents have also been noted as possible carriers.

Public health officials believe that because of ideal spring and summer conditions, the numbers of Deer Mice will remain VERY HIGH this coming season.

The virus is shed through the rodents' urine, feces and saliva. Airborne transmission of the virus (in airborne droplets of fresh urine) is the primary way humans become exposed to HV. Disturbing nests and the soil around known rodent areas is another possible way to get the virus airborne.

Wear gloves and a mask if you are going to clean up an area in or around your cabin and you just think MAYBE any rodents have been there. Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth until you have washed, maybe even showered, thoroughly.

An hour exposure to sunlight (ultraviolet light) will kill the virus, but areas in and under your cabin won't get sunlight. It is recommended to spray an area an hour before

cleaning it with Lysol or other disinfectant spray, but even then wear the mask and gloves.

Health experts do not know why the virus is now causing the severe lung problems. They think probably the virus has mutated to a more lethal version of a virus that has long been with us.

I called our Forest Service Biologist and asked her if she knew of any concerns for Mt. Lemmon. Her comments were that, (1) we do have Deer Mice up there (they are the ones with white feet and tummy), but unless someone gets sick on Mt. Lemmon, there will be no testing done and even then the Forest Service would not be the one doing the testing. She says: (2) keep baited traps set all the time and empty them upon arriving at the cabin. The ordinary gray house mouse is not reputed to carry HV, and that's mostly what we see in our cabins. Poisoning rodents is not the best idea because dead carcasses will lie around where other animals, including pets and kids, can come in contact with them.

Regardless, this situation could be deadly serious so please use caution and take care. You don't want to risk spending the summer in the hospital fighting for your life, and your family and friends don't want to spend the summer having to visit you there!



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Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club News...

By Sharon Thomas

Thanks to Franny Crowe for being our hostess in February. She planned a wonderful field trip for us to the **WILD BIRD STORE**. The owner and speaker, John, gave us a lot of interesting information on feeding birds on the mountain as well as in Tucson. We all had a wonderful time.

Our next meeting will be at Olga Pace's house. She has graciously volunteered to teach us to paint Ukrainian Easter Eggs. We will begin at 10 a.m.. Bring a sack lunch, dessert will be at 12:30. At 1:00 p.m. Diane McGee from the Pima Arts Council will speak to us. Please call and let Olga know if you plan to attend. I hope to see you there!

MLHA Board members up for election

By Dannie Hayhurst

These board members have served three years and are still willing to serve three more: Bob Evison, Paul Hawkins, Dannie Hayhurst, Pete Krauss, John Mulay and Fran Zimmerman. We hope you'll vote to extend their terms on the board for another three years during the next Annual Homeowners' Dinner. If any of you would be interested in serving on the board, give Dannie Hayhurst a call at 298-6328 or 576-1512.

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Reminder...

In years past residents have reported seeing blue-throated hummingbirds on Mt. Lemmon beginning March 8. Watch for them. Have your feeder clean and ready to fill. They'll need your help to get through that inevitable blizzard we (usually) have after they return.

MT. LEMMON HOMEOWNERS' ANNUAL DINNER

TUESDAY, APRIL 19
SAVOY OPERA HOUSE
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COCKTAILS 6 PM

DINNER 7 PM

PROGRAM 8 PM

RESERVATIONS

Since there are two different entrees offered this year and at two different prices you must specify whether you want:

12 ounce T-bone Steak for \$15.50

or

Mesquite broiled marinated chicken breast for \$13.00

(If you need a special diet, we will try to arrange for you. Please call Sheri Lee, 299-7143 to inquire.)

Both menus include salad, baked potato, their famous "Pinnacle Peak" pinto beans, thick sliced bread, coffee, iced tea, and Texas cake. There will be a cash bar.

You need to indicate the NAME of each person and his choice of entree. We will be making up name tags in advance. Red for steak orders, and blue for chicken. Please cooperate so we do not have to call you for this information.

Our contract with the Savoy says that we will give them a final guest count on APRIL 15. We must have your checks by then. Any questions, call Sheri Lee 299-7143.



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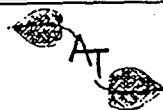
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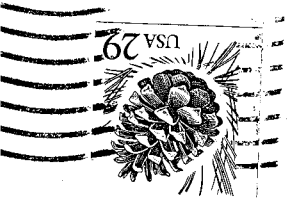
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