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Message From The Pres - Debbie Fagan

Did I say February was the "month of love"? I meant "Mud". Eight inches of rain brought rockslides and overflowed bridges along Sabino Canyon Pkwy again. This time I was stuck on the wrong side of the road, so, I put on my trusty "American Red Cross Steel Toe Rubber Boots" and crossed the General Store's flooded bridge for a couple of Cokes. Some things are worth the risk!

This March issue is late due to the fact few articles were submitted. In our defense, March has never been extremely exciting. It's just another month of winter and green beer (my apologies to people born this month). It is important to remember the Echoes is not only a source of information, it's also "your voice". You are all welcome to send in articles, recipes, trivia, etc. Questions or problems with rebuilding could also be submitted and then published with answers and solutions. Or maybe you have info you can share that can help others. Roger Thonvold, from Willow Canyon, shared his source for inexpensive wood flooring (lumberliquidators.com). I doubt I could have afforded my wood floors without that knowledge.

Last month a letter was written and sent to Lt. Tim Hughes with the Pima County Sheriff Dept., requesting a second deputy be assigned on the mountain. You'll find a copy of this letter inside. It's an important issue that affects us all and to this date, I've received no response. Letters and/or phone calls from Mt. Lemmon Homeowners would be helpful and greatly appreciated.

Last, but not least, please remember your 2005 dues and the annual dinner in April. Happy March!

Summerhaven Village Center - John Jones

Planning for the new Summerhaven Village Center commenced with the submission of the master plan and design guidelines to the the Pima County Design Review committee. The committee will meet on March 17 to review the proposal. The application package is available for review at Mt Lemmon

Realty. A new Lodge will be constructed on the site of the former Alpine Lodge. A new restaurant, retail spaces and 16 hotel rooms will be located on the site. An outdoor patio/deck will overlook Sabino Creek and Sabino Canyon

Parkway. Starting in April, a community design process will determine the design, uses and functions of the community center. Subsequent construction will include a restaurant, retail shops and residences. Using the concepts developed by the University of Arizona College of Landscape Architecture, the restoration of Sabino Creek will be a focus for the development. A trail on the east side of Sabino Canyon Parkway and additional parking will also be constructed.

Phil Swaim and Todd Roberts of Swaim and Associates, AIA are the architect and Bob Suarez and Phil Salazar of RS Engineering are the civil engineers.

A second public hearing on the conditional use permit is scheduled for April 13. The Board of Supervisor meeting for final approval is planned for May 17. The project is being developed by Bob Zimmerman, John Jones, Lew Lindley and Michael Diesenhouse.

A display and information about the project will be made at the Homeowner's

Association meeting on April 19.

Mt Lemmon Stakeholder's Meeting

The purpose of the meeting: to establish a collaborative foundation for forest and community planning for Mt Lemmon within the broader context of the Santa Catalina Mountains that acknowledges the achievements of the past while encouraging adaptation and preparation for future challenges.

Trees for Mt Lemmon is a nonprofit organization formed after the Aspen Fire to provide education and materials to the private property owners for the revegetation of the Mt Lemmon area.

As part of the mission: *to convene a continuing dialogue between the various private and public entities affecting the watershed of Mt. Lemmon*, we have received a grant from the National Forest Foundation to fund this meeting.

Location: (Please note change of location from the last Echo's)

**City of Tucson, Ward 6 office
3202 E. 1st St.**

Local Artist in Exclusive Tubac Gallery!

Judy Epstein has recieved the honor of having her photographic contemporary art of large canvas pieces hanging in Renee Taylor Gallery's newest location, the Tubac Golf Resort. Their Grand Opening is this month and Judy's quadritych (4 piece series) will be grandly displayed there along with others. This will be the 3rd Renee Taylor Gallery with others in the village of Tubac and in Sedona. The gallery's website is <http://www.reneetaylor.com/> and most of Judy's inventory can be seen at www.JudyEpstein.com.

April 1, 2005 - Friday Eve 6:30-8:30

Public Meeting

An opportunity to learn more about the natural resource issues on Mt Lemmon and the collaborative planning process. The public will have an opportunity to provide comments on the issues. The public comments will help to establish a foundation for discussion at a stakeholders meeting the following day.

April 2, 2005 - Saturday

Invited Participants

70 people identified as stakeholders have been invited to participate in a facilitated discussion regarding the management of Mt Lemmon's natural resources. The intention is to come away with principles for guiding the managing of natural resources on Mt Lemmon.

From Dennis Cozzetti

With all the construction going on and the extremely windy conditions, there is a lot of constructions debris and other stuff strewn everywhere- not on any one particular site, but in general *everywhere*.

I would like to organize a community cleanup of the village, maybe starting with the Sabino creek drainage and fanning out from there.

A weekend in early April seems like a good time, weather permitting (maybe the 9th?). I will provide trucks and drivers (and few pickers) but would like to see an effort by the entire Summerhaven community.

Please e-mail with your responses, suggestions, preferred dates, etc.

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we have developed in the community makes it possible for us to immediately represent additional Mt. Lemmon total-loss property owners such as yourselves.

3. There is virtually no other professional organization assisting Mt. Lemmon property owners with their insurance claims, certainly not on the scale of my firm, and
4. Some of our local clients, your neighbors, and perhaps your friends, include: Bill & Mary Lou Piatkiewicz, Ross & Helen Quigley, Bob & Fran Zimmerman, Ed & Donna Roll, John & Linda Mulay, Bernie & Darlene Keegan, Dorothy Crawford, Bill & Susan Boyd, Jim & Conni Hogan, Paul & Cynthia Edwards, Fred & Olga Pace, Bill & Jaimie Turner, Jim & Jan Stevenson, Phil & Carol Mack, Dennis & Joyce Anderson, Brett & Rose Mary Hinsch, Debbie Fagan, Eden & Gerry Hackney, Skip & Ann Andree, Leo & Rose Marie Montano, Gary & Kay Slocum, Bonnie & Jim Lohman, Gordon & Mary Hunter, Bob & Vicki Hansen, George & Carrie Reitz, Jim & Marty Herde, Mike & Wendy Effing, Jim & Vivian Vaughn, Stan & Sally Coulthard, Rod & Kathy Shields, Lois Couch, Perdita Andrews, Ruth & Kurt Blesch, Paul & Mona McCarthy, Jost & Sonni Wendt, Tom & Terri Guido, Deni & Bill Phinney, Johnny & Nancy Bone, Bob & Denise Allyn and others.

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February 6, 2005

Lieutenant Tim Hughes
Pima County Sheriff's Department
Rincon District Office
8999 E. Tanque Verde Road
Tucson, Arizona 8574

Dear Lieutenant Hughes:

The board of directors of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association has asked me to write to you, regarding the need for a second deputy on the mountain. Since August when Deputy Hartmanan left we are left with one deputy to cover the mountain.. Every property owner knows that for three days during the week there is no law enforcement on Mt. Lemmon and not to mention night time coverage. This fact is well known by the general public too.

The question to you Lieutenant Hughes is, when we can expect the arrival of a second deputy on the mountain? This spring the highway will be completed which will bring a large volume of traffic to the mountain in addition to the heavy traffic associated with our rebuilding.

We would appreciate hearing from you soon letting us know when we can look forward to another deputy. I can be reached by the above address or feel free to call me at 576- 1519..

.Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

Deborah Fagan
President
MT. LEMMON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

cc: Sheriff Clarence Dupnik
Supervisor Ray Carroll
Margaret Strong, USFS

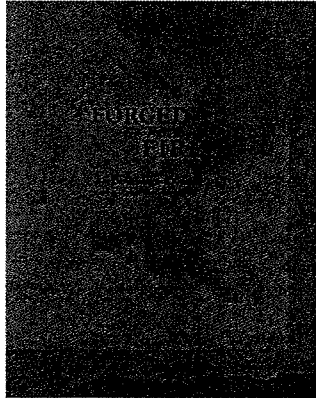
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The GFWC-AZ "Spirit" newsletter can now be viewed on www.members.cox.net/gfwc-az.

GFWC-AZ 102nd annual convention will be held at the Hassayampa Inn, Prescott, Az., April 22-24, 2005. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can make reservations for us.

Our board met on February 7th to review our bylaws. Revisions will be presented at the March 2nd. general meeting.

We will have a meeting in April , the place and program will be announced in the next Echoes.

Linda Mulay, President

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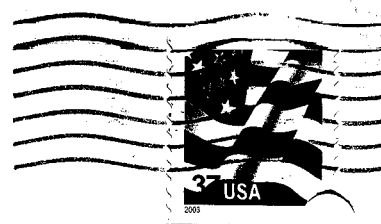


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