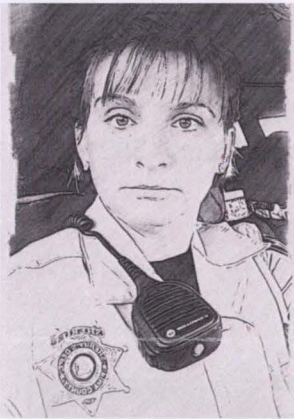


# The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

Sunrise photo by Michael Stanley

## Meet our new local: Deputy Sloan and her family



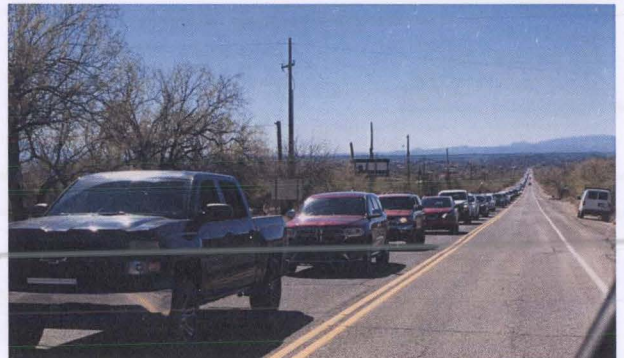
Agnieszka "Aga" Sloan (she goes by Sloan) has been with the Sheriff's Department for 8 years. She was excited for the chance to make Mount Lemmon her new home. She and her husband, Michael, and their two children, John, 12, and Helena, 10, made the move into the Hays' old place in mid-January. She is a veteran of the Army who loves the outdoors, especially Mount

Lemmon. And she is no stranger to snow and other "real" weather, as she came to Tucson from Chicago. Her husband, Michael, is a native Tucsonan as the Sloan family has been in Tucson for generations. She said spends her "free time reading, baking, crafting, sewing, and yelling at my 2 children." Sloan seems gregarious and quick with a smile (even obvious behind her mask); I think she will fit in to this little community quite well! Pamela Selby-Harmon



It's a good thing that Sloan likes the snow, because winter finally made it to the Lemmon!

Deputy Dave Conto sent me this photo on Tuesday morning, the 26th of January. If you look closely, you can see the top 8-12 inches of the collection box next to the steps of the PO. Three feet of snow in the parking lot!.



Once the road was re-opening on for the weekend, the general public made a run for the mountains! Patty Thomas sent these two photos. The top right one shows the line of cars waiting to be allowed up the mountain, they are backed up almost to the Snyder Rd. stop sign! And when they got up, they let themselves go...this pic on the right is the giant snowball left on the bottom Retreat Road.







## February

2nd	Groundhog Day
12th	Lunar New Year
14th	Valentines Day
15th	President's Day
16th	Mardi Gras
17th	Ash Wednesday
20th	Board Zoom Meetings MLWD 8:30 am MLHOA 10:00 am
28th	Full moon (Full Snow Moon)

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The winter season is upon us, and it is extremely important for homeowners, residents, guests, and renters to take precautions once snow arrives. If you live on a paved, Pima County-maintained road, it will be plowed, so please park your vehicles in your driveway if possible. Most roads are narrow, and snowplow drivers will plow around vehicles on the roads which may cause icy conditions and hazardous traffic situations, and your vehicle might be unable to get out of the snow. As you know, temperatures drop during the nights which can cause problems until snow and ice melts.

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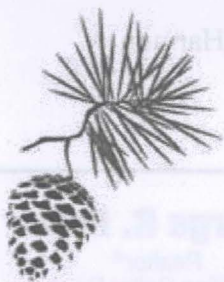
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## About your Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association

Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's 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, but the mountain community in general. Full membership with voting rights is accorded to private owners and leased land holders upon payment of yearly dues; renters and friends of the mountain can be non-voting members. 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 traditionally held each year on the first Tuesday after taxes. Unfortunately, most of these events have been canceled this year due to the current health crisis.

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: Michael Stanley, president; Jenni Zimmerman, vice-president; Linda Currin, treasurer; Sally Crum, secretary; Pamela Selby-Harmon, Echoes editor; and members-at-large John Mulay, Pete Krauss, Debbie Fagan, Mike Bernstein, Tom Thomas and Matthew 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 and \$500 for a half page.

Membership dues for the MLHOA are \$35 annually. To join or renew, clip the form below, fill out all the information and send it, along with a check to the MLHOA. If you have questions or concerns regarding your membership status, contact Linda, Currin, treasurer at 520-247-2582 or [lcurren@q.com](mailto:lcurren@q.com).



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### A note from the editor:

My family and I would like to send a huge "Thank You!" to the ML Fire Department. for their help on MLK Day. Also to the Mount Lemmon community for the outreach and support during this trying time.

Matthew is home, on the long road to recovery, grateful and aware of just how lucky he is!

I would also like to apologize for the delay in getting out this Echoes. Life got a little crazy for me, to say the least.

Sincerely, Pamela Selby-Harmon



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### From the Desk of Supervisor Steve Christy

How fitting we start 2021 with the February issue of the Echoes landing in your mailboxes on or about Groundhog Day. These last 12 months have felt like an endless loop of Groundhog Days. Fortunately, with two vaccines in release and two more expected, the endless loop might in fact end soon. Know that we are not at all satisfied with the vaccine rollout program and its glitches, and promise to keep your needs in front of the Pima County Health Department.

As much as these days and months have felt repetitive, you should know about some changes.

Please join me in welcoming Lt. Derek Ogden as our new Pima County Sheriff's Department Rincon District Commander. We have had the pleasure of working with Lt. Ogden during his previous assignment as Green Valley District Commander, and he shares our affinity for all things Mt. Lemmon.

Our office relocated in January to 33 N. Stone Avenue, Floor 11 (the former Bank of America Building) from the County Administration Building where plans call for the eleventh floor to be asbestos remediated and re-designed.

We are pleased to report that we worked with County Admin staff to secure \$50,000 from the Pima County's Small Business Assistance Program for the Mt. Lemmon Business Economic Association (MLBEA) to aid its member businesses.

Finally, I thank you for the positive four-year job review, also known as the November election. More than 77% of Mt. Lemmon residents voted for me, and I and my team appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to you.



  
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## MLWD Bids Farewell to an Icon

by Michael Stanley, MLWD manager

Gordon Hunter is retiring from the Mt. Lemmon Water District board after many years of service to our mountain community. He has been here for continued community advancement and support for years. As a water board member, Gordon Hunter began with a white paper discussing the condition of the water supply and system at that time. This paper gave the story of an aging water supply and distribution system. The MLWD Board of Directors listened to him, and with his direction the water district realized there was much work to be done and became the chief instigator setting forward motion to the District. He made important decisions to improve both transmission and distribution of water to the community. Hunter implemented larger main lines, fire hydrants, regulator stations, meter upgrades, GPS mapping, remote monitoring, and automation where possible and district-supported decisions on priorities and schedules. His continued hard work brought this water system into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Without his leadership and continued community support, we would be eons back in history. All of us are grateful to Gordon Hunter for his community dedication and remain hopeful he will continue to support our efforts. Our community is a much better place with his help; thank him for our improved community.

Please welcome our newest elected water board member, Mr. Stu Shacter. He has stayed involved with the water district and attended board meetings for some time now. We want to thank him for stepping up to this position.

## Water District Concerns

As all of us are aware, we are in an **Exceptional Drought**, the driest year in our history. We remain in Stage 2 of our Curtailment Plan, so please continue to conserve as much water as possible during this drought period. Your help is necessary to keep water in the tanks for both firefighting and home use. Remind your renters and visitors not to waste our precious water. Your community effort has and will continue to aid in this time of drought to keep our water system sustainable. As summer approaches, we will keep you informed of possible changes on the water availability status. Without substantial rain or snow we could be forced into Stage 3 of the plan. Stage 3 has a 50% reduction and is mandatory. With conservation and added precipitation we will make it into the summer. Stay aware of the water supply situation. Be sure to have extra water for emergency outages. Have extra drinking water and **Conserve!** See you this summer and have a Happy 2021!

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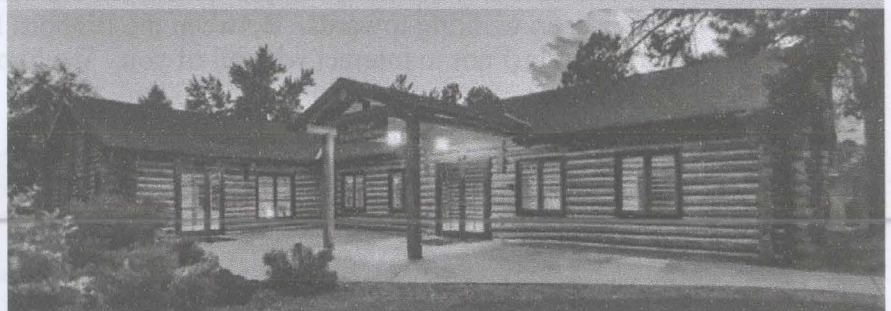
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## What's New with MLFD in 2021?!?

Dan Leade, Capt/A-Shift

Since we have been without the Echoes since November, MLFD would like to take the time to update our residents with some of the things that have been happening with the District, and MLFD has had some really exciting things happening. MLFD, along with our community and stakeholders, has been working tirelessly to improve the service delivery to our customers, safety of our staff, and the overall condition of the station.

**Water Line** - With the incredible help of everyone involved, the fire station will finally be on the water line! Not only does this deliver safe water directly to our station, but it also eliminates the need for water tender deliveries to be pumped into the tanks directly above the station. This is particularly important during the winter months where slick roads and heavy water tenders present an unnecessarily dangerous situation.

**Generator** - Did you know the station's generator was first put into use in 1950? As the years have steadily crept by, it has become more and more difficult to obtain parts to keep it running. Our generator runs our power, radios, and phones. Without a reliable generator we would not even be able to receive dispatches in the event of a power failure. The community, spearheaded by Sally Crum, really stepped up to help us gain the necessary funds to purchase a reliable source of backup power. Thank you!

**Communication** - Through in-house grant work, MLFD has received funding to overhaul a lot of our radio equipment. This new equipment gives us the ability to communicate with dispatch if the county system fails, while also allowing us a more efficient way to work scenes with our volunteers.

**New Station** - The facilities task force continues to collaborate working on a new station design while simultaneously reaching out to possible stakeholders for the funds necessary to realize that dream. A new station will provide the new accepted safety standards for our firefighters to continue to provide the service our community expects and deserves.

**Training** - Your firefighters continue to strive for additional training to meet the ever-evolving demands of both fire and EMS. Most recently, our EMTs are learning new approved skills to help them further assist our paramedics. This is crucial since our community is a significant distance from the hospital.

MLFD remains committed to continued improvement for our community. These are some of the major upgrades we have been working towards. Between the Bighorn Fire and the Covid-19 pandemic, it has been hard on MLFD staff not to interact with all of you. We hope this update finds you in good health.

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## Santa Catalina Ranger District News

by Acting Deputy District Ranger Tchelet Segev

New year, new Marshall Gulch! The Santa Catalina Ranger District has some exciting news to share. We will receive Great American Outdoors Act funding to implement renovations at the Marshall Gulch recreation site. We anticipate receiving the funding this year and commencing work shortly thereafter. The goal of the project is to restore areas along the creeks to more natural conditions, improve vehicle circulation and parking, and provide accessible recreation opportunities. We will replace restrooms, renovate the picnic sites and trailheads, install new bridges over the stream, and improve roads and parking areas, in addition to naturalizing the stream channel.

Also, we continue to evaluate and restore trails impacted by the Bighorn Fire. This has included installing gates and signs at recreation sites and trails to provide for public safety and the ability of the natural resources to recover. You can continue to monitor the closure and what trails and campgrounds are impacted on the Coronado National Forest's website. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/coronado/recarea/?recid=74395> We are thankful for the hard work our staff and volunteers are putting into restoring recreation access in and around Mt. Lemmon and appreciate the partnership with the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association in sharing stewardship of Mt. Lemmon.

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## Important News You Can Use

by Matt Grossman

Three online resources are available to keep Mount Lemmon residents up-to-date between Echoes editions:

1. A Google Group has been set up to provide email updates. To join, send an e-mail to [mtlemmon-hoa+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:mtlemmon-hoa+subscribe@googlegroups.com).
2. The Mount Lemmon Homeowner's Association maintains a website at <https://mtlemmonhoa.org/>. Check it out, get informed, and contribute.
3. A neighborhood group has been set up on Nextdoor.com. Sign up using your cabin street address to be connected to the Mount Lemmon group. If you already use Nextdoor for your valley neighborhood, be sure to sign up for Mount Lemmon under a different email address, since only one neighborhood is permitted per email address at this time. This venue is important for general information and worthwhile educational benefits and communication, but especially during critical concerns such as fire danger and road closures.

## Contribute to the MLBEA and Mask Up Today!

by Matt Grossman

The Mount Lemmon Business Economic Association (MLBEA) was founded in 2018, at the urging of the Pima County Small Business Commission and as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. The MLBEA is open to all businesses operating on Mount Lemmon, as well as those having a vested interest in promoting Mt. Lemmon. It was instrumental in the efforts to obtain a Federal Lands Access Program grant to improve parking in and around Summerhaven (with construction to begin in 2024-25). The MLBEA worked closely with Pima County to ensure prompt reopening of the General Hitchcock Highway to the public after the Bighorn Fire and today actively promotes Mount Lemmon to visitors near and far.

Ongoing projects include promoting redevelopment of the commercial lots that have remained vacant since the Aspen Fire, organizing events to draw visitors during off-peak times and working to address issues created by visitor traffic, including public-area trash collection.

To further these goals, the MLBEA is currently selling reusable cloth masks which were generously donated by a Mt. Lemmon cabin owner. These attractive masks are only \$8.00, all money going to the MLBEA for funds for summer events. Masks are available via mail on the MLBEA website (<https://www.mlbea.org/>) or in person from Jenni Zimmerman, MLBEA president, at the Mount Lemmon Real Estate office. **Please check out the MLBEA website and order your mask(s) today!!** We appreciate your support. Questions? Please contact Jenni at 861-0161 or 576-1333 or her email, at [jenni@mtlemmonrealty.com](mailto:jenni@mtlemmonrealty.com).



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## Mount Lemmon Woman's Club By Carol Niehoff



Due to the ongoing pandemic, the MLWC continued our Holiday Brunch tradition with a unique event coordinated on Zoom by Dorothy Johnson. Our members gathered at their computers to share photos and memories. As each member told her story, the screen was filled with a chosen photo embellished by the designs Dorothy created. It was a very special event, filled with new memories for all of us! Here's a toast to all who contributed!

While we were unable to attend the celebration at Catalina Village, our hearts were with the residents who have been quarantined for the entire pandemic. We sent the group piles of blankets to brighten their rooms and to keep their laps warm over the winter months. Tina and I send our wishes for a happy and healthy New Year 2021!



we just wanted to give a big  
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Sincerely,  
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### MLWC Coffee

Join Christina Grossman, on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the MLWC virtual coffee for a talk about the Pines on Mount Lemmon. The focus will be on Piñon Pines and Ponderosa Pines and their herbal uses. Learn about the mathematical traits found in Pines, Folklore, therapeutic properties. She will also share a few blend ideas that are for external use and recipes that can be made at home.

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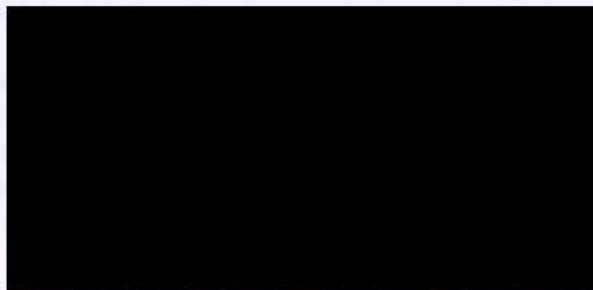




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