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Mt. Lemmon Echoes

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

Message From The Pres.

by: Ross A. Quigley



The past month has been quite hectic, but extremely productive. All the members of the various committees have done an excellent job and deserve community recognition.

Bob Zimmerman has done an outstanding job with the **Insurance** Committee. He has a meeting scheduled for Aug 13 with the insurance adjusters to try and make sure each homeowner is fairly compensated for their loss.

Luann Waldron, Jill Kennedy, Pam Thompson & their helpers have done a great job with the **Volunteer** committee. We have established an extensive phone tree to help get the word out to all of you.

Wendy Hunter, Carrie Reitz & their helpers have really gotten our **Fund_Raising** committee moving and their efforts have not just been for our fire department.

The **Finance** Committee members, John Lewis and David Lewandowski have set up a bank fund at Southern Arizona Community Bank which assures folks that when they contribute to a certain cause, their money will be spent for that purpose only. Credibility and accountability are a must in fund raising.

Judy Epstein, Barb Eisele, Linda Currin and Rose Mary Hinch have the **NeighborWise** Program up and running. They have also taken over the communications system that was originally set up to get notices of meetings, information about upcoming events and other issues out to you as soon as possible. Gale Frank and Lindy Brigham are also doing a superior job of keeping all of the "computer literate" (I'm not but Helen is) posted as fast as information is available by placing it on the message board at Summerhavenfire.com aka mtlemmoncabin.com. Notice of all upcoming meetings and events are posted as soon as we are aware of them.

Judy and Barb have also set the wheels in motion to begin a program that mirrors the one begun after the Rodeo- Chediski Fire. That program is called "Trees For The Rim" and is designed to get funding through grants and sponsors to grow trees from the same gene pools we currently have on Mt. Lemmon. It will also educate us on how to plant and care for these trees to obtain maximum survival rates. This is not a required program for any homeowner to participate in but we highly encourage you to stay informed.

Larry Waldron has done a great job of working for you by giving us updates as they come out from the **Utility** companies and he went to bat for the community when Quest suggested they would not live up to their original agreement.

John Jones has done an outstanding job of working as our interface with Pima County. He has used his valuable years of experience as a City & County planner to rewrite The Zoning Codes for Mt. Lemmon in a fashion that allows everyone to have the opportunity to rebuild.

Phil Mack and Debbie Fagan also sat in on the four (4) steering committee meetings to address concerns and questions they had as business owners. Other steering committee members are Jamie Turner, President of Loma Sabino Homeowners, Ed Roll, President of Mt. Lemmon Water Coop, and Chuck Autrey, Treasurer of Mt. Lemmon Water Coop. All other activities have been handled by other committees.

A Mt. Lemmon **Restoration** Committee (aka Planning Committee) was formed by Steve Brigham, Dennis Cozzetti, Chris Kraft and Phil Swaim. They, in turn sought additional free help from Ed Marley and Rick Bright (members of the AIA). Their goal was to break down the massive proposed code manual, put it in terms we could understand and have discussions with any community member who wanted to participate. After many meetings with the interested public, they went before the Planning and Zoning Commission to ask for any changes the public meetings identified as necessary.

The Tucson Volunteer Center is also working through a committee that they put together since 9-11 at the direction of the County (VOAD - Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster). They in turn asked Luann Waldron and myself to attend their meetings and give our input. The only suggestion we had, and they went with it, was that they make sure that

any designated donations they receive truly go where the donor assigned them. All undesignated funds will be administered through Interfaith Ministries on an application basis and go to individual needs. So if you have personal needs that you can't meet, call the VOAD for an application now.

Much, much more is currently going on by many different groups. The steering committee has only attempted to cover issues we knew needed immediate attention and I think we have done a fairly good job.

There are, however, a few disgruntled people who feel that we have made decisions in secrecy and kept information from the community. They have circulated a petition and written a letter to Congressman Kolbe complaining about their inability to participate as a member of the steering committee. We selected Steering committee members from past leaders of Mt. Lemmon volunteer organizations, business leaders and community members who have shown a long term commitment to the mountain. I feel these folks have done a excellent job representing your interests. However, I invite each one of you to write us (9428 E Indio Place, Tucson, Az, 85749), or E-mail us (Hquigley2@cs.com) to let us know how you feel, Bad or good. We would like to have you grade us, as I'm sure Congressman Kolbe would like to know if we are the horrible manipulator's they have accused us of being.

Very shortly, those of you who volunteered to assist your neighbors will be contacted and I hope you still have the time and the desire. In the mean time, keep the faith.

Utility Update from the rebuilding committee:

By Larry Waldron

I would like to applaud the efforts made by utility companies on Mt. Lemmon.- Electric, water, telephone and propane gas service as being nothing short of sensational.

WATER: Water board member Dan Cutler has rebuilt the water pump house "nightmare" where the Alpine use to be. It is truly a remarkable maze of lines, regulators, and valves. Michael, Nate, and Wendy, in addition to assisting in fire fighting operations, have managed to get water to all but a few standing cabins. I would not be surprised if all structures have water by the time you read this article. Consider the water as non-potable until notices are given allowing you to drink it. Thanks water board for making this possible, and to all those who completed the work.

ELECTRIC: Trico has basically rebuilt the entire distribution system. Their efforts have truly been remarkable. As many as 80 utility workers from all over Arizona have assisted in getting power to Mt. Lemmon properties. I remember standing with Marv Athey and George Davies when they cut the ribbon for the generator a few years ago. The wisdom

of that project is now evident. If not for the generator, it would still be quite some time before electric power would be available. The main line to Saddlebrook will take significant efforts to get back in service and until then we have the generator providing us with power. Thank you Trico for your commitment to Mt. Lemmon.

QWEST: Now that power poles are installed, Qwest can start the arduous task of installing their phone cables on poles and sorting the hundreds of pairs of wires to the proper terminations. Agreements have been made with Qwest on call following, voice mail, credits, and number retention, etc. The following text is an Email I received indicating their commitment to our community.

"Dear Mr. Waldron,

In accordance with our "Spirit of Service", Qwest will provide the following disaster assistance to the victims of the Mt. Lemmon Aspen Fire. Residential customers whose homes survived the fire will not be charged for telephone service from 6/18/2003 until service is restored. Upon request, during this period, we will also provide at no charge, Call Following, and Voice Messaging. Residence, whose homes were destroyed, will not be charged for service from 6/18/2003 to 9/30/2003. The features of Call Following and Voice Messaging will also be provided upon request at no charge. After 9/30/2003, Qwest will at no charge reserve all residences telephone numbers and provide Transfer of Calls information for a period of two years. Qwest will wave standard reconnection fees for residence who re-establish service within that two year period. Please contact me for any other assistance you may require.

Sincerely,

Paul Parisi Qwest Community Focus"

I will post copies of this Email at the phone bank in the village, the post office, and on the community website: <http://www.mtlemoncabin.com/> for your reference. Please call 1-888-658-5655 and refer to Mr. Parisi's Email if you have questions concerning credits or services. If problems still persist in getting resolution you should call Mr. Parisi at 1-888-3751 Office, 869-1679 Cellular, or Email him at paul.parisi@qwest.com Please remember it is not as easy as one may think to change billing procedures or the tariff structure for a regulated utility under the Arizona Corporation Commission. A hearty thank you to Qwest for providing temporary phone service in the village and for going the extra mile in getting Mt. Lemmon customers these concessions

PROPANE: AmeriGas is beginning the process of reconnecting tanks. AmeriGas will check your regulators for damage and purge the lines to your cabin. For reconnection call AmeriGas at 887-7120. You will need to be at your cabin to have service restored.

Steering Committee Reports Summaries

by Bob Zimmerman

The **Summerhaven Planning Committee** has mailed a survey to all property owners to begin the research process for the Summerhaven Masterplan. The public **Visioning Open House** is scheduled for August 21 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Emily Gray Junior High to gather more information for the Planning Workshop to be scheduled in early September. *Phil Swaim*

The **International Urban Wildland Interface** code and the **Zoning ordinance modifications** were approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and sent on to the Board of Supervisors.

The **Restoration Committee** under the leadership of Co-Chairs Dennis Cozzetti and Ed Marley, AIA continues to be involved in all of the above issues, additionally they have finally scheduled the **Mt. Lemmon Restoration Resource Fair** for August 28 and 29. The Fair will feature booths for Vendors of products and services related to the recovery of the Mountain, Government agencies, and Fund Raising organizations affiliated with the Recovery process. Seminars on Re-vegetation, the development process and other topics will be offered. Watch the Web page for more information on times and booth availability. *Ed Marley*

The **NeighborWise** program is fully engaged and has already proven its usefulness in the Carter Canyon area. Pima County and the NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) were ready to engage soil conservation actions but needed property owners' approval of their plans. To do so, they contacted the NeighborWise Section Leaders who then quickly contacted and informed those property owners. Both Pima County and the NRCS were quite impressed with how the information was disseminated and the quick and involved response they received in such a short period of time. The property owners, too, appreciated being in the loop. *Judy Epstein*

The **website** has grown and gone through a few stages. Stop by and take a look at some of the great comments that have been left in the Guest Book. Click on Sign the Guest Book to view. We have a resource page that we will be adding to frequently. Send info for the website to galefrank@maggey.com. *Gail Frank*

Our **fundraising** steering committee, which includes Wendy Carlson-Hunter as Chair of Fundraising and John Lewis from Southern Az. Community Bank (SACB) as Chair of Finance for Fundraising (not to mention a slew of volunteers!) To date we have collected about \$ 90,000 plus to help our Fire Dept. including \$70,000 from "pay off the fire truck day". We have also helped "steer" funds from many

smaller fundraisers into our accounts set up at SACB to ensure accountability of those funds. Included in those are funds going towards reforestation and beautification and the Water CO-OP. These funds may have otherwise been lost or misdirected. *Wendy Carlson-Hunter*

Mt. Lemmon Restoration Committee

by Steve Brigham

Many of you have been involved in an important committee of architects, engineers, and Mt. Lemmon community volunteers. Right after the Aspen Fire roared through Summerhaven, this committee, referred to as the "Mt. Lemmon Restoration Committee", has worked for the restoration of Summerhaven and the areas of Mt. Lemmon affected by the devastating fire. The committee works under the general direction and guidance of the Mt. Lemmon Steering Committee, which includes many of the Mt. Lemmon community leaders who have done an incredible job representing our interests to local, state, and national authorities.

The goal of the Restoration Committee is to provide resources that will help the community, regulatory agencies, consultants and individual property owners rebuild with a focus on:

- 1 Sustainability – to ensure the future health of the entire Mt. Lemmon community.
- 2 Safety – to apply relevant building/zoning codes and "Firewise" principles.
- 3 Efficiency – to facilitate rapid restoration of the land, businesses, and homes.
- 4 Vision – for a new community at Summerhaven.

John Jones, a long-time Mt. Lemmon cabin owner, and a retired planner/administrator with the City of Tucson, brought the initial committee together. Subsequently, John was asked by Pima County to serve as a Project Manager for the County's Aspen Fire restoration efforts. John then stepped aside as interim chair for the committee and the Committee then selected Ed Marley, President of the Southern Arizona Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and Dennis Cozzetti, Cozzetti Construction, to serve as co-chairs of the committee.

The committee is open to the public and has met frequently to work on various restoration programs. The committee communicates through the Mt. Lemmon Community web site Message Board at <http://www.mtlemoncabin.com/> or www.summerhavenfire.com under the "Restoration Committee" conference of the Mt. Lemmon Message Board.

Some of the activities and accomplishments of the committee include the following:

1. Committee representatives reviewed and revised The International Urban Wildland Interface code and the Mt. Lemmon Zoning ordinance to ensure that Mt. Lemmon property owners can rebuild with improved fire safety considerations and with more realistic applications of existing codes. These modifications were approved by the Pima County Planning and Zoning Commission and sent on to the Board of Supervisors for an August 11 hearing. We owe many individuals for their countless hours working through the details of the code and zoning ordinance changes, including Bill Jones and Jim Mazzocco with Pima County, Rick Bright with the AIA, John Jones and many other architects, community leaders, property owners, and of course the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department and its Board.
2. A sub-committee, called the Summerhaven Planning Committee, under the leadership of Phil Swaim, AIA is working diligently to conduct a community-planning workshop for the rebuilding of Summerhaven. The first public participation event will be a "Visioning" Open House on August 21, from 6:00 to 8:00. The Open House will be open to all Mt. Lemmon Residents at a location to be announced very soon, so please reserve this time for this event. The actual planning workshop will take place later this summer or early fall.
3. The Committee has also mailed a survey to all Mt. Lemmon residents for their input on the future of Summerhaven. Responses are due back by August 15. Please take the time to fill out the survey. Your input is important to shaping the future redevelopment of Summerhaven.
4. A Mt. Lemmon Restoration Resource Fair has been scheduled for August 28 and 29. The Fair will feature booths for vendors of products and services related to the recovery of the mountain. It will also include resources from government agencies, and information from Fund Raising organizations affiliated with the Recovery process. Seminars on Revegetation, the development process and other topics will be offered. Watch the Mt. Lemmon Message Board for more information on times and booth availability.

Please support the efforts of this committee and attend its various activities. There are many volunteers working on your behalf and they need your active participation for the restoration of our mountain community.

NeighborWise

by Judy Epstein

The "NeighborWise" program is now fully engaged! It is an **essential system of cooperation and communication of neighbors**. Our mountain top community is divided into

thirteen Sections each with an assigned number and Section Leader. Each Section is then subdivided into Neighborhoods, each of which has an assigned letter and Neighborhood Leader. The best way to find your location and leader contact info is to view the large NeighborWise map posted at the Yellow Tent in the village center. (If you are unable to make it up to the mountain, you may contact Judy Epstein at (520) 760-2802 or Rose Mary Hinsch at (520) 749-4154.)

Cooperation:

The "NeighborWise" system was originally designed for FireWise actions to be pursued by neighborhoods. Since fire travels fastest uphill, NeighborWise Sections were basically created according to how fire burns uphill. The hope was to educate property owners that the state of their own property as well as that of their neighbors often influences what happens during a fire.

Now that we've had a firestorm rip through our community with much of the vegetation being burned, we have been dealing with the threat of soil erosion. Since water flows downhill, the NeighborWise program has become invaluable: successful soil stabilization requires that the soil is stabilized and secured from above, for if not, the results can wipe out anything that someone does below.

Communication:

Information dissemination has always been tricky on Mt. Lemmon. Although several community members have been actively involved and educated to issues threatening the mountain, many if not most, have been uninformed, out of the communication loop or even out of "town" sometimes for years on end. The NeighborWise network is designed to make sure that ALL property owners are informed. This challenge is being met through e-mail, phone and "snail" mail.

The program has already proven its usefulness in the Carter Canyon area. Pima County and the NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) was ready to engage soil conservation actions but needed property owners' approval of their plans. To do so, they contacted the NeighborWise Section Leaders who then quickly contacted and informed those property owners. Both Pima County and the NRCS were quite impressed with how the information was disseminated and the quick and involved response they received in such a short period of time. The property owners, too, appreciated being in the loop.

With all the meetings and organized presentations being set up for Mt. Lemmon property owners on often very short notice, the NeighborWise system is our community's means of communication. Should you not know or have not been contact by your Neighborhood Leader, **please help us** -- research your Section and Neighborhood designation and make contact with your leader, letting them know the fastest way to contact you. In this way, we as a community will be "Neighbor wise".

MT. LEMMON FUNDRAISING STEERING COMMITTEE

by Wendy Carlson-Hunter

As with all the other steering committees, the fundraising committee is formed of MANY volunteers, all Mt. Lemmon residents. I somehow ended up as Chairman of Fundraising and John Lewis of Southern Az. Community Bank is our Chairman of Finance for Fundraising. Our initial goal was to get a handle on the many misdirected, yet well intentioned, fundraisers popping up throughout the city of Tucson. We also knew a need for accountability of these funds was necessary not only to protect the fundraisers but also the beneficiaries of these funds. The process we have in place is set up to help organizations who wish to have a fundraiser for any entity on the mountain, especially one's who don't have the administration set up to handle a large influx of donations. We also provide information to organizers about the entity they wish to raise money for, like what that entities immediate and long term needs are, how they are funded and what the shortfalls may be of any other relief they may be getting.

We don't actually spearhead the fundraisers themselves, we merely sanction these events by making sure that no one is profiting off the event personally, that the correct verbiage and logos are used on all advertising and that the public is not misdirected as to where their donation is going, and finally, that the funds raised end up in the proper account at SACB for the entity for which it was raised. We do not want to discourage anyone from doing a fundraiser, nor do we want to organize the whole event. We are a valuable resource to help these fundraisers accomplish their goals by having a direct connection to Mt. Lemmon, not a national organization with no connection to the mountain or intimate knowledge of the help that is needed.

Anyone wishing to have a fundraiser sanctioned can call Wendy at 520-327-6740 or Email your idea to jonaswendy@earthlink.net.

Re-vegetation and Re-forestation

by Barb Eisele

Among all the other things that are happening on the mountain the re-vegetation and re-forestation plans are getting underway. The NRSC and private land owners have been doing their work reseeding, mulching and using other measures for erosion and flood control. The seed and straw have come through their funding. At this point we do not know how much more they are going to do; a report is forthcoming.

Bill Patterson of FEMA has scheduled a meeting for Friday, August 1, to have officials from several different agencies talk with us about re-vegetation and re-forestation. There

are lots of knowledgeable resources available to us and there is money in the form of grants to help us as well. People from the Rodeo-Chediski fire have offered their experience.

A re-forestation and re-vegetation group is forming and will have it's first meeting on Monday, August 4th at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. There are lots of questions and concerns at this point. I think we are seeing that there is no one right answer. There are many opinions and approaches. The goal for re-forestation and re-vegetation is to have our mountain be healthier and safer than it was before the fire. This will take time, patience and all the knowledge and ingenuity that the creative people of Mt Lemmon can muster. It will be a people helping people effort.

Notification of this meeting was activated through the NeighborWise system on August 1. If you didn't receive notification please help us improve the communication by contacting your neighborhood leader and let them know the best way to reach you. If you don't know who your neighborhood NeighborWise leader is the information is available on line at summerhavenfire.com and click on resources and info and then click on NeighborWise and locate what section you are in and your leaders name and phone number. The information is also at the yellow and white tents on Mt Lemmon or check with your neighbor on the mountain. You can also call Judy Epstein at 760-2802.

If you haven't gotten involved yet and would like to, please call Barb Eisele at 749-2695 or Judy Epstein at 760-2802.

Aspen Fire Recovery - Erosion Control Pima County Flood Control District and Natural Resources Conservation Service

Pima County will be providing weekly updates on the erosion control efforts through the Mt. Lemmon web site www.summerhavenfire.com and through the NeighborWise Section and Neighborhood Leaders. This will include notices to residents and property owners of erosion control work in their neighborhood area.

Community Outreach Contract – Aspen Fire Recovery
Our Community Outreach Contact to coordinate with residents for the erosion control and re-vegetation assistance for is:

Joni Monroe	
Phone #:	740-6509
Fax #:	740-6749
e-mail:	Joni.Monroe@dot.pima.gov

Joni will be contacting the Section and Neighborhood Leaders as well as property owners prior to installation of erosion control treatments.

Residential Assistance: Sand Bags and Re-vegetation

Mount Lemmon residents interested in assistance from the County and NRCS for emergency erosion control and re-vegetation need to complete and sign the application forms for the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program. Application forms are also available on the Internet at: <http://www.aspenfirerecovery.org>

Seed mix and sand bags will be available this weekend August 2, 2003. Vouchers for sand bags, seeds and straw mulch will be distributed at the County Tent on Sabino Canyon Parkway. Sand bags continue to be located at the Loma Linda Picnic Area. Straw Bales are distributed along Ski Run Road.

Re-vegetation Operations

The County's Contractor Groundskeeper and Western Sere (their hydro-mulching subcontractor) have developed an operation plan for the re-vegetation of the Summerhaven area for both aerial re-vegetation work and ground equipment application of mulch and seeds.

The plan consists of dividing the Summerhaven area into four categories for treatment depending on the following factors:

- 1 Burn severity and intensity,
- 2 Proximity to drainages,
- 3 Steepness, presence of surviving structures,
- 4 Extent of post-fire needle-cast,
- 5 Remaining canopy presence, and
- 6 Overall area to be covered.

Based on our analysis of the entire area, the four categories and general areas for these treatments are as follows:
(For reference to NeighborWise section see back cover)

1. **Category I – Bonded Fiber Slope Protection & Revegetation:** For severely burned with steep slopes (i.e., 1 to 1 slopes) and closest to drainages. This category consists of about 8 acres of treatment area through parts of Carter Canyon (NeighborWise Sections 1 and 2) and through the core of the village of Summerhaven (select areas of Sections 3,5,6,7,8
2. **Category II Ground Equipment Hydromulching:** For moderate to severe burn areas that have a steep to moderate slope. This category consists of parts of Carter Canyon (Sections 1 and 2) and much of the extended core area of Summerhaven (Sections 3 thru 9) that is accessible by vehicles. These areas will be treated with hydromulch and seed per NRCS specification spread by ground hydroseeded equipment.
3. **Category III Aerial Mulching and Seeding:** For moderate burn areas with gentler slopes around the perimeter of the Summerhaven area to continue where Forest Service treatments ended. These areas will be mulched and seeded by helicopter. Generally this will include select areas in Neighbor Wise Sections 1, 2, 3, as well as part of

9,11 and 13.

4. **Category IV Aerial Seeding:** Light to moderate perimeter burn areas that have a gentler slope and were subject to controlled burns. These areas that appear to have a relatively large amount of needle-cast from damaged trees will be seeded by helicopter. Generally these areas encompass the majority of Neighbor Wise Sections 10, 11, 12, and 13.

Schedule: Implementation of this proposed program is expected to commence starting next week providing several issues can be resolved. Aerial work by helicopter is subject to weather conditions. Tentative schedule is as follows:

1. Materials Delivery (straw, fiber, water, equipment, etc.) Monday and Tuesday, August 4 and 5, 2003.
2. Aerial seeding by helicopter will occur Wednesday and Thursday, August 6 and 7, 2003.
3. Aerial mulching and seeding by helicopter will occur Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 7, 8 and 9, 2003
4. Hydro-seeding and mulching by ground equipment will be conducted over a period that is estimated to take about 3 weeks in total to complete the program.

NRCS-EWP: Erosion Control and Other Activities

During the past several days, NRCS Teams (the folks in the orange vests) have completed approximately 50 Conservation Treatment Site Plans for parcels located in the highest priority areas. These first site plans have been completed in the upper watersheds in NeighborWise Sections 1 and 2 (Carter Canyon Area).

The NRCS Team will continue to develop Conservation Treatment Site Plans for the Carter Canyon Area (Section 1, 2, and 3) and start on developing Site Plans for Upper Loma Linda and Tempe Areas (Portions of Sections 8, 9, and 13).

Pima County Flood Control District and NRCS have also looked at the drainage between the Zimmerman School and the Pima County Wastewater Treatment Plant to consider alternatives for protecting these sites against increased runoff from the Carter Canyon Watershed.

NRCS is working with PCFCD, local Conservation Districts and USFS to plan a conservation treatment demonstration site in the area to the west and south of the Zimmerman School. This demonstration would include straw bale diversions, straw bale check dams and seeding and mulching. Installation is planned for mid-August, pending approvals.

Work in Your Neighborhood

The County will set up a meeting early next week with NeighborWise Section and Neighbor Leaders to review the work plans and schedules for reseeding and erosion controls. Homeowners in neighborhoods scheduled for erosion control activities will also be contacted by the County.

Mt. Lemmon Message Board

By Lindy Brigham

The Mt. Lemmon Message Board was set up to assist Mt. Lemmon community members communicate. If you have email, the board is a good way to receive timely information. In conjunction with our fearless leaders and the Neighbor-Wise Communication System, the board is one more way of getting critical information out to people with internet access. But even if you only have email, you may benefit from signing on to the board.

HOW THE BOARD IS USED:

There are four ways the board is being used.

1. To send special announcements out via email, such as meetings, special functions, and critical information from the county.
2. To post information for people to read when time permits such as documents from the county, minutes of meetings that have been held, fund raising events, NeighborWise information.
3. To post information from individual community members that may be useful to others.
4. To ask questions and answer questions in a public forum.

HOW TO SIGN ON:

There are two ways you may sign onto the board.

1. If you do not have Microsoft Internet Explorer and only want to receive email, not read the messages on the board, send me (lbrigham@ag.Arizona.edu) an email saying you want to be put on the board and I will sign you on.
2. Otherwise, go to www.summerhavenfire.com. In the upper right hand corner of your screen you will see "Mt. Lemmon Message Board". Click on this link and you will see a screen asking for a username and password. Select "New User" and put in the information on the screen provided. (For those of you using AOL, you may encounter problems depending on the version of AOL you have. We recommend you use Microsoft's Internet Explorer to access the website).

Once you have signed on to the board, you will see a list of "Conferences" on the left side of the page. These conferences are the different categories of information we have set up. Since this is a work in progress, these categories will change and move from time to time. Beside each "Conference" you will see a plus sign. When you click on the plus sign, the messages within that conference will be listed. Clicking on the message will open it on the right side of your screen and you can read it. You can move forward and backwards through the messages by using the selections above the message. Each message has a TOPIC that says what the message is about. You can respond to a message by replying to it and your message will be posted below that message. This keeps similar information together.

CONFERNCES AND HOW THEY ARE USED:

You will have to go on-line and explore the various conferences to get a feel for all of the information and how it is categorized.

1 The Announcements Conference is used to send emails. If you have information that you would like to be sent via email to everyone on the board, click on the Announcements conference on the left and follow the instructions on the screen on the right. This conference is "monitored" by Lindy and Gale, meaning we must ok the message going out. This prevents mistakes from flooding people's inboxes. If you do not see your message go out right away, it is because we have not seen it yet. You may want to call or email us to warn us if the message is urgent. For all of the other conferences, the message is posted immediately and not sent out via email. After an announcement is sent out, it is moved to the INFORMATION conference.

2 The INFORMATION conference is to post information pertinent to the whole community.

3 The Old Messages conference is where messages with expired times are put.

HELPFUL HINTS:

You will have to experiment with how the message board works best for you. In the INFORMATION conference, you will see several messages with helpful hints on using the board.

If people would find it helpful, brief tutorials could be published in subsequent issues of the ECHO. I don't want to take too much space here.

Gale and I coordinate the posting of information on the message board and the website. We feel that the more ways people have of getting information, the better. So you will see most announcements and documents both on the message board and on the web site. Gale has also made a calendar with all of the events.

This board is meant to be useful. If you have suggestions on how it could work better for you, please let me know. If you have questions, or want to be signed up, email me or call me.

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[The message board is the generous donation of Allan Monroe, CEO of RiskINFO.com.]

Womans Club News:

By Luana waldron

Mt. Lemmon's Annual 4th of July parade was in the desert and it was hot. The temperature was 106 when we started the parade at 12:00 noon. Mc Donald Park was made available thanks to our Supervisor Ray Carroll, County Manager Chuck Huckleberry, and the County Parks & Recreation staff. We asked Mr. Carroll about the use of a park and within 10 minutes it was reserved for us. Loren Jensen-Carter did a masterful job of coordinating the day's activities. Before she had finished we had food donated, a jumping castle, music, a shop for free clothing store, and canopies for our own Mt. Lemmon merchants to set up their booths. There were 29 entrants in the parade, starting with the SOMBA Band, and they were great. They set the tone of the parade. The judging was done on an overall rating of 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. The SOMBA BAND placed 1st, The LIVING RAINBOW 2nd and HUMINGBIRD Pam Haskell 3rd. U.S. Representative Jim Kolbe and Mayor Bob Walkup joined in the festivities along with Supervisor Ray Carroll. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a special day, even as we watched the fire burning our precious mountain in the background.

The people of Tucson have been wonderful. One of the first calls I had was from our sister club, the Tucson Woman's Club which gave us a cash donation and free use of their clubhouse. The Tucson Woman's Club had an open date on Saturday July 26th for our tea. We had a wonderful turn out with more than 40 women at the Summer Tea. We also had 3 special guests. A 10 year old girl from Mesa, Misty Dudley, who has the rank of Sgt. in the Young Marine Corp. contacted me and asked if she could present \$250.00 that she collected standing in front of a Wal-Mart Store on Sunday for the Fire Dept. She wanted to present it at our Tea. Misty led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem to open our tea. We recognized Loren Jensen-Carter for all her help with the 4th of July Parade, and also recognized Bobbi Hossman the 1st Vice-President of GFWC Southern District. At the tea our club members participated in bringing needed utensils to a "Kitchen Shower" for the Fire Dept. These items were really in need. The MLWC had previously purchased a new microwave, coffee pot, crock pot, blender and a 12 place silverware setting for the Fire Dept.

This difficult time has certainly brought our community together, and we realize we are in this for the long-haul. We still have many things facing us in the future. I would like to say "thanks" to all the club members for your support of our community. Our club has been in existence for 29 years. I was looking back at articles written about the MLCW years ago, and I found a quote from Regina Rhind in a February 20, 1979 issue of "The Mountain Echo". Her opening statement was "Where there's a woman, there's a way". This seems to be true of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club. Reading that arti-

cle made me realize we are still working to make Summerhaven a wonderful community and it is all of us that will accomplish this by working together, as we have in the past.

SideWinders Baseball

by Jay S. Zucker

We would like to invite all Summerhaven property owners out to a night of Sidewinders Baseball. Sunday - August 10 at Tucson Electric Park - gates open 5:30pm.

All property owners are invited to bring your immediate family members with you for a FREE game. There will be a table set up next to Gate B and we will have all property owners names on a list...just introduce yourself and enjoy the game!

We will be getting together at the "Tail Gate Tent" located next to the 3rd base bleachers (left field foul pole) It'll be dollar hot dogs and the first 1,000 fans' children under 12 receive a free D-Back T-shirt. We have all gone through a lot together...now it's time to relax together - too!

National Forest Homeowners

Letter to Carrie Rietz from
Roy Glauthier President

Thanks for your membership in NFH and your assistance in encouraging others to join. We need all the participation we can get to properly represent the cabin program to the Forest Service and Congress.

I have been closely following the Aspen Fire through correspondence with George Dyer of the Willow Canyon tract. This has been a terrible disaster and it is fortunate that the monsoons have come at last to help contain the last of the fire. As they say, the fire is only the first phase of this disaster -- the destabilized hillsides, dead trees and flood potential are the next phases. It's the intent of NFH to assist if needed to ensure that the Forest Service gives the recreation residence permittees a fair deal in allowing them to rebuild and in a timely manner.

Even before the fire, NFH had scheduled its Fall board meeting and Regional Forum for Phoenix on October 4-5. We're scheduling the forum for the afternoon of October 4 from 1 till about 5pm and have commitments from the Forest Service to participate. I hope we can get some assistance from the Mt. Lemmon association in publicizing this meeting and you need not be an NFH member to attend.

I hope you'll let me know if there's any assistance we can provide as you all enter into the recovery phase of this disaster.

Out of the Ashes Comes Hope and Community

by Amy Hirshberg Lederman

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times" were the words that ran through my mind as I encountered the devastation wrought by the Aspen fire on Mount Lemmon for the first time this weekend.

I struggled to locate something familiar – a porch light, a bird house, anything at all, as my husband and I hiked the streets of upper Loma Linda trying to remember the details of what had been there only a month ago. For over twenty years we have visited, hiked, picnicked and camped on this mountain. For more than fourteen years, we have owned a small cabin which became a sacred retreat for our family and friends. I can't remember a single time that we visited Mt. Lemmon when we didn't return refreshed and renewed from the simple pleasures of hiking its cool trails, sitting on our deck listening to the birds, cooking dinner together, reading books. Even our kids didn't mind the absence of television or video games; they seemed to sense that our time on the mountain brought out the best in all of us.

Walking past the rubble, ash, and melted structures where houses used to be was traumatic. But watching the faces of my neighbors, searching through the molten debris to find the remains of anything that would connect them to their home and life on the mountain was simply heartbreaking.

I reflexively held my breath as we walked into the town of Summerhaven. It looked as close to a war zone as anything I have ever seen with one notable exception; the multitude of smiling volunteers stationed in make-shift tents who were dishing out more encouragement, hope and supplies than Baskin Robbins does ice cream.

The Tucson Chapter of the American Red Cross greeted us with food, cleaning and first aid supplies while counselors were on hand to talk to those in need. The Mt. Lemmon Fire District, as if they hadn't worked hard enough this past month, passed out water bottles and snacks. The Northwest Fire District, together with numerous merchants and agencies including Office Depot, Office Max, Home Depot, Lowes, United Way of Tucson, Shaklee and Purofirst, gave us packets of valuable information and supplies to help us deal with the physical and emotional trauma of surviving the fire.

Pima County had representatives on hand to help property owners respond to the numerous problems of rebuilding their lives, homes and livelihoods on the mountain. It also prepared 17,000 sand bags for distribution to help protect properties against small debris flows, ash containment and floodwater control from the monsoons. The U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Pima County Flood Control District, under an agreement to provide almost \$700,000 in aid for erosion control and run-off protection, gave out,

free of charge, bags of seed and bales of hay to help us begin the re-vegetation efforts. And the Arizona National Guard stepped in to help load and unload the supplies.

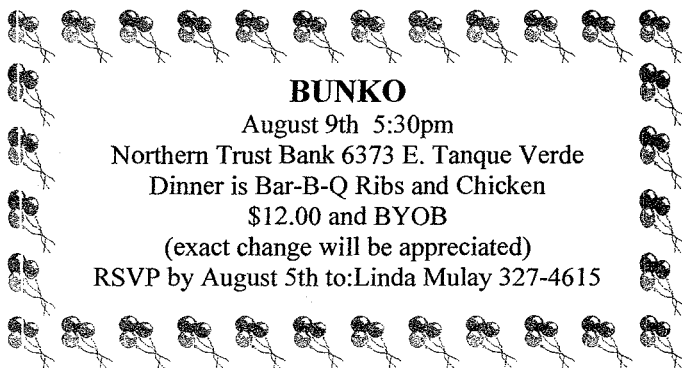
Representatives from the State Land Department met with us in neighborhood groups to walk the areas with contour maps and help us coordinate efforts to minimize erosion and other property damage. We were assured that "widow-makers," trees that constitute an imminent danger to homes, would be tagged for immediate removal.

What wasn't as apparent were those institutions and organizations that are working diligently behind the scene on the planning, re-zoning, building and re-vegetation of Mt. Lemmon. Organizations like the American Institute of Architects, The Arizona Planning Association, the University of Arizona and Swaim Associates are devoting countless hours working with the Mt. Lemmon Restoration Committee to rebuild the town and the community.

Their efforts were immediately noticed and cheered when residents were able to use, for the first time, flush toilets (which replaced the old latrines) in the comfort station in town. Equally as exciting is the talk that Pima County is considering building a multi-purpose Visitor Center which will serve residents and tourists with an historic information center, library, meeting room and other facilities to be determined by the community.

I am reminded of what Hubert Humphrey said after surviving cancer surgery: "...it's not what they take away from you that counts, it's what you do with what you have left."

In the aftermath of the Aspen fire, Mt. Lemmon will be defined not only by the trees and flowers that survive or by the homes and buildings that remain, but by the creation of a stronger, more vibrant community of people working together - with neighbors, local businesses and agencies, the county, state and federal governments- in order to rebuild a Tucson treasure that belongs to everyone. The work will undoubtedly be difficult, expensive, time consuming and frustrating, but we have before us the opportunity to rebuild a beautiful, more thoughtful and community-based mountain for future generations to enjoy.



BUNKO

August 9th 5:30pm

Northern Trust Bank 6373 E. Tanque Verde

Dinner is Bar-B-Q Ribs and Chicken

\$12.00 and BYOB

(exact change will be appreciated)

RSVP by August 5th to: Linda Mulay 327-4615

THE RETURN OF THE SPIDERS

By Barbara Welsh

There are two different spiders listed under the name of Daddy long Legs. The most notable difference (if you want to look that closely" is that the vibrating or cellar spiders have the cephalothorax and the abdomen separate, while in the Harvestman spider they are almost fused together. Both have very long legs and are referred to as DADDY-LONG-LEGS. The one I believe we have on the mountain is the Harvestman or Opiliones, and they are not true spiders as they do not spin webs or have fangs. He is not poisonous, as he has no venom glands. They are classified as Arachnids and are Arthropods.

These spiders get their name Harvestman because of their long legs. European shepherds would walk on stilts as they watched their sheep to see the flocks better. The Daddy long legs had long legs and looked like he was walking on stilts. The Harvestman name came from Opilio in Latin, which means Harvest. This spider seemed to be seen more often during the harvest season.

The daddy long legs likes the forest area and damp decaying leaves where he is able to find other small insects, snails, fungi and dead animal and vegetable matter. His only protection is a secretion from odiferous glands similar to a skunk.

Next month I'll tell you about the other spider that shares the name of daddy long legs

Overwhelmed? On an Emotional Rollercoaster? Help may be available...

Whether we personally lost a home or business or were among the fortunate few who saw our properties spared, we are all suffering from the devastating toll the fire took on our Mt. Lemmon community. For many, the destruction wrought by the fire is greater than the destruction of buildings; it is the destruction, at least temporarily, of a way of life and living. Now that the fire is out, some of us may experience an internal crisis of sorts. Depression, anxiety, desperation and exhaustion are all natural symptoms of surviving this sort of traumatic event.

Crisis services that were made available through the Red Cross and coordinated with Southern Arizona Mental Health Center (SAMHC) and the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (CPSA) were invaluable during the first weeks after the fire. But some of us are only now beginning to experience the overwhelming sense of loss that has occurred. Crisis services remain available for Mt. Lemmon residents through the Red Cross. Call 318-6740 and request information on disaster services.

Residents are also encouraged to contact behavioral health providers available through their health insurance carriers. Those of you who are eligible for AHCCCS (Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, our State's Medicaid system) can also contact CPSA at 318-6950. CPSA and SAMHC (622-6000) are also invaluable resources for other community-based referrals.



Donation to Mt Lemmon Fire District

Vista Restoration, Inc. extends its heartfelt sympathies to all who have lost homes and businesses in Summerhaven. To the owners of remaining structures Vista Restoration, Inc. can offer more assistance.

Our technician specialists will clean and deodorize smoke and soot damaged contents and interiors as well as repair damage to exteriors. We can provide a cost estimate of repairs to you and/or your insurance company.

Vista Restoration, Inc is committed to the revitalization of Mt Lemmon. To this end, the owners will donate 2% of the gross income generated from these contracts to the Mt Lemmon Fire District.

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