

The

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 Debbie Fagan

It's Father's Day on the mountain and every nook and cranny is filled with families enjoying the cool, peaceful beauty our community still has to offer. Rose Canyon reached full capacity early Saturday and as of 5:30 today, "The Cookie Cabin's" porches still swarmed with people anxiously waiting for giant cookies and fresh baked pizza. I have watched many locals and builders emerge during the week with pizza boxes in hand, grateful for a change in their daily routine. Today is also the 2nd anniversary of the Aspen Fire tearing through Summerhaven. Even though we have come a long way, I still found myself edgy and emotional with the remembrance of that day, as did many visitors who tearfully expressed their sorrow for our loss and gratitude our community is making a comeback. On that note, the Homeowners Board is interested in updating our members on the rebuilding efforts so far. I'm assembling a list of cabins in progress or already completed. I'm also interested in whether you have decided to rebuild or not. If you have the time, please call me at 576-1519 with your input.



The 2nd Annual Aspen Ball was held last night in Tucson and those who attended were treated to an incredible dinner, silent auction and not so silent auction (thanks to Michael Stanley), and music by the Desert Cadillacs. It was great to see friends dancing up a storm, including yours truly.

June also brought the election of new officers. Ross resigned as Vice President and Bonnie Lohman was elected to take his place. (Heartfelt thanks for all he has done for our community) All other positions were upheld.

There's still time to sign up your entry for our 4th of July parade. Also, the ribbon cutting and Dedication of the completed highway reconstruction is scheduled for 10:00, July 6th at Windy Point. RSVP is requested and questions can be answered by calling Kathy at 751-9405.

MLCEC's

By Patty Thomas

Thank you's from the Mt Lemmon Homeowners Association sponsored Potluck and the MLCEC Bingo held on May 29th.

Thank you to:

- 1.) MLFD for set up/ takedown and use of the fire station
 - 2.) Ross Quigley and Army man(Stott Ball) for all their hot and hard work grilling hamburgers.
 - 3.) Mt Lemmon General Store for donating five \$5 gift certificates for Bingo Prizes.
 - 4.) Living Rainbow Gift Shop for donating five \$5 gift certificates for Bingo Prizes.
 - 5.) Ski Valley for donating five \$5 gift certificates for Bingo Prizes.
 - 6.) Mt Lemmon Reality for donating a copy of the "Forged by Fire" book for a Bingo Prize.
- (A picture collage from the event is show on the following page)

CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Saturday June 25-26th Volunteer Cheatgrass removal
- 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
- Wednesday, July 6th 10am Highway dedication
- Sunday, July 10th 9am Wildflower Walk
- Saturday, July 23 Trees for Mt. Lemmon Class
- Sunday, August 7th Trees for Mt. Lemmon Class
- Saturday August 13th Next Women's Club Meeting
(no meeting in July)

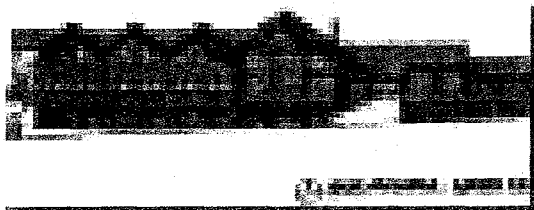


ASK MAGGIE

You can email your questions to Maggie directly at cozzetti@theriver.com.

Q: Does hot water freeze faster than cold water?

A: Yes!! - under certain circumstances. Here's why you might think it wouldn't. Let's say you take your last beer (mostly water) from the pantry and put it in the freezer because the baseball game is starting in 45 minutes. Then you remember that your friend who was really impressed with that life zone thing is coming over to watch with you and the only other beer you have is rolling around in the back of your car and is probably nearly boiling. If you put both beers in the freezer at the same time the hot one would have to cool to the temperature of the cool one and then take as much time as the cool one to freeze. (Of course you don't really want them to freeze - it gets messy.) So with this logic the hot one would take as long as the cool one to freeze and then some. However, a clever student from Tanzania named Erasto Mpemba, found that under the right circumstances "a given volume of hot water in a container may freeze faster than cold water". I could give you all the details here but it would probably be faster for you to try this little experiment yourself (same volume of water, identical open containers, not too hot or too cold). Besides, I've got to go check on those beers.



Summerhaven Village Center

By John Jones

Cleanup work will start in the beginning of July on the Ponderosa Lodge, Alpine Lodge and Mt Lemmon Inn sites on the west side of Sabino Canyon Park Rd. Trees will be removed along with concrete and other fire debris. The air curtain destructor which has served the community well will be removed by the Mt Lemmon Fire Dept from the Ponderosa site. Plans are under way to graft the shoots from the apple tree onto root stock in the fall.

Building plans have been drawn up for submission to Pima County for the new Mt.Lemmon Water District valve house which will be built on the north side of Turkey Run Rd, replacing the "Purple Lemmon building."

The plans for the new Lodge are nearly complete. Over the summer months, financing will be arranged and marketing packages will be prepared for the sale of lodge suites. The 25 lodge rooms are designed as 1, 2 or 3 bedroom suites. The 18 two bedroom suites contain a lock out bedroom which can be rented separately from the living room/ bedroom suite. Please refer to www.MtLemmonrealty.com for further information on suite floor plans, specifications and pricing information.

2500 sq ft of retail space is available and can be divided into 4 separate storefronts. A leasing opportunity for a restaurant with over 4500 sq ft interior space and 2000 sq ft of deck space is also available. Contact Bob at Mt Lemmon Realty for more information.

Current plans are for construction on the Lodge and Community Center to begin in earnest after Labor Day to avoid disruption to the village and the spotted owl mating season.

Sunday Newspaper Now Available

The Mt. Lemmon General Store now has the Sunday paper available. Thanks to Vic Zimmerman of the Mt. Lemmon Cookie Cabin and Pizza place, the Sunday Arizona Daily Star will be available at the General Store. Vic has offered to transport the newspapers up the mountain on Sunday mornings. There are no reserved papers or pre-payment plans, since we are buying direct from Tucson Newspapers, Inc. we can over order every week and return for credit any unsold newspapers. Papers should be available for sale at 10:00 AM when we open for business. See you Sunday morning.

Santa Catalina Mountains Partnership

As a result of the 2 day Stakeholder's meeting on April 1 and 2, about 30 individuals representing organizations and governmental entities have met to discuss natural resource management for the Mt Lemmon area. The group has selected a moderator, John S. Jones and an assistant moderator, Sarah Davis to facilitate the meetings.

The group approved the following statement: The mission of the Santa Catalina Mountains Partnership is to restore healthy forests and sustainable communities through collaborative management: Promoting Stewardship, Practicing Partnership, Joint Planning, Project Implementation, Public Education and Community Involvement. The group agreed to seek non-profit status in order to obtain grants and gifts to implement projects.

Working committees have been formed to address communications and public education, water resources management, the community fire plan, forest products and the Forest Service Management Plan.

Hot Water

By Phil Mack

Are you in the planning stages of rebuilding your cabin? Even if you are past the point of planning, short of having the plumbing complete, think about instant hot water at your tap, every tap in your cabin. How much cold water do you let run down the drain while you wait for that hot shower? How about that feeling you get when you go to wash your hands in the middle of winter? The wasted water really adds up. Water is the most precious commodity on this mountain and most of the time the least available. All it takes is a little electricity, the most easily replenished utility on the mountain (and least costly).

If your plumber installs a return line to your water heater from the faucet and a small electric pump installed at the water heater you can have hot water within 2 seconds of opening the hot water faucet. The pump comes with a built in timer. You might not care if you have instant hot water at 2 in the morning so you can have it turn off automatically. The timer can be set to pump water through the hot water line from 7 AM to 10 PM daily or whenever you normally get up and go to bed. If you are an occasional cabin user you could just put the pump on an On/Off switch and turn it on when you come up to use your cabin. Talk to your builder or plumber. A little cash now could be well worth it in the long run, not to mention the luxury of instant hot water!

Cheatgrass Identified on Mt. Lemmon, Eradication Project Implemented

By Heidi Schewel,
Coronado National Forest

Cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) was first identified on Mt. Lemmon in 1976, in the vicinity of Lemmon Creek. The plant is native to Eurasia and the Mediterranean. It is thought to have been introduced to the Intermountain West, where it is the dominant species on more than 100 million acres, in impure seed in the 1800s. The grass is now widely distributed throughout the 48 contiguous United States. It is extremely invasive, competing with native plants for soil moisture, and it produces a high volume of seeds. Well adapted to fire, it often dominates plant communities following fires. Once established, cheatgrass-dominated vegetation types greatly increase the potential for and recurrence of wildfires.

Cheatgrass has recently been identified along the Catalina Highway, and at several recreation sites. The weekend of June 11 and 12, seventeen volunteers and Forest Service personnel spent 125 hours removing 48 large garbage bags of the plants. It is hoped that the remainder will be eradicated this weekend (June 18 and 19). A volunteer-powered removal project will take place at various locations along the roadway. This plant is a major threat, and the timing is crucial. The plants are about to go to seed. The seed is spread by vehicles and equipment, as well as by animal fur, clothing, shoes, and wind. If these plants produce seed along the roadway they have the potential to spread the entire length of the highway, and down into the Tucson Basin, where cheatgrass already occurs in places. It will also spread away from the road into and throughout the forest. If seed is dispersed in watersheds, it may spread down canyons into drainages like Bear and Sabino Creeks. It's imperative we remove it before that happens.

If all plants are not removed in the weekend project, the work will continue. Those interested in helping out should call Heidi Schewel at (520) 749-7720 or email her at hschewel@fs.fed.us. Additionally, the Forest Service is working with Summerhaven residents to eradicate the pest where it occurs in the community. A volunteer project in the village is being organized for the weekend of June 25 and 26. (See related information in this newsletter.) Teamwork here will benefit all involved. Establishment of cheatgrass would be detrimental to lands under both private and public ownership.



Marshall Gulch before



Marshall Gulch after



Volunteers
removing
cheatgrass

Fire District Update

By the Barnella's



I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful weather we have been having on Mt. Lemmon. MLFD has been busy with continuing to clean dead standing and down trees throughout the village. The Air Curtain Destructor has returned to the center of the village to clean up the site it sits on to prepare for commercial construction to begin in the near future. MLFD was awarded added funds to continue clearing the right-of-way for Pima County; we will begin in the Ajo corridor in the next couple months.

Many questions have been directed to MLFD about slash being left near cabins in Fern Ridge and Soldiers Camp. The logging contract is underway and the material not being salvaged by the loggers is being cut and scattered. This operation of "lop and scatter" is under the guidance of the Forest Service and any concerns or questions should be directed toward Bill Hart, Fuels Management Officer, (520) 749-7717 or wrhart@fs.fed.us.

Looking around Summerhaven is breathtaking with the size of homes replacing the loss from the Aspen Fire. To keep up with the growth and provide the highest level of service to our residents and visitors the board of directors of MLFD has approved the purchase of two new all-wheel drive water tenders. These much-needed pieces of apparatus will hold 2000 gallons of water each and be capable of pumping 650 gallons of water per minute. The fuel loads of larger cabins and remote locations increased the need to have more capable water transportation to compliment the water district as they are installing new hydrants and updating the water storage tanks. The delivery should be in time to show them at the 4th of July parade. Special funding was established with First Bankers at a great interest rate and deferred payments until 2007.

Mt. Lemmon Women's Club

Linda Mulay, President
327-4615 or 576-1417

Our Mt. Lemmon Women's Club members include women from many different backgrounds. Although there is considerable diversity in our ages, interests and experiences these women are united by a dedication to our Mt. Lemmon community and its improvement through volunteer services.

If you would like to join the Women's Club please fill out the form to the right and mail a check for \$26.00 to Renate Beer 6141 N. Camino Almonte, Tucson, AZ 85718.

Our club sponsors the annual Fourth of July parade with member Fran Zimmerman organizing it. We hope that many of you will participate in the parade held at noon on the 4th. This would be a great time for you to come up, enjoy the parade and see how the mountain is coming back to life after two years.

We have no meeting planned for July. Our next meeting will be August 13th on the mountain.

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

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HOME ADDRESS: _____

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NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN GROUP: _____

CATEGORY: () Original () Patriotic () Humorous
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Please write on the back side what you want the announcer to say about your group

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

Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley News:

by Jay Davies

George and I want to thank friends and old neighbors for your support with the new opening of the Iron Door Restaurant. It's fun to see familiar faces and to share our efforts with you. We are also going back to selling soft serve ice cream in the fudge shop -only vanilla, but it sure is good.

We have some fun new toads in the gift shop as well as some really unique "lemmon" stuff. You haven't seen these gifts any where before ! The new t-shirts- long and short sleeve - have started coming in too. See you soon.

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MONDAY, JULY 4, 2005
12:00 NOON

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Trees for Mt Lemmon

By Barbara Eisele

Cheatgrass is a **highly flammable extremely aggressive invasive grass**. (Lindy Brigham, our resident botanist describes its fire hazard as extreme). It has been found in Summerhaven and along the highway for the very first time. It is about to go to seed and spread more "little devils" around. It may also be on your property! Join us as Heidi Schewel of the USFS teaches us to identify this "nasty critter". In conjunction we are organizing a cheatgrass pulling party.

Saturday, June 25 9 AM – 12 PM

Sunday, June 26 9AM – 12 PM

Meet on the east side (uphill) of the public bathrooms

We will provide garbage bags

Bring gloves, water and a snack

Thanks to Lindy additional information can be found at:
<http://www.stoller-eser.com/cheatgrass.htm>

Ponderosa and Other Native Plants:

Once again we have Ponderosa Pines to distribute thanks to the AZ Community Tree Council Grant. If you have not been to a class to learn how to plant the trees here are two opportunities. A class either this year or last is required in order to receive trees. If you attended last year you are more than welcome to attend again this year.

Saturday, July 23, 2005 – 9 AM – 11 AM

Sunday, August 7, 2005 – 9 AM – 11 AM

Meet at the school We will be distributing trees and plants from the school at the same time.

This year we also have other trees, shrubs and some wildflowers. On our website, www.treesformtlemon.org, we list the plants that we will be distributing and the locations where each of these will grow.

Mt Lemmon Wildflower Walk –Sunday July 10- 9AM

Lead by Susan Benson and Susan Fleming

This walk will help you identify the abundance of beautiful wildflowers on Mt Lemmon. Susan and Susan led a walk last year and it was highly acclaimed by our own Bob Zimmerman. Joins Susan and Susan again this year for a delightful day.

Sunday, July 10 9 AM Sharp

Meet at the top of Mt Lemmon (take the road past ski valley and go to the parking lot at the top).

Bring water and snacks. Optional items to bring, sun hat, camera, binoculars, hand lenses, notebook and pen.

Demonstration Gardens:

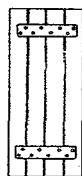
Be sure to stop by The Living Rainbow and The Cookie Cabin to see the variety of plants you can put on you property. Thanks again to Linda Currin, Linda Benzinger and all the people who helped prepare the area and planted the plants.

IF YOU FEED THE BIRDS

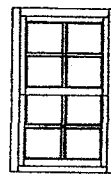
By Barbara Welsh

Now that the new cabins are going up, our thoughts turn to the other life that lives on our mountain. First I will say we should never feed wild animals. However, having said that, many of us will be feeding the birds for the joy of seeing them up close, so bring your binoculars and have fun, but here are a few things to consider.

Animals do not need us to feed them. They are able to take care of themselves without our help. You do not need to worry if you go away for several weeks, the birds will be just fine without your help. They will be right back at your feeder when you start feeding them again.



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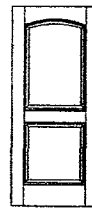
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Remember the humming bird food mixture is one cup of sugar to four cups of water and boil for about six minutes. Do not add color as they can find the food from the color of the feeder. This mixture will keep in the refrigerator for about a week. If there are bears in the neighborhood take in your feeders at night. Try to suspend your feeders so it is not so easy for the squirrels to get to them. The hummingbirds are very territorial so if you can put up several feeders you will have more birds.

As far as birdseed for the others, all of them love sunflower seed and other mixtures are welcome to. Again, try to hang the feeders, and not ground feed as this can attract all kinds of unwelcome visitors. The tassel-eared squirrel likes peanuts, as do the chipmunks and Jays. All the birds appreciate water and the best way is a birdbath or a flowerpot saucer on top of an overturned flowerpot. Some people put out melon rinds for the squirrels and woodpeckers, but remember if they are left out overnight the skunks and raccoons also enjoy these treats. You don't get to choose which wild animals come to your feeders.

Have a quiet summer and enjoy the other creatures that share our mountain.

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