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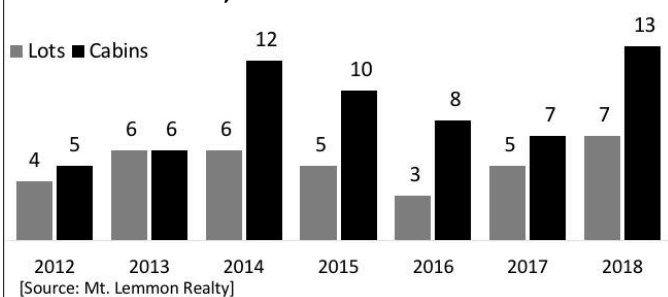
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2018 Mt. Lemmon real estate trends: The good and bad news

For years, Bob Zimmerman and daughter Jenni Zimmerman of Mt. Lemmon Realty have been keeping copious statistics on all brokers' property sales on the mountain. Their most recent data for the period between 2012 and 2018 show that the number of cabins and lots sold last year reached their highest levels in seven years.

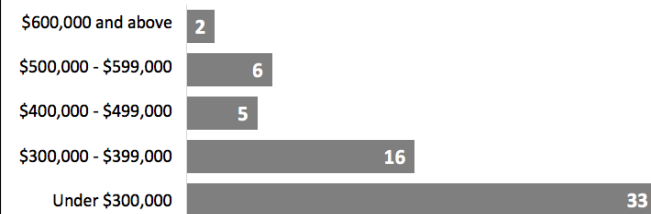
The number of cabins sold in 2018 reflects a year-over-year increase of 85 percent from 2017 and a reversal of a downward trend that began two years earlier. "Lot sales have also suffered until recently," Bob pointed out. After declining for two years, the number of lots sold began a comeback in 2017 and continued to tick upward by 40 percent in 2018.

Cabin and Lot Sales, All Brokers



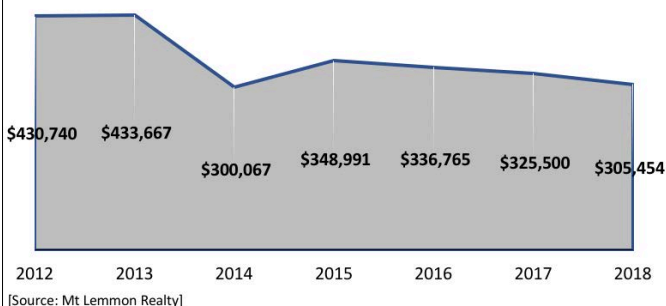
Cabins with a price tag under \$300,000 dominated the sales picture, accounting for over half—33 of 62—of cabins sold in the last seven years. Those between \$300,000 and \$399,000 made up a quarter of all sales.

Cabin Sales by Price Range, 2012 - 2018



The sale of so many cabins in the lower price ranges put downward pressure on the average sales price, which dropped in 2018 for the third year in a row, to \$305,454.

Average Cabin Sales Price



"While Tucson's average price of a home has increased 50 percent since 2011, average sales price on the mountain has dropped by 25 percent," Bob explained. "However, starting in 2017 and continuing last year, the sales of cabins at the low end of the market pretty much wiped out that inventory."

What does Bob see for 2019? "Historically the higher-priced cabins were purchased by wealthy folks and, to a high degree, older folks," he said. "I have been told that the growing number of Millennium buyers want cheap, small cabins. The question is will the mid- and high-priced cabins start selling next year."

When the Echoes first called Bob Zimmerman for some insights for this article, Bob answered a few questions then politely interrupted the interview to say that he was on the snowplow clearing some of the village roads and would have to get back to us. It was an "only on Mt. Lemmon" kind of moment.

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SAVE THE DATE

All dates below fall on a Saturday unless noted otherwise.

**11
Feb**

MLWC February Coffee, Monday, 10:00 a.m.
Black Crown Coffee Co., 4024 Speedway Blvd.

**16
Feb**

ML Water District Board, 9:00 a.m., Water Office
MLHOA Board, 10:00 a.m., MLCC
ML Women's Club, 1:00 p.m., MLCC

**25
Apr**

MLHOA Homeowners Dinner
Thursday, Viscount Hotel, Tucson *

**4
May**

2nd Annual Community Wildfire Preparedness Day
Property clean-up followed by Dinner at the ML Fire Hall *

**15
June**

Celebration of the mountain, the village and a wedding *

**29
June**

Concert on the Mountain
Jeff Haskell & our favorite ladies of song return for a night of music at MLCC *

* Details will be provided as more information becomes available.

MLHOA

Your MLHOA membership: It's time to renew or join

Your support and participation in the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association are critical if our community is to flourish. Your \$35 annual membership supports many activities—the Echoes newsletter, social events, educational programs and fundraising activities for the Mount Lemmon Fire District—targeted to the needs and interests of property owners, residents and others who love and visit this mountain.

In addition, the MLHOA is a strong voice for all of Mt. Lemmon's neighborhoods—including Summerhaven, Loma-Sabino, Turkey Run, Palisades, Willow Canyon and Soldier's Camp—with the public agencies and governing bodies that provide services and make decisions that affect the experience of living on or visiting the mountain.

Annual membership in the MLHOA is \$35.00 and is open to all Mt. Lemmon property owners and residents as well as friends of the mountain.

Renewing members can find their due date on the third line of the address panel on the last page of this issue. We also enthusiastically welcome new members.

So whether you are a renewing member or someone who would like to join—

- Fill out the coupon on the back page.
- Mail it with your check to the address shown on the coupon.

Any questions? Contact Linda Currin, treasurer, at 520-247-2582 or lcurren@q.com. Thanks for your support of the MLHOA.

MLHOA

MLHOA News

By Michael Stanley, president

Welcome to the 2019 season of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association *Echoes* publication.

Winter has been a challenge for locals and businesses. The snow, traffic, parking, emergency access and trash have proven to be a mess as visitors flock up to see the white stuff. Pima County closes the road when capacity saturation is reached, and the one-car-up for one-car-down procedure creates an extremely long line of traffic waiting to get on the mountain—at times, lines have stretched from Mile Post 0 south as far as Houghton Road. Trying to get home to the mountain on the weekend can take an hour or longer.

The amount of snow and rain has helped lower our fire danger, and the watershed is showing some recovery from the long drought conditions. We just hope Mother Nature cooperates and delivers a few additional storms.

Soon spring will be upon us and then our busy summer will follow. There are some exciting events planned for this year. For instance, the Annual MLHOA Dinner will be held on April 25 at the Viscount Hotel on Broadway. The March issue of the *Echoes* will carry an RSVP form for the dinner. Most memberships in the MLHOA are up for renewal this month. See the notice on p. 2 of this issue and use the payment coupon on the last page. Keep checking the “Save the Date” page in future *Echoes* for more events throughout the season.

The MLHOA wishes to thank Lorri Hans for her three years of work as *Echoes* editor and to welcome Bernadette Blatt and Barbara McLean as our new editors. We are proud to continue working to keep our publication first class and provide information and interesting articles to you.

MLHOA Thanks for Caring Award

December and January brought treacherous weather as well as beautiful snow—and hordes of visitors—to Mt. Lemmon. This month’s award goes to all the people who went above and beyond to help their neighbors and strangers, and who supported first responders to keep our community safe through the storms and recover from the aftermath.

Two people, **Ed Stokes** and **Ken Sanders**, were formally “nominated” by community members for special recognition. Their stories appear below. We also heard many anecdotes and know that even more people, although unnamed, deserve the community’s thanks for their generosity, courage and caring.

ED STOKES

In the late afternoon of December 27, many visitors to Mt. Lemmon tried to flee the freak snowstorm. A large traffic jam developed on General Hitchcock Highway between Mile Markers 22 and 20 as vehicles attempted to climb the slippery hill to the summit near Whitetail Campground. Ed Stokes of the Soldier’s Camp Recreational Residence community worked tirelessly to help many drivers maneuver their automobiles either up the hill or out of the way to allow an eventual steady flow of traffic off the mountain. Without Ed’s help, the situation could have been significantly worse.

Chuck Huber

KEN SANDERS

On January 5, a gentleman near the Community Center was picking up broken sleds and trash left by visitors who had come to play in the snow. He filled a very large trash bag, threw it into the bed of his truck, retrieved a new bag and filled it with trash. He even gave two boys \$20 each to help clean up trash in another area. It was Ken Sanders, an avid cyclist from Tucson who visits the mountain frequently. I walked up and thanked him for this work. He said, “I love the mountain and don’t like seeing it destroyed with ‘junk’.” As he got into his truck, now loaded with full bags, he said, “I’ll be back.”

Connie Taylor

FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY

MLFD Volunteer of the Year Award by Peter Norton, Mt. Lemmon Fire District

To say that we at the Mt. Lemmon Fire District are grateful for our volunteers would be an understatement. The calls we respond to here on Mt. Lemmon are as unique as the mountain itself. With just two full-timers on duty during a shift, we are tasked with mitigating medical, fire and technical rescue situations that in larger departments would normally have an initial response of six personnel or more. The reason we are able to remedy these situations is our volunteers who call this mountain home, as well as the Sheriff Deputies, who go above and beyond their call of duty to help out.

One volunteer we would like to mention in particular is Lou Crum. His name was heard time and again on the radio and his face was seen around the station quite a bit this year. He responded to numerous calls—more than 40, attended training every chance he could get, and lent a helping hand when it came time to burn the slash pile. He has been a leader in his Willow Canyon community, and his truck could be seen all spring long filled with slash from neighbors' homes



that he helped Firewise. He would pick up parts from the auto store when a vehicle unexpectedly broke down, and his hands would be stained with grease as he helped install the parts.

The Mt. Lemmon Fire District would like to recognize Lou with the MLFD Volunteer of the Year Award! Thank you, Lou—and all of our volunteers—for your services throughout the year.

It's Firewise time again

by Sally Crum, Mt. Lemmon Firewise chair

Are you ready for the 2019 Firewise season? It's hard to think about with the current cooler temperatures and snow, but the fire season will begin before we know it.

In 2017, over 12,000 structures were destroyed by wildfires, including more than 8,000 homes and more than 200 commercial buildings. As we know, 2018 saw even more damage from wildfires, with the loss of 85 lives and near-total destruction of the California town of Paradise being the most horrific example.

One thing we did learn from fires at the wildland-urban interface is that lives and homes can be saved by creating a defensible space around structures. This is why the Firewise program is so important for Mt. Lemmon.

The Firewise Committee will be meeting to plan educational (and social!) activities and to discuss ideas to help protect our community from the devastation of wildfire. Do you want to make a big difference with a small investment of time? Please consider joining our Firewise Committee—it will give you opportunities to get to know your neighbors, have some fun, and make a difference. Contact Sally Crum by phone at 520-576-1008 or by email at sbc602@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 4, our 2nd annual Community Wildfire Preparedness Day. A chipper crew will be available to process your brush and hazardous fuels. The day will end with dinner at the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station, provided by our own Lorri Hans.

FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY

Turkey Run tree-thinning project awaits okay from more property owners

The 50-acre tree thinning project still needs signed agreements from about half of the property owners on Turkey Run or on property accessed from Turkey Run if we are to receive the full amount of the large grant awarded last fall by the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. Please encourage neighbors in this area to support this critical wildfire prevention effort.

The Project Plan for the grant is nearly complete and is the final step before the grant agreement with AZDFFM is signed. After that, work can begin on reducing the fuel load for wildfires on private properties and protecting this watershed, from which the village draws its drinking water.

Property owners who have not yet signed an agreement can stop by the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department to get the paperwork or call the MLFD at 520-576-1201, ext. 5.

MLBEA

MLBEA seeks new members

by Jenni Zimmerman

The Mt. Lemmon Business Economic Association (MLBEA) needs more members to give it a bigger voice with Pima County as it tries to resolve major issues on the mountain such as no trash collection, inadequate parking and high sewer hook-up fees. The enrollment fee is \$225.00. Please call Jenni Zimmerman (520-861-0161 or 520-576-1333) if you have a business and would like more information about the MLBEA and the work it is doing.



PIMA COUNTY

From the desk of Steve Christy District 4 supervisor, Pima County

In late December, we saw how abundant snow can be a blessing—and something else.

On the afternoon of December 27, a storm rolled in earlier than expected, catching a large number of visitors up on the mountain off-guard. As conditions deteriorated, a truck jack-knifed at Bear Wallow, blocking the highway and trapping those visitors. When it became apparent that the truck and road would not be cleared before morning, the Community Center was opened as an overnight shelter and Mt. Lemmon residents responded with true mountain hospitality—providing food, beverages and bedding.

This episode exposed the need for a “Snow Action Plan” similar to the Stage Two Fire Alert Plan put together last summer. My office is pulling together a meeting of public agencies and mountain organizations to formulate such a plan. The Pima County Office of Emergency Management is working with your fire department to offer Certified Emergency Response Team training and supplies, which will benefit residents and visitors year-round.

I want to go back to the response of the Mt. Lemmon community on that snowy December evening. Once again, residents of Summerhaven and surrounding communities rose to the occasion. My sincere thanks to you all.

[Editor's Note: If you are interested in joining the Mt. Lemmon Community Emergency Response Team, contact Peter Norton at pnorton@mlfdaz.org. The 20-hour training course is tentatively scheduled for February 8-9 (and possibly a third day).]

Mt. Lemmon Community Center

The Mt. Lemmon Community Center (MLCC) is part of Pima County's Natural Resources Parks and Recreation (NRPR) department. The center is located in the community of Summerhaven. The facility is dependent upon local volunteers to staff and support the visitors center. The mission is to welcome all who visit the facility and to promote Summerhaven, Mt. Lemmon and Pima County, Arizona.

To reserve the MLCC, call Kelly Cheeseman, Pima County Parks and Recreation, 520-724-5208, or email Kelly.Cheeseman@pima.gov.

MLWC

Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club news by Connie Taylor

The November 17, 2018 meeting of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club was devoted to discussing December's Holiday Brunch and Catalina Village charity event.

On December 1, 2018, more than 40 members attended the annual brunch, held this year at the beautiful Lodge at Ventana Canyon. The ambiance was superb, with a fireplace and log fire to keep us warm, white linens with red napkins, Christmas centerpieces, and a view of the majestic Catalina mountains through a wall of floor-to-ceiling windows. The excellent food was served by a gracious staff that was ready to help us with all of our needs. We even had free valet service! After we had drinks, chatted with friends, and had lunch, Robin Kirk (chairperson) took the podium to play "Last Man Standing," a game that provided exercise for many of us. One of the questions Robin read was: "Have you ever been, at any time, on the Woman's Club Board? Please stand up." As several ladies rose from their chairs, I was able to introduce our new second vice-president, Terry Wilson, who will officially start in March 2019. Thank you, Terry, for volunteering to do this important job.

As we departed from this amazing luncheon, I heard many people say, "Let's have next year's brunch here again!" (I believe Robin heard the comments, too.) If you missed the brunch this year, hopefully you will be able to attend next year. I have a feeling it will be at the same location.

The annual "Catalina Village Christmas" was held December 5, 2018. Linda Mulay (chairperson) always has everything organized, and tells everyone what she needs. She has many "worker bees" to help make this event very successful. The workers and residents alike left with huge smiles on their faces. It was certainly a "feel good" time. (For more on this event, see the article, "MLWC Community Service Project at Catalina Village.")

IMPORTANT DATES: (1) Our February Coffee will be February 11, 2019, 10:00 a.m., at Black Crown Coffee Co., 4024 Speedway Blvd., near Alvernon. (2) Our next official Woman's Club meeting will be on March 16, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the Mount Lemmon Community Center.

I hope you have a Joyous and Prosperous New Year. See you on the Mountain!

MLWC community service project at Catalina Village

Linda Mulay and more than 16 volunteers, including MLWC members and spouses, handed out snacks, food, household items and new and gently used clothing to some 100 residents at Catalina Village Assisted Living on December 5, 2018. Catalina Village is the only facility in Tucson whose total population qualifies for benefits under the Arizona Long Term Care System. ALTCS is the State of Arizona's Medicaid program that provides long term care services, at little or no cost, to financially and medically eligible Arizona residents who are aged, blind, disabled, or have a developmental disability.

As she has done for the last eight years or so, Linda began organizing the event months ahead by collecting items from MLWC members and then sorting and storing the items in her home. A handful of volunteers met at her house the day before the event to organize the donations and prepare goody bags for the residents.

This year Santa and Mrs. Claus (Merle and Sandi Triplett) were at Catalina Village on the day of the event to hand out goody bags filled with candy, chocolates and other treats. Thank you to MLWC members and their spouses for all the donations and help in making this worthwhile project such a big success this year.

See p. 8 for photos of MLWC events

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THIS OLD CABIN

This is the first in a series of articles about historic cabins, some of the longest standing structures on Mt. Lemmon, each of which has a story to tell us about the pleasures, hardships and ingenuity of earlier times.

The historic Huntsman cabin

That a log cabin has survived for a hundred years on Mt. Lemmon—and in two different locations—seems nothing short of miraculous. The Huntsman cabin is testimony to a family's commitment to build and preserve a legacy among the pines.

In 1900 Joel Huntsman of Bristol Town, Tennessee, decided to follow his dream of exploring the wild west and moved with his wife, Alice, to Tucson. Over the next couple years, they explored the Catalina Mountains, camping on Mt. Lemmon to escape the valley's oppressive summer heat. With the help of a few friends, they eventually constructed a cabin about a mile south of Summerhaven from local trees,



The original Huntsman cabin (Source: S. Hensel, *Look to the Mountains*, 2006, photo courtesy A. McLaughlin)

The cabin was originally situated east of Sabino Parkway on land now occupied by the Marshall Gulch picnic area.

The Huntsman's granddaughter and current owner of the cabin, Alice McLaughlin, recalls the story of the installation of a new wood burning stove in 1918. Weighing more than 250 pounds, the stove was hauled by vehicle as far as they could take it up the north side of the Catalinas, and the rest of the way to the cabin by burro.

Faced with public demand for more picnic grounds during the 1950s as the Marshall Gulch area grew in popularity, the Forest Service cancelled the Huntsman's permit agreement, offering instead the use of a Forest Service site on the west side of Sabino Canyon Parkway. As Alice McLaughlin recalls, when the cabin was moved, they got as

far as the road and had to stop because a snag was in the way. They left the cabin in the road overnight, cut down the snag the next day, then moved it to the current site.



The Huntsman cabin today (photo courtesy J. McLean)

Today the cabin continues to be used by Alice McLaughlin and her family. It enjoys a prime location: tucked on a hillside on a densely wooded forest service lot, out of view of the Sabino Parkway road, with no nearby neighbors in sight and enough distance from the Marshall Gulch trail head and picnic area to provide some privacy from wandering hikers and tourists. The cabin's wide south-facing porch is the ideal spot to savor the cool mountain air on a hot summer day or take in the tranquility of a snowy winter scene.

The cabin remains a charming, rustic structure, a reflection of the owners' desire to stay true to the original design. It is truly one of Mt. Lemmon's historic treasures.

[Read more about the Huntsman cabin and the history of Mount Lemmon in Suzanne Hensel's book, *Look to the Mountains*, revised edition (Arizona Lithographers, 2006).]

Saw Shop log cabin stabilized

Thanks to the efforts of the U.S. Forest Service, and particularly Chris Schrager, Archeologist and Historic Preservation Specialist, Coronado National Forest, the "Saw Shop" log cabin just west of the Palisades Ranger Station has been stabilized. The Forest Service team cleaned up the broken doors and framing and installed new plywood panels to keep out the elements and varmints—animal and human—that could cause further deterioration to the structure. The work has greatly improved the appearance of the cabin, which is visible from Catalina Highway (see photo on p. 8).

Chuck Huber

WINTER ROUNDUP IN PHOTOS

MLWC Annual Brunch

The Lodge at Ventana Canyon, Dec. 1



Newly stabilized Saw Shop log cabin

Grinch spotted in town



Santa visits some Summerhaven hotspots



MLWC Catalina Village service project, Dec. 5



WINTER ROUNDUP IN PHOTOS



**The White Elephant
Sawmill Run Restaurant, Dec. 8**



**Blizzard halts traffic, mileposts 22-20
General Hitchcock Highway, Dec. 27**

**Winter scenes around
the mountain**



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BREAKING BAD**Lucky Lemmon**

During the summer of 2016, a young cinnamon-colored black bear created quite a stir on Mt. Lemmon, following hikers, digging into trash cans, and reportedly trying to get into cabins. Arizona Game and Fish Department had seen this pattern many times, where bears develop a taste for human food, lose their fear of people, and develop into aggressive, potentially dangerous adults. The outcome is nearly always the same: The nuisance bear is euthanized.

In late August of that year, AZGFD set a trap near the Antler Ridge Cabin on Loma Linda Extension, and the bear, a female, took the bait. But because she had become something of a celebrity, AZGFD searched for a more positive solution than putting the bear down.

They called Bearizona, a 160-acre wildlife rescue facility in Williams, Arizona. “When we got the call asking if we’d adopt the young bear, we thought her chances would be good for acclimating to our group of resident bears,” said Dave O’Connell, head of Bearizona’s animal staff, in a December 2018 interview with *Echoes*. The majority of the drive-through park’s bears are rescues— orphaned or injured as cubs or kept in captivity, unable to survive on their own. “Young rescues soon learn the park has adequate food and a rich, safe environment. These normally solitary animals learn to cooperate with other bears rather than compete or be aggressive.”

When AZGFD delivered the bear and the facility’s animal staff got their first look at her, they realized she was at least a year old. Having been in the wild longer than a typical rescue, could she acclimate to communal life in the park? “To refuse her then would have doomed her to death,” Dave recalls. “We couldn’t do that. So, we named her Lemmon and moved her in.”

Although younger bears typically acclimate within a few months, Lemmon required eight months—and considerable patience on the staff’s part—before she accepted the other bears in her cadre.

Now, more than two years since her adoption, she has become a favorite of Bearizona’s personnel. A volunteer told us that Lemmon has taken a shine to Skooby, a male cinnamon-colored rescue. With acres to roam, they hang out together and are often seen nuzzling and touching lips (dare



we call it kissing?). On the afternoon that we met Lemmon, she and the other black bears were enjoying treats made of peanuts and marshmallows. All in all, a pretty nice life.

Dave left us with a strong message: “Tell people to never feed a wild bear. Scare it away if you have to. Wild animals are not pets. In Lemmon’s case, a lot of people cared about her and contributed to her rescue. She is one lucky bear.”





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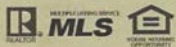
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Neighbors build their skills

Christine Hays has signed with Long Realty Company, Foothills Office, after passing the Real Estate licensing exam in September 2018. She had completed the required coursework at the Hogan School of Real Estate at the end of August. Chris, who loves helping people, hopes to build her real estate practice to a point that allows her to reduce her work as a dental hygienist, which aggravates her arthritis, from full to part time.

Tami Arthur, licensed massage therapist and owner of Massage in the Pines, recently completed 185 hours of training in manual lymphatic drainage (MLD) and complete decongestive therapy (CDT) at The Academy of Lymphatic

Studies in Palm Beach, Florida. Because she has a desire to help people feel better, Tami pursued this training to enable her to deliver complete therapy for Lymphedema (protein-rich swelling of the body), which occurs after surgery or trauma, particularly cancer treatment.

Sally Crum of Willow Canyon and **Todd Canale** of Tucson recently completed the required board of director training from the Arizona Fire District Association in Phoenix. Both were elected in late 2018 to fill the vacancies on the Mt. Lemmon Fire District board of directors left by the departures of Tom Riley and Glen Schlager.



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Trico Annual Meeting
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Trico members are invited to attend the Annual Meeting for a morning of co-op business, food and raffle prizes*.

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The case of the miracle dog by Lorri Hans

Some of you might have seen a few posts about this missing dog on Nextdoor. Here is the rest of the story.

Nov. 13: Suzie, a chocolate lab/shepherd mix, goes missing at Rose Canyon Lake. The owners had allowed their roommate, who just days before had lost her own dog to old age, to bring their dog to the mountain for a hike. The roommate neglects to bring a leash. Suzie sees a critter and takes off after it, disappearing into the forest, and the roommate returns home alone, saying only that Suzie ran away.

Nov. 17: The owner posts on Facebook that the dog is missing, then reposts on Dec. 1.

Dec. 5: A dog trips the motion camera at the Razor cabin on Globe & Phoenix, and the Rasors post “Black dog with pink collar” on Summerhaven Nextdoor.

Dec. 18, daytime: A dog—skinny, tired and cold, with a pink collar—is spotted at the Sawmill Restaurant. Teri Carpenter posts a photo of it on Nextdoor, and the community swings into action! We do searches but to no



avail. I post the photo on Facebook, and someone responds: They’ve seen a recent Facebook post of a dog missing on Mount Lemmon. I do an extensive Facebook search for dogs lost on Mt. Lemmon and find the post for Suzie! I text the Sawmill photo to the potential owner, who calls immediately to confirm the dog as hers. Now we have a name and an owner—but no dog. We make plans to meet the next day.

Dec. 18, late afternoon: Suzie shows up at the Cookie Cabin, where she is fed. She trips the camera at the Razor cabin again and they post the photo on Nextdoor.

Dec. 18, evening: The dog is spotted at the General Store’s back door.

Dec. 19, morning: Suzie’s owner, Brittney, arrives at 9 a.m. and we begin to search in below-freezing temperatures. Meanwhile, Deb Weatherly spots Suzie on Upper Goat Hill Road, but the dog runs away. Deb joins the search, which continues for hours. No Suzie.

Dec. 19, afternoon: Brittney waits several hours at the Cookie Cabin in the hopes that Suzie might return there for another meal.

Dec. 19, 5:06 p.m.: Suzie strolls up to the Cookie Cabin seeking food, sees Brittney, runs to her and kisses her. Suzie and her mom happily return home to Tucson.



Suzie survived one month and 3 days alone on the mountain, braving snow and cold temperatures as she trekked from the lake to Summerhaven, to be finally reunited with her family in time for Christmas. I call this a holiday miracle, as well as a good example of how social media helps us connect as a community.

DINING ON THE MOUNTAIN

Cookie Cabin will serve special dinner on Valentine's Day

If you are looking for a place on the mountain to take your Valentine for dinner, check out what the Cookie Cabin is offering on **Thursday, February 14, 2019, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.**

Buffet Style Dinner Menu

Beef Wellington with Demi Glaze
Corn Soufflé
Roasted Baby Red Potatoes
Mini Assorted Cookies

\$25.00 per guest

RSVP to Mtlemonpielady@gmail.com

Reservations are required. Indoor seating is available. Patio heaters will be on for those who choose to sit outside.

Bring your own adult beverage if you wish. The Cookie Cabin will serve sodas, water and coffee. It does not have a liquor license, but guests are welcome to bring their own bottle of wine, beer or liquor.

Dining Hours

The Cookie & Pizza Cabin (576-1010)

Monday thru Friday 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

The Iron Door (576-1321)

Monday, Thursday & Friday: 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
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Breakfast 9:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.
(includes free Sky Ride)

The Grubstake at Ski Valley (576-1321)

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 744-2944 Trico
 576-1538 Mount Lemmon Water District, Operational Issues Only
 325-9558 Mount Lemmon Water District Business Office, Billing Questions
 576-1519 Living Rainbow Gift Shop
 576-1468 Mount Lemmon General Store & Gift Shop
 576-1321 Mount Lemmon Ski Valley
 576-1400 Ski Valley Snow Information Line
 576-1427 Mount Lemmon Post Office
 749-8700 US Forest Service, Sabino Canyon Visitor Center

About the MLHOA

Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association (MLHOA) 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. Being organized, having a legal fund and having active local voice participation enables the Association to accomplish most of its goals. The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles, enabling owners to mingle. The Annual Dinner and Meeting is held each year on the first Tuesday after taxes.

Pima County has said the MLHOA is the strongest and most respected homeowner's organization in the entire county.

Members of the board of directors are Mike Stanley, president; Jenni Zimmerman, vice-president; Linda Currin, treasurer; Sally Crum, secretary; Lorri Hans, event coordinator; Bernadette Blatt, Echoes co-editor; and members-at-large John Mulay, Pete Krauss, Debbie Fagan, Glen Schager, Mike

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