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Mt. Lemmon Echoes

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Message from the Pres.

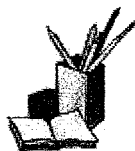
By Debbie Fagan



As the end of May approaches, the chill of winter and spring has vanished abruptly. As the heat rolls in, talk on the mountain has switched from the price of propane, etc., to changing ceiling fans from winter to summer, window screens and screen doors. I now have a family of feral cats living in my outside water heater closet. And out front, my yard has been magically transformed, thanks to "Trees for Mt. Lemmon", Mt. Lemmon Fire, "Backhoe Dave", and many wonderful mountain friends and neighbors. Special thanks to the rock moving crew (Linda Currin, Linda Benzinger, and Bob Hansen) for many hours of hard labor. And an extra special thanks for my beautiful 5 ft White Pine.

My grand reopening will be on Sunday, May 29th for sure, as will the Community Potluck and Bingo Games. As for the question in last months "Ask Maggie" column, the answer is YES. Next time you see Dennis Cozzetti, ask him whose idea it was.

Hope to see you all next weekend



School Days

by Mark W. Jones
Superintendent
Pima Accommodation District

2005-2006 School Year

As the Superintendent of the Pima Accommodation District, I want to congratulate all the Mount Lemmon residences. Mt. Lemmon is growing once more and a vibrant community has emerged from the recent Aspen Fire Disaster. I am more than confident that with your spirit of optimism the Mt. Lemmon community will continue to be prosperous.

The Pima Accommodation District needs to ensure that edu-

cational services are provided to all school age children on the mountain. To this end, the District is making an effort to determine how many K-12 students currently reside in the mountain community for the 2005-2006 school year. It is important to the District that we gather this information as early as possible in order to provide for your children's needs. If you are a resident, or are planning to settle in the Mt. Lemmon community, and have children in kindergarten through grade 12, please contact the District office. Your input is important. Please respond if possible by Monday, the 27th of June, 2005.

Please contact:

Patsy MacKenzie

Pima Accommodation District

Phone: 520-740-4544

Email: pima.accommodation@schools.pima.gov

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday May 29

Grand opening of Living Rainbow
Community Potluck & Bingo Games

Wednesday, May 25 @ noon Stakeholder's meeting ,
3202 E. 1 St. Ward 6 Office

Saturday, June 18, 2005, 6 PM Aspen Ball.
@ Doubletree Hotel

Saturday, June 25 th Women's Club membership tea
1:00 pm at D-I cabin on Guthrie.

Monday, June 27th, 2005 School survey due

Monday, July 4 th Parade sponsored by
Mt. Lemmon Women's Club

Reminder

Please note that the dumpster at the sewer plant is for household trash not construction trash. Please don't abuse this service.

Did you happen to see the following article in the Tucson Citizen— Jerry Sparks

Tax boost would go to Mt. Lemmon repairs

GARRY DUFFY

Tucson Citizen

Every Pima County property owner would pay to help improve roads and flood control on Mount Lemmon under a plan approved by the Board of Supervisors yesterday.

The 2-cents-per-\$100-assessed-valuation increase in the Pima County Flood Control District tax rate for fiscal 2005-06 would raise taxes on a home valued at \$150,000 by about \$3 a year.

That would more than cut in half the recommended 3.5-cent-per-\$100-assessed-valuation decrease in the combined county property tax rate for the coming fiscal year recommended by County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry in the proposed county budget he submitted to supervisors May 3.

Supervisors voted 4-1 yesterday to increase the county's flood control district tax from the existing rate of about 34 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to about 37 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, as part of the county's Mount Lemmon redevelopment program.

Supervisor Ann Day cast the dissenting vote.

"We were promised a 3-cent tax reduction, and then on Friday we get this, out of the blue," Day said after yesterday's board meeting.

"I understand the need for the county to help rebuild Summerhaven, but I still think we need to look for an offset in the property tax rate."

The approximately \$1 million the tax increase would raise would go toward road safety improvements and to address flood concerns that remain in the wake of the Aspen fire, which leveled much of Summerhaven two summers ago, Martin Willett, chief deputy county administrator, said yesterday.

It would add that amount to the \$1.2 billion budget recommended to the supervisors two weeks ago, Willett said.

Supervisor Ray Carroll, who represents the Mount Lemmon area, said yesterday he has almost always voted against property tax increases. But Mount Lemmon is a recreational resource for all of Tucson, he said, and devegetation of the mountain creates a danger of downstream flooding. Rapid runoff contributes to flash flooding on Sabino Creek and other drainages.

The county has approved ordinances easing rebuilding but requiring more stringent fire protection measures.

Improvements that would be funded with revenue from a higher flood control district tax include rebuilding Sabino Canyon Highway leading into Summerhaven, working on drainage problems along Sabino Creek and building a crowned bridge over the main road in the mountaintop community to alleviate cross-pavement flooding, Carla Blackwell, a Pima County Development Services staffer working on the Summerhaven resurrection, said yesterday.

The supervisors approved other Mount Lemmon-related actions yesterday, including moving ahead with a proposed \$1.3 million shuttle up Catalina Highway to Summerhaven given voter approval in a 1997 bond election. Last year, voters approved \$1 million in bonds for a Mount Lemmon Community Center at the site of the burned Mount Lemmon Inn.

Board members also approved using \$320,000 in state gasoline tax money to finish clearing out burned trees and other safety hazards left by the fire.

And supervisors approved a conditional-use permit to allow for the Summerhaven Village Center, a planned mixed-use area that will be the centerpiece of a rebuilt community.



Fire District Management

By Chip DeLay
Mt. Lemmon Fire District Chairman

The Pima County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 unanimously approved amendment # 2 to last year's Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Mt. Lemmon Fire District (MLFD). This amendment gives MLFD access to an additional \$320,000.00 for the hazard tree abatement project in the public right of way. MLFD used approximately \$450,000.00 last year of funds provided through Pima County, and completed an estimated 60% of the total project. Special thanks to Supervisor Ray Carroll, County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry, and Ben Goff, Deputy Director of the Pima County Department of Transportation, for their assistance in getting these additional funds.

We are planning to re-engage the Air Curtain Destructor in the Village shortly after the Memorial Day weekend to complete burning material left at the Ponderosa lot. In addition, MLFD has begun splitting all the firewood left at the Alpine site so we can get that lot cleared out for a construction start.

MLFD continues to treat private lots for defensible space and hazard tree abatement. Call 576-1201 for a fee appraisal and scheduling information.

Mt. Lemmon Women's Club

Linda Mulay, President
327-4615 or 576-1417

The Womens Club Board for 2005-2006:

President-Linda Mulay, 1st Vice President-Fran Zimmerman, 2nd Vice President-Patsy Riley, Treasurer-Renate Beer, Secretary-Barbara Welsh

State Women's club convention was held April 22-24 in Prescott, Ariz. Linda Mulay, Fran Zimmerman and Barb Welsh attended. We had a great time learning and sharing with the 127 ladies attending. Linda spoke at the convention on Mt Lemmon beautification. We received 1st place certificates for Community safety and Beautification. We received the state grand prize of \$10.00 for Beautification. Thank you ladies that donated diapers and wipes for the state done-in-a-day project for Child Haven in Prescott.

Our May meeting was at Judy Epstein's studio. We learned a lot about digital photography and how she creates her beautiful pictures.

Our annual membership tea is June 25th, 1:00 pm at D-I cabin on Guthrie. We would love to have anyone come and join us for the afternoon. Rachel Crawford will be entertaining us on her violin. We will be sponsoring the July 4th parade and hope that many of you will participate!

Mt. Lemmon Women's Club
P.O. Box 673
Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619

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MT. LEMMON ANNUAL JULY 4TH PARADE
MONDAY, JULY 4, 2005
12:00 NOON

NAME: _____

NAME OF GROUP: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN GROUP: _____

CATEGORY: () Original () Patriotic () Humorous
Walking () Vehicle () Horse ()

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This is an invitation for you or your group to join us on cool Mt. Lemmon for the Annual 4th of July Parade. Please remit this form ASAP to Fran Zimmerman, P.O. Box 1, Mt. Lemmon, AZ. 85619 or Fax to 576-1300 no later than July 2nd. For more info Call Fran at 576-1333.

Remember to line up starting at 11:15 a.m. at the intersection of Ski Valley Rd and Loma Linda Extension. At that time you will be given a number to display on yourself or your float.

Mail to

Renate Beer
6141 N. Camino Almonte
Tucson AZ, 85718

If you are looking for connections to your community, interested in meeting new friends, and ready to have some fun, fill out the application form and join the Mt Lemmon Women's club. The dues are \$26.00 annually payable in May. Please send the attached completed form and your check to the address on the back of the form.

Hope to see you at the June 25th tea! Call me if you have any questions.

OBITUARY

Helen Klensin, who owned a cabin on Phoenix Avenue, died May 19 at the age of 85. She was preceeded in death by her husband Jack Klensin. Contributions can be made to Sarver Heart Center, P.O. Box 245046, Tucson, AZ 85724-5046

Cabin for Rent:

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MONDAY, JULY 4, 2005

12:00 NOON

Please write below what you want the announcer to say about your group

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Fire District Update

By the Barnella's



Another successful FireWise event! We would like to thank those members of the FireWise Committee who assisted in making this year's "BreakOut" happen: Joseph Gunia, Chairman of the FireWise Committee; Michael Stanley and Nathan Davis, Mt. Lemmon Water District; Bill Hart, Coronado National Forest; Bob Celaya, Arizona State Land Department; Ed Marley, Swain & Associates; Yves, Pima County Development Services; Linda Currin, Barb Eisele, and others from Trees for Mt. Lemmon; and special thanks to our Barbeque assistants John Guido, Dennis Rankin & Wendy Davis!

The Mt. Lemmon Fire District enjoys the continued participation, support, and attendance of the Community. The purpose of these annual functions is to answer any questions/concerns and/or help to provide those resources to educate and assist with the rebuilding efforts on Mt. Lemmon. Many had the opportunity to meet your neighbors and we want to thank those who just stopped by for a burger!

ASK MAGGIE

Maggie wants both the question and the answer to appear in the same issue. Also, you can email your questions to Maggie directly at cozzetti@theriver.com.

Q Is it true that there are "prints" of the proprietors derriere in the sidewalk of the Living Rainbow?

A: Yes, however it is not the body part I would have chosen!

Q: What are the life zones we pass through from Tucson to Mt. Lemmon?

A: We pass through 5 life zones from Tucson to Mt. Lemmon - Lower Sonoran, Upper Sonoran, Transition (beginning of the ponderosa pine), Canadian, and Hudsonian. It has been said that this is analogous to going from the deserts of Mexico to the forests of Canada in one hour. You can impress your friends with this knowledge by making a word or sentence out of the 1st letters of each zone to help you remember them. For example: Let's Unite To Catch Herpes. Or - Maybe Mike Stanley will take me to LUTCH today!

Bob Celaya, the bug dude from Arizona State Land, has been making monthly visits to ML to observe and comment on post fire conditions. The following are some of his observations:

1) Alder flea beetles are still very noticeable mainly resting on ponderosa pines. This may be a reflection of the large population found in the area. I did find some of them on their main host chewing holes in the alder leaves along Sabino Canyon Parkway. If most of the beetles present in the area fly to the alders in the Parkway, and lay their clusters of yellow eggs underneath the leaves, larvae that hatch could skeletonize the leaves. And if the larvae run out of food, usually when populations are high, they could become a nuisance by crawling up the sides of nearby buildings. Not the end of the world if it happens, but stay tuned.

2) Found Ips beetle sawdust on the trunk of a wind thrown ponderosa pine on Lot 12714 N. Upper Loma Linda Rd. Also, top part of same tree was thoroughly infested with twig beetles (<http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/TRA/PLANTS/TwigBeetle.pdf>). Ips beetle activity was also noted on standing green scorched & unscorched ponderosa pines. Look for reddish sawdust in the cracks & crevices of the trunk near the base of the tree. Clean-up & properly dispose of any green pine wood & remove standing infested trees on your property now that the beetles are active & the temperatures are rising.

3) Swarms of lady beetles (www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/insect/os594.html) were very common on Upper Loma Linda Rd. & elsewhere in Summerhaven.

4) Noted one more wind thrown ponderosa pine near Lemon Rock. No signs of Ips beetle activity on this fallen pine at this elevation--yet!

5) Good news: Lots of aspen sprouting on Lot 13056 Upper Loma Linda Rd. & the north side of Carter Canyon. That's all for now. Contact me if you have questions.

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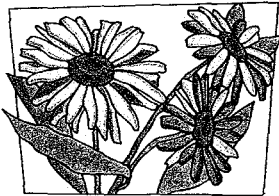
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Discounts for all Mt. Lemmon Homeowners

Trees for Mt Lemmon

By Barbara Eisele



Demonstration Garden Update

Trees for Mt. Lemmon, with a generous contribution from the Patio Garden Club of Tucson and the help of many volunteers, created a demonstration garden for the Living Rainbow Gift Shop. Debbie Fagan will formally open her store with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication of the garden on May 29, 2005. This garden features three distinct areas, including an alpine rock garden with unique flowering plants and ground covers, a planter area with a variety of shrubs and wildflowers, and a display of grasses and other high elevation native species. A beautiful white fir and a big tooth maple also grace the property. All of these plants are on the recommended plant list provided by Trees for Mt. Lemmon and are examples of what can be done with available vegetation. These plants came from Flagstaff Native Plant and Seed and were transported by Brad Blake of Northern Arizona University.

Trees for Mt. Lemmon is also working with Vic Zimmerman of the Cookie Cabin to establish a similar demonstration garden when his property is completed. Many of the plants for this garden are already in place. Dogwood, snowberry, Arizona Rose and Arizona honeysuckle and various wildflowers are featured, along with another white fir and big tooth maple.

Timeline for Trees for Mt Lemmon Activities 2005

In some cases the times are approximate, change in rains and temperatures may cause the dates to vary a little.

May: Trees for Mt Lemmon will start to survey the properties that planted wildflower seeds last fall to assess the results. If you didn't fill out the questionnaire please let us know and we will get one to you. Call Barb Eisele 977-0562 or email beisele@earthlink.net.

May 29, 2005, 11 A.M. Dedication of the Alpine Rock Garden at the Living Rainbow. This is Debbie's official grand opening and everyone is invited.

June 18, 2005, 6 PM The Second Annual Aspen Ball. \$40.00 for dinner, a fabulous silent auction and music by the Desert Cadillac's. Call 749-4839

June: Plant wildflower seeds and grasses so they are on the ground before the monsoon starts. If planted too early the birds will eat them or they may get blown away.

Late June/July Tree planting classes, watch for the specific dates.

July, probably after the second week, trees and shrubs will be available a couple of weeks after the monsoon rains have started. Watch for announcements through the Echoes, Web Board announcements, NeighborWise Newsletter, and postings at the Mt Lemmon Post Office.

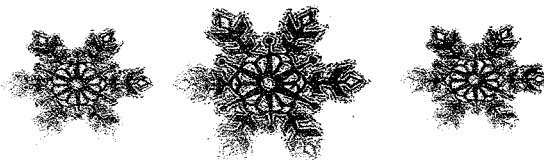
August: Continue planting trees and shrubs through the monsoon season.

Late October into November: Aspen root transplant. The trees must be dormant before we dig them for transplanting. Again watch the Echoes, Web Board announcements, NeighborWise Newsletter, and postings at the Mt Lemmon Post Office.

November: We will be asking for volunteers to help harvest Ponderosa pine cones for seed harvesting.

Plants Available For Mt. Lemmon Property Owners (2005)

Trees for Mt. Lemmon is working with many different organizations to provide plants for property owners on Mt. Lemmon. Using a combination of propagating from exiting plants and finding commercial sources, we have compiled a list of plants available this year. Visit our website www.treesformtlemmon.org for a complete listing of plants on Mt. Lemmon.



Come Chill at the 2nd Annual Aspen Ball

On Saturday, June 18th, Trees for Mt. Lemmon is holding the 2nd Annual Aspen Ball, a night of dinner and dancing at the Double-tree Hotel at Reid Park from 6 – 10 pm. It will feature music by the Desert Cadillac's.

Come chill with a winter theme, great food and music, a large selection of gifts at the silent auction and an opportunity to support Trees for Mt. Lemmon, the Mt. Lemmon Fire District and the Mt. Lemmon Water District.

The ticket price is \$40.00 per person (\$15.00 tax deductible)

Tickets are on sale at:
BedMart, 6252 E. Speedway & 3739 N. Oracle
UPS Store, 5425 E. Broadway
Thomas Cleaners, 6767 E. Tanque Verde
Mt. Lemmon General Store
The Living Rainbow



Water District

By Michael Stanley

Two weeks ago it was freezing; now it is summer. The temperature today in the city will be about 108 degrees. Cabin owners and tourists are making their way to the top of the mountain. The bugs are everywhere. The ladybugs are so thick they hit you as you are walking. The moths are back and flying their kamikaze dance around the light bulbs. The grasses and flowers are covering the ground and the birds and bees are working from early morning to late in the evening. You can see the nightlights of new cabins as you walk in the near-full moon glow. Winter is kissed goodbye as we head for what looks like a long hot summer.

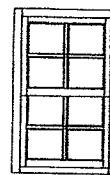
The rebuilding phase is in full swing and there is construction everywhere in the village. Nathan and I are in the field flushing main lines, detecting leaks on the system and preparing for our construction projects. Owners returning to the village increase our call load when they turn on their water systems. There are several things that need to take place as you activate your water. Be sure to check for water leaks at the water meter and in your cabin's plumbing. Usually you can hear a leak but some of the time a leak underground or even a leak in a toilet will not make noise. The water will flow through the meter as the hot water tank and toilets fill. Be sure that after your water system is full, the water stops. By checking the water meter you can ascertain if there is a leak. Either the little triangle motion or the indicator needle on your water meter shows a leak. If either of these continues to move with no visible flow in the cabin, you may have a leak. If possible, please check these before you call us. Most owners have a TURN ON & TURN OFF list to follow. This simple list is a map to both activate or shut down and drain your cabin. A list is simple to make if you do not have one. The easiest way to make a list is to write down your procedure as you activate and shut down your water system. Use the completed list to perform the procedure and add any modifications as you proceed. When the list is final, make copies for the cabin and an extra for your files. This list is really handy for your family or if you let friends use the cabin. If you rent your cabin, the list will help prevent a major problem with the water system. Remember, if there is a leak it can impact your neighbors and can cause expensive major damage. Please give us a call if you have no idea about the above topic or still have problems with your water service. We will help you in any way possible. Please shut off your meter when you leave the mountain for any period over 24 hours. This aids us in preventing water loss and keeps a continuous supply of water to customers. Remember to have extra water on hand if there is a temporary outage. An outage can be caused by a neighbor's leak, a contractor hitting a water line, flushing procedures, fire hydrant use and other mishaps. Please call 576-1538 if you are experiencing water problems.

I hope to see all of you at the second annual Aspen Ball on June 18th. Remember to get your tickets as soon as possible. The proceeds help our local agencies and you will have a wonderful time as the community and friends comes together for a great party.

The Water District Board of Directors and Personnel hopes your summer is enjoyable..



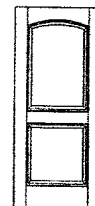
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Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley News:

by Jay Davies

The Iron Door Restaurant is all spruced up with new carpet, upholstery, etc., and looks marvelous. It will reopen Friday, the 27th of May for Memorial Day Weekend. (The road's supposed to be finished, right ??) We will be trying new menu items for the month of June, so come give us your input as to what is great and what is not. Breakfast is still served from 9 to 11:00 on Saturdays and Sundays. The Grub Stake ski side, will continue grilling chicken and burgers as well as serving snacks, brownie sundaes and beverages.

We've added more display space to the Miner's Sweet Tooth, so we have even more fudge flavors available - try the peanut butter, banana or the rocky road. The Motherlode Gifts will start receiving new merchandise June 1st continuing all summer. We have some new suppliers with gift ideas and t-shirts. We will have a good supply of Boyd's Bears greeting cards as well as their snugglier stuff.

Summer hours will be 9 to 6:00 on Saturdays and Sundays and 10:30 to 4:30 Thursday, Friday and Monday. We will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

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