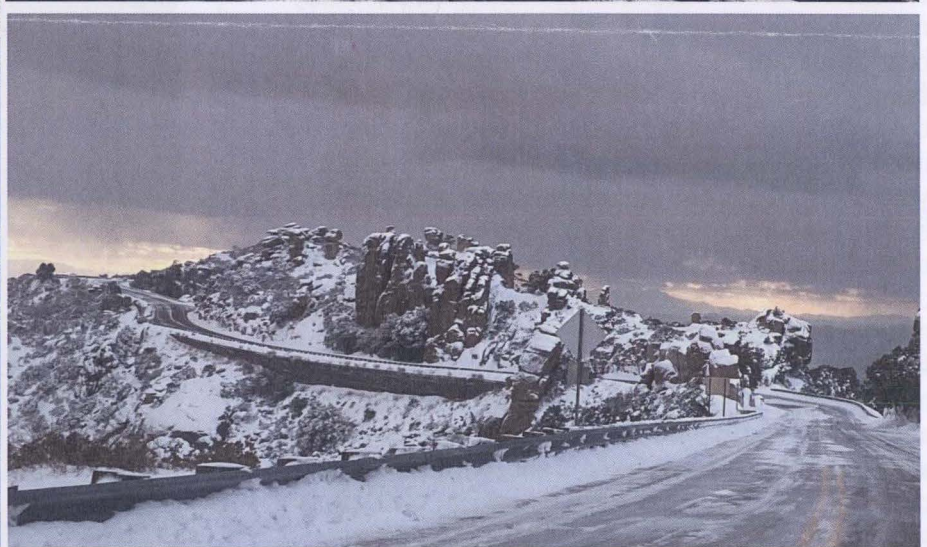
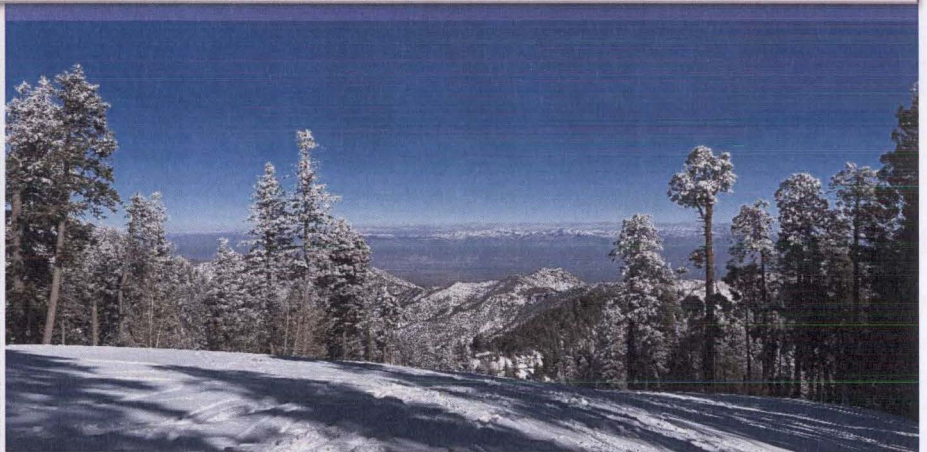
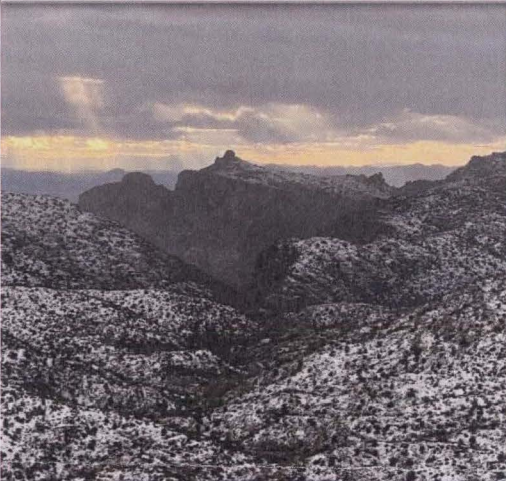
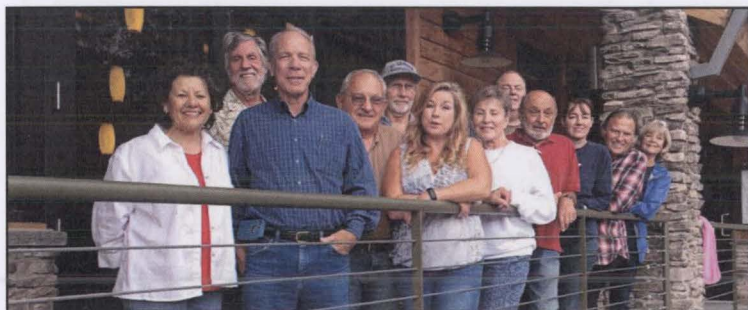
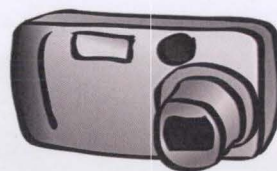


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Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association Board



White Elephant Party

Just a few photos of the annual holiday gathering at the Sawmill Run.



Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association

by Michael Stanley, president

Howdy,

Welcome to the new decade. 2020 is starting out with snow on the ground and heavy tourist traffic on the mountain roadways. As you can see, we have a new editor for the Echoes. Pamela Selby-Harmon is the Mt. Lemmon Postmaster and many of you get to know her as you pick up your mail, buy stamps and send mail out. Pamela and her family are long time locals and know the ways of the mountain. This is her first run as editor and we need to help her as much as possible. Please get your articles, photos and event dates into Pamela before the 15th of the month. This helps ensure that all copies of the Echoes arrive close to the 1st of the month. Remember, your articles and information help keep our homeowners to date. Our Echoes publication is the way we communicate, notify, and entertain the homeowners. We encourage you to participate in the association's events and would like you to write a short article on your mountain experience. Please be patient with us as we move into this new year. Be sure to mark your calendars for our first yearly event, the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association Membership Dinner on April 21st.

Michael Stanley



FEBRUARY 2020

9th - Full Moon

10th - MLWC Coffee - 10 AM

Coffee X-Change - Tanque Verde

14th - Valentines Day

Arizona Statehood

15th - MLWD -

Board Meeting 8 AM

- MLHOA -

Board Meeting - 10 AM - MLCC

Save the date:

Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Dinner
April 21st 2020

What's happening on Mt. Lemmon?

Each month's Echoes provides a calendar for you to announce meetings, programs, potlucks, holidays, special events, concerts, lectures and any other events of interest. If you have anything you would like to add, please let the editor know by the 18th of each month..

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The Cookie Cabin 576-1010

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The Iron Door 576-1321

Monday/Thursday/Friday 10:30 4:30

Saturday & Sunday 9:00 -5:00

Breakfast 9:00 -11:00

Don't forget the free sky ride with any breakfast on weekends!

The Sawmill Run Restaurant 576-9147

Monday—Thursday 10:30—4:00

Last seating is at 3:45

Friday 10:00—6:00 last seating is 5:45

Saturday 10:30—8:00 last seating is 7:45

Sunday 10:30—5:00 last seating is 5:00

When the highway is closed due to inclement weather, call ahead—hours may have changed.

The Shrine to Mary, Undoer of Knots

The Shrine is closed for Liturgies until spring, but open by appointment. Please call 576-9653

Dave Conto wanted to say:

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The outpouring of support for our family has been amazing! This is the most generous, gracious and supportive group of people, it's a pleasure and a blessing to be a part this community. We are continuing to keep a positive attitude and making sure the kids get to make as many vivid, happy memories as possible. Ann has finished her last round of radiation therapy and has another round of chemotherapy to go; then another scan to check the tumor growth. Any and all positive thoughts, prayers and every other type of support anyone can share are welcome, we are eternally grateful!

'Tis the Season by Dan Leade, MLFD

Wildfire has been a part of Arizona's ecosystem long before people arrived here and will be long after we are gone. A new caveat, however, is that the fire season in Arizona is now a year-round issue for communities in the wildland-urban interface. While there are many factors that contribute to this phenomenon, the fact remains that this shift appears to be here to stay. Mount Lemmon has already experienced the over 500-acre Molino Fire in late October and the Gordon Fire just a few weeks ago. These fires demonstrate the constant wildfire threat our community faces.

Many of our community members have experienced major fires that have adversely affected Mount Lemmon. The Bullock, Burro, and Aspen fires have dramatically changed our mountain and left a lasting impression on our memories regarding the devastating effects these conflagrations can bring. If you are new to living in the wildland-urban interface, you need to look no farther than the fires currently ravaging Australia to witness the impact that out-of-control fires can have on people, wildlife, and the landscape.

With the knowledge at hand that fire is both a necessary part of the ecosystem but can also result in significant damage to structures that exist in this environment, it is clear that a proactive approach to property protection must be taken. Our citizens have worked incredibly hard to earn the reputation that comes with being a Firewise community. It is crucial to remember that this work is truly never ending, much like the reality of our year-long fire season. The Mount Lemmon Fire District would like to take this time to encourage community members to make sure their properties are prepared for any potential wildfires and not wait until a threat is imminent to begin this preparation. Resources, such as the Firewise website (<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Preparing-homes-for-wildfire>) and MLFD staff, are available to help with this endeavor.

Fires can, and do, occur year-round on our mountain. Whether they are natural or human-caused, the ignition is often out of our control. What can be done is to understand that fires will happen and prepare for the threat of their encroachment on our community well in advance of the actual event. If we commit to this philosophy, we will be able to coexist with wildfire and ensure that our community is as safe as possible.

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It's not too early to begin thinking about the upcoming fire season and what YOU can do to reduce the risk of fire in our community.

The Firewise committee will meet soon to begin planning our activities for the upcoming season. Some of these will include:

Cheatgrass reduction beginning in March.

Community Wildfire Prevention Day May 4

Firewise 'Block Party' May 30

Watch for more details in next month's Echoes and on NextDoor. If you'd like to be part of this important (and FUN) group, contact Sally Crum @ 520-419-8204 or sbc602@gmail.com

From the Desk of Pima County Supervisor Steve Christy

2020 is off to a great start on Mt. Lemmon. Two lodging facilities are moving through the Pima County Development Services process, and there's talk of a new retail destination next to the Sawmill Restaurant. The project to install a water line to the Fire Department building is making good progress, with our Public Works folks helping to facilitate communication and coordination. There is going to be a lot of activity in the village after the spring thaw!

It's been reported that we received above average precipitation during 2019, and 2020 is off to a good start. Kudos to our PC Transportation Department and the PC Sheriffs for keeping us informed of road conditions and closures.

Firewise season is right around the corner. Another area in Pima County's Playground, as we like to call District 4, the Greater Vail region is interested in becoming a Firewise community, and who better for them to learn from than the fantastic Mt. Lemmon Firewise Team. Thank you for helping our neighbors, which truly is the essence of our mountain community.

Happy 2020!

Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club News

Connie Taylor, president

Our last meeting for 2019 was November 16th. We had 19 members attend. We discussed the South Central Region Fall Conference, October 25-26th, and the McGill's Halloween Party on Oct. 26th. Laura and Doug Mance won the Chili Challenge on October 16th, and several people went to Tucson International Airport on October 28th to greet the veterans on their return trip on American Airline's Honor Flight from Washington D.C. On December 7th the MLWC had their Holiday luncheon at the beautiful Lodge at Ventana Canyon. We had around 49 ladies and friends attend. Finally, on December 11th, the MLWC ladies set up tables and organized their donation items for the residents of Catalina Village Assisted Living Holiday Market; even Santa and Mrs. Claus attended!

To start off the new year, February 10, 2020, will be our Winter Gathering for Coffee at Coffee Xchange, 10:00 AM, located at 6841 East Camino Principal at Tanque Verde and Camino Principal near the entrance of Tucson Country Club - more information coming on this event.

Our club is still looking for a president and 1st vice-president. Are you interested? Please call!

Newspaper Delivery

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Your new editor

A new year, a new decade and a new Echoes editor: me. For those who do not already know me, my name is Pamela Selby-Harmon and I am your Postmaster. I have been involved with the mountain since I fell for this tall guy who was living up here; Matthew and I started dating in December 1990. I moved up in May 1993 and we got married in 1998 (!?!). I worked at the Alpine Lodge, the Summerhaven Coffeehouse, the Mt. Lemmon Café and handled our own vacation rental and some cabin cleaning from time to time. I started at the MLPO as the substitute for Mark Hopkins in 1997. When he transferred to Willcox in 2010, I took over as Officer-in-Charge and was appointed Postmaster in 2015.

In other words, I fell in love with this place and would like to be more involved. So, if you have any articles, photos, ideas and/or suggestions for the Echoes, please let me know. Email is still going to be the easiest (Selbyharmon@aol.com), but if you have something to contribute and want or need to simply hand it over in person, you know where to find me: The Mount Lemmon Post Office, Monday – Friday 8:30 – 3:00 (closed for lunch 11:30 - noon).

So, I've been driving up the mountain daily for ten years now, but as you can see in the masthead photo, I still love the view! You've just got to stop and check it out once in a while.

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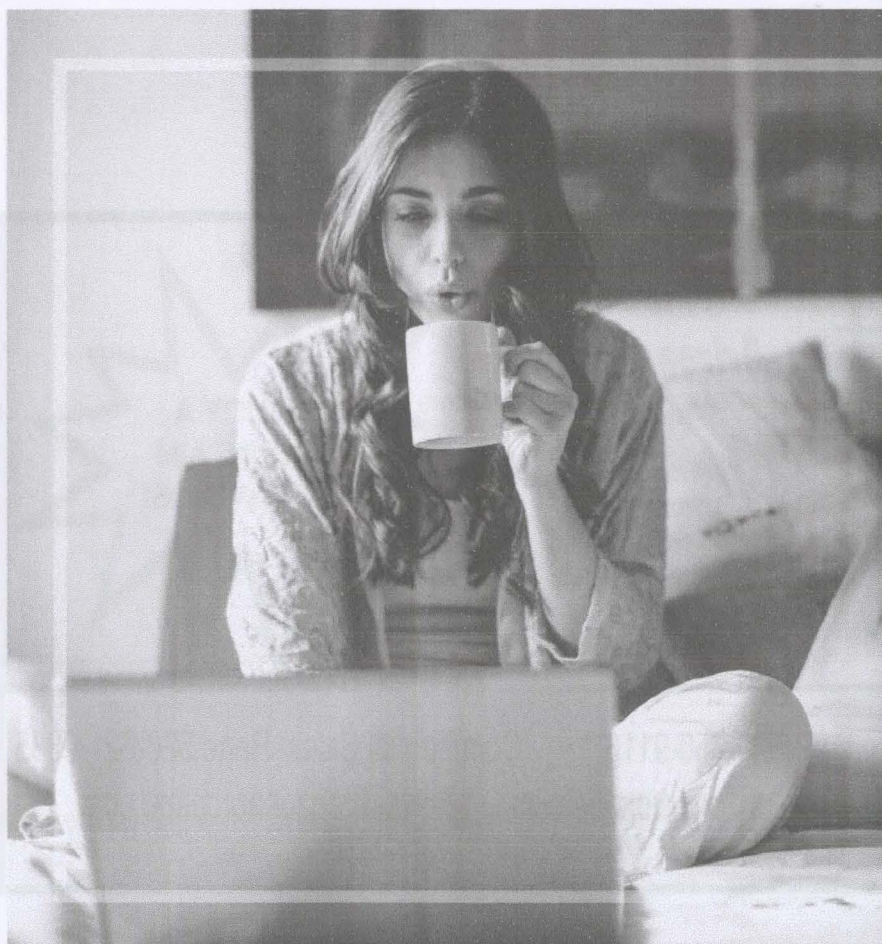
Greetings from the Palisade Visitor Center!

We are located between Mileposts 19 and 20 on the Mt. Lemmon highway, just above Organization Ridge Road. Did you know we have many interesting exhibits from the mountain and elsewhere? (The giant Douglas Fir tree ring from Hitchcock campground is one example.) There are also retail items available with Mt. Lemmon logos, and part if the sales go back to us through PLIA - the Public Lands Interpretive Association, a not-for-profit organization.

We have a new children's area with puzzles and toys, and this spring we are hoping to organize some events focusing on local authors and artists, with special emphasis on fire prevention. Come see us soon and watch for further announcements!



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Happy New Year!

The Mount Lemmon HOA gratefully thanks all who paid \$35.00 dues in 2019. These dues help cover the cost of the monthly Echoes and provide valuable information posted on the Mount Lemmon website and listserv. Dues are payable on February 1, 2020, so please clip the handy coupon in this month's Echoes and complete the important information for our database. Please note your mailing address on this Echoes "paid through" reminder date. If you're not receiving the monthly Echoes (February-November), it's probably because you haven't paid, or we don't have your current mailing address! Contact Linda Currin, treasurer, at lcurren@q.com or 247-2582 if you have concerns or questions. See you on the mountain.

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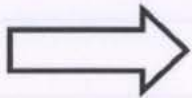
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