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## A Parting Note From President

by John Mulay

This will be the last article that you will have to read from me. The homeowner's board has recently elected Larry Waldron as the new president. After two years of being your president I feel that it is time for another board member to take over. Larry will do a great job, just as he did when he was president of the Mt. Lemmon Water Co-op.

I would personally like to thank the board members: Chuck Autrey, Fran Crowe (vice president), Red Greth, Dani Hayhurst (secretary), Pete Krauss, Olga Pace, Carrie Reitz, Kathy Shields, Larry Waldron, Florence Wilhoite (treasurer), and Fran Zimmerman (membership). Over the past two years this borad has made my job as president easy because they

were always ready to help when there was work to be done. Thanks again to the board members.

I am pleased to annouce that the dumpsters are back on the mountain. I would like to thank District 4 Board of Supervisor Ray Carroll and his assistant Rick Small for their help in convincing waste management to return the dumpsters to the mountain. The dumpsters are at the waste water treatment plant and will be open seven days a week from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.

I hope that all homeowners have a safe and enjoyable summer on the mountain and take part in the many activities that the mountain has to offer.

### Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Board Elections

The Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Board elected officers last month. Special thanks to John Mulay, who has served as president for the last 2 years.

Larry Waldron is the newly elected Board President. Other officers are: Vice President, Franny Crowe; Secretary, Dani Hayhurst; and our trusted treasurer, Florence Wilhoite. The remaining board members include Chuck Autrey, Red Greth, Pete Krauss, John Mulay, Olga Pace, Carrie Reitz, Kathy Shields and Fran Zimmerman.

If you have any questions regarding the MLHO association or concerns in the community, please contact a member of the MLHO Board.

### CARELESSNESS THREATENS CABINS

by Fire Chief John Roads

### Fire in the village

A fire Sunday afternoon, May 23rd, occurred on Upper Loma Linda Road near the water tanks. Thanks to a quick discovery by Water Coop employees, the fire burned only about 1/4 acre before being brought under control by two MLFD units and assisted by one Forest Service unit from Palisades. The fire was a threat to several cabins in the area. The cause of the fire was attributed to careless disposal of grill coals and ashes. The cabin had been loaned out to a scout troop. The troop dumped the grill coals and ashes in the yard, near a stump, and on top of pine needles. As I have preached many times, ashes and coals can remain hot for many days. The ashes must be placed in a nonconbustible container and allowed to cool thoroughly before being dumped. It is the responsibility of all cabin owners to insure that all cabin users, whether renters or just visitors, follow proper fire safety practices. With the current extremely dry conditions, such a fire can easily spread into a disastrous situation.

#### Cabin Preparation

Follow the 11 Fire Safety Suggestions:

- -Rake pine needles and duff, 30 ft area away from the structure and LPG tanks.
- -Clear all dead brush and weeds away from structure & LPG tank. Leave only green plants & trees.
- -Trim all limbs, dead or alive, away from above the structure.
- -Trim all limbs, dead or alive, within 10 feet of the chimney.
- -Cover the chimney outlet or vent with a vertical spark arrestor of 1/2" mesh screen.
- -Remove the needles and leaves from roof tops and rain gutters.
  - -Stack fire wood neatly and away from the structure.
- -Remove all exposed stored combustibles from underneath the structures.
- -Prune all ladder tree branches 10 feet above the ground a maximum of 30 feet from structures.
- -Remove heavy fuels, (dead and downed branches and logs) from around structures and LPG tanks.
- -INSURE that VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBERS are posted.

### **Dumpsters**

The pine needle dumpster arrived May 21st. The dumpster is located just behind the fire station on the sewer plant road. The dumpster will be for PINE NEEDLES AND SMALL TREE SLASH ONLY!!!!! This dumpster SHALL NOT be used for any other garbage. Its sole purpose is to assist homeowners in the reduction of natural fire hazards. Other arrangements will have to be made for any other substances such as old appliances, food stuff or construction materials. This project will require all village residents and homeowners cooperation to make this a successful project. Since the county did not assist with this dumpster, as had been originally promised, it is costing the department \$400 a load. The clean up efforts from just two weekends completely filled the dumpster. Donatioins to help off set the cost are appreciated.

#### Good News

The Severity Crews started shifts on May 24th. Two was three extra fire fighters are on duty per day. The crews have been working to catch up on pile burns. The crews will also be working on a village tactical plan, evacuation plans, and public education efforts. The engine is staffed from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm daily. This crew provides additional immediate response to any emergencies.

The second MLFD Compressed Air Foam (CAF) fire fighting unit was delivered May 26th. The unit was placed in service on May 27th. A foam demonstration was conducted at the Homeowners/Water Board pot luck dinner at the fire station on May 29th.

#### Reminder

People often ask about Fire Board governing meetings. All Fire Board meetings are open meetings according to state law. Anyone wishing to address the Board may have an item placed on the agenda by calling the Fire Chief or Janell Miranda at 576-1201, at least 48 hours before a meeting, or may show up to any meeting and address the board during the Call to the Public agenday item. Fire board meetings

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# TRICO IS AVAILABLE 365 DAYS A YEAR

by Trico Electric Cooperative General Manager Marv Athey

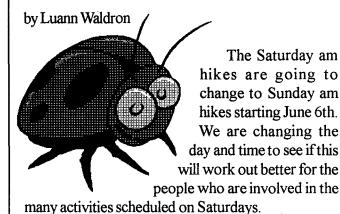
At the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Annual meeting a gentleman asked me a question about why our phones were not being answered during the late morning hours on April 10th. I stated that I would research the situation.

When I checked with Staff I found that our voice mail system had locked up and this did not allow calls to be forwarded to our power supplier's dispatch center. Our power supplier, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, takes Trico's calls on weekends and at night. When we became aware of the problem it took just a minute to reboot the computer and we were back to normal.

While I want to assure you that we have employees in our dispatch centers (either Trico's or AEPCO's) 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, I can't guarantee you that we will not have technical problems. And this is in spite of the fact that we attempt to have the best technology available.

I want to apologize for this inconvience and each time a situation like this occurs we will try to learn from the problem and do better next time.

# TAKE A HIKE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS



We will meet at the post office at 9:00 on Sundays. We invite anyone who likes easy hikes to join us. We are usually gone about 1 1/2 hours.

This is a great way to see the mountain and observe nauture as we do stop along the way (sometimes to catch our breath). It's also a great time to visit and get to know your neighbors on the mountain.

# SECOND ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

June 11, 12 & 13th, (Friday, Saturday & Sunday), 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

This year we'll be hosting many well-known Tucson area painters and artists coming up to demonstrate their skills. Musical entertainment will accompany the show with classical on Friday and Blue Grass on Saturday.

Our local artists' booth will be located at Cabins and Cookies, and a new children's area will be located down at the school. Call Vic Zimmerman at 576-1542 if you'd like to be included in our local booth. We want all our visitors to see just how much talent there is up here!

Your're invited to join in our community pot-luck get-together on Saturday night, June 12th. The potluck will take place at Cabins and Cookies, on the front deck. Vic is again contributing hot dogs and hamburgers for all. It's a great way for all the artists and homeowners to meet!

# WATER BOARD MEMBERS RETURN FOR REPEAT PERFORMANCE

by Ross Quigley

The annual membership meeting of the Mt. Lemmon Water Cooperative was held just after the Memorial Day Homeowners' potluck on Saturday, May 29th. There was a good turnout, but in the future we will probably move the membership meeting to a time when more people can attend. This year, as in the past, many folks were away for the holidays.

It was brought to our attention that not all Co-op members belong to the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association and they did not know about our meeting, however a notice was printed on everyone's last bill. In the past, the meeting notices were sent in an envelope with the water bills, but many people threw them away and called asking where their bills were. We will take the suggestion that came from the members and next year the notice will be highlighted in red on your bills.

This year we were fortunate to have three members whose terms expired agree to stay on the board for another three years. There were no nominations from the floor and John Gay, Larry Waldron, and Gary Slocum were re-elected. We are all very fortunate to have the current board, as their

varied fields of expertise make it much easier to conduct business. In short, our cooperative is in good financial shape and with our new mainline to the Loma Linda tank, you should enjoy much better water service from now on. Still to come this fall is the new 200K tank in Upper Sabino and hopefully we can begin replacing the old Ajo line with new 6 inch pipe.

In closing I would like to take a moment to thank one of our board members again for all he has done, and continues to do, for the Mt. Lemmon community.

Over the past 20 years John Mulay has given his time and energy to us by serving not only on the Water Board, but on the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Board and through many other community events. He has helped flip pancak/clean up the creak through the village, provide the Co-op with an office, helped with the Fourth of July Parade, been a member of the Ski Patrol, and many, many more projects. He has served as treasurer and president of the Homeowners Association. This distinguished award was bestowed to a worthy team player of the Mt. Lemmon community. Thanks John!!

# GET READY FOR BUNKO NIGHT IN JULY



July Bunko will be Saturday July 17th, 6:00 pm on the patio of the Alpine Lodge.



Dinner will be barbecued ribs or chicken for \$12.14 per person.

Please RSVP to Linda Mulay (327-4615) by July 11th, and indicate which dinner you would like to have so Don will know how much to order.

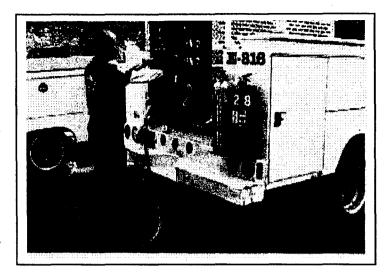
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are generally scheduled for 9:00 am on the second Wednesday, but are subject to change due to weather and other situations.

### Arts Festival June 11th, 12th, 13th Throughout the Village

The Fire Department will be on hand to sell T-shirts and answer fire prevention questions throughout the Arts Festival. Sorry, no artists currently on the department roster.

Photograph shows firefighter Mitch Avelar as he demonstrates the CAF operation.



## Womens Club Taking On The Summer

by Helen Quigley

Summer is upon us and our membership is busy getting ready for the social activities that make our club fun. We have a little of something for all.

Olga Pace is the chairwoman for our Kids' Club. She has a fun schedule planned for the kids with some of our members helping out with the activities.

Luann Waldron and Linda Mulay are co-chairs on the hiking group. Come explore some of the trails and get to know where they are. Spouses are invited and any homeowner is invited to join the group. It's a good way to get that heart pumping and start your day. Hiking was changed to Sundays, but may go back to Saturdays. Please check your <u>Echoes</u> or call Luann at 576-1568/743-3034 or Linda at 576-1417/327-1417 for information.

If you haven't tried Bunko, nows the time. We start the evening out with dinner at one of the restaurants and then play Bunko. It's a simple game and a fun way to meet new friends. Prizes are awarded. This activity is not just for our members, but for homeowners too.

Janelle Miranda is this years membership tea chairwoman. She has a wonderful tea planned. If you would like to visit with women of our community and see what we are about, this is the event. Thanks to Cathy Brown for making the

arrangements for a harpist to entertain at the tea. Members will be receiving an invitation. Please pass it on to a friend or neighbor who might like to attend. The tea is on **June 26 at 2:30 pm at BJ Singh's cabin**. For more information please call co-presidents, Helen Quigley at 749-0361/576-1461 or Luann Waldron, or secretary Dani Hayhurst at 298-6328/576-1512.

We're planning other events so members please try to come to some of the meetings and join the fun. The meetings will be held on the mountain for the summer. We also have some important community issues to cover and would like membership input.

Congratulations to Luann for winning the Big Basket raffle at GFWC AZ State Convention. She has a new coffee maker with gourmet coffees. If you stop in for coffee she might put you to work on her remodeling project. Just kidding.

No July meeting, but plan on attending this years 4th of July parade. The entree forms are in the back of this issue. Get everyone you can to join in on this unique, small town event. Each year it gets bigger and better. The parade starts at noon and goes right through Summerhaven.

Pease read the Echoes for other announcements.

# SATURDAY MORN-ING KIDS CLUB

The Kids Club is off and running. Last Saturday the children had fun with clay. They met at the home of Olga Pace from 10:00 to 12:00.

The Kids Club will be meeting every Saturday through the month of July, except for July 3rd. So if your kids are anxious for some fun activities be sure and mark this on your calendar.

The remaining activities will involve going on an insect hunt, playing and creating with bubbles, a trip to the fire station, a scavenger hunt and much more.

If you need more information call Olga Pace at 576-1420 or 577-1993.

# Schools Out For The Summer

A special thanks to our Zimmerman School teacher, Mr. Maloney. After school, two or three times a week, he put together a band practice for the kids. He instructed the children on such instruments as the clarinet, flute, trumpet and the saxaphone. He also helped with the chess club. And, it wasn't uncommon to see him biking with the kids after school. Thank you Mr. Moloney for your generous spirit.

Congradulations to our graduates, Chris Harmon and Olga von Ehrenstein. We hope you enjoy your new school.

# CALENDAR REMINDERS

Annual Kids' Club - The Kids' Club will be meeting on Saturdays, from 10:00 to noon. Call Olga Pace at 576-1420 or Suzanne Hensel at 576-1272 for more details.

Second Annual L'll Fine Arts & Crafts Show – June 11, 12, &13th (Friday, Saturday & Sunday). This will take place throughout the village. Potluck at Cabins and Cookies on Saturday.

Popcorn and Movie Night - June 19th, Saturday. A video will be shown about the effects of fire in the wildland/urban intermix. Call the fire station for more information.

Womens Club Tea - June 26th, Saturday afternoon at BJ Singh's cabin.

4th of July Parade - July 4th, Sunday at noon. The parade marches down through Summerhaven. If you are planning on participating get your form in no later than June 30th.

**Bunko** – July 17th, Saturday at 6:00 pm., on the patio of the Alpine Lodge. Please RSVP to Linda Mulay at 327-4615.

### WATER COOPERATIVE MOVING FORWARD

by Michael Stanley

Our water sources are producing 14 gallons per minute and the tanks are full.

The financial situation of the Co-op is good. We are able to pay the bills, pay the construction loan and probably will not be required to apply for a rate increase. The Co-op saved over \$400,000 with a lower interest rate. We also saved money by doing the construction project in house. The backhoe, an extra 1,000 feet of pipe and a bigger tank was bought with the savings.

The 6" main line is completed to the Loma Linda side of the system. This transmission main produces over 500 GPM at the 283,000 gallon Loma Linda tank. The Loma Linda tank fills one foot each 15 mintues. The old line only produced 30 - 40 GPM and only produced 6" of water in 24 hours.

There are 7 high pressure fire hydrants on the main. These hydrants are located in areas to provide fire fighting water on the north and eastsides of Summerhaven. The replacement of the asphalt in the road crossings will be completed the first week of June. There is some final landscaping and reseeding to be finished as the summer progresses. This will basically finish the 6" Loma Linda Transmission Main Project.

We are in the process of purchasing the 200,000 gallon Sabino raw water tank. The main part of the work can't begin until September 1st, due to the spotted owl. However, we will be doing the work that surrounds this project. There is a main line that requires replacement from the spring to the tank. This will be done during the summer. We will be staging the material and supplies as they are available.

Our goal is to have the 200,000 gallon tank on line by 12/1/99. We hope to capture as much water this winter as we can to lessen the impact on Sabino Creek next summer. The addition of the 200,000 gallon tank helps supply our domestic uses and will provide stored water for the future filtration plant.

Our returning Board members, John Gay, Larry Waldron and Gary Slocum, is a positive benefit to the Co-op. The Board has worked hard to continue the progressive attitude to provide water and serviceability to the community. This includes better water, better service, fire fighting capabilities, financial structure, and a better living environment with

less outages.

In the winter when there is snow cover a leak is hard to find. With the larger storage tanks there will be greater loss because the tank will not go empty. Equipment is just hard to find when snow cover hides the ground. The best solution to the problem is education. All costumers need to know their water system. They should always shut off their water meter when they are away from the mountain. They should be aware of how the water meter works to show there is a leak on their side of the meter. They should keep an eye on their usage to prevent something small, like a toilet leak, from causing a great loss in water.

We are trying to continue a water customers newsletter on an annual or semi annual basis. Talk with your Co-op and homeowners board members on any suggestions you may have to better notify and educate the memberships.

On a personal note, I do not believe we ever give enough thanks to the Homeowners Board for the continued support they give the Water Co-op and Fire District. The people that provide the pot lucks, the dinners, the parades, the newsletters, the interaction and the unwavering support deserve a continuous, well yelled **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!** 



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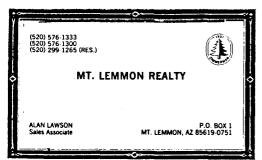
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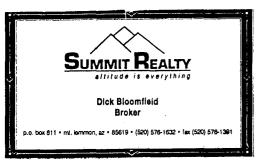
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4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Please remit this form ASAP to Fran Zimmerman, P.O. Box 1, Mt.Lemmon, AZ. 85619 or Fax to 576-1300 no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. For more info Call Fran at 576-1333. Remember to line up starting at 11:15 a.m. at the intersection Ski Valley Rd and Loma Linda Extension. At that time you will be given a number to display on yourself or your float.

Larry & Luann Waldron 4470 N. Cerritos Dr. Tucson, AZ 85745



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