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Mt. Lemmon takes steps toward better emergency preparedness

by John Mulay, Mt. Lemmon CERT team member

The December 27, 2018 blizzard was a hard lesson: Summerhaven was not prepared for an event of this nature, which stranded dozens of people in the village because of the snow and related truck accident that blocked the highway down. The visitors spent an uncomfortable night in the Mt. Lemmon Community Center, without bedding or food provisions other than what residents were able to provide on short notice.

In the aftermath, Supervisor Steve Christy has worked with Pima County Office of Emergency Management to equip Mt. Lemmon to better handle such emergencies in the future.

On February 8 and 9, *John Mulay* and *Bill Brown* of Summerhaven and *Merle Triplett* of Willow Canyon received training, developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), making them the first members of the Mt. Lemmon's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Team members are taught to tend to needs of families first, then neighbors, and then the community in the case of fires, floods, snow events or other disasters. Typically, the team is mobilized and directed by first responders—MLFD or the Sheriff's Deputies—but can act in the absence of first responders.

A trained CERT was required before FEMA would allocate a trailer with emergency supplies—cots, blankets, generators, etc.—to be stored on the mountain. Currently, the trailer is parked across from the MLFD, and CERT members will soon be taking an inventory of its contents.

→ More **CERT** volunteers will be needed, especially people living here who can get to the trailer and MLCC quickly in an emergency.

→ **Emergency Shelter Management** training will soon be offered to volunteers so that qualified individuals can operate the Community Center in a crisis.

Please contact the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department if you are willing to volunteer in either capacity by emailing pnorton@mlfdaz.org or calling 520-576-1201, ext. 5.

Recent regulatory and legislative developments

Sewer Ordinances

On February 5, 2019, Pima County Supervisors voted unanimously to accept the changes to the Mt. Lemmon sewer ordinances proposed by the Pima County Department of Wastewater Management. The changes—most notably, limiting the total daily volume of sewage that can flow into the Summerhaven Wastewater Treatment Plant, will affect 77 commercial and residential properties, most of which are along Sabino Canyon Parkway.

AZ House Bill for MLFD Water Line

District 4 Senator Gail Griffin introduced Arizona HB 2438, legislation that would grant \$1 million for a water line and water service to the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department and helipad. The bill was approved by the House Land and Agricultural Committee on Feb. 14 only to be withdrawn on Feb. 20 from consideration by the House Appropriations Committee because of inadequate support. Although disappointing, this does not eliminate the possibility of the bill being reintroduced later in the legislative session or attached to another bill.

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SAVE THE DATE

All dates below fall on a Saturday unless noted otherwise.

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| Mar | 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ML Water District Board, 8:00 a.m., Water Office • MLHOA Board, 10:00 a.m., MLCC • ML Women's Club, 1:00 p.m., MLCC |
| April | 23 | MLHOA Homeowners Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Viscount Suites Hotel, 4855 E. Broadway, Tucson |
| May | 4 | 2 nd Annual Community Wildfire Preparedness Day, Property clean-up and Taco Bar Dinner at the ML Fire Hall |
| | 25 | Firewise Block Party, MLCC |
| June | 1 | MLWC Membership Luncheon |
| | 8 | MLWC Willow Canyon Cabin Tour |
| | 15 | Celebration of the mountain, the village and a wedding, D-1 Cabin |
| | 29 | Concert on the Mountain, MLCC, A night of music with Jeff Haskell & our favorite ladies of song |
| July | 4 | Mt. Lemmon July 4th Parade, Thursday |
| | 20 | Speaker: Henry Johnson, M.D., "Birds of the Southwest", 2:30 p.m., after MLWC meeting, MLCC |
| Aug | 17 | Speaker: Diana & John Osborne, "Hiking the Arizona Trail", 2:30 p.m., after MLWC meeting, MLCC |

Further details will be provided as information becomes available.

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Mt. Lemmon 4th of July Parade by Susanne Drolet, Parade chairperson

Let's gear up for another fantastic Mt. Lemmon 4th of July Parade. I will be contacting participants from prior years' parades. New participants can contact me for an entry form for the 2019 parade.

As always, we rely on the hard work of our wonderful volunteers to make this event special for our community and guests. If you haven't volunteered in the past, please consider doing so—everyone is welcome to participate.

Volunteers and new parade entrants can email Susanne Drolet at susannedrolet@gmail.com or call (520) 576-9646 or (520) 780-7468.

MLHOA**2019 MLHOA Annual Membership Dinner**

by Lorri Hans

The annual Mount Lemmon Homeowners' Membership Dinner will be held again at the Viscount Suites Hotel, 4855 East Broadway, on April 23, 2019. The Viscount Suites has done such a great job on our dinners the last few years, and so we're looking forward to their hospitality once again. Come early and enjoy seeing old and new friends. The no-host bar opens at 6:00 p.m., and the buffet-style dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Price will be \$37.00 per person and includes dinner and gratuity. We will be in the ballroom again this year.

If anyone attending the dinner has any special dietary needs, we can accommodate that too. Please let Lorri know in advance.

Reservations must be received no later than **April 16, 2019**. Please clip and fill out the reservation

coupon below and mail it with your check (\$37.00 per person) as soon as possible to MLHOA, PO Box 699, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619.

We will have several interesting guest speakers and promise they will be brief. Your MLHOA board is looking forward to seeing everyone on April 23.

MENU

Garden Salad
Cucumber Dill Salad
Orange Cranberry Relish
Honey-Baked Ham
Oven-Roasted Turkey
Mashed Potatoes
with Turkey Gravy
Candied Yams
Savory Herb Stuffing
Green Bean Almandine
Gourmet Roll Assortment
Pumpkin Pie

MLHOA Annual Membership Dinner**April 23, 2019, Viscount Suites Hotel**

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TOTAL _____**Improvements and repairs planned for Community Center**

Pima County Parks & Recreation has allocated roughly \$46,000 for work on the Mt. Lemmon Community Center. Department representatives met with the MLHOA board on January 31, 2019, to review a list of needs, receive additional ideas from the board, and prioritize the potential projects. On Feb. 16, the MLHOA board reviewed and approved the final list. As many projects will be undertaken as the funds allow.

Most noticeable will be new furniture for the main room: 20 lightweight tables, storage dollies and 100 folding chairs for much easier room set-up and take-down and more efficient storage. Other planned changes, listed to the right, are to improve safety, security, appearance, convenience, stability and sun protection.

- Shut-off valve at water meter for turning off water to building in an emergency
- Repair to electrical tape heater system for eaves to prevent formation of icicles
- Phone line extension and phone in main room to allow for emergency calls out
- Re-key entrances to main room and storage closet
- A key-code lock box on outside exterior wall to hold key for main room
- Fresh parge (surfacing) coat on exterior concrete walls at front entry and stairs
- Repair/refill railing post penetrations
- Repair broken window coverings in main room
- Install dark film on windows without coverings



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MLFD

MLFD reports on 2018 service calls

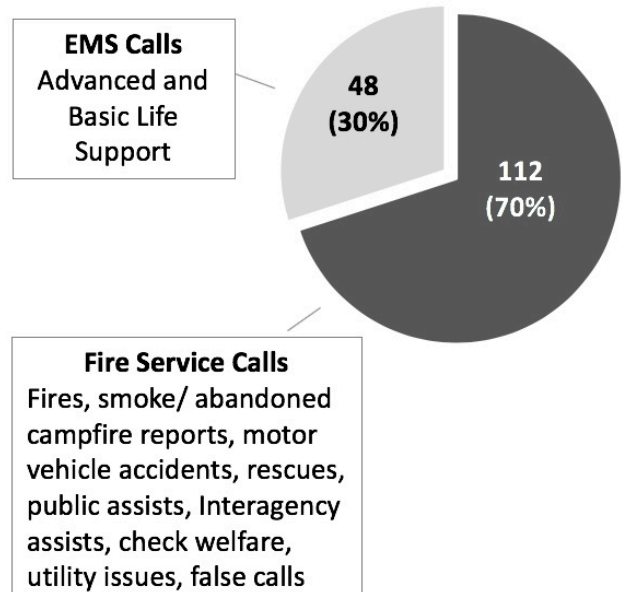
The Mt. Lemmon Fire District reports that it responded to 160 calls for service during 2018. This is 15% higher than 2017 (139 total calls), and continues an upward trend in calls since 2015. The 2018 count is still below the average for the most recent 13-year period.

A breakdown of all calls for service shows that only 18% originated from local businesses and residences, which tends to confirm many people's perceptions that visitors create the greatest demand for the district's services.

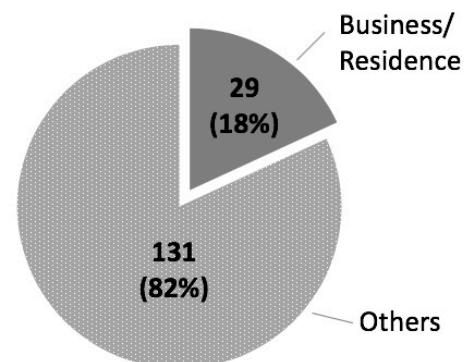
At the same time, lower valuations for Mt. Lemmon properties have generated lower property taxes and, as a result, a \$32,000 reduction in the Fire District's 2019 budget, this at a time when demand for services has been on the rise.

- *Trends:* Total number of calls declined from 2007 to 2015 (with the exception of 2013) but has steadily increased since 2015, with a 15% increase between 2017 and 2018.
- *13-year average:* 178 calls for service
- *Highest year in that period:* 2007, with 255 total service calls

Number of Service Calls, by Type: 2018



Where Service Calls Originate: 2018



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FIREWISE

How to prepare your cabin for wildfire: Part 1

What is the Home Ignition Zone?

The concept of the Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) was developed by retired USDA Forest Service fire scientist Jack Cohen in the late 1990s, following some breakthrough experimental research into how homes ignite due to the effects of radiant heat. The HIZ is divided into three zones: the immediate, the intermediate and the extended zone. This month we'll talk about the *Immediate Zone*.

Immediate Zone

This zone includes the home and the area 0'-5' from the furthest attached exterior point of the cabin or structure; defined as a non-combustible area. Science tells us this is the most important zone to take immediate action on as it is the most vulnerable to embers. **START WITH THE CABIN ITSELF**, then move into the landscaping section of the Immediate Zone.

- Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles that could catch embers and ignite.
- Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration.
- Reduce embers that could pass through vents in the eaves by installing 1/8-inch metal mesh screening.
- Clean debris from exterior attic vents and install 1/8-inch metal mesh screening to reduce embers.
- Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows.
- Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- Move any flammable material away from exterior walls—mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles—anything that can burn. Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches.

[This and other information on how to prepare your property for wildfire can be found at the National Fire Protection Association website at NFPA.org.]



Save the Date

May 4 – Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. A chipper will be available to mulch and distribute your slash. Please have your property cleared of hazardous fuels prior to the event. A Taco Bar dinner will follow.

May 25 – Firewise Block Party. We are planning some new activities this year, including some specifically for our younger residents. Come and learn more about living in the forest otherwise known as the Wildland Urban Interface/WUI and how to protect your property and improve the health of the forest.

Turkey Run Project: Update by Sally Crum

The Grant Agreement is now final and work can begin on the Turkey Run Hazardous Fuels Removal Project (also referred to as the Turkey Run Tree-Thinning Project). The next phase will be to contact property owners to arrange individual property assessments. Then will come the actual clearing and removal of timber and slash by crews.

We're excited to see this project move forward. The approval of a few property owners is still needed before we can receive the full amount of the grant. This thinning work is essential to reduce the likelihood and intensity of wildfire in this important area, which serves as the watershed for Summerhaven. Please contact Chief Joe Gunia (520) 576-1201 or Sally Crum (520)-576-1008 with any questions.



THIS OLD CABIN

A timeless treasure on Turkey Run Road

Talk about the quintessential log cabin in the pines: The D-1 Cabin at the end of Turkey Run Road is exactly what you'd imagine. The two-story, four-bedroom cabin, which fronts Upper Sabino Creek, is nestled among the bracken, the old growth forest and some beautiful old apple trees that were planted by the owner through the years. The north-facing covered porch seems to exist in perpetual shade and provides an ideal escape from Tucson's summer heat.

The D-1 Cabin was built by Tony Zimmerman in 1950 for successful cotton grower Diwan Singh. D-1, as the reader can likely guess, is a clever play on the owner's name. The cabin is one of just a handful built by Tony Zimmerman in the 1940s and '50s. The wrap-around porch with rustic pine log railing is characteristic of cabins of the time. The logs for the cabin's construction were harvested from the mountain. Its beams and planks were milled just up the road at the sawmill Zimmerman operated for many years. What may be the most striking feature is the weathered granite boulder foundation that makes the grand old cabin seem as if it is part of the landscape.

The original owner for whom the cabin was built and named was as remarkable as the cabin itself. Diwan Singh was born in East Punjab, India, in 1884 and came to the U.S. in a ship by way of British Columbia along with 900 other Indian immigrants. At that time, immigrants were required to have at least \$25 with them to prove they would not become a burden on their new country. With only 65 cents in his pocket, Singh had to borrow the \$25 from a fellow passenger on the ship. Once through customs, he tossed the parcel of money back on the deck of the ship so his benefactor could also pass through customs.

Singh began his farming career in Arizona in 1924 as a sharecropper. After years of struggling, Singh eventually became a very



Snow on the D-1 Cabin, February 2019 (Photo courtesy B. McLean)

successful cotton farmer, controlling interests in over 12,000 acres in the Casa Grande valley. He purchased three beautiful acres of land in Upper Sabino Canyon on which he built his cabin and, in the process, a legacy for his family. The cabin remains in the Singh family to this day.

For many years the Singh family has generously allowed Mount Lemmon Woman's Club to use the cabin for their annual lunch. When the family is not using the cabin, this local landmark is available for rent through Mount Lemmon Realty.

[Sources: Barnes, Mary Ellen. 2009. *The Road to Mount Lemmon, A Father, A Family and the Making of Summerhaven*. The University of Arizona Press; Pace, H.O., 1969. "Diwan Singh Worked the Land." Casa Grande Dispatch, May 7, p. 18.]

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FEBRUARY PHOTO ROUNDUP

MLWC February Coffee

Black Crown Coffee Company, Feb. 11



Runoff from Valentine Rains

Middle Sabino Canyon Rd., Feb. 15



Valentine's Day Dinner

Mt. Lemmon Cookie Cabin, Feb. 14



Basic Life Support Training MLCC, Feb. 15

10 participants taught by
John and Linda Mulay.



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FEBRUARY PHOTO ROUNDUP

The Great Snowfall

Willow Canyon, Summerhaven, Upper Loma Linda, Organization Ridge, Feb. 21-22



EDUCATION

Middle school students learn about life on the mountain

by JoAnn Groh, principal, Paulo Freire Freedom School, Tucson

What is it like living in a small mountain community? That was the driving question that 12 of my middle school students set out to answer last year during their Fall Intersession week.

On Monday, students did research about Mt. Lemmon generally and Summerhaven specifically. They learned about the history of the town, the fires, the tourism, the real estate, the wildlife and, being middle schoolers, they wanted to know if there were any ghost stories. Then I put the kids into four teams and introduced them to their four interviewees: Michael Stanley, Fran Zimmerman, Lorri Hans and Leigh Anne Thrasher. Unfortunately, Leigh Anne was under the weather at the time, and so we weren't able to interview her. Our last-minute substitute was Jo Musser of Willow Canyon.

We spent Tuesday and Wednesday at my cabin conducting interviews. Highlights included learning about the Summerhaven one-room schoolhouse from Michael; hearing Lorri's harrowing kitchen fire story (and getting a pie crust recipe tip); imagining what Summerhaven was like when Fran first moved from Florida; and experiencing Jo's joy when she painted a picture of going to her cabin every summer. We also visited the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department to learn about Firewise.

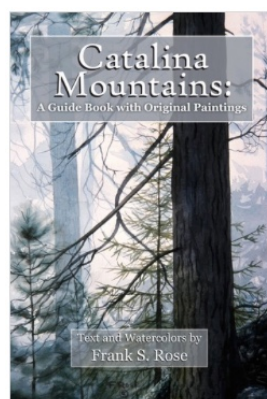
An unexpected highlight was the discovery of deer bones under our cabin's deck. Fran Zimmerman explained that it was probably from a mountain lion as they often like to drag their kill to some sheltered place to eat. This really excited the students' imagination!

All the interviews were recorded on camera. The students decided what footage would appear in the video report of the project, and a videographer intern pieced together the final cut. To view the student-created video about the week, type bit.ly/2ERB7n1 in your internet browser to watch "Life on a Mountain" on YouTube.

A special thanks to Fran, Michael, Lorri, Jo and the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department for sharing their stories. Leigh Anne, we will catch you and Jasmine next time!



Paulo Freire Freedom School middle school students who participated in intersession project on Mt. Lemmon



Frank Rose has new book about the Catalina Mountains

Frank Rose, great friend of the mountain, has just published *Catalina Mountains: A Guide Book with Original Paintings* (Hardy Perennial Press, 2019). In addition to text, the book includes more than 90 landscape

paintings and 80 flower portraits. The book is on sale at Frank's booth (#225) at the Tucson Festival of Books on Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3, 2019, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., on the Mall of the University of Arizona.

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FOREST SERVICE

The Forest Service works to regain momentum after the shutdown

The recent federal government shutdown put the brakes on nearly all U.S. Forest Service activities, including those associated with hazardous fuels removal on Mt. Lemmon. The staff has been working hard to make up for time lost during the shutdown.

- **Fire Prevention Specialist.** Charles (CJ) Woodard, District Ranger, Coronado National Forest, has been working to fill and backfill positions. One critical position to be staffed is an additional Fire Prevention Specialist, which will allow increased fire patrols on Mt. Lemmon year-round.
- **Turkey Run Hazardous Fuels Removal.** Ft. Apache crews that had been scheduled to work on the Summerhaven NW (Turkey Run) thinning project were unable to begin because of snow and were redirected to Sierra Vista, where they will stay. The Forest Service is trying to schedule Department of Corrections (DOC) crews to perform the thinning work before the March 1 start of the Mexican Spotted Owl breeding season.
- **FireScape in Marshall Gulch.** During the week of February 11, Forest Service crews attempted to burn debris piles left from last summer's hazardous fuels removal/tree-thinning project in the Marshall Gulch area. Unfortunately, moisture content of the waste wood was too high, and the crews had to move on to the Whitetail area.

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PIMA COUNTY

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

Last month I noted that the snow event of December 27 exposed the need for a "Snow Action Plan", similar to the Stage Two Fire Alert Plan that was put together last summer. In February, there was a meeting attended by more than 20 members of public agencies and mountain organizations. As is often the case, the number one issue that surfaced during the discussion was that of communication.

Deputy Chief Administrator Carmine DeBonis and Rob Lane of the Dept. of Transportation agreed to modify the Action Log created during the Stage Two Fire Alert to address roles, responsibilities, and communication flow. Meeting attendees agreed that any event that impacts travel on the road should have such an Action Log. Beth Boroza, my chief of staff, has taken it one step further and dubbed it the Catalina Highway Impact Plan, or CHIP. (Feel free to call her with your comments.)

As Carmine noted during the meeting, once someone completes his or her action, it frees that person up to help someone else. And isn't that helping spirit the defining characteristic of folks who call Mt. Lemmon home—or wish they could?

Call for Volunteers: Mt. Lemmon Visitor Center at MLCC

Greet visitors, answer questions and share information about the community and Mt. Lemmon. Your enthusiasm and knowledge will help shape a positive visitor's experience and create new friends of the mountain. As little as an afternoon or a day each week will help. Contact Pete Krauss at teamkraus@msn.com or call 520-887-0524.

MLBEA

Call for new members of the MLBEA

If you are a business owner or professional (active or retired), bring your experience, skills and creativity to the Mt. Lemmon Business and Economic Association. MLBEA is pursuing solutions to significant challenges that face Summerhaven businesses and the community, such as congestion, parking and trash pick-up, as well as creating opportunities for education and wellness through speaker programs, classes, etc. Contact Jenni Zimmerman at jenni@mtlemmonrealty.com or call her at 520-861-0161.

Are you interested in attending Summerhaven yoga classes?

The Mt. Lemmon Business and Economic Association is exploring the possibility of yoga classes to be offered at the MLCC on a Saturday or Tuesday, June through September. If you would attend such a class, please email jenni@mtlemmonrealty.com or text Jenni Zimmerman at 520-861-0161 and let her know of your interest and which day would work best for you.

MLWC

Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club news

by Connie Taylor, president

If you were not able to attend our coffee on February 11, you missed a lot. We gathered at the Black Crown Coffee Company which is owned and operated by Scott Hinsch—yes, the son of Rose Mary and Brett Hinsch. He roasts his own coffee and it is quite good. Rose Mary was a wonderful hostess, arranging tables and chairs and taking our requests. Twenty-seven ladies attended. Our social meeting started at 10:15 a.m. The first item on the agenda was reviewing the list of club and community meetings and events happening through July 2019. There was some wonderful input by attendees. My, oh my, we are a busy organization on Mt. Lemmon. If you didn't get a copy of the list of events, I will have more available at the March 16 meeting.

Our first MLWC meeting of the year will be March 16, 1:00 p.m. at the MLCC. If you have any arts and crafts to show at the Southern District Spring Convention in Sierra Vista, please bring them to the March meeting. I will get them to the convention on March 30 and return them to you after the meeting.

We discussed the club's plan to contribute to Trees for Tucson for Arbor Day, April 26. We'll decide where our club's donated trees will go as we approach the date.

I have also been in touch with Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Airman and Family Readiness Center. Our

club would like to do something for the wives of deployed servicemen. These two community service projects are among the "Grand Initiatives" that our International President of GFWC, Mary Ellen Brock, would like every club in the U.S. to do.

Robin Kirk let us know that she has great speakers for two of our summer meetings: John and Diana Osborne will talk about "Hiking the Arizona Trail" and Henry Johnson will show his beautiful slides on "Birds of the Southwest—Part 2." We are fortunate to have these resources available on our mountain.

Be sure to set aside the following dates on your calendar: June 1 is the MLWC Membership Luncheon, and June 8 is the Cabin Tour in Willow Canyon. And there is a lot more to come, so stay tuned.

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COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2018 was a remarkable year. Volunteers, professionals, public and private organizations all came together in so many ways to protect this space, strengthen the community, obtain needed resources and preserve all that makes this place so special.

Below are just some of the highlights of what we achieved together last year. A huge thanks to everyone who participated and contributed, in one way or another, to accomplish so much.*

Wildfire Prevention

Firewise on Private Properties

- Property owners and others removed ~28,000 yards of hazardous fuels.
- Firewise Assessments in Summerhaven and Willow Canyon done by MLFD and volunteer assessors, who were trained in 2-day class.
- First Community Wildfire Preparedness Day provided a chipper for mulching slash.
- \$150,000 Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant from AZ Dept. of Forestry and Fire Management for hazardous fuels removal on private properties in the Turkey Run Area.

FireScope on National Forest Lands

- Forest Service removed hazardous fuels in Marshall Gulch area.
- "Save Our Summerhaven" organized to seek funding to extend FireScope to other parts of Mt. Lemmon.

During Fire Restrictions

- Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers provided fire prevention information to motorists at the base of the mountain.
- MLFD Volunteers performed Fire Severity Patrols each weekend.

Grants to MLFD

- \$122,354 from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters for self-contained breathing apparatus and turnout gear.
- \$3,500 from Trico for wildland fire gear.

Cheat grass removal continued to reduce fire hazards.

Businesses

Mt. Lemmon Business & Economic Development Association launched.

Wastewater

Pima County tested and approved Summerhaven Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Traffic Congestion

- \$50,000 grant from Pima County funded a study of vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic to find solutions for congestion relief in Summerhaven.
- Pima County installed permanent traffic counter at base of General Hitchcock Highway.
- Crosswalks painted on Sabino Canyon Parkway.
- Two radar speed-sensing signs installed on highway for traffic coming into Summerhaven.

MLCC

- Acoustic panels installed through a joint MLHOA–Pima County project.
- Additional restroom cleaning shifts, painting, and other needed maintenance in and around MLCC resulted from ongoing work with Pima County Parks & Recreation.

Fundraising

Silent Auction, Chili Cook-off, Spaghetti Dinner, Quilt drawings and other events raised funds for MLFD, MLFD Volunteers, Firewise and MLWD.

Cellular Communications

Approval process nearly complete for new Verizon cellular site application with USFS to improve cell coverage for Summerhaven.

MLWC

- Hosted 4th of July Parade and Cabin Tour.
- Donated time and money to local organizations and charities, including MLFD, Nurses Honor Guard, Catalina Village, More Than A Bed.

* Thanks to Sally Crum and Michael Stanley for preparing this list of achievements.

WILDLIFE

Protecting Arizona's deer from Chronic Wasting Disease

For many of us the mountain experience is enriched by the occasional sighting of the white-tailed deer around our village. I never tire of watching the deer with their huge ears that focus on me like antenna, those big dark eyes, and those impossibly fragile legs that propel them over a nearby ridge in seconds. I cannot imagine what it would be like to lose these majestic animals.

You may have heard recently in the national news the alarming statistics on the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the U.S. white-tailed deer population. CWD was first identified in captive mule deer in 1967 in Colorado and was first discovered in the white-tailed deer population in 2001 in South Dakota. It has since spread to 26 states in the country. It has been confirmed in three of our neighboring states: Utah, Colorado and New Mexico.

CWD is a contagious neurological disease affecting deer, elk and moose. The disease causes degeneration of the animal's brain, abnormal behavior, loss of bodily functions, weight loss and eventual death. The disease has a very long incubation period, typically 16 months, during which the animal shows no symptoms. It is not certain

how the disease is spread but is believed to spread by direct contact with an infected animal; through feces, urine or saliva; contact with contaminated environment; or consuming contaminated plants. There is currently no test to detect the disease in live animals; the disease is confirmed by tissue examination after the animal's death. There are no treatments or vaccines.

Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is taking a number of steps to protect our white-tailed deer population. As of 2013, hunters are prohibited from bringing brain, intact skull or spinal column of an animal harvested in another state back into Arizona. Taxidermists and meat processors are asked to test any hunt-harvested deer or elk they receive. Hunters that harvest animals in Arizona are encouraged to handle the meat safely and have their harvested animals tested. Since 1998 AZGFD has tested over 20,000 samples and so far, the disease has not been detected in Arizona's white-tailed deer population. We are dependent on hunters to continue to be vigilant in the testing of their harvested animals and to the ongoing testing and surveillance program conducted by AZGFD to keep our deer population free of this disease. [For more information visit AZGFD.com and the Chronic Wasting Disease website at CWD-info.org.]

Arizona Game and Fish has told the *Echoes* that populations of white-tailed deer, black bear and mountain lion on Mt. Lemmon are currently healthy. The cooperation of responsible hunters and careful management and monitoring of AZGFD help protect our wildlife species from diseases like CWD.

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Lorri Hans joins Cookie Cabin

On February 6, Lorri Hans—also known as the Mt. Lemmon Pie Lady—joined the Cookie and Pizza Cabin as its full-time kitchen manager and special event coordinator. As Sam Beal, the Cookie Cabin's General Manager, moves forward with the purchase of the local eatery, she plans to expand services, including dinners several nights a month, opening late for birthday parties and other events, and catering. Pie will soon be featured on the menu.

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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.

The Mt. Lemmon Echoes is the primary communication arm of the MLHOA. It is published monthly, from February to November. Advertising in the Echoes for one year (10 issues) is \$100 for a proportional business card, \$250 for a quarter-page ad and \$500 for a half-page ad.

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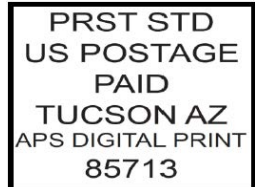
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Your support and participation in the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association are critical if our community is to flourish. Your \$35 annual membership supports many activities—the Echoes newsletter, social events, educational programs and fundraising activities 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 above. We also enthusiastically welcome new members.

Fill out the coupon and 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.

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