



The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

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

FROM THE PRES.

Community Center

The Community Center, now under construction in Summerhaven, needs community support for its operation.


Pima County is actively seeking individuals, groups and agencies to partner with on operation of the Mt. Lemmon Community / Visitor Center in a manner consistent with the June 15, 2006, application for funding through the Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program and the Bond Implementation Plan approved in the May 18, 2004 Special Election. Benefits of the Center include providing an anchor in the heart of the community and providing services and amenities for tourists, visitors and residents.

Operation of the Community / Visitor Center poses a significant challenge due to a scarcity of public resources for staffing. A commitment of time, ideas, and resources from those who live and do business in the area is the key to crafting a partnership approach that will maximize the benefit to the general public, local businesses and agencies, and the communities in and around Summerhaven, Upper and Lower Soldier Camp, Bear Wallow, Fern Ridge, Palisades, and Willow Canyon.

Please contact John Jones at jsjones@dakotacom.net with commitments of volunteer time that you or your organization can provide to staff the Center. Information will be provided to community organizations regarding specific items needed for furnishing the Center.

My name is Carrie Reitz, and I have been selected president of this year's board of directors for the Mount Lemmon Home Owners Association (MLHOA). That's a lot of words to say that I get to have fun with a neat group of people. Other new officers selected for this year are Tom Thomas, Vice-President, Jeanne Mayer, Secretary and Bonnie Lohman, Treasurer. Back for more abuse is Dean Barnella, editor of the ECHOS. First of all, I want to welcome newcomers to the mountain. You will fall in love with her as we all have. It is that love for the mountain that leads us to volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors. We are here first of all to represent the association members in whatever issue that may arise and secondly to organize four events for the membership during the year. Those four events are the Memorial Day Potluck, the 4th of July Cookout, the Labor Day Pancake Breakfast and the Annual Membership Dinner which is held on the first Tuesday after TAX DAY. Information specific to each of those events will be published in the ECHOS prior to each event. If there is a question for the board or a problem that needs to be brought to the board, please don't hesitate to contact me. My E-mail address is careitz@cox.net. Since this article will come out after the Memorial Day Potluck, I will tell you that it turned out great. It felt good reconnecting with folks, some of whom we hadn't seen since last summer. Well, another summer is upon us. The aspens have leafed out, the brown earth is beginning to show a hint of green and the flying insects abound. We are looking forward to the opening of our Community Center, which is slated for some time in July and the annual 4th of July Cookout following the parade. Look for more info in the ECHOS. SEE YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN!! Carrie ReitzPres, MLHOA Board of Directors

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Calendar of Events

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| July 4 | Parade, Community Center Dedication |
| July 4 | BBQ @ Fire Station by Homeowners Assoc. |

Trees for Mt. Lemmon

By Sally Crawford

CHEATGRASS—IT'S HERE:

In just two weeks (April 28 to May 12), cheatgrass grew and went to seed. It just goes to show how versatile and aggressive this plant is. It has re-appeared in most of the places it was documented in 2006 except for a couple of places where we were successful in pulling up all the plants and not dispersing the seeds in the process. So this shows that eradication can work if done correctly. The bad news is that in areas where it was not removed or removed but seeds were dispersed, it has grown back to a greater extent than 2006. We will continue to organize pulling and spraying efforts and ask all property owners to monitor and weed their own properties to prevent further spreading. We will continue to pull, spray, and monitor for the next few years. If you have not signed up to the message board, please do so to receive important information as quickly as possible by e-mail. To sign up select the "sign me up" option on the homepage of our website. [Http://www.treesformountlemmon.org](http://www.treesformountlemmon.org).

PLANT DISTRIBUTION:

We will be distributing plants and trees again this summer during the rainy season. Watch for announcements for the time and place. Remember we are asking for a small donation for the plants because we no longer have a grant for funding.

WATERHARVESTING CLASS:

Residents have asked for another water harvesting class. We will go forward with this idea. Watch the Echoes and the message board for more information about this future class.

THANK YOU MLFD

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mt. Lemmon Fire District for the excellent Fire Wise presentation on April 28th. Everyone attending the Fire Wise Expo gained useful knowledge from each presenter.

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](http://www.treesformtlemmon.org).

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

Arizona Clean and Beautiful

To report persons who toss cigarettes or other trash from their cars, call Arizona Clean & Beautiful at 1-877-354-8837. it is a recording. Your name is not given out to the littered or anyone else. You will need to be prepared with the following information:

- 1) Item you saw littered and location of where you saw it littered (eg. Mile post 7, Mt. Lemmon Highway)
- 2) Date and time; date is important, if you do not call it in on the same day as you witnessed it.
- 3) Description of vehicle
- 4) License plate number (specify state if it is not an Arizona plate)
- 5) Your name & address (information is not given out; it is for their records only).

This number for AZ Clean & Beautiful can be used anywhere in Arizona. Be sure to specify city. We keep small note pad (post it notes) and a pen in the car just for this purpose.

Thanks,
 Marty Cobb

Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley News

Ski Valley had a good ski season with great days of powder skiing and more groomed days, thanks to Graham and his abilities with those machines. He moved snow all over everywhere.

Thanks too, to Pete Krauss and John Mulay (Sandy and Linda as well!) for seeing to the safety of our skiers and staffing ski patrol. They do an incredible job.

One more thank you to those of you who supported us all winter by skiing and enjoying the restaurant. Your support is important to us.

NEW NEWS: The Iron Door is going to be open for dinner on Friday nights from 5:00 to 7:00 starting Memorial Day weekend. There will be three or four entrees with all the trimmings - salad or soup, steamed vegetables, potato or rice. Beer and wine will be available as well as appetizers and some of our great desserts. If weather permits, we'll have the fire going for you or the deck open for warm nights. Should be fun.

See you soon.
Jay Davies
Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley



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MLHO

The Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association (MLHO) was formed in 1969 to protect the welfare of the Mt. Lemmon community and to be involved in all aspects of its improvement. The concerns of the organization are not limited to private property owners. Full membership with voting rights, is accorded to private owners and leased land holders upon payment of yearly dues.

The most visible product of the MLHO is the **ECHOES**; a newsletter published eight to nine times a year. The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles enabling owners to mingle while at the same time raising funds for various community causes. This group has always depended upon volunteer support and found strength in numbers. An elected board acts on behalf of and for the benefit of the membership. Board members are Debbie Fagan, President; Bonnie Lohman, vice-President; Carrie Reitz, Treasurer; Kathy Shields, Secretary; Fran Zimmerman, John Mulay; Pete Krauss; Tom Thomas; Larry Waldron; Ross Quigley; Chip DeLay; Jerry Sparks, Gordon Hunter and Dean Barnella (editor of the Echoes). If you have any suggestions or comments about the ECHOES, Dean can be reached at 576-1201 or by Email at dean@mountlemmonfire.com.

Being organized, having a legal fund and having active LOCAL voice participation enables the Association to accomplish most of its goals. Pima County has said the MLHO is the strongest and most respected homeowners' organization in the entire county. The Annual Dinner and Meeting is held each year on the first Tuesday after taxes.

Dues are \$25 per year payable in January. Renters and friends of the Mountain may obtain membership for \$20 a year. Membership fees are prorated quarterly. To join the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association in 2007; call or Email Dean.

Fine Art Photography

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My photos can be purchased at
The Living Rainbow

4TH OF JULY PARADE AND BBQ!!

It's that time again! Get out your costumes, horses, dogs, and instruments and sign up as soon as possible for this years Parade! Follow the signs when you get to the village as to where to park, and where Entrants should line up. It may be a little different this year due to the construction in Summerhaven, but, THE PARADE SHALL GO ON!!

After the parade, Please return to the new Community Center for the dedication ceremony, then at 1:30, there will be a Community Lunch at the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station provided by Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association, bring your favorite dessert!!

Please return entry forms to Karen at P.O. box 748, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619, or Fax to 576-9620 before July 2nd.

Looking forward to seeing you all there
MT. LEMMON ANNUAL, JULY 4TH PARADE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2007
12:00 NOON

NAME: _____

NAME OF GROUP: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

ADD'L NUMBER: _____ NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN GROUP: _____

CATEGORY: () Original () Patriotic () Humorous () Musicians () Walking
() Vehicle () Horse () Other _____

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

This is an invitation for you or your group to join us in cool Mt. Lemmon for the Annual 4th of July Parade. Please remit this form ASAP to Karen Shunk, P.O. Box 748, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619 or Fax to 576-9620 no later than July 2nd. For more information call Karen at 886-0394. All entries meet in front of Mt. Lemmon Post Office no later than 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, July 4th, 2007.

ASPEN THE GREY FOX

By: Wendy Carlson-Hunter

Much was lost during the summer of 2003 but from the ashes rose a little glimmer of hope. The only wild animal rescued after the Aspen fire was a little fox.

Many residents had left the mountain in a hurry that day, not able to collect all of their beloved pets. Wendy Hunter, who volunteers for the fire dept. and Wendy Davis, who works with the water dept. and fire dept. received calls from distraught owners wondering if they had seen any cat's wandering around. They decided to run a "covert operation" of sorts. Wendy H. borrowed live traps from the cat Hermitage shelter in Tucson. They placed several traps around the village where they thought they would catch domestic cats.

After arriving on the mountain one day, Nate and Wendy Davis told Wendy H. that there might be an injured cat under the Mt. Lemmon Realty building. They set out to place a trap in position. Wendy H. was in the village escorting a group of reporters from the local media when Nate decided to go check the trap. Next thing you know, here he comes with the trap in the back of the mule. At that moment their hearts pounded with excitement for whoever's cat they had rescued. They took a closer look....and with all the media surrounding them, realized it was a Grey Fox! They just could not believe it, there peering out of the cage was this tiny, charred, hungry and amazingly calm creature. And in as bad of shape it was in, it was beautiful.

The fox's coat was singed from the flames, its paws were crusty from walking on hot ash and cinders, its whiskers were completely gone. It was thin having not been able to hunt in that condition. Despite all that, you could sense a calmness about it, this incredible creature had endured 3 ½ weeks in the village after the fire with little, if nothing, to eat or drink. It was a survivor! After all, it was a Lemmonite!

The fox was kept in a quiet location for the remainder of the day. A call was placed to Tucson Wildlife Center to retrieve the fox but they were denied access to the mountain. Wendy H. volunteered to drive the fox down the mountain to meet them. Lisa Bates met Wendy H. and her Mom Carrie Reitz at the bottom. The fox was so calm all the way down, not a peep. When Lisa removed it from the cage she stated that it was indeed a girl. Wendy H. told her that she had named her Aspen and that she was Mt. Lemmon's fox and we wanted her back when she was well.

Aspens recovery was followed by the local media. Her burned paw pads were removed that night by a local vet who volunteered his services. She was fed a steady diet of field mice and lovingly nursed back to health by the staff at Tucson Wildlife Center. At first she was quite depressed but some time in an outside enclosure, sunshine and fresh air cheered her up. When her paws began to heal it was evident that the injuries she sustained would not allow her to be released back into the wild. Her paws grew club-like, with no clear webbing. This would hinder her hunting and defenses. Most of her nail beds were unable to re-grow nails. She needs those to climb and hunt as well.

A year or so later an opportunity arose to transfer her to Prescott's Heritage Zoological Sanctuary; a non-profit zoo that's only houses rescued and abandoned animals.

Senior animal keeper, Wayne Fischer says Aspen is doing great. She is housed with a three legged Grey Fox named Willow. Since the day they met in September 2004, they became instant friends. She spends her days in a natural setting with bushes, rocks, and hollow logs to sleep in. She is fed a diet of mice, dry dog food, fruit and veggies. Compared to Willow, Aspen is on the shy side, preferring to steer clear of humans. She is, after all, still a wild animal.

Wayne says if anyone goes to Heritage Sanctuary be sure to ask any keeper to see Aspen. They will make sure you are not disappointed. Be sure to tell Aspen that she will always be in the hearts of Lemmonites, as she is a symbol that not all was lost that day in June 2003.

Wendy and Jonas Hunter took a trip to Prescott on June 2nd to see Aspen.

They were happy to discover that they are in the process of making new educational material and signage. They will now be adding facts on the Aspen Fire as well as valuable information on wild fire prevention. Aspen will be an ambassador for all wildlife that could be adversely affected by a wild fire.

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Aspen the Fox during recovery



Aspen in Prescott