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Mt. Lemmon Echoes

Serving the Homeowners of Mt. Lemmon

"You can overlook Tucson, but you can't overlook Mt Lemmon"

Message From The Pres.

by: Ross A. Quigley

I want to begin this issue by sending my deepest regrets to those of you who have lost their homes. The press may refer to them as "cabins" or "structures" but to us they were homes! I also want to remind all of you whose homes were spared, that you are an even more important part of our community now. You give us friends to return to and the much needed support it will take to rebuild.



As I said in our meeting last week, this fire must be addressed in three stages: The Disaster Stage, the Re-Entry Stage, and the Recovery Stage. We are currently working on the Re-Entry Stage and hopefully by the time this issue is out we will be starting the Recovery Stage. Re-Entry is probably the hardest one for each of us to deal with as it will be tremendously emotional to see our home sites again and extremely important to do so safely.

Many preparations have been made to assure that no injuries occur now that we have survived the fire. (No one was seriously injured during this disaster and we want to keep it that way!)

Before we can return to Summerhaven, many hazards must be dealt with. TRICO is already pulling all of their damaged lines, disconnecting lines at the houses that remain, and stringing new lines to get our service up and running again. These disconnects must be made to assure that lines won't be back-charged if homeowners hook up generators for temporary service. TRICO also asks that each of you notify them before you hook up a generator so they can help you identify possible dangers in your still standing homes. The fire may not have taken your home, but temperatures were high enough to cause potential problems. State Lands is currently checking each lot to identify and remove dangerous trees. They call these "widow makers" and they are trees that are leaning due to weakened roots, trees that have limbs ready

to fall, and trees that are severely damaged by fire. . They currently have crews falling these trees to assure your safety. Pima County Health Department is addressing the issue of tetanus and diphtheria. They have provided for free immunizations and will be providing free dust masks as well as other items to help you remain safe while cleaning up your home sites. Amerigas has been removing all damaged propane tanks, and State Hazmat crews have examined and marked every site.

The prime concern of every department at this time is to assure your safety, but other preparations are also under way. Quest is installing a bank of phones in the village which can be used by everyone to make calls to Tucson. These will not be pay phones, they'll be free. The county is attempting to obtain port-a-pots for placement in the village or at the waste disposal plant. Solid waste is preparing to provide waste bins at our home sites to make debris removal handy and avoid the necessity of loading trucks. The Mt. Lemmon Water Coop is working to restore fire protection water service first, but providing potable water will take much longer. Some of our tanks have been damaged and the entire system will have to be flushed, cleaned, and tested before it can be used for drinking water again. There will, however, be an Aid Station set up in the village when we return to provide bottled drinking water and other necessities.

Bob Zimmerman has offered the use of his office site for our insurance companies to set up a base of operations. This will give everyone a central location to meet with their adjusters. Individual appointments must be made by the homeowner, and we will provide assistance for the adjusters to locate properties where the homeowners are unable to come to the mountain. Remember, you must have clearance from your insurance company before you begin clean-up. Hopefully any other questions were answered at the July 1st meeting at Sabino, but don't hesitate to call your agent. I urge you to listen to your insurance companies offer before you hire an independent adjuster, but be aware they are available if you feel you are being treated unfairly or unduly hassled.

There are several websites that are available to provide you with information. Some of them are: www.Summerhavenfire.com, www.Pimahealth.org, www.asr.co.pima.az.us (assessor) and www.trico.org. For questions on web information I would like to refer you to Gail Frank.

Gale Frank: galefrank@maggey.com or 293-1059
Lindy Brighame: lbrigham@ag.arizona.edu or 548-1489

The response to our request for volunteers was amazing and Jill Kennedy has logged and categorized all of you by areas of interest or expertise. Some of you have already been contacted to work on various committees, but if you haven't, don't despair. We will soon begin the Recovery phase and everyone will be given a chance to help out. We will form work task forces using every one of you. This phase will be quite lengthy and community cooperation and participation will make it easier on everyone!

The County is working very hard, with our input, to streamline the rebuilding process and make it easier for all of us to revive our community. The plans are currently in the draft stage and details will be available soon. We will also have an opportunity to give individual suggestion and criticisms during a public hearing process before the final plan is adopted. A member of the Summerhaven community has volunteered to interface with the county and we couldn't find a more qualified person for the job. John Jones, who has a cabin in Middle Sabino, was a city planner and head of the Rio Nuevo Project before retiring just three weeks ago. I have worked with John on the Water Board in past years and his knowledge of county government is a tremendous advantage for us. John is currently working with Chuck Huckleberry and his staff to change our zoning and numerous building codes.

In closing, I would like to urge you all to keep the faith and continue to remain a community while we begin this difficult job ahead. Participate in get togethers, help your neighbors where you can and please rebuild if at all possible. If your circumstances won't allow it, please keep your lot until real estate values rebound. Try to avoid selling at "fire-sale" prices to scalpers. Anyone who does rebuild will be helping the entire community regain their previous values.

For those who volunteer **KEEP TRACK OF YOUR TIME & HELP EVEN MORE!**

By Judy Epstein

The volunteer work you are doing for our community is a much needed and much appreciated contribution. Thank you so much! Volunteer actions such as the ones being undertaken in all phases of helping out, demonstrate our community's resilience, determination and dedication. **It may also help our community FINANCIALLY!** Here's how:

Mt. Lemmon will be involved in grants or loans that required us to pay matching funds. Documented records of hours of work put in without pay and expenses paid out (mileage, gas, etc.) can be used as "in kind" contributions towards meeting these matching funds. Hence the more we document what we do and the time it took, the less actual money the community or the utilities for our community will

have to financially contribute – our time and expenses will be contributed "in kind" toward those matching funds.

When the time arises, Ross Quigley will collect everyone's tabulation of hours put in and expenses paid out. (Questions? Contact Ross Quigley, 749-0361 or hquigley2@cs.com) For now, keep up the great work and **KEEP TRACK!**

Converting the Water Coop to a DWID

by Dennis Haynes

The destruction caused by the Aspen fire makes it even more beneficial to convert the Water Coop from a nonprofit corporation to a Domestic Water Improvement District (DWID).

Before the fire the three main benefits to the coop and its customers were 1) saving about \$15,000 per year in Coop property taxes, 2) saving approximately \$80,000 in 20 year interest costs by being able to refinance our existing loans at lower interest rates and 3) getting rid of the costs and delays of having to deal with the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Because of the fire, there are now significant additional benefits to forming the DWID. As a DWID we can qualify for financial assistance that a nonprofit corporation can not get. This is extremely important. It will provide us some of the funds that are desperately needed to get the water system back on line and providing the clean quality water to existing cabins and to the cabins that will be rebuilt.

Because of the importance to the Mt. Lemmon community in forming the DWID the petition drive will be a high priority community activity. The program will be launched before you get this article so you may already have had an opportunity to sign the DWID formation petition. If not, please be looking for the information you need to sign the petition and please sign it as soon as possible.

Mt Lemmon Fire District

The Mt Lemmon Fire District has set up an account with Bank One for anyone who would like to make a donation to the Mt Lemmon Fire District. The account number to deposit your check is 648556090. This is a tax deductible donation that helps the Mt Lemmon Fire Department. There are ZERO administrative or handling charges - all dollars donated go directly to the MLFD. Please make checks payable to MLFD or Mt Lemmon Fire District.

Remember deposit into acct # 648556090 - We set the account up with the Bank One branch on Tanque Verde and Sabino Canyon, but any Bank One in Tucson will take the deposit.

Mt Lemmon Fire District

by Dani Hayhurst

Thank You to All the Friends of the Mountain

Thursday morning, June 19th, "**Barry and Andy**" of the **KLPX 96.1** Barry and Andy Morning Show and Friday evening, June 20th, **KLPX 96.1** radio personality "**Chita**" in a live broadcast from the **City Limits Night Club** along with the **MLHO** and the **MLCECs** put out a call for non perishable food items to support the Fire fighters working on the Aspen fire on Mt Lemmon. Items like bottled water, Gatorade, power drinks, power bars, energy bars, etc could be dropped off at any **Naughtons** stores and the **City Limits Night Club** on 6350 E Tanque Verde.

Wendy Hunter organized the drive along with the **Mt Lemmon Home Owner's Association (MLHO)** & the **Mt Lemmon Community Events Coordinators (MLCECs)** and **George Reitz** picked up the donations for delivery. Special thanks goes out to **everyone** at radio station **KLPX 96.1**, owners **Frank Naughton Jr** and **Frank Naughton Sr**, the managers of all 4 **Naughton's** and manager "**Mike**" of the **City Limits Night Club** on 6350 E Tanque Verde.



Sunday morning, June 21st. **Over 20 tons** of water, Gatorade, non perishable power bars, and sundry items were donated in a matter of a few days by the caring people of Tucson. Special thanks goes to **George & Hap Reitz**, **John Mulay**, **Skip Andree**, **Pat Hayhurst**, **Ed Roll**, and **Mike Stanley** for moving the supplies either to the fire station or to 2 (free) warehouses in Tucson for temporary storage. They needed fork lifts to move the pallets of donations! **Linda Mulay** and **Carrie Reitz** are inventorying the goods being temporarily stored in the Tucson warehouses so that as it is needed it can be brought up to the mountain. **EVERYONE** of these volunteers lost their cabins on Mt Lemmon. **Naughtons** was receiving goods at a faster rate then our volunteers could stack it

and haul it. A big thank you goes out to **Naughtons** and **City Night Club** as well. As of this writing, one large bay of the **MLFD** fire station is filled 6 feet high with water, Gatorade and non perishable goods. The generosity was spontaneous, heart warming and gratefully accepted ... and it is still coming. Isn't it a blessing to know that people give beyond our capacity to logistically store the supplies. If any of your neighbors still want to help, they can donate with a check made out to **MLFD**, (no cash please) **PO Box 759, Mt Lemmon, Az** and it will be used to benefit the fire fighters at a later date. There are **NO** administrative fees taken from these donations. 100% goes for the fire station. All the fire hoses spread throughout the village to check spot fires were burned up in the fire storm (there are only brass couplings left to tell the tale). Donations could go toward replacing hoses or wherever the need is greatest which may save a fire fighters life someday. **THANK YOU EVERYONE.**

Erosion Protection

By Micheal and Barbara Heisler

My cabin burned two weeks before the Aspen fire so I can empathize with you all. We are so grateful that this is not the Heisler Fire. The fire department did an amazing job in controlling our blaze—to see so much lost only 2 weeks later.

However, I have had the opportunity to focus on getting rebuilt and most importantly re-habilitated. I have been in contact with **Alix** at The U Of A, the **UDA Soil Conservation Service** as well as the **USFS**. I have actually purchased several hundred pounds of native grass seeds and wild flower mix for spreading over the original "**Ajo fire**". The **USFS** mix typically consists of only fast germinating sterile seeds to prevent immediate erosion. There are no native grass seeds within the mix as they count on existing seed sources for permanent control (this is a budgetary constraint). However, if you recall, within the dense canopy forest that we had, there was little grasses for seed source. Additionally, I have a bead on approximately 3000 aspen trees of various sizes and ages that I will put dibs on (I had intended on purchasing 200 to re veg our area). I think the point of a coordinated effort is critical as we focus on how to protect our mountain in a natural non-exotic species manner.

It is clear to me despite lip service from fed agencies, that the only way things are going to get done is via landowners and volunteers. This should be viewed as a multi year strategy with a reforestation plan organized and implemented.

I am anxious to assist/lead in this effort.

The **Conservation Technical Assistance Program** and the **Emergency Watershed Protection Program** are two programs administered through the United States Department of Agriculture—Natural Resources Conservation Service. The local point of contact for the CTA program in the Tucson area is:

Ralph Ware, Liaison District Conservationist
USDA-NRCS
4650 N. Highway Drive, Suite 100
Tucson, AZ. 85705
Phone: 520-887-8520, ext. 3

Conservation Technical Assistance Program

The Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) program provides voluntary conservation technical assistance to landowners, communities, units of state and local government, and other Federal agencies in planning and implementing conservation systems. This assistance includes help to plan and implement conservation measures that address natural resource issues.

Private landowners are eligible to receive CTA on private (and other non-federal) lands. In each instance, persons who are interested in receiving CTA assistance must work through a locally led group, called a conservation district. In the case of the Santa Catalina Mountains, there are 3 natural resource conservation districts (NRCD's) whose boundaries join within the mountain range. The boundaries of the Pima, Winkelman, and Redington Natural Resource Conservation Districts join near the top of the mountain.

The Conservation Technical Assistance program may be an option to assist Mt. Lemmon landowners. With the support of their local conservation districts, landowners would be able to receive technical recommendations for erosion control projects and other measures to protect and/or enhance the natural resources. One important note on the CTA program is that it does not provide financial resources which would share in the cost of the conservation measures installed by the landowner.

For more information on the Conservation Technical Assistance Program, please refer to the following resources.

"Conservation Technical Assistance" can be found at:

www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cta/index.html

"Importance of Conservation Tech. Assistance" can be found at: www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cta/ctasummary.html

Opportunities for Involvement on Private (non-federal) Lands

1. Distribute technical materials to landowners; provide guidelines/specifications for conservation measures to be installed.
2. Conduct educational workshops and demonstration projects for installing conservation measures to control erosion
3. Coordinate materials needed for emergency protection, such as straw, seed, etc.
4. Coordinate volunteer workers to assist in installing conservation measures
5. Educate landowners, community leaders, and others in the

Emergency Watershed Protection Program

The Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program was set up by Congress to respond to emergencies created by natural disasters. It is a program (administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service) designed to protect lives and property threatened by natural disasters such as floods and wildfire.

Private landowners are eligible for assistance, which can include both technical and financial assistance. In every instance, local landowners must be represented by a project sponsor. Sponsors can be any legal subdivision of state or local government. Locally, Pima County has acted on many occasions as sponsor for EWP projects.

The EWP Program may be an option to help protect the resources that remain on private lands within the Mt. Lemmon community and those resources which are vulnerable downstream as well. In order to utilize the technical and financial resources available through EWP, the following actions would need to happen:

1. On-site damage survey to confirm potential projects that meet program criteria
2. Local Sponsor identified; sponsor agreements signed
3. Funding secured through the USDA-NRCS at the national level to implement program measure.

For more information on the Emergency Watershed Protection Program please refer to the following resources, which are on-line. EWP Sheet

www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/factsheet.html

EWP Questions & Answers

www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/questions.html

importance of watershed health .

6. Assist with damage assessment reports that will bring technical and/or financial resources to help solve community natural resource problems.
7. Coordinate efforts with Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association, Pima County, USFS, Emergency Mgt. Agencies, and others who also have a role in conservation efforts within the watersheds.
8. Encourage quality programs at all levels to benefit the watershed health

Bob Zimmerman's Letter to Chuck Huckelberry

Chuck

My heart sank when I read in today's Star your proposed plan for our community, "County officials hope to enact a host of stringent new building codes to make Summerhaven more fireproof." Until now, I have been very encouraged by the progress, helpfulness and openness that Pima County has shown as rebuilding plans have been discussed in the FEMA meetings.

As you know, it is now a very difficult, long and exasperating process to get anything through Development Services. With a little misplaced or miss construed help from you, the process can easily become impossible. Many, who have lost their cabins, have told me they will not rebuild if Pima County does not take steps to make plan approval reasonable.

While the residents of Mt. Lemmon are willing and wanting to make changes that improve safety and help prevent future fires of this nature, we are deathly afraid of turning Development Services loose without input from the long established community leaders. I hope you will keep in mind that many of the properties that burned were completely FireWised, but because of the massive amounts of fuel in the forest combined with the high and following winds, drought conditions, etc, a once in a hundred years fire storm rolled thought the village, destroying all before it.

Over strict building policies can have a disastrous affect on insurance recovery by individuals (owners being denied the replacement increment of their policies which in itself will discourage rebuilding.), reduce the possibility of Bush declaring Mt. Lemmon a disaster (reducing individual and community infrastructure aid), to name a few. I am sure there exists many more potentially damaging affects of over stringent rebuilding policies.

It is true, many communities have adopted FireWise policies. Of those that I have read, many have gone overboard in reaction to their disaster. *I don't care how stringent the rebuilding policies are, you can not stop a Tsunami.* We had a Fire Tsunami.

Future building policies must be measured against the possibility of this kind of catastrophic fire ever happening again. Keep in mind that our forest was burned clean in every direction from the village providing a long term safety zone, and the village has, in its entire 70 plus history, never started a catastrophic fire despite the many cabins that have burned over the years. The Aspen Fire is an extreme case. Even the equally big Bullock fire does not compare.

In order for the community to re-build, we need a sensible, but fast track plan to get us quickly to the building process.

Waiting one or two years, for instance, while Pima County churns around thinking of everything they can impose on us, will kill our village. Same for over-stringent policies.

It is extremely important to involve community leaders in this process, otherwise you will kill that you are trying to protect. Please do not ignore us!

Bob Zimmerman, Chairman
Mount Lemmon Fire District

Since Bob sent this letter, Mr Huckleberry's office has responded to him in a very encouraging manner. Mr. Huckleberry has gone out of his way to include community input and a very informed member of our community (John Jones) has been allowed to give daily input. It appears that the county has heard Bob's message.

MT. LEMMON FIRE BENEFIT GATHERING

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JON MESSENGER * LINDA LOU & DESERT DRIFTERS
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
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Installing backup generators

If you intend on purchasing and installing a backup generators on Mt. Lemmon, please check to see if your electrical meter has been removed by TRICO.

If not contact TRICO before installing so they can pull their meter to prevent a possible injury or fire.

Mt Lemmon Woman's Club

By Luann Waldron,
President

The General Federation of Woman's Clubs have a motto that says, "Volunteer-it's the thing to do". I think this would be a good motto for us to follow as we come together in rebuilding our future. We need to pool our resources, hang in there, pitch in, and use whatever talent we have been given.

As most of you know the Mt. Lemmon Woman's club has been active in our community since 1973. We have stressed serving the community and its critical organizations; most notably the Fire Department and Water Company. With this current tragedy it is more important then ever that we strengthen our efforts in these areas. We will continue to fund projects that will help the community recover as well as provide social and community events to keep our spirit united. As Michael Stanley so aptly put it "our village may be gone but the spirit of our community is right here".

Each of us has an emotional emptiness that needs filling and we will need to help our neighbors where ever possible. It may be providing meals and beds for friends who wish to work on the mountain while rebuilding their lives or work with them on cleaning up their properties. We will need to help feed those workers who volunteer in a community cleanup effort and encourage that volunteerism.

In the past we have shared each other's gladness and now we must share each other's sorrow. The best way to comfort each other is by being with our neighbors that we have come to love so much. That is why many members have encouraged the Woman's Club to continue with our normal calendar of events and our meetings. With that we will be having our Annual Woman's Club Tea on Saturday July 26th at 2 PM in the Tucson Woman's Club. The Tucson Woman's Club has donated \$500 to the Aspen Fire recovery and \$200 to the Tucson Human Society for evacuee pet care. We are continuing to receive donations through the mail.

We also want to continue the community Bunko nights until the mountain is available again for our enjoyment. We are working on a location for July 12th.

We also would love to work with the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association in promoting other community events like potlucks, picnics or whatever other event will provide the needed togetherness.

Tough times are not for the faint of heart, but after we succeed in rebuilding our village will be that much more together because of it

IF

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you
But make allowance for their doubting too,
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or see the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch and toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them : "Hold On"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings-nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much:
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run-
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And-which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!

Rudyard Kipling

Submitted by Barbara Welsh

Log Cabin Construction

By Dani Hayhurst

MaryLou, Bill Piatkiewicz, Pat and myself are planning to invite a log cabin building company that engineers, will build for you or give seminars for the DIY crowd and is willing to help get permits etc - more information to come later.

We are tentatively planning for the evening of July 10th and/or 11th for anyone interested to hearing what this group has to offer. More details when we firm up the information. These companies also have web sites so you can review their info ahead.

Goodbye Frog Mountain Lodge

By Margie Woodard

Ever since I was a little girl, one of my favorite things was an inexpensive bottle of bubbles. The kind you dip the plastic wand into and gently blow in the air. If you blow slowly and carefully, you can get a big beautiful iridescent bubble that might rise quite high before flying away or bursting.

My friends Mary and Tony Mazzara, helped my husband Dean and I build a beautiful cabin on Mt. Lemmon. It was like the big bubble. We carefully crafted it "just so". We carried logs up a steep hill with the help of an old 1965 Ford 4x4 pickup that we fondly called "Stella". Tony engineered, measured and carefully cut each log. Mary and I drilled and lagged them all in place. Dean hauled supplies and made all the doors. We chinked (for months), we wired, tiled, painted. We then laid and polished a beautiful pine floor. We built every cabinet and every piece of furniture. We made all the door handles out of deer antlers. For fourteen months, it was a labor of love. Our cabin wasn't one of the big grand homes, it was small and sturdy with character and charm. We wanted it to feel like a "cabin". No dishwasher for us, not with the view we had to wash dishes by.

We shared our cabin with family and friends. Our grandkids hiked, built forts, and went sledding down the snow-covered hills. They walked to the village, brought candy at the General Store and treasures at the Living Rainbow. We enjoyed the 4th of July parade, celebrated the millennium there, and buried a time capsule beside the cabin. We enjoyed four Thanksgivings there with 20 or so friends each time. We barbecued and had parties. We even had a few visits with the bears.

One sad day, after only four short years, the bubble burst. However, I believe that every home has a heart and soul and I know that somewhere in the heat and smoke, a big shiny iridescent bubble rose and flew away... the very soul of our sweet and perfect cabin.

So to our mountain neighbors and friends, we say, "Buy a bottle of bubbles, blow some into the wind" we don't know the future but maybe, just maybe, we'll be neighbors again.

Goodbye Frog Mountain Lodge. We'll miss you.

Love,
Margie and Dean
Woodard
Mary and Tony
Mazzara

*on Feb. 11, 2001,
our cabin was fea-
tured in the Arizona
Daily Star



Water Coop Backhoe

Water Co-Op

by Alan Lawson

Your water cooperative has played an integral part in fighting the fire while taking every step possible to protect our water facilities in Summerhaven

Prior to the fire reaching Summerhaven, Michael and Nathan worked with the Mt Lemmon Fire Department to prepare the village for the approaching fire. After the fire stormed through Summerhaven, Michael and Nathan have worked tirelessly with the fire department and the Type I team to fill tanker trucks for fire fighters. Not only have they worked to fight the fire, but also they have worked to secure our water system and volunteered their time to gather and provide information to homeowners. They are the epitome of our community's spirit.

Currently, our water system is shut down. A team is verifying that all customers' meter valves are shut-off. The springs in Sabino are still flowing and filling the tank. Michael and Nathan have a generator hooked up to the tank in Sabino and are pumping water to the Miners Ridge Tank. The next steps will be to test the transfer lines and get them back operational. Then the distribution line will be tested section by section and repaired as needed. There is damage to the water storage tanks but it appears we will be able to store water.

As you can imagine, all of this work takes time and money. You will be receiving the monthly water bill for June 2003. We are billing for the monthly minimum charge only. We hope you will not immediately disconnect your service. In order to put our water system back in good working order and continue with our planned improvements, we need revenue. If you can afford to continue paying your water service monthly minimums, we ask you to do so.

Of course, everyone's circumstances are different. If you must disconnect the service, please be aware if you reconnect within twelve months, you will be required to pay the monthly minimums for the months you were disconnected.

We would also like to thank all of you who have volunteered to help by giving your time, money, and providing needed resources. Michael has mentioned he is overwhelmed with everyone's generosity and ambitious spirit.

Please help us get the system up and running as soon as possible by continuing to pay your water monthly minimum.



Water Co op Office



Water Co op's
Sabino Springs
Water Tank and
Pump Shed

Obituary

Joe Shirley 1932 - 2003

On June 13th Mt Lemmon lost a VERY SPECIAL MAN. Joe Shirley passed away quietly in Florida surrounded by his loving family and his beloved wife Bea. Mr. Shirley was a strong contributor to Mt Lemmon Fire Department and the Mt Lemmon Co-operative Water Company. In previous years he along with his wife Bea contributed more than \$35,000 in cash, a snowmobile, new computers and programs to the ML Fire Department and \$10,000 in cash, a kit car (that was raffled by the Water Coop as a fund raiser), a log splitter and a Chevy Blazer to the ML Water Coop.



Joe Shirley was a quiet, gentle man who graciously welcomed all sorts of visitors to his cabin. Many a time you could see Joe sitting on the deck of his cabin in the early evening light quietly smoking his pipe, enjoying the days end. The raccoon's and even a skunk or two would meander around the base of Joe's chair. ALL GOD'S CREATURES ENJOYING ANOTHER DAY'S PASSING ON MT LEMMON. Joe, you will be greatly missed.

Joe Shirley is survived by wife Bea Shirley and sons Ted Shirley and William Shirley both of Tucson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS to MLFD desperately needed--spread the word to family, friends and co-workers! PO Box 759, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619 or direct deposit to Bank One acct #: 6485 56090
2. Surviving Cabins with food in refrigerator - if you have questions about getting your food emptied from your refrigerator, please call Linda Currin at 297-0830 or email her at lcurren@mindspring.com
3. 4th of July, Bunko & Mt Lemmon Woman's Club information now posted on the website <http://www.summerhavenfire.com> or click here [Click here: summer-havenfire info](#)

Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley

by Jay Davies

The structures at Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley all stand as of this typing. There has been some fire damage to grass on the slopes, so we will really have to go to work on flood control as soon as we are allowed up.

The top lift terminal was destroyed and we are assuming controls, communications, the engine, etc which were all at the top are gone. The cable will have to be replaced. With no other complications (including lack of snow) we will have a ski season. The view from the top of the lift is barren. You don't have to hike anymore to see Tucson.

The Motherlode will be having a major sale. All clothing and stuffed animals will be smoke damaged. Those of you who are still able to live on the mountain shouldn't mind as everything else will smell of smoke too ! What a mess and what a horrible tragedy. We lost our cabin as did everyone on Red Ridge. The trees are all gone. The fire went through very hot.

Our thoughts and sympathy to the rest of you who lost everything.

Rebuilding Discounts

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