

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

Message from the Pres

by Debbie Fagan

Hello and goodbye Mt. Lemmonites! This is my final message as President. It's been an honor and privilege to represent you and our mountain community for the last three years. As we near the 4th anniversary of the Aspen Fire, our town is reemerging and starting to take shape. We need your involvement now more than ever. I can



not emphasize how important the upcoming Homeowner's Dinner is. At the forefront are issues regarding our Water District, Community Center, and reoccurring vandalism which, to say the least, has been an infuriating and expensive violation. Efforts to start a "Neighborhood Watch" are in the works but it takes a "Neighborhood" to be effective. So please, please, please, clear your schedules and make April 17th a priority. See you there!

Reminder

The annual village clean-up will be on April 21st at 9:00 a.m. Bring gloves, hats, sunscreen, water, etc... We will meet at the General Store. Heavy duty trash bags will be provided by the Fire District. There was a lot of trash left by some inconsiderate winter visitors, so the village, streams, and surrounding areas need TLC. Let's have a big turnout so we can spread far and wide.

Thank you, Dennis Cozzetti

News From The Mt. Lemmon General Store & Gift Shop

We have had a lot of people come in and ask, "How is the restaurant coming?" I am very sorry to say that due to 2 neighbors' protests who have rebuilt their cabins since the Aspen Fire, the Frog Mountain Restaurant will not become a reality. We went before the Pima County Board of Supervisors back in December 2006 and did receive a conditional use permit to build and operate the dining establishment within the existing Gift Shop area. (Never to be able to expand into the General Store side of the building) There were so many restrictions put on us, it makes the feasibility to operate a restaurant at a profit not very promising. Sound and air pollution were one of the opponent's biggest complaints. They seem to forget we live here on site and have a 7 year old Grandson living with us. This was never to be a rock and roll bar with drunks urinating in the parking lot until 2:00 AM. So we are sorry to say there is no hope for a night time dining spot any time soon in the near future for Summerhaven. On another note, rumor has it Ski Valley may start dinners on Friday and Saturday nights for the summer season.

On to good news. The General Store and Gift Shop have been remodeled! We have added some take out foods for lunch, Hot Dogs, Polish Dogs with or without Jalapenos and some Egg Rolls. A soda fountain machine is part of the remodel addition. It is all take out, but is very fast and convenient.

The Living Rainbow and the Mt. Lemmon General Store & Gift Shop were featured by Arizona Highways – Television Show. It should air sometime in early May on KGUN 9, Sundays at 5:30 PM.

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Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

By Linda Mulay, President 327-4615 or 576-1417

At the writing of this article our club is busy getting ready for the March 31st Southern District conference. We are the host club, so have a lot of responsibilities! We are finishing our scrapbook to enter the competition.

We will not be having an April meeting as we will be attending the Homeowners annual dinner for our updates on community affairs and socializing.

Dues are do in May, so please fill out the membership form enclosed in your homeowner's packet and return it as soon as possible.

The GFWC-AZ 104th Annual State convention, "Hats off to Volunteers" will be April 21-22 in Tempe. We will be discussing if we should continue to maintain our historic headquarters in Mesa or sell it. I would love to have you attend this meeting with me.

Our next meeting is Saturday May 19th, 1:00pm at the mountain home of Ginny Durham. We plan to have a speaker talking to us about the Arizona Trail.

Trees for Mt. Lemmon By Sally Crawford

Cheatgrass Eradication

As the snow disappears and spring appears, our biggest issue will be cheatgrass eradication. Cheatgrass is highly flammable and spreads easily. We know it is on the mountain, but we can still take steps to eradicate it.

Trees for Mt. Lemmon will have an exhibit at the FireWise Expo to be held April 28, 2007, at the fire station. At this time we will have examples of cheatgrass to help you identify the plant on your property. We will have a sign up for "pulling parties." It is important to learn how to pull up the plant and how not to pull up the plant. We will also have chemicals and sprayers to lend to homeowners to use on their private property.

We have had record-breaking heat during the month of March. This is a reminder of the drought conditions we have in Tucson and Summerhaven. Please be FireWise and clean your lots of dead and down materials, ladder fuels and construction materials. If we each take responsibility to check our lots for cheatgrass and remove it and to clean our lots for fire safety, we will have a healthy mountain community.

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2007 MLHO Dues

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Home Owners Association
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MT. LEMMON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Spring is approaching and soon it will be time for the annual membership dinner meeting. This year we will again use the buffet serving style in an attempt to give you more time to eat and less time to wait. This also means that you don't have to make choices until you have your plate in hand.

The dinner will be held at

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The Cash Bar will begin at 6:00pm with the Buffet at 7:00pm and Program at 8:00pm.

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COFFEE & TEA

The price of the Buffet is \$30.00 per person. This includes tax and gratuity.

Please place your reservation no later then April 13th using the form below. Hilton Tucson needs an accurate count of attendees. Make checks payable to MLHOA and mail your reservation to MLHOA Annual Dinner, c/o Carrie Reitz, P.O. Box 31705, Tucson, Arizona 85751

MLHOA ANNUAL DINNER 2007

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Trees for Mt. Lemmon (Continued)

Since we no longer have grant funding to help with the costs of propagating these plants, we are asking for people who take plants for a small donation to cover costs.

To give you an idea of the costs, last year our expenses were:

Plants \$6,260.00 Labor \$ 346.00 Transportation \$ 250.00 Total \$6,856.00

Last year we received \$3,384.00 in donations.

Fundraising

Trees for Mt. Lemmon will not continue with the Aspen Ball as a fundraising event. Instead we will have an event "on the mountain." We are discussing various options and ideas. We will keep you informed. Possibly we will have a fundraiser in the fall. Our goals will be to raise money to continue with the plant propagation and also to provide a fun, community event.

Community Center

Trees for Mt. Lemmon has committed \$5000 from the proceeds of last year's Aspen Ball towards the furnishing of the Mt. Lemmon Community Center. In addition we will assist the contractor with the landscaping of the site including the planting of a 4 foot tall offspring of the original Westfall apple tree. The apple tree cuttings were made by Russ Buhrow of Tohono Chul Park.

Congratulations to "One of Our Own"

The Sonoran Institute gives out awards each year called the Faces of Conservation and there are different categories. Barbara Eisele was a finalist for the Healthy Landscapes category. The award is given to "an individual who has made significant contributions to the conservation, preservation or protection of an important natural asset." TFML is very excited that the Institute recognized the work that Barbara has done for the Mt. Lemmon community and selected her as a finalist for this award.

Trees for Mt. Lemmon Board:

Please feel free to contact us with your questions, comments and ideas!

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If you would like to receive information on community events and updates, select the "sign me up" option on the homepage of our website. Http://www.treesformtlemmon.org.

For questions or comments contact us at info@treesformtlemmon.org or contact one of the board members.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/31 Woman's Club Convention in Tucson

4/17 MLHO Annual Dinner 6pm @ Hilton

4/18 Annual FireWise Event 9am @ MLFD

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