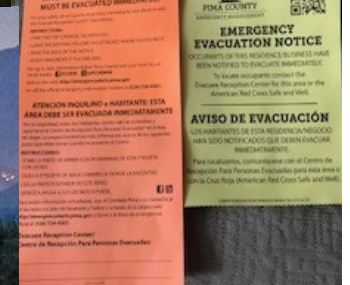
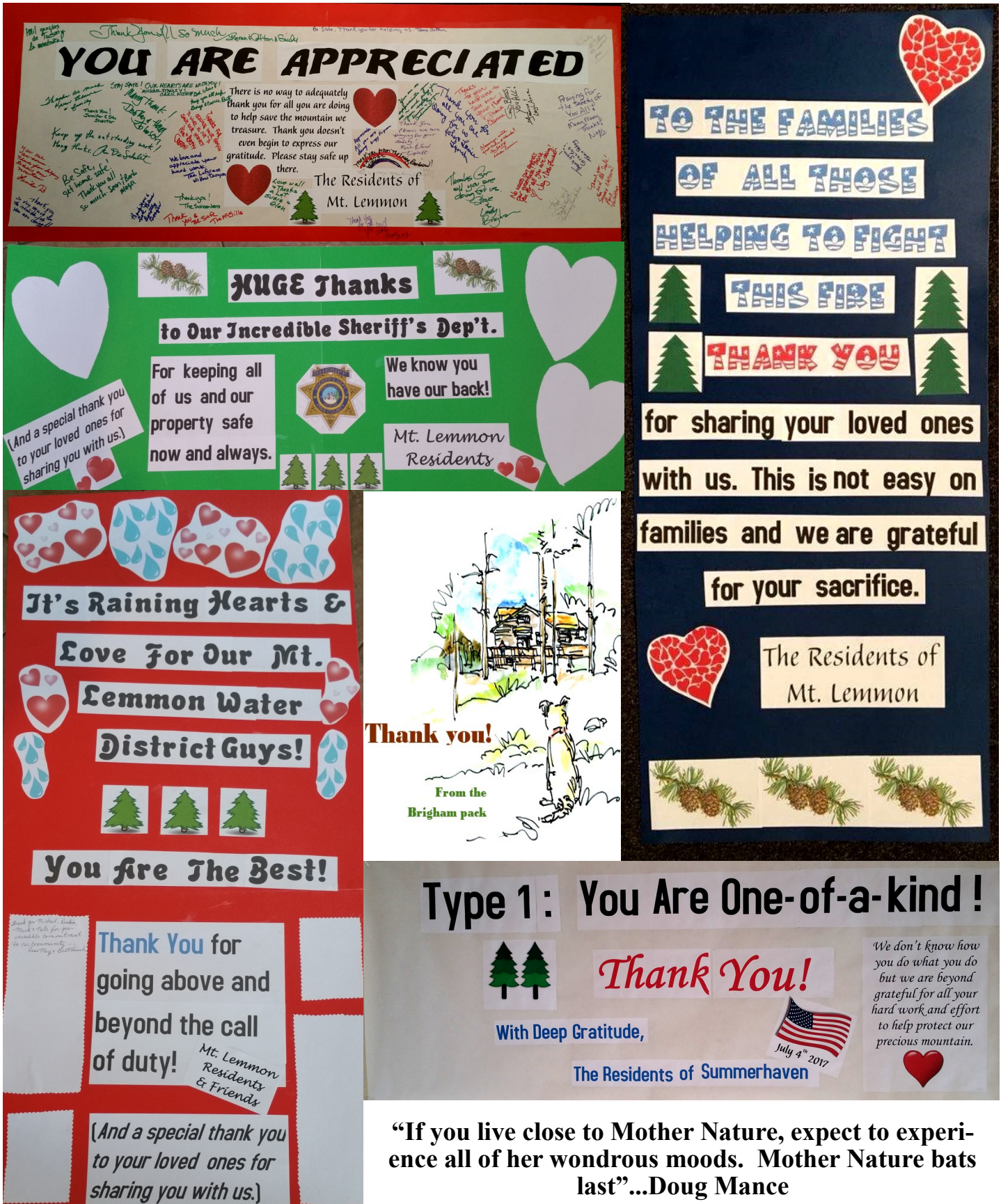


The Mount Lemmon Echoes

Need I Say More?
Photos from multiple sources



When a Simple Thank You Just Won't Do!



"If you live close to Mother Nature, expect to experience all of her wondrous moods. Mother Nature bats last" ...Doug Mance

Mount Lemmon Homeowners...Are YOU Firewised?

by Michael Stanley, president



Mount Lemmon Property Owners,

Our community is prayerful and thankful of the work this past week, helping to save our forest. The Type 1 Incident Management Team has the experience, as do our local departments. We choose to live in the mountains and take the good with the bad. This fire is another major wake up call to all of us. Those who have FireWised are ahead of the game, but those who have ignored the call-to-action by our FireWise Committee need to get their properties ready for future events.

There is a much better chance of surviving a fire when we are READY. Only a quarter of the properties on Mount Lemmon are FireWised. If this fire misses some or all of us, we should get activated to make our community more resilient. This includes working diligently with the Forest Service to get the FireScape Plan implemented and funded. The government makes money available to fight these major fires and spends millions doing so. The rules are not conducive to getting funds to prevent and mitigate the problem. It has been 14 years that our communities have allowed this type of government funding, or lack thereof, to continue. We need to figure out the process to change the rules to fund prevention. This will only work if this prevention process shows our government that it saves money. \$5,000,000 to fight and \$10,000 to prevent is not a good ratio for success! If the forest is made ready for lightning, campfires, dragging chains, sparks, dumped ashes, cigarettes, and all other human and natural ignition points, we may just show that instead of \$5 million, we can reduce the cost of fighting fires more, and perhaps much more.

I know this is a little “soap boxy” but after this event has passed, we will again become complacent and only worry when the next event is knocking on our forest’s door. Please help make this one of the last events that knock when we are not prepared. The HOA will be asking its members to serve, to study costs and develop a plan.

Please let us get together and make a difference! NOW!



Statements and Stories

by Many Locals

I don't claim to understand everything about the evacuation or even any of it but this is my take on it. If the only thing I could do to save my home, was to leave it, I was more than happy to do my part. Thank you to all who stayed behind so we could safely return. by Lorri Hans

In 2003, we saw the first tendrils of smoke near Marshall Gulch as we were driving out of town to go to the Bluegrass Festival in Telluride. Just after the evacuation for the Burro Fire, I was going back up to Telluride for the Ride Music Festival. A little too much déjà vu! I'm so thankful that I didn't have to drive around the bend in the road into Summerhaven and see an ashen wasteland again. During and after the Aspen Fire, I felt that it was very hard to stay in the loop as to what was happening. It's so much better now with the Nextdoor application and all the other information sites online. I felt guilty for not being able to go to the meetings but was able to follow what was happening so well! Thank you everyone! by Karen Burrows

I have been really awed by the strength and caring of our community...as well as our quirky sense of humor which is quite delightful. I had learned in 2003 when we made our first quilts but had some what forgotten how good it feels. We have been unable to attend the meetings due to Chuck's surgery but everyone has kept us informed and offered help. It has been a roller coaster of feelings of all sorts but the most important for me have been the appreciation and gratitude. There are no words to express my respect for all of the people fighting this fire in this intolerable heat. A special THANK YOU to Carol Mack for making sure our chickens were fed and remained safe! by Christina Hanks

I am sad about the Burro Fire. We have lived this fight before in 2003 when we lost our 50's remodeled cabin. We decided to rebuild on the same lot, just without trees. We have owned our site since 1963! This is hard to think it could happen again. Thanks to all who are fighting the fire and trying to keep our hopes positive that it will come to a happy ending for all of us! by Barbara Earnest

Still keeping our fingers crossed that the Burro Fire will be defeated and so thankful for our fire-fighting crews! by Dale and Paula Keyes

Brett and I were in shell shock after the first community meeting on the mountain. All we could manage to do was to take a ton of photos and all of our photo albums down. I realized the following day that I left Father Guido there. I was devastated! by Rose Mary Hinsch

Our love affair with Mount Lemmon is not just about our love of hiking, biking and socializing, its about sharing that fun with our children, grandchildren, and now great grandchildren. Watching them discover frogs in Sabino Creek, hidden waterfalls, the fragrance of pine trees, wild turkeys and bear sightings. Sharing the first fish caught in Rose Canyon Lake, bird watching and building a fairy stump. We rebuilt and replanted after the last fire. We are finally seeing trees and greenery where only ashes existed. Are we too old to tackle that again? by Pam Winsten

Photos below sent in by Pam Winsten and her memories with grandkids



Mount Lemmon Woman's Club

by Mary Hunter, president

We have just returned from a Burro Fire meeting. The fire is 51% contained. With each passing day and fire meeting, I get more confident that when you read this, the fire will be out, our mountain will be safe and we will be back in our cabins enjoying some well deserved cool weather. I know I speak for the entire Woman's Club when I say THANK YOU to the firefighters for working so diligently to fight this fire and protect our special place. We also say THANK YOU to the Water District employees, the Mount Lemmon Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department and to all of those who worked so hard to keep our cabins and our community safe.

We are back!! Let's enjoy the rest of the summer and be FIREWISE AND FIRE SAFE!!

The next meeting of the Woman's Club is Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 1pm at the community center.

August Speaker

Angela Barkley– Wildlife Biologist

Topic- "Wildlife of the Coronado National Forest"

Date: Saturday, August 19th

Time: 2:30pm (following the MLWC meeting)

Place: Community Center

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Western Sneezeweed and Cutleaf Coneflower

by Frank Rose

If you go hiking high in the mountains this time of year, you are likely to see these two flowers. You might wonder how to tell them apart. They are both yellow composites, both grow to a pretty good height, and can be found in large groups. The most abundant, especially at the very top of the mountain, is the Western Sneezeweed (*Hymenoxys hoopesii*). This species grows to about 3 feet tall. The other is the Cutleaf Coneflower (*Rudbeckia laciniata*).

How can you tell them apart?

1. The Western Sneezeweed is shorter, grows in meadows, has long leaves with smooth margins, and the flower "petals" (which are really ray flowers) tend to project out flat.
2. The Cutleaf Coneflower is taller, grows in wet places, has "cut" leaves (as you can see from the picture below) the "petals" (really ray flowers) droop, and the center of the flower gets taller and taller, forming a cone. They are both wonderful plants whose golden flowers bring much richness to the mountain.



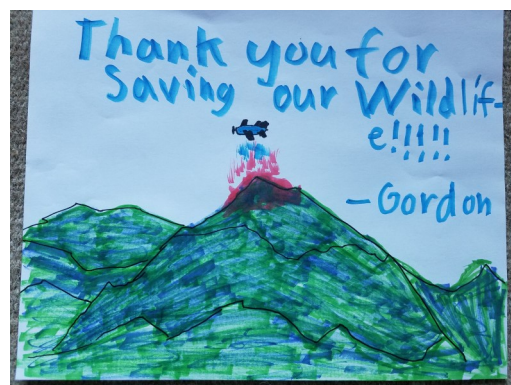
Burro Fire

by Dan Leade, MLFD captain

That was an interesting fire season! It was a relatively uneventful fire season on Mount Lemmon up until the late morning of Friday, June 30th. A relatively small fire was reported in Reddington Pass. The fire started in tall grass and brush, but quickly made its way into the old Bullock Fire scar where it met timber and heavy downed slash. Once established it continued to grow in all directions and currently sits at 27,238 acres with 95% containment as I write this. Although acreage was burned and homeowners were displaced, thankfully the fire was unable to make it to any of the greater Mount Lemmon community. With that said, Mount Lemmon Fire would like to recognize those who helped stabilize this incident.

- The SW IMT 1 for their professionalism, transparency and perseverance.
- The Coronado National Forest for having restrictions in place to keep fires like this off the top of Mount Lemmon.
- The MLFD Fire Support members (who wish to remain nameless) for implementing last minute FireWise strategies in an attempt to save structures in the predicted path of the impending fire front.
- The Mount Lemmon Water District for making sure that the Structure Protection group had all the water located and available for a possible fire fight.
- The Pima County Sheriff's department for their orderly evacuation on such short notice. Additionally, our own Mount Lemmon deputies for putting the community first when their homes were also at risk.
- Steve Sanders and the Sawmill Run restaurant for keeping their doors open to feed any hungry firefighter that may have wandered in.
- All the firefighters who braved heat, smoke and terrain to help save our mountain.
- The community for being patient while being displaced from their homes and understanding that good plans take both resources and time to implement.
- Finally, the monsoons for finally deciding to show up (better late than never!)

If anyone didn't make this list, please understand that it is not for lack of appreciation, merely a lack of sleep. Once again, the Mount Lemmon Fire District recognizes all the individual and team efforts it takes to fight a fire like the Burro Fire. Thank you all!



Are You Taller Than a Cow Parsnip? : Measuring in Units of Nature

by Christina Grossman



I am so grateful for such a wonderful paradise on Mount Lemmon, being so close to the desert, and being surrounded by a beautiful community. What a better place to go learn mathematics because there is math everywhere on the mountain. What a great time to be up on Mount Lemmon and go exploring!

One of my favorite plants on the mountain is the Cow Parsnip. These are my favorite wonders of the area! Cow Parsnips remind me of a child where they begin as small little ones and grow above and beyond 5 feet tall, or close to it. I guess the big question is, are you taller than a Cow Parsnip?

What is great about being outdoors is that plants do not know what inches, centimeters, or feet are. In Nature, there is an abundance of resources used to measure and one of these can be the Cow Parsnip of course! Go for a wonderful walk and look for one of these beauties. Stand up next to one and measure yourself. Who is taller, you or the Cow Parsnip?

Take the kids out for a walk and see how they measure against these wonderful giants. Start using the words of comparison like, “shorter than” or “taller than”. How many of you would it take to be as tall as the Cow Parsnip? What about the width of your hand? Take a look at those leaves! How many of your hands would it take to be the same length, or width of those leaves?

Something to think about:

This is cute and all, but how does learning Mathematics really measure up to the “real” world? Take a child, for instance, maybe that child is sad because he/she hasn’t grown as tall as everyone else, but take a look at the Cow Parsnip with how small the Cow Parsnip began. The Cow Parsnip starts out tiny and then shoots up to be taller than any other flowering plant I know.

Success can be measured using blossoms and stalks of plants, or the number of tree rings a tree can have in a lifetime. Nature has so many opportunities where we can learn and explore in Mathematics. What I would like everyone to get out of these posts is that the world of Mathematics encompasses more than what we can imagine. The earlier we start our kids and grandkids in interacting and learning from Nature, the more they will have more reason to protect what is treasured by the rest of us.

To see this article online, go to www.learningmathwithmom.com under July’s post.

Sharing a Favorite Moment

by Cathie Brown

Skiing from our cabin to Zimmerman Accommodation School when our daughter, Cynthia, was in kindergarten through second grade has to be one of my many favorite memories...

THANKS FOR CARING AWARD

The Mount Lemmon Homeowner's Association honors:

**Sheriff's Dept, Volunteers, MLFD, MLWD, Type 1 Crews, Hot Shot Crews,
and Our Community Who All Did Their Part**

This month there were too many who deserved the caring award to give it to just one group or individual. Knowing that our community, our homes and our forest were spared due to the actions of so many makes us thankful to all of them. To all who stayed behind to protect what we love so dearly, we humbly say thank you for caring. And to those who left their homes to protect ours, we tip our hats and offer our heartfelt appreciation for all that was done to get us back home. Lest we not forget the community who offered housing to those without, those who evacuated willingly, and to those who offered medical help, we again say thank you for caring!

Looking For a Few Good Volunteers

by Pete Krauss

We need people to spend a few hours in the MLCC Visitors Center to greet Mount Lemmon guests, primarily on Sundays as Paul usually covers Friday and Saturday. A good way to learn the ropes would be to spend a little time with Paul. He is always ready and willing to teach others. The hardest part is putting up the flag and operating the copy machine. The rest is just visiting with our guests about what there is to see and do on the mountain.

The tourist season is really starting to happen with the warmer weather in the valley. It really is fun and interesting to talk to our visitors who come from all over the United States and the world. Keeping our center open is good for businesses on Mount Lemmon, it supports the Forest Service, reinforces our relationship with Pima County Parks and Recreation (who provides us with the MLCC facility for our many meeting, parties, and programs).

Contact Pete Krauss at teamkraus@msn.com if you'd like to volunteer or call him at 520-887-0524, or 520-576-9136, or 520-235-6904

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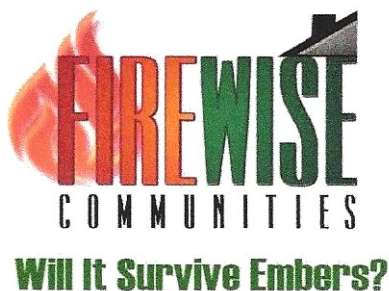
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FireWise News

by Sally Crum, FireWise coordinator



Wow! We sure dodged a bullet with the Burro Fire! Our whole-hearted thanks go out to the nearly 700 personnel and our local VOLUNTEERS for their heroic work in saving our community. I know we are all happy to see the beginnings of the monsoons and with it, the ability to return to our cabins.

That being said, as Mike Stanley has reminded us, we weren't totally prepared and we mustn't grow complacent. Living in the forest, we are always in danger of loss due to wildfire, and must continue to be diligent in our work to be FireWise.

Thank you to all of you who are already helping with getting FireWise. And thanks also to those who have approached me either individually or by signing up at the AWESOME celebration at the Moore's cabin to offer to assist in the critical FireWise effort in our community. I'll be scheduling a meeting in August to bring as many together as possible to explore ways to get the word out and to improve our ability to survive the next wildfire. The information will be posted in the Nextdoor app, and I'll also notify you individually if you have provided me with your contact information. If you would like to help with this effort, please feel free to contact me. 576-1008 cabin, 419-8204 cell, sbc602@gmail.com

Willow Canyon News for August 2017

by Sally Crum

We are all SO HAPPY that Willow Canyon was spared in the Burro Fire. It was again a reminder that we must be vigilant in doing our part in keeping our lots and cabins defensible, not only to protect our own cabins, but those of our neighbors as well as the forest. We are so very thankful for the crews that were stationed in the canyon; from the reports we received, they were very prepared to defend our area.

We are also thankful for the Forest Service road crew that was in our area just weeks prior to the fire, grading, repairing and preparing the road for the rainy season. Our roads look much better and our thanks go out to Gary Scheer, Ken Born and Walt Keys for working together to help improve our roads. Because of the Burro Fire evacuation, the 95th birthday celebration for Willow Canyon "Mayor" Jo Musser-Krause had to be postponed. Jo has been an essential part of our community for over 40 years and we always love the opportunity to celebrate with her. She continues to spend her summers in the canyon, where she is an expert on birds, plants and animals. In the winter she spends her time as a docent at the Arizona Desert Museum and attending Broadway musicals, operas, and local theater. When I grow up I want to be just like my friend "Miss Jo. HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY!!

BUNKO IS BACK!!!

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Fear Spreads to the Animals of the Mountain...Rufus Sends Out a Warning

by Lorri Hans

Rufus was flying back to the lake to take little Stinker home to Roxanne when a plume of smoke caught his watchful eye. He hurried home with the baby skunk, hoping Roxanne would be excited to have the youngster as her own. Rufus flew to their nest and plopped Stinker in the middle and said, "Now son it's very important that you don't spray your new mother. Try not to be afraid but also don't move cause you're very high up a tree and although we are adopting you, you won't be able to fly."

Roxanne was on her way home when she saw Rufus at their nest. She swooped in for a landing, saw a skunk in her nest, and did a fly by...what in the world was that Raven up to now? She did a few more passes then gently landed on the branch above their home. Rufus was grinning from beak to beak and motioned for her to come down. As she landed Rufus said, "Roxanne, I'd like to introduce little Stinker to you. Little Stinker, this is your new mom." Roxanne's eyes filled with tears but not from emotion, but because Stinker was spraying a little bit from being nervous about meeting his new mom. Rufus told Roxanne he needed to go check something out and that he would fill her in on everything when he got back.

Rufus flew to the east, then a bit to the north. What he saw brought back a fear he had felt in 2003 when the Aspen Fire had come through his home. He yelled, "Oh God, please no...not again!" But this fire felt different. He could see pumpkins full of water all along the highway, people clearing areas of downed branches and trees, big tractors making breaks in the forest with its giant scoop. Still, he could see animals running but they were running the wrong way! Rufus started flying lower and yelling to the deer to turn around, that they were running towards the fire. It is very easy for the animals to get confused and not know where to go but Rufus flew over sounding a warning and getting the forest animals to turn towards the safety of the highway. Then it was time to go see his family and also to talk to Danny and Stewies parents about what was happening and making a plan to evacuate their homes.

By the time Rufus returned to his nest, Sweet Pea and Danny's mom, Dawnie were already there cooing over the new baby. Rufus told them about the fire and said they needed to gather their possessions that meant the most to them and to meet at the far end of the lake. He would fly around and alert the other families and get them to the meeting place. Rufus flew for hours around the lake sending out a warning of impending danger. As the sun began to set, he joined everyone at the back side of the lake. Rufus shrieked a warning for all to settle down. Time was of the essence and he needed their attention. "Let me begin by saying, we are not in danger at this point but there is a fire approaching from the southeast that could threaten our homes.", said Rufus. To this the crowd erupted in chatter...where do we go...what will we do if our homes are taken... Once they had quieted down, Rufus told them to take what they could and head due west. He said to travel for at least one full day, then make camp. They would need to rely on each other to survive this fire so even if you aren't friends with everyone, treat them as if they were your closest family for you never know who or what you'll need and someone you don't even know might be the one to save your life. The animals all dispersed and diligently set forth with the task of gathering their belongings and alerting other neighbors who hadn't attended the meeting. Rufus flew to Summerhaven to talk to Sweet Pea's family and let them know what was going on. From the village there were no signs of the fire but there was an emptiness that couldn't be missed. Where were all of the people? Why had everyone but a few left their homes? Once Rufus was able to alert the squirrels he said he was needed elsewhere and that they should pick someone to be in charge and lead their families to safety. Rufus had told them to travel to the most north point of the mountain and set up there, he would find them when he could. He told Sweet Pea's father to go to the highest tree and to stand guard so if they needed to move further west, there would be time. Rufus set off towards the east, flying right over the fire, telling the animals to leave their homes, take what you can, but just get your families to safer land...

Rufus flew for 6 days saving all he could before heading to find his family...



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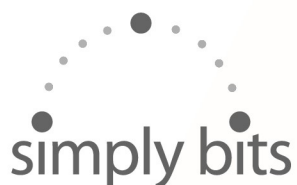
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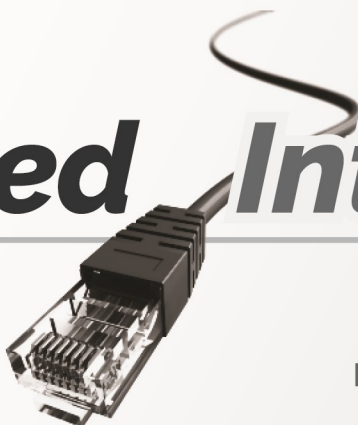
Becoming friends with our local firemen, EMT's, and law enforcement officers is bound to happen when we see them so often. It has become second nature to just call them directly instead of using the 911 services. It is very important to their budgets that we utilize the 911 dispatch and not call directly to the firehouse or our sheriff's cell phones. If we don't go through the proper channels, the agency doesn't get credit for the service they have performed. We ask that if you need medical attention, CALL 911. If you are in need of law enforcement, CALL 911. If you see a fire, CALL 911. It will benefit us all in the long run!



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The most visible product of the MLHOA is the **ECHOES**, a newsletter published ten times a year. The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles, enabling owners to mingle. Members of the Board are: Mike Stanley, president; Jenni Avram, vice-president; Linda Currin, treasurer; Sally Crum, secretary; Lorri Hans, Event coordinator; John Mulay; Pete Krauss; Debbie Fagan; Glen Schager; Mike Bernstein; Tom Thomas, Bill Piatkiewicz; Carrie Reitz, and Jerry Taylor.

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August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7 Full Moon	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 8a-MLWD 10a-MLHOA 1p-MLWC 4p-Wedding
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August Church Schedule

August 6th—Anders Hitchcock Calvary Chapel Assoc. Pastor
August 13th—Steve Tanner Family Life Radio
August 20th—Steve Davis Family Life Radio
August 27th—Tom Simonson Teen Challenge and Potluck

There was a Parade

by Jennifer Shacter, parade coordinator

It was Sunday, July 2nd and I had just finished the final printing of rules and regulations, certificates, script, numbers, etc. for the 42nd Annual Mount Lemmon 4th of July Parade when our cabin phone rang—an urgent meeting was scheduled for 6pm at the Fire House regarding the fire in Reddington Pass. When the question of the parade came up during the meeting, I said we'd do what we could to have the parade on schedule—even if it meant simply meeting at the MLCC, singing songs and walking down the street, as had been done 7 years earlier, or maybe an ice cream social. Four hours later, to most of our disbelief, we received notification of a hard evacuation to begin at 6am Monday morning.

During meetings at Sahuaro HS, I said we'd postpone the parade until later in the summer, but the “delayed” parade would go on. The parade DID go on! Even without all of the mountain residents and visitors, congested parking, lots of entries, judges, and awards, members of the Mount Lemmon Water District, Mount Lemmon Fire District, volunteer fire fighters, Deputy Dave and Steven Sanders continued the tradition and brought tears of joy and laughter to all of us via the internet. Their short and very entertaining parade, complete with a stand-in-me, was more than this Parade Coordinator could have imagined at such a critical time for our community! I don't want to do anything to diminish what has already been done and having returned to our unscathed mountaintop community, we must all move on. The evacuation took a toll on our business community. I encourage everyone to support our businesses and ask Tucsonans to do the same. I hope everyone that couldn't make an appearance this year will be back for 2018, along with the special parade participants of 2017. I will be!



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