

# *The* Mount Lemmon ECHOES

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Spring at last! Don't miss these special April features inside:



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A charming cabin remodel, custom birdhouses, and Mt. Lemmon's colorful cavity nesters

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## **Eagle Scouts “give back” with project in Summerhaven watershed**

by Carson Di Maria, Eagle Scout, Troop #186, Tucson

Mount Lemmon has always been an important part of my life and I have always felt the need to give back to this beautiful place. That is why I decided to choose an Eagle Scout project that would benefit Mount Lemmon and Summerhaven.

The purpose of the project was to help mitigate the long-term negative impacts of stream channelization. Stream channelization is the widening and deepening of streams. The process can erode the landscape and wash away sediment, which has a negative impact because it will not allow as much water to travel downstream. Summerhaven gets all of its drinking water from springs fed by Upper Sabino Creek between Ski Valley and Summerhaven—there are no wells. By preventing water from getting to the spring head, stream channelization reduces the volume of drinking water available for the residents.

The project involved building and repairing check dams—large wire baskets filled with rock to slow down water and catch sediment—to help reverse some of the channelization that had already happened and allow more water to get to the spring head for Summerhaven.

My project took place in this area of the Upper Sabino Creek with the help of 32 volunteers and a total of 364

man-hours. It was completed in one day but took months of planning. Mount Lemmon Water District and Ski Valley also helped with equipment and food, respectively.

To break up this large task, I divided the group into four crews. Two crews installed check dams in two locations where there were no check dams and water was quickly eroding the area. I planned these by visiting the area prior to the project and by asking technical advice from Steve Hensel, a retired forest ranger. A third crew repaired several existing free-standing check dams. The fourth crew picked up trash and highway debris from the Upper Sabino Canyon drainage from Ski Valley to Summerhaven to keep it from clogging the stream.


The project was a lot of hard work and manual labor but it had its rewards as well. On that day, we had many hikers and walkers asking us what we were doing. It was nice to educate them but also show them that Boy Scouts are giving back service to the community.

Now that the project is completed, it is a good feeling to know that I had a positive impact on Summerhaven residents by helping to raise the quality and quantity of their drinking water for years to come.

*[See photos of Carson's project on p. 10.]*

## SAVE THE DATE

## MLHOA

**APRIL 16** **Reservation Deadline**  
Last day to sign up for the MLHOA Dinner 

**APRIL 20** **Meetings on the Mountain**  
ML Water Board, 8:00 am  
MLWC, 1:00 pm, MLCC

**APRIL 23** **MLHOA DINNER**  
Viscount Suites Hotel, 6:00 pm

**MAY 4** **Wildfire Preparedness Day**  
Property Cleanup and Dinner at ML Fire Hall

**MAY 26** **MLFD Strategic Planning**  
Community Forum

**MAY 25** **FIREWISE BLOCK PARTY**  
MLCC

**JUNE 1** **MLWC LUNCH**  
Annual Membership Lunch  
D-1 Cabin

**JUNE 15** **MOUNTAIN CELEBRATION**

**JUNE 8** **Cabin Tours**  
MLWC Willow Canyon Cabin Tour

Celebration of the mountain, the village and a wedding, D-1 Cabin



**JUNE 29** **MUSIC ON THE MOUNTAIN**  
Jeff Haskell and the Ladies of Song, MLCC

**JULY 4** **Fourth of July Parade** 

**JULY 20** **Birds of the Southwest Part 2**  
Henry Johnson, M.D.  
2:30 pm, MLCC 

**AUGUST 17** **Hiking the AZ Trail**  
Diana and John Osborne,  
2:30 pm., MLCC

## Rock to the Concert on the Mountain

by Linda Currin

Do you remember spending time at the local malt shop listening to your favorite songs? Dancing up a storm at the hop to the most popular music back in the day? You'll hear that memorable music in the not-to-be-missed production as Jeff Haskell and Tucson's finest singers take the stage on June 29, 7:30 p.m. at the MLCC. You won't just walk out singing, you'll even get to sing along with the show!

Reservations will be taken after June 1. Mark your calendar and look for more information in the May Echoes. Each "Concert on the Mountain" event benefits the MLHOA and the MLCC.

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**MLHOA****Time is running out: Mail your Annual Membership Dinner reservation now**

by Lorri Hans

Our annual dinner on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, will be a terrific time to reconnect with Mt. Lemmon neighbors and meet some new ones, get caught up on the news, hear a few brief but interesting presentations, and share a delicious meal.

We need to receive your reservation and payment by **April 16, 2019**. **Clip the reservation coupon below**, fill it out and mail with your check—\$37.00 per person (dinner and gratuity).

**Where:** Viscount Suites Hotel, Ballroom  
4855 East Broadway, Tucson

**When:** Tuesday, April 23, 2019  
No-host bar opens at 6:00 p.m.  
Buffet-style dinner served at 7:00 p.m.

Special dietary needs? Contact Lorri Hans at  
(520) 907-6818 or mtlemonpielady@gmail.com.

**MENU**

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

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

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**MLBEA****Calling all Mt. Lemmon artists and crafts people**

MLBEA would like to sponsor a Mt. Lemmon Summer Arts & Crafts Fair for local artisans, craftspeople and other creatives who want to sell hand-crafted items and art. The fair itself will be staged by a professional experienced in doing these events. Here is the plan:

- Held the first Saturday of each summer month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.—June 1, July 6, Aug. 3 and Sept. 7.
- Located outdoors on the vacant lot adjacent to the Community Center.
- \$35 entrance fee per day to cover the cost of insurance.
- Bring your own table/canopy.
- Display and sell handmade items that reflect your personal talent, aesthetic or creativity, for instance: paintings, photography, carvings, pottery, jewelry, sewing/quilts, decorator and gift items, home-grown fruits & veggies (but no other food items), etc.
- The events will be publicized in Tucson as well as on the mountain.

Interested? Call Jenni Zimmerman for more details at (520) 576-1333 or (520) 861-0161.

## MLFD

### MLFD invites the community to May 26 strategic planning workshop

by Joe Gunia, MLFD fire chief

Mt. Lemmon Fire District is engaged in a strategic planning process, which will lay out a multiyear roadmap for the district to address significant challenges—not the least of which is a growing demand for services coupled with a reduction in budget.

To do this, MLFD wants to better understand the expectations of its stakeholders, the Mt. Lemmon community. This will help the district determine its priorities and how to deploy its limited resources to best meet the community's needs and expectations.

MLFD invites the community to attend a meeting on Sunday, May 26, to participate in discussions and offer recommendations for such key areas as staffing levels and retention, improved medical services, facility maintenance, apparatus needs, code enforcement and community risk reduction. Your attendance and participation is very important to the fire district and its ability to continue to successfully serve the community. Please save the date on your calendar and look for more information in the May 2019 Echoes.

## MLWC

### Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club news

by Connie Taylor, president

The first meeting of the new year for the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club was held in the MLCC on March 16, 2019. The meeting commenced with a "thank you" to Linda Mulay for organizing the Catalina Village Assisted Living Christmas.

We then discussed the Southern District Spring Convention in Sierra Vista on March 30. Because the convention will honor the U.S.O., many of us will be wearing red, white and blue. About four members are entering items in the convention's arts and crafts show.

Already there is talk of 2019's Fourth of July Parade. Jennifer Shacter will be helping Susanne Drolet organize the parade. Thank you, ladies. Several issues will need to be addressed, such as publicity, recruiting parade participants, getting a Pima County parade permit, selecting a Grand Marshall, and paying the required insurance. It's a big job; please call Susanne or Jennifer if you can help.

The vote was unanimous! For Arbor Day on April 26, the MLWC will have four trees (five-gallon size) planted at the "old" Catalina High School. We are doing this through Tucson Clean and Beautiful, which will dig the holes, and the students and some teachers of Catalina High

School, who will nurse the trees along with tender care.

Our last agenda item was "Char's Art Fund," a wonderful program founded by MLWC member Charlene Atkinson, along with her husband George. Now in its seventh year, the program supports art education in the Tanque Verde Unified School District. The donated funds have provided supplies and materials for art classrooms, as well as excellent art education experiences with guest artists and student/teacher fieldtrips to museums. The MLWC agreed to support "Char's Art Fund" through our member donations (tax deductible) as a Done-in-a-Day Project in August.

Our next MLWC meeting is April 20. That's all for now. Jerry and I can hardly wait for a little warmer weather and some porch time at the cabin.

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## MLWC

## TODAY'S QUIZ

Are you

- a fun-loving family?
- flag-waving friends?
- seeking the spotlight?
- a loosely or tightly knit organization?
- able to march to a diffident drummer?
- a diffident drummer desiring fame?
- a high-voltage personality that needs a new outlet?
- a little bit nutty but a little bit nice?
- yesterday's news craving an audience?
- just a couple of wild and crazy Guys & Dolls?

If you answered **YES!** to any of the above—or aspire to be any of the above—then strut your stuff in Mt. Lemmon's **4TH OF JULY PARADE**. Compete for prizes or just the notoriety.

To request an entry form, call Parade Chair Susanne Drolet at (520) 576-9646 or (520) 780-7468, or email [susannedrolet@gmail.com](mailto:susannedrolet@gmail.com) (so many choices!). But don't stop there—fill out the form and mail it in to become an *Official Participant*.



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## SCIENCE

The cheery articles later in this issue, about nesting and birdhouses, still beg the question, "Is winter finally over?" We didn't find anyone ready to go out on a limb on that one, so the folks at Echoes corporate headquarters lobbed a softball—so we thought—to the real weather experts.

## Is 76 inches of snow a lot? NOAA looks for an answer.

Winter residents on Mt. Lemmon plowed and shoveled their way through this year's Feb. 21-23 snowstorm, which according to the NOAA's Catalina SnowNet dumped 36-40" on Summerhaven and 27" on Willow Canyon, more than double what was already recorded for the season. Additional snow fell in March, and April snows would not be without precedent.

### Snow Accumulation (2018-19)

Catalina SnowNet

76.4" in Summerhaven

58.3" in Willow Canyon

That seems like a whole lot of the white stuff to us full-timers. But really, how does that stack up to prior years?

We put that question to Carl Cerniglia, Senior Meteorologist/Incident Meteorologist in the Tucson office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and manager of the Catalina SnowNet. Carl shared historical records from as far back as 1950 measured by a station at the MLFD. Most winters between 1950 and 1963 ranged between 12.5" and 71". However, two winters really grabbed our attention:

### Memorable Past Winters

MLFD Weather Station

93.6" (1952-53)

149.5" (1961-62)

MLFD station records get very sketchy after 1963, and in the late 1990s NOAA installed a station in Ski Valley. Those measurements, currently being pulled into a database by Carl, continued until 2008, when NOAA closed the station because of inconsistent data. Snowfall reports after that were causal, usually called in by residents, but without a scientifically approved method for gauging snow depth.

The point of the history lesson is that there *isn't* a continuous historical record to compare with this winter's snowfall. But there is good news: Snow counts are now being collected by the Catalina SnowNet, the brainchild of Jim Meyer of the NOAA. Two years ago, Jim organized a network of volunteers who live on the mountain all winter and provided them with accurate equipment and instructions for how to measure snow accumulation.

### Catalina SnowNet Stations

#### Snow Stations

Casa Grande Ave. (T. Arthur)  
Miami St. (the Rollins)  
Tucson Ave. (the Blatts)

#### Multifunction Stations

ML Fire District  
Willow Canyon (the Crums)

Now in its second winter, and under Carl Cerniglia's leadership, Catalina SnowNet has been working out the kinks on both ends of the operation and is making progress towards a scientifically valid snowfall database to use as a research tool for improving NOAA's mountain snow forecasting models and to provide deeper understanding of how major snow events play out on Mt. Lemmon.

*Thanks to NOAA's Carl Cerniglia for generously sharing information, and to the Mt. Lemmon SnowNet volunteer network.*

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## THIS OLD CABIN MADE NEW

### A 1960s cabin gets a thoughtful renovation

Casita Ventana, a charming cabin nestled in old growth forest along North Middle Sabino Road, has recently undergone a major remodel. It has been very much a labor of love for owners Katie and Jim Ammon.

Mt. Lemmon had been a favorite hiking spot for the couple in the 1970s. Now, in retirement, the Tucson couple head to the Catalinas to escape the summer heat. Their search for a summer cabin began in 2013. As Katie recalls, "We were looking for something larger. However, when we walked around the outside of this cabin we fell in love with it." They were skeptical about living in 550 square feet, but they knew this was the perfect cabin.

Originally built in the 1960s on leased Forest Service land, the one-room cabin was later expanded to include a kitchen, dining room, tiny indoor bathroom and an expansive front window. "The window is floor to ceiling and spans the width of the kitchen and dining room and gives you the feeling of being in a tree house. We love it," says Katie.

The Ammons appreciated many of the personal touches of the previous owner, especially the handmade fairy houses on the hearth and the family's cobbler bench. The Ammons set out to have the new addition blend as seamlessly as possible with the older cabin, retaining its original charm.

The couple worked with architect friend Kayci Carleton and builder Dennis Cozzetti. Kayci suggested an open floor plan to give the couple the best use of space. Ceilings were raised for a more open feel and there is now a large suite and sitting room with enough space for family and guests.

One unique feature of the cabin is a restored wood-burning stove the couple had in storage in Tucson for many years. "All it needed was a good wire brush treatment," says Jim Ammon. Now the old stove has a new life and looks as if it has always belonged in the cabin.

New windows on the south and west walls were designed to be as large as possible to take in the views and are the result of Jim's determination to

reproduce the look of classic Tucson steel-framed windows with multiple lites, similar to the original kitchen window. This was achieved with the help of Dennis and his talented metal-working contractor. Simple exterior shutters on the smaller windows blend the new and older parts of the cabin.

The new master bathroom combines classic design elements with an open "spa" feel. "Jim and I prefer a more spacious bathroom than they did in the 1970s. Our



**The original kitchen window creates a "treehouse" feel.** | Courtesy K. Ammon



**The new sitting room and master suite reflect an open plan concept.** | Courtesy K. Ammon



**A refurbished stove heats the sitting room.** | Courtesy K. Ammon



**The addition's old-style metal windows and wrap-around deck enhance the sense of spaciousness.** | Courtesy J. Ammon

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## THIS OLD CABIN MADE NEW

### A 1960s cabin *(continued from page 8)*

new shower is probably the size of the entire old bathroom,” says Katie. Cabinets, fixtures and flooring were chosen for their retro look to blend with the rest of the cabin.



**The new master-suite bathroom blends the modern and the retro.** | *Courtesy K. Ammon*

Last fall family of the previous owner came by to see the completed remodel. “They were visibly moved to see all the familiar parts of the cabin that we kept, as well as the new addition,” recalls Katie. “They were sure their mother would be thrilled to know so many of her touches remained,” including the charming collection of birdhouses than hangs near the cabin’s front entrance.



**A display of birdhouses welcomes visitors to Casita Ventana.** | *Courtesy J. Ammon*

*The Echoes thanks Katie & Jim Ammon for generously sharing their renovation story.*

## AVIAN ABODES

### This new birdhouse

The Ammon's colorful collection of tiny birdhouses might be one of the most extensive on Mt. Lemmon. As our esteemed ornithologist-in-residence, Henry Johnson, suggests in the article on page 9, birdhouses can be attractive to several species of nesting birds that might find a scarcity of suitable habitat—the lingering devastation from the 2003 Apsen fire comes to mind.

If you are tempted to hang a birdhouse this season because it is eco-friendly or just to enjoy its beauty, check out the amazing collection at the local Living Rainbow. Handmade by artist Gary Sales, who has a unique take on birdhouse architecture, these distinctive creations would be the envy of any cavity nester or cabin owner.



**See Gary Sales' whimsical birdhouses at Living Rainbow.**  
*Courtesy D. Blatt*



### Southeast Arizona Birding Festival

For a real southeastern Arizona birding experience, check out the Tucson Audubon Society's Southeast Arizona Birding Festival, August 7-11, headquartered at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel—Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon Way, with trips throughout the area, including Mt. Lemmon. Henry Johnson will be giving a classroom workshop on Birding Photography on August 10, and a field workshop in Summerhaven on Sunday, Aug. 11.

Online visit [www.tucsonaudubon.org](http://www.tucsonaudubon.org) for more information and registration.

**Henry Johnson**



## AVIAN ABODES

### For cavity nesters homebuilding is often a family affair

by Henry Johnson



*Courtesy H. Johnson*

Pygmy Nuthatches are another very social cavity nester, with nesting pairs commonly joined by one to three additional birds, often previous offspring. The nests are in dead limbs or snags, and in Summerhaven these birds seem to tolerate nesting close to Acorn Woodpeckers and Western Bluebirds.

Pygmy Nuthatches are small acrobatic birds, often foraging for insects upside down on tree trunks. They work in flocks, and adults can be seen feeding novice fledglings on trees and branches. They eat mostly insects during the summer and turn toward seeds during the winter, especially pine seeds.



*Courtesy H. Johnson*

As winter snow disappears and spring emerges, our avian neighbors begin to build nests and lay eggs. In broad strokes, birds can be divided into cavity nesters, ground nesters and tree nesters. Let's see who's who in the nesting complex on the mountain, starting with cavity nesters.

#### Acorn Woodpeckers

Acorn Woodpeckers are probably the "anchor tenant" in Summerhaven. These clown-faced woodpeckers live in holes in dead trees or dead branches usually 12-30 feet above ground. They have a complicated social structure with up to 12 or more adults taking part in nesting, incubating and feeding the young in a single nest. This enterprise is supported by their habit of hoarding acorns from our local oaks, as well as seed from feeders, in holes in dead trees or snags. These "granary trees" may be used for generations, and can be riddled with up to 50,000 holes! Acorn Woodpeckers are year-round residents and may become frequent visitors if you put out feeders or seed.

#### Pygmy Nuthatches



*Courtesy H. Johnson*

#### Western Bluebird

A third common cavity nester is the Western Bluebird, year-round resident of southeastern Arizona, which winters at lower elevations where they feast on berries, especially mistletoe in Mesquite trees. Summer finds them on the mountain, where they can be spotted on Incinerator Ridge and Loma Linda Extension Road. As cavity nesters, they look for a hollow in an oak or pine, an old woodpecker hole, a hole in your cabin (!), or a birdhouse. Birdhouses are a big help where development causes loss of natural cavities. Nests are likely built by the female, consist of a loose cup of twigs and weeds lined with grass, and built fairly low, usually less than 50 feet above ground. The clutch size is four to six eggs, pale blue, occasionally white. Incubation is by the female, with both parents feeding the young.

Other cavity nesters we could see on Mt. Lemmon include the Northern Flicker (red-shafted) and the Hairy Woodpecker.

Next month we'll take a look at the ground and tree nesters.

[Source: "Guide to North American Birds," online at [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org).]

## FAREWELL

### Calling all angels

by Lorri Hans

Sometimes the angels return to us to guide the most precious and special spirits home. This happened on Saturday, March 2, 2019, when Debbie Lee Beal of Summerhaven lost her battle with cancer. Debbie Lee was surrounded by light, love and her family as her body succumbed to an illness that it could no longer fight.

Debbie Lee came to Mt. Lemmon in the mid-1990s. She stayed at a cabin and got to talking with Vic Zimmerman, who hired her to help with cleaning and renting his cabins; there were five at the time and a cookie shop tucked in between them. The shop was selling a chocolate chip cookie; Debbie Lee made Vic her recipe, and he loved it!

As time passed, Debbie Lee and Vic expanded the business, and she became co-founder of the Cookie Cabin (and Vic's wife for a time). To this day, every cookie dough recipe baked at the Cookie Cabin is Debbie Lee's creation.



**Farewell to local businesswoman and long-time resident Debbie Lee Beal.**

Debbie Lee is survived by her daughters Samantha Beal, Rachel Steers and Katelyn Beal; her sister, Charlene Ruiz; and nine grandchildren, Hillary Ingalls, Amanda Ingalls, Jessica Hulland, Amara Zimmerman, Jason Beal, Michael Beal, Jamie Beal, Robert (Bobby) Beal and Ashley Beal.

A celebration of Debbie Lee's life was held on March 7, 2019, at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center. Many of her friends and neighbors as well as members of her family were there. At one point, the room was filled with the sweet strains of Debbie Lee's favorite hymn, "Amazing Grace."

Debbie Lee was iconic. For me, she is one of the most spiritual people I've ever known. Her faith gave her the strength to not fear passing but rather to look at it as a blessing. That we all should be so at peace when we pass from this life.

### Eagle Scouts *(continued from page 1)*



**Eagle Scouts remove discarded pipe for recycling.**

*Courtesy C. Di Maria*



**New check dams were installed in Upper Sabino Creek.**

*Courtesy C. Di Maria*



## FIREWISE MONTH

## April is prime time to protect your Mt. Lemmon property from wildfire

by Dorothy Johnson, Firewise captain co-coordinator

Every year Mt. Lemmon experiences extreme fire danger, whether from lightning strikes or human carelessness. Fire ravaged portions of Summerhaven in 2002 and destroyed the majority of Summerhaven dwellings in 2003. The Burro fire in 2017, which was kept from our Mt. Lemmon neighborhoods only by the heroic work of over 600 firefighters, came perilously close to Willow Canyon and, if the winds had blown the wrong way, fire could have again swept into Summerhaven.

As the Burro fire expanded at lower elevations, our volunteer fire fighters, along with MLFD and ML Water Department crews, stayed on the evacuated mountain, working furiously for several days to firewise any cabins they thought would be in first-line danger. But as with any wildland fire intervention, the first step was *triage*.

**Triage** (def.): During a fire event, only those cabins that can be made safe in the limited time available will be firewised by crews in an attempt to save them.

Mt. Lemmon's 2017 "close call" made clear that *every property owner who wishes to protect their investment from*

*fire—be it a cabin or an undeveloped lot—must be responsible to firewise their property.*

A stepped-up Firewise campaign, launched in 2018 under the energetic direction of Sally Crum, laid a solid foundation for mobilizing property owners every year to make and keep their properties as fire-safe as possible.

So, we are doing it all again in 2019 because the risk of devastating wildfire is always present.

**A Vicious Cycle:** Needles and limbs dropped from trees in autumn and winter quickly become new fuel for wildfires in spring and summer.

This year we have 16 neighborhood Firewise Captains trained to do Firewise property assessments; they will provide this free service for your Mt. Lemmon property, whether it has any *structures* or is *undeveloped*. Contact your neighborhood Firewise Captain even if you had a Firewise assessment last year—but *especially if you didn't*. See the **Resource List** on p. 13.

Read the article below, then follow the **Firewise Game Plan** on p. 12. Let's keep our community safe from fire.



## How to protect your property from wildfire: Part 2

The March 2019 *Echoes* carried Part 1 of this series, firewising the critical five-foot Immediate Zone adjacent to a structure. Part 2 deals with the *Intermediate Zone*.

## Intermediate zone

This zone encompasses the area 5-30' from the furthest exterior point of the structure, the landscaping/hardscaping on the property. On many Mt. Lemmon properties, this might be mostly natural forest growth. Your firewising strategy here as well will include removing vegetative fuels that could feed a fire, but in this zone that could also entail creating breaks—fuel-free stretches—between stands of trees or other large plant clusters in order to interrupt the spread of fire across your property.

- Clear vegetation from under large stationary propane tanks.
- Create fuel breaks with driveways, walkways/paths, patios, and decks.
- Keep lawns and native grasses mowed to a 4" height.
- Remove ladder fuels (vegetation under trees) so a surface fire cannot reach the crowns. Prune trees 6-10' above the ground; for shorter trees do not exceed 1/3 of the overall tree height.
- Space trees to create a minimum of 18' between crowns, with distance increasing as slopes steepen.
- Plan tree placement to ensure the mature canopy is no closer than ten feet to the edge of the structure.

[Source: National Fire Protection Association website at NFPA.org.]



## FIREWISE GAME PLAN

### Between NOW and May 4

- #1** Contact your Firewise Captain to schedule free assessment.



Firewise Captain  
(See Resource List)



- #2** Firewise Captain assesses wildfire risks on your property & recommends firewising actions to take.



Firewise Captain



- #3** Firewise your property yourself. → **You**  
OR  
Hire a Firewise service provider.

Service Provider  
(See Resource List)



- #4** Properly dispose of firewise waste/materials  
**Local No-Cost Disposal Options:**

MLFD Burn Pile  
(See Instructions & Restrictions)

Slash Chipper  
May 4 ONLY  
(See list of streets)

### May 4 Wildfire Preparedness Day

- #5** Property cleanup continues.  
Chipper makes its rounds (see step #4).

- #6** Go to MLFD Firehall at 5 p.m.



**CELEBRATE**  
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## Local Disposal Options for Firewise Waste

### Option A: MLFD burn pile open until Fire Restrictions

#### STOP AT THE FIRE STATION *FIRST*

A firefighter will assist you or tell you where to unload.  
*Do not leave materials at the fire hall or access road.*

#### MLFD WILL ACCEPT THESE MATERIALS:

##### Slash

These are branches less than 10" in diameter that have fallen to the ground or been trimmed from upright or downed trees.

##### Pine needles

Needles must be in closed, paper garden bags that can be purchased at your local hardware store. Collect the needles with a rake rather than a shovel to avoid loading any dirt or rocks into the bags.

#### DO NOT BRING THESE TO MLFD:

##### Rounds

These are tree trunks, sawn into sections. They will not be accepted for burning at MLFD. Rounds take too long to burn, and they produce embers that can spread fire as the wind carries them to nearby hillsides. Instead, stack rounds in front of your property for people to take for firewood.

##### Construction debris or furniture

The EPA prevents MLFD from burning these—fines and/or sanctions could result.

### Option B: Free Chipper on May 4 to process slash

Chipper will travel along these streets:

- Ajo
- Sabino Canyon Pkwy
- Carter Canyon
- Tucson, north end
- Loma Linda Ext.
- Upper Goat Hill, east
- Middle Sabino
- Tucson, south end
- Phoenix
- Turkey Run

Stack slash (6" diameter max.) next to street no later than the night before. Let your Fire Captain know you have slash to be processed. **NO ROUNDS** for chipper.

## FIREWISE RESOURCES

### Your resource list: Neighborhood Firewise Captains and Firewise service providers

#### Firewise Captains

Neighborhood	Firewise Captains	Phone	Email
Loma Sabino HOA, including Middle Sabino and Upper Loma Linda	Louise Lynch Diana Osborne Susanne Drolet	(807) 804-1374 (520) 907-2634 (520) 578-7648	lolynch1137@gmail.com dko@dkostudio.com susannedrolet@gmail.com
N. Tucson (north end), Bisbee, Gila	Marty Herde	(520) 299-9555	marty.herde@gmail.com
N. Tucson (south end), Ray, Retreat	Bernadette Blatt	(520) 991-2509	bernablatt@gmail.com
Globe, Hayden, Upper Goat Hill, Winkelman, Phoenix	Matt Grossman	(520) 225-9304	matthew@grossman.com
S. Loma Linda Extension	Tami Arthur	(520) 449-3339	tamiarthur@gmail.com
Miami, Miner's Ridge, Flicker	Jen Rollins	(520) 977-8248	JRollins51@gmail.com
Turkey Run, Wren, Grossbeak, Guthrie, Tanager, Cap Rock: <i>In these areas, if owner authorizes the work it will be funded through grant monies.</i>	Jenni Zimmerman <i>Contact to sign permission form.</i>	(520) 861-0161 (520) 576-1333	Jenni@mtlemmonrealty.com
Willow Canyon	Sandi Triplett Les Corey Bonnie Corey Dale Keys	(520) 576-1247 (520) 275-1429 (520) 444-4458 (520) 401-6425	sanditriplettRN@gmail.com lcorey@aol.com crowravin@aol.com dlkeys@cox.net
Soldier's Camp	Sue Clark Chuck Huber Rebecca Paradies	(520) 615-7922 (520) 225-8692 (520) 609-1688	shue_1@comcast.com lindahuber@cox.net paintinghorses@gmail.com
Sabino Canyon Parkway, Tempe, Florence, Ajo, Loma Linda Extension north of Ajo, Yuma, Red Ridge, other	MLFD or a trained Firewise Captain	(520) 576-1201, Ext. 5, between 9 & 10 a.m.	

#### Firewise Service Providers —Hire to remove slash, needles, and/or trees—services vary by provider

Mt. Lemmon Providers		Commercial Providers	
Debbie Weatherly	(520) 203-3740	Affordable Chimney and Duct [aka Affordable Chimney Sweep]	(520) 444-2845
Peter Norton (MLFD)	(520) 576-1204 ext.3 pnorton@mlfdaz.org		
Sean & Barb Magee	thischefrocks@ gmail.com	Made in the Shade Environmental, Danny Crosby	(520) 331-2092
Leanne Mack	(480) 334-2596		

**NEVER LEAVE ANY MATERIALS AT THE CORNER OF LOMA LINDA EXT. AND THE HIGHWAY.**



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## 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 Bernstein, Tom Thomas, Bill Piatkiewicz and Matt Grossman.

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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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.

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