

The Mount Lemmon Echoes

Project “SOS” Save Our Summerhaven

by Linda Currin, Jennifer Zimmerman and Bill Piawtkiewicz

A capacity crowd of concerned property owners and panel participants attended the first “Save Our Summerhaven” symposium at the MLCC Saturday, February 23, 2018. Over 75 people listened, questioned, spoke and learned about the serious issues facing the mountain and plans for addressing them, beginning NOW. Chairman Jenni Zimmerman Bill Piawtkiewicz, Bob Zimmerman and Michael Stanley have thoughtfully prepared for this event for months, assembling a variety of experts to develop significant plans to “Save Our Summerhaven.” Panel members included; State Senator Gail Griffin, District 14; Jeff Whitney, AZ Dept. of Forestry; Patrick Cavanaugh, Pima County; Kerwin Dewberry, USFS; Lucretia Free, Pima County, Steve Miranda, USFS; Beth Borozan, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Steve Christy; and Mount Lemmon’s own; Bob Zimmerman, Mount Lemmon Realty and business owner; Jenni Zimmerman, co-chair and realtor; Steve Brigham, Loma Linda HOA president; Joe Gunia, MLFD Chief; Sally Crum, FireWise Committee chair, Larry Waldron, cell tower communications; Deputy Dave Conto, PC Sheriff.

Piawtkiewicz introduced the program with an excellent power point presentation showing pictures of our forest, “then and now” healthy-to-unhealthy forest over the past 100 years. Bob Zimmerman followed with the history of Summerhaven and the relationship with the Forest Service over the years, Bill Piawtkiewicz discussed the stark facts of how the USFS has been faced with severe budget cuts and government rules and regulations, putting constraints on its ability to maintain healthy forests. We must get Congress to appropriate funds for thinning. We need to work together to improve relationships with all entities, to help the USFS manage the forests, not just fight fires!

Other panel members followed with concerns such as the extreme drought and fire danger and how to address solutions. Fire Chief Joe Gunia is working on fire risk lot assessments for property owners and proactively obtaining resources to fight fires. Critical areas of concern emphasized by Steve Brigham include the watershed, communication system, astronomy site and tourist destination. “We can’t afford another catastrophic fire. The community must work together.” Sally Crum emphasized the importance of the FireWise Committee and the need for property owners to be educated and understand that “It’s not if, but when!” Cell service is critical to the safety and security of all who come to the mountain, and Larry Waldron discussed the current lack of coverage and what needs to be done. Deputy Dave addressed traffic and parking concerns, especially during “snow days” and holidays.

For the first time, these issues were able to be fully addressed by the representatives from the federal, state, county and local entities on the panel. They listened, understood, agreed and pledged to work with the community to help solve the myriad of problems, beginning right away. It will take the cooperation, dedication and perseverance, but working together, we can “Save Our Summerhaven!” Thanks to all who participated. A special thank you goes to out to Senator Gail Griffin griff4333@gmail.com and State Forester Jeff Whitney jwhotey@dffm.az.gov. Please thank them with an encouraging and thankful email.



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by Dan Leade, captain MLFD



MLFD is currently collecting slash to burn prior to the upcoming fire season. The MLFD is proud to provide the slash burning service to our residents. This service allows our community to remain FireWise. Unfortunately, when conditions become hotter and drier, it becomes unsafe for us to burn as the potential for spot fires becomes high. In addition, continuing to add to the pile when we cannot burn adds a potential hazard to any helicopter crews working on fire and medical calls. Once fire restrictions on the Coronado National Forest are in place, we will be unable to collect again until monsoons lift restrictions. It is recommended to check with the MLFD or the Coronado National Forest before you start your clean-up project to check on restriction status. If you do bring slash once the restrictions are in place we **WILL NOT** be able to accept it.

A few pointers on how to keep our program running smoothly:

***We burn mostly “slash”.** Slash is the branches that you trim from your trees, or those that are on the ground. These can be piled at the Fire Station helicopter landing zone (restrictions permitting). Please stop in at the Fire Station and a firefighter will assist you.

***We do burn pine needles.** Your pine needles must be in paper garden bags (these can be purchased at your local hardware store). Please place bags at the designated pine needle area to the South of the burn pile (restrictions permitting). These are added to the pile after it is burning to ensure proper combustion. Please collect needles with a rake instead of a shovel. We have learned over the years of burning that dirt, still, doesn't burn.

***We do not accept “rounds”.** Rounds are the tree trunks from fallen trees. Although we accept the slash from fallen trees, the rounds take too long to burn and allow a greater opportunity for embers to spread fire to our hillside. Rounds are currently still allowed to be dropped at the intersection of Catalina Highway and Loma Linda Extension.

***We NEVER accept construction debris or furniture.** The Environmental Protection Agency authorizes MLFD to burn natural vegetation only. Failure to comply on the community's part could result in fines and/or sanctions.

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2018 MLHOA DUES ARE DUE!!!

Below is the revised coupon for the 2018 membership dues, payable now for the entire year. Your \$35.00 annual dues provide funding for the printing and mailing of the Echoes from February-November and promotes social and educational events and membership in the Mount Lemmon Homeowners Association. Your support and participation are critical if our community is going to thrive and grow.

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Membership Dinner 2018!

by Lorri Hans

The annual Mount Lemmon Homeowner's membership dinner will be held again at the **VISCOUNT SUITES HOTEL, 4855 EAST BROADWAY, ON APRIL 24th, 2018**. The Viscount Suites did such a great job on our dinners the last few years, so we're looking forward to their hospitality once again. Come early and enjoy seeing old and new friends, the no-host bar at 6:00, and buffet-style dinner at 7:00. Price will be **\$37.00** per person and includes dinner and gratuity. We'll be in the ballroom again this year.

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Reservations need to be in no later than **APRIL 17, 2018**. We will have several interesting guest speakers and promise they will be brief. Your MLHOA board is looking forward to seeing everyone on April 24th!

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FireWise For March 2018

by Sally Crum, FiewWise coordinator



Your FireWise Committee is hard at work, preparing FiewWise information and events for the community. You should have received our FireWise letter in the last week of February. We've created a monthly calendar of the things you can do to create defensible space around your property, as well as educational opportunities and fun community events. Become a part of the solution, because **"It's not IF, but When"** we have another forest fire.

FEBRUARY - Sign up for information and education through Listserv (announcements@mtlemmonhoa.org), MLHOA (see application here in the Echoes), and Nextdoor - to sign up, contact Doug Mance at dmancemtlmmon@comcast.et with your MOUNT LEMMON ADDRESS. Even if you have already signed up for Listserv, please do it again as we lost data and there is a chance you may not be on the list still.

MARCH– Contact Mount Lemmon Fire Dept at 576-1201 to arrange your free FireWise Home Assessment.

APRIL - VOLUNTEER - contact your neighbors and work together to protect and FireWise your property. Reduce fuel loads and remove flammables from around your cabin and lot.

MAY - You don't need to open your cabin if you're not ready, but DO spend a day or weekend FireWising. We are developing a list of providers who will be available for trimming, raking and cleaning your lot. If you don't have time, or can't do the work yourself, they can do it for you.

SAVE THE DATE - FIREWISE BLOCK PARTY– MAY 26, 2018. Watch for information about **Wildfire Community Preparedness Day**, Saturday May 5th. We are investigating the possibility of bringing in a crew to trim and chip the slash for your FireWise efforts.

Upcoming MLFD Fund Raisers

by Lorri Hans

A couple of years ago, when Randy Ogden was still our chief, we held a Spaghetti Dinner at the Fire House and had great success in raising much needed funds for our firefighters. We are ready to hold this event again with the cooperation of our new chief Joe Gunia and our FireWise coordinator, Sally Crum. We will hold 2 Spaghetti Dinners this year. The first will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018. This is also the kick off for the Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, so please save the date of May 5th! Dinner will include; Spaghetti and Meatballs, Garlic Bread and Cesar salad. The requested donation for dinner will be \$10 and we will serve dinner from 5pm-7pm. The Cookie Cabin has offered to donate a smaller version of their amazing cookies for dessert. Lorri Hans and Debbie Weatherly will be donating the spaghetti dinner and preparing it. We will be looking for volunteers to help serve dinner so if you'd like to help out please email Lorri at mtlemonpielady@gmail.com.

The second spaghetti dinner will be held in August and we will post the date once we have decided on one. Hope to see everyone there!

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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!

Mount Lemmon Community Center

The Mount Lemmon Community Center (MLCC) is part of Pima County's Natural Resources Parks Recreation (NRPR) department. The Mount Lemmon Community Center, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, social and educational purposes. The facility is dependent upon local volunteers to staff and support the visitor's center. Our mission is to welcome all who visit the facility and promote Summerhaven, Mount Lemmon and Pima County Arizona.

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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; Mickie Gelsinger; John Mulay; Pete Krauss; Debbie Fagan; Glen Schager; Mike Bernstein; Tom Thomas, Bill Piatkiewicz; Carrie Reitz, and Jerry Taylor.

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Palm Sunday	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31 Full Moon-Blue Moon Passover

MLWD Quilt by Christina Hanks

Our quilt is finished and has been given to the long arm quilter to do the final step. It should be ready in a week or two. We will then have photographs made and start the raffle. Many thanks to everyone who participated! It's very pretty and looks like water in a brook. Raffle tickets will be available at the MLHOA Annual Dinner, at the MLFD Spaghetti Dinner in May and through the MLWC meetings. The raffle drawing will be at the MLFD Annual Pancake Breakfast in early September. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. If you're interested in helping sell tickets please contact Lorri Hans at 520-907-6818 or email her at mtlemmonpielady@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support of our Water District team who have always gone above and beyond for our community!

Shhhhh! Music is in the air! Save the date – June 23, 2018!!!

Mount Lemmon Woman's Club

by Mary Hunter, president

The Mount Lemmon Woman's Club takes a break during the months of December, January and February. We have no business meetings during this time so there is not much to report. However, for the past four years we have gathered for coffee in February. On Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 25 club members showed up at the Black Crown Coffee House for coffee and conversation. It was great to see everyone again and to catch up. The Black Crown Coffee House is owned and run by Rose Mary Hinsch's son. Thank you to Rose Mary and her son for allowing us to take over a corner of the coffee house for a couple of hours.

The next meeting of the Mount Lemmon Woman's Club is Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 1pm at the community Center. Wear green— it's Saint Patrick's Day.



MLFD Fundraising Quilt

by Sally Crum

For many years, Jennifer Shacter created beautiful afghans to raffle at the MLHOA Annual Dinner. Sadly, last year she announced she would be unable to continue this great MLFD fund raising effort. Several of us got together and created a quilt for this year's raffle to continue the tradition of supporting our fire district. The quilt is "cabin" themed; it is lap sized (approx. 49" X 68") or can be used as a wall hanging. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$25.00 and will be available at the MLHOA Dinner and the MLWC meeting in March. Thanks to Barb McLean for helping to make the quilt and to Katie Ammon for her beautiful quilting!



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