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MLHOA Welcomes You to 2022!

by Sally Crum, MLHOA Board of Directors president

To our community – WELCOME to 2022 and our first issue of the Mt. Lemmon Echoes for the New Year!

The winter is still with us, and we've experienced some good snowfall and rainfall. The **Mt. Lemmon Water District** asks that you PLEASE drain and shut off your water when you aren't at your cabin. The district has reported no major leaks so far, thanks to everyone's cooperation. Have you looked into water harvesting? It is yet another way we can conserve water and still maintain our landscaping, etc.

The **Annual White Elephant Party**, hosted by Doug and Laura Mance at the Tucson Hop Shop, was a great success and lots of fun! The venue was just right, with outdoor and indoor seating, liquid refreshments, and food provided by Jeannie and LeRoy's Stompin' Grounds Coffee and Kettle Corn. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet new neighbors and say hello to those we hadn't seen in many months.

Pamela Selby-Harmon, with assistance from Linda Currin, has been doing a fantastic job as editor for the **Echoes**, hasn't she? That being said, Pamela is looking for someone to take over that responsibility so that she can focus on other things. Kim McNurlin has volunteered to step in and help them, but there is still room for YOU to step up. If you enjoy communication, talking with your neighbors and gathering information from the people and businesses on the mountain, please contact Pamela (520-576-1427) or Linda Currin (520-247-2582).

We are making plans for our **Annual Homeowner's Meeting on April 19** at the Viscount Suites Hotel. Thanks to Matt Grossman's technical assistance, the meeting will be livestreamed for those who are unable to attend. Please watch the Echoes, Nextdoor and listserv communications for up-to-the minute details.

More information about our January MLHOA board meeting can be found elsewhere in this issue. We're all looking forward to a great year, and hopefully you are as well.



February

8th	MLWC Breakfast -9:30 am
14th	Valentine's Day
15th	Submissions due for March <i>Echoes</i>
16th	Full moon
19th	Mountain Meetings: MLWD Board- 8:30 am MLHOA Board—10:00 am
21st	President's Day



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What's Up from the MLHOA Board's January 2022 Meeting

by John Osborne, board secretary

- ◆ Sally Crum reported good winter with plentiful snows. Road closures a problem; more for car accident reasons than weather.
- ◆ CJ reports slash pile burning progressing. Forest crews doing erosion control, bad bark beetle treatments, buffelgrass elimination, trail work. Federal infrastructure bill may produce \$4 million to fund various projects, plus contributions from state and tribal groups. CJ urged trail users to contribute comments to the trails plan by January 31, when public comment closes. In Bear Canyon, FS plans removal of dead bark beetle trees, and address "hazard trees." Kurt Davis is now the acting forest supervisor assisted by Deputy Daisy Kensey.
- ◆ Beth Borozan, County Supervisor Steve Christy's office, reported dealing with preparations to repair Tucson and Phoenix Avenues.
- ◆ Events: annual meeting on April 19, 2022, is still planned for both live and virtual attendance and July 4 parade will hopefully be live, not virtual.
- ◆ Echoes: Pamela Selby-Harmon hopes to step down at year's end. Kim McNurlin will assist Pam and Linda. Electronic versus paper Echoes poll ended up evenly split with slightly fewer respondents favoring a digital version only.
- ◆ Fire Department: Letters of support requested to remodel Fire Station. Cost now over \$2M. Address letters to Deborah Stewart at the USDA. New fire truck and new cardiac monitor in operation. Turkey Run chipping finished but Caprock area still needed. Funding for a \$48+K powered gurney approved and will relieve fire fighter back strain. Kudos to Michael Singervalt and Soldier's Camp for \$3K raised for "Jump Bags." Work beginning on re-defining MLFD boundaries and reimbursement rights for services provided outside MLFD boundaries.
- ◆ Water Department: New employee Michael Lopez working well. Tanks topped off. Tucson Avenue project still scheduled for March, pipe and meter supplies remain a challenge.
- ◆ Mt. Lemmon Business Economic Association (MLBEA) Jenni Zimmerman, MLBEA president, reports businesses doing well. The Hotel is expanding to scooter rental and adding "Coffee Bean" for caffeine junkies. Business owners would like to "dress up" downtown area – maybe flower arrangements, flagpoles? Jenni dressed up Community Center with Christmas wreaths. Visitors were taking pictures with them. MLCC open for business. Kim McNurlin wondered if different Summerhaven neighborhoods or streets might sponsor and maintain their own decorative contributions. Lodge construction is moving forward again. The Lodge needs letters of support for conditional use permit to allow small neighborhood group gatherings in the Lodge's new proposed garden area. Letters should mention that residents can walk or bring ATVs to the Lodge to minimize public parking load.
- ◆ Dep. Sloan, PCSD, is addressing sledders on private land. When visitors start turning door handles, though, report it! Call 911. High traffic volume means short tempers and Sloan handled two road rage incidents, plus a store owner's "problem" report. PCSD volunteers are patrolling upper mountain now. Dep. Sloan urged Loma Sabino, Soldier's Camp, and other neighborhood areas to start "Neighborhood Watch" programs. MLHOA thanked Sloan for her quality work.

2022 Greetings from your Editor

Hopefully everyone is doing well and getting ready for a lovely spring. The mountain is having its fair share of visitors up enjoying the snow. But for those of us who have to deal with it, the snow has just about outstayed its welcome; we're READY for steady warm weather. Yes, I know, we're a spoiled bunch!

Maybe it's an illusion, but it seems we have added number of new homeowners this past year or so. A few of us (started by Michael Stanley) had been throwing around an idea of some printed material for prospective or new cabin owners. A gentle list of things to expect, look out for, ways of dealing with certain things, etc. I heard that some folks bought on a road that is not county-maintained, but may not have realized that or what it might mean. As in: the homeowners are responsible (not the county) for clearing snow and maintaining the road in general. This issue has caused some grief (over many years, not just recently) to say the least.

What other tidbits of advice do you, our seasoned homeowners, suggest? We would like to create a short, polite "cheat sheet" with some basics of life on the mountain.

One of those things is your mail. Most folks who buy up here have maintained a home in Tucson and continue to receive their mail there. This is completely fine, as long as everyone who intends to send you mail is aware. Banks, insurance companies, and the Department of Motor Vehicles are a few who insist on having your physical address; make sure they have a valid mailing address as well.

Mount Lemmon has only Post Office Box delivery; we do not drive around the mountain delivering mail. Mail that arrives addressed to a street address is Undeliverable. If you have reserved your PO Box, and the mail piece has your name on it, I will deliver it to your PO Box; but the forwarding system does not accept street addresses for this zip code. If you have NOT rented a PO Box here, then that mail is returned to sender. Because we don't offer street delivery, PO Box rent is waived and we only charge you for the keys to your PO Box. But if you don't plan on using the service, then keep your mail delivery where you've always had it (there aren't enough Boxes available for every cabin).

I have tried to simplify a very bureaucratic process (I think my eyeballs are rolling in two different directions!). Please stop by or call the MLPO to discuss this more if you wish. We're open Mondays through Fridays, from 8:30 to 3:00, closed for lunch between 11:30 and noon.

Thanks, and ever onward!

Pamela Selby-Harmon, Mt. Lemmon Postmaster and *Echoes* Editor
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About your Mt. Lemmon Home Owner'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 member-ship 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.

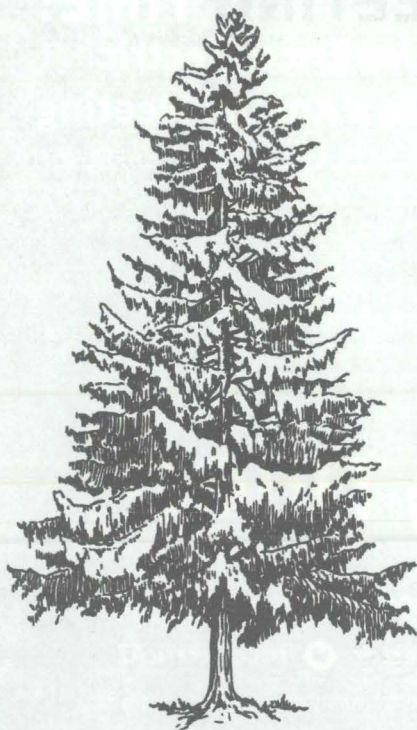
The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles, enabling owners to mingle. The Annual Dinner and Meeting is traditionally held each year on the first Tuesday after tax day.

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: Sally Crum, president; Jenni Zimmerman, vice-president; Anne Skelley, treasurer; John Osborne, secretary; Pamela Selby-Harmon, Echoes editor; and members-at-large Linda Currin, John Mulay, Pete Krauss, Kim McNurlin, Michael Singervalt, 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 or need to change your mailing address seasonally, contact Anne Skelley at 520-429-9199 or email sgca891@gmail.com



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Important News You Can Use

by Matt Grossman

There are four online resources 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.
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, you need 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, worthwhile educational benefits and timely communication, especially during critical concerns such as fire danger and road closures.
4. MLFDAZ.org is the web-address for our Fire Department. On their home page, under the Resources tab is *Firewise*. This tab takes you to the compilation of the important Firewise information and forms. This includes an Action List for Property Owners, a Community Communications form, cheatgrass and bark beetle identification, and even more information to help keep your cabin and community safe.



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Happy 2022 from the Desk of Supervisor Steve Christy

As we swing into 2022, this looks to be a year of continued birth and renewal in the village of Summerhaven. The Mt. Lemmon Hotel will be adding two retail components, including a coffee shop and a scooter rental facility, as well as launching Phase 2 of its casitas. The Mt. Lemmon Lodge is coming out of the ground with a lovely adjacent amenity in the planning stages. And word is there may be more retail development in the village.

We're now a year closer to the Federal Land Access Program grant project starting at the south end of the village, north of Marshall Gulch. Clearly, we are going to need those 95 parking spaces and the restrooms.

The spring will bring the repair of the roads outlined in my previous Echoes column. If you missed that listing, please contact my office or visit my webpage on pima.gov where we post the upcoming major and neighborhood road pavement-preservation projects throughout District 4.

In January, we were delighted to support the effort to renovate and modernize the Mt. Lemmon Fire District's station house with a letter to the USDA urging the project receive grant funding. As always, mountain residents stepped up to write letters of support as well. We hope this team approach tilts the scales in the MLFD's favor.

I'm hearing there was a recent discussion of how to create a greater sense of village charm in Summerhaven with great ideas of banners, flowers, and other items. My office looks forward to helping make that vision, when crystalized, a reality.



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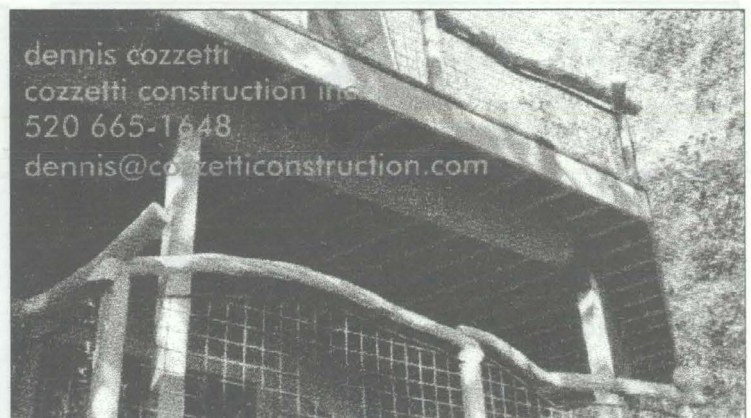
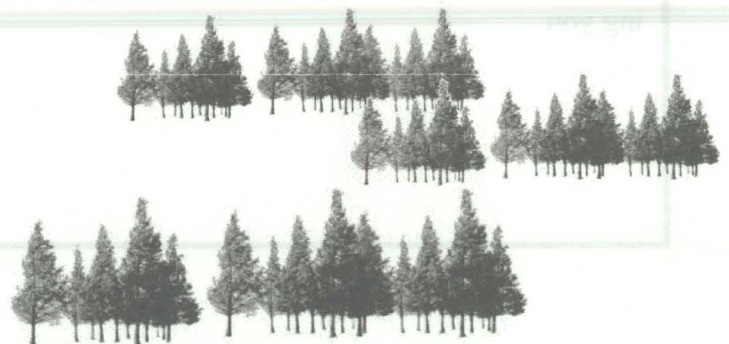
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MLWD Welcomes 2022 and New Beginnings

by Nathan Davis, manager MLWD

Hello everyone, my name is Nathan Davis, and I am moving into the manager position for the Mt. Lemmon Water District. Michael Stanley will become part time for a while as we transition, and he prepares for retirement. For those people who do not know me, I started working for the Mt. Lemmon Co-op on July 1st of 2001, just after the Bullock Fire. My wife Wendy and I moved up shortly after I started working here. My daughter Cassidy was born a few years later and is a senior in high school now but still calls Mt. Lemmon home, even though we live close to the base of the mountain.

We currently have one other employee, Michael Lopez, who started working with us in September of 2021. Michael Lopez has plumbing experience and is a terrific addition to the Water District.

The last couple of years have been interesting to say the least. Hiring has been a challenge and getting parts and materials even more so. I know that everyone is going through the same things. We still have pipe and parts on back order that we requested months ago. We want to thank everybody for understanding that it is taking longer to get meters installed or replaced because of the shortage of materials.

We have a water line replacement project for part of Tucson Ave that was scheduled to have started last fall, but now has been pushed back until March 2022, at the earliest. We received half of the pipe that we ordered and are still waiting for the rest of it whenever the distributor gets more.

There are so many new names and faces on the mountain. We want to welcome all of you to this wonderful Haven and look forward to meeting you.



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USFS Looks Ahead in 2022

by Imena J. Ezell, MS, Coronado National Forest

As we start 2022, we see the number of visitations within Sabino Canyon increase. An automated fee machine has been installed here at the recreation area. This provides visitors an additional option to pay for both day and week passes. We have new additions of seasonal for the visitor center, developed recreation, and trails that the visitors will see out on the District. Additionally, we welcome Ellie McCann to the District as she will be detailing as our Developed Recreation Program Leader. As we welcome new individuals to the District, we say goodbye to our Resource Clerk, Lisa Smith, as she moves on to a new position.



The Coronado National Forest is asking for public input on the future of recreational trails in the Santa Catalina Ranger District including Mount Lemmon, along the Sky Islands Scenic Byway, and in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness. An interactive public comment map was launched on November 24, 2021 and will be available until January 31, 2022.

In December, the Bighorn closure order was updated. Please note the following changes:

Trails that were **fully closed** and are now **fully opened**:

Upper Green Mountain Trail #21; Butterfly Trail #16; Brush Corral Shortcut #21A

Trails that were **partially closed** and are now **fully opened**:

Ventana Trail #98; Pontatoc Trail #410

Trail was **partially closed**, and we **extended the opening**:

Finger Rock Trail #42 (Extend opening to the Mt. Kimble Junction)

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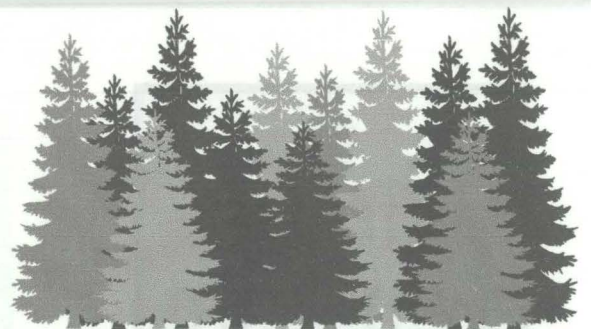
The businesses on the mountain are having the same staffing issues as businesses everywhere. But up here the short staffing can cause a change to business hours on short notice.

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The Mt. Lemmon HOA website has some good resources not related to the businesses. Check it out!

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by Carol Niehoff and Tina Hanks, MLWC co-presidents

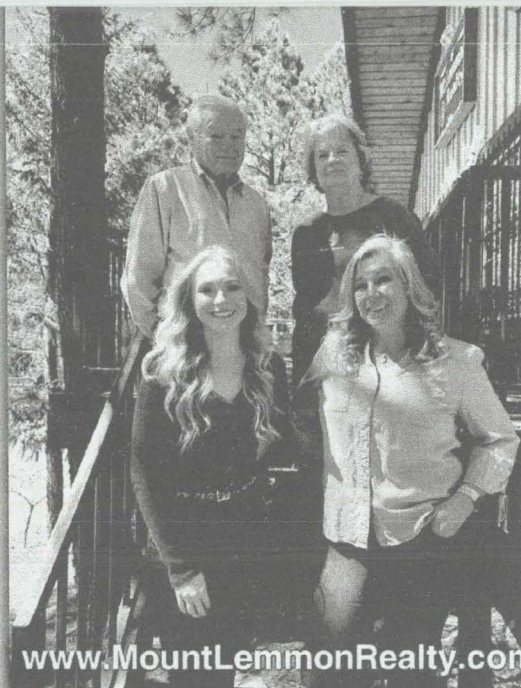
It's easy to see that we are all part of a paradise. We are in the southern most mountain range in Arizona, on a sky island with four distinct seasons, exotic and varied wildlife and an extraordinary variety of plants and trees. How often do we realize that much a part of the paradise is the exceptional and varied people who comprise the Mount Lemmon Community? The people of Mount Lemmon are just as diverse and varied as our flora and fauna! We are people of a great variety of backgrounds, educations, faiths, philosophies, and nationalities. With all that diversity, we have created a true community, something quite extraordinary in the first quarter of the 21st century. We have survived fires, total devastation of our town, the pandemic, births, deaths, rebuilding. Our community members have changed, with former ones gone but still a part of us and new ones being welcomed. We celebrate with each other, help each other in times of trouble, look out for each other's homes and property, and accomplish activities of true value to the larger county around us. The glue that binds us through all this is often the Mount Lemmon Woman's Club.

Yes, December was quite a busy month! Our anxiety over the Holiday Brunch dissipated as the ladies flooded the entry to the Ventana Canyon Lodge. With never-ending thanks to Robin Kirk for her perfect coordination, the event went smoothly and, gratefully, we enjoyed the ambiance, the food and the comradery we have so missed. The next weekend, we laughed our way through the Annual White Elephant hosted by Doug and Laura Mance at the Hop Shop in Tucson.

Hopefully, with no unforeseen glitches, mark your calendar for the Members' Breakfast and Coffee on February 8th at 9:30 AM, at the Hungry Fox, 4637 E Broadway Blvd, Broadway at Swan. Watch for further updates. Also, look for news of the Southern District Meeting on Saturday, March 12th in Benson, AZ.

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Fated Reunion?

by Tina Hanks

How many times in our lives have we recognized an impossible "God Wink" and found ourselves in awe of a circumstance completely unanticipated? Well, I have an extraordinary story that has made my experience in our community and my life richer and happier.

I had returned to the States from Saudi Arabia back in 1964, suffering from culture shock, to say the least. While in New York at the time, a close friend invited me to his graduation and the parties surrounding it on Long Island. I remember feeling welcomed but a little overwhelmed by all the new people and celebrations. After the Pomp and Circumstance, I got to participate in a major American rite of passage that involved beaches, parties, and general exuberance, a lovely memory.

Many years later, I met some delightful people on Mount Lemmon including one person who I thought seemed familiar but couldn't quite find in my memory. One day a group of us were down in Tucson going to a museum and that "familiar person" asked me if I was from Arabia!!!! Now I had been on the mountain for years at that point and had known and admired her all during that time. To our amazement the familiarity was from that graduation on Long Island all those years ago! We were at her house and at all those events together. She has also been in Arabia! It's truly a small, beautiful God Wink world.



After all night at the beach, dancing and celebrating!
June 1964

Center row are Tina, on the right and her mountain friend on the left.

Hint: she's still on the mountain!

You Let Us Know!

In the November 2021 Echoes on page 5, the MLHOA Board asked your opinion about an electronic delivery option for the publication. 40 responses were received out of over 230 who receive the Echoes every month. 37.5% of respondents said they would like to continue receiving a paper copy in the mail. 27.5% would prefer to receive it by email, and 35% would like to receive both. Thanks to those of you who replied to the survey. The board decided at this time, due to prohibitive cost of mailing out a vastly reduced number of Echoes and no overwhelming desire to receive an electronic mailing, we will continue publishing only the paper copy for this year. Please keep us updated with your valid mailing address.



Welcome 2022!

by Dan Leade, Capt/A-Shift

It is a new year, and we are happy to reconnect with you in our Echoes newsletter. Last year proved exceptionally difficult for in-person gatherings, much like 2020 was. Because of that we are very thankful to have outlets like the Echoes and Nextdoor to keep our friends and neighbors up-to-date with our fire district and important safety messages.

Since our last Echoes entry, we have added a new fire engine to our fleet. You will see Engine 314 driving around town and the highway as our first due rescue apparatus. Additionally, a much newer, four-wheel drive ambulance will be arriving shortly to replace our aging two-wheel drive version. Successful grant writing has also brought in new tools for fire, rescue, and emergency medical services.

As always, we need to start thinking about Firewise early in the season. Truthfully it should be a year-round activity. Due to the annual increase in fire activity across southern Arizona, and especially within the wildland-urban interface, getting an early start to property clean-up is imperative to successful home defense from impending wildfire. Your MLFD has been working with the United States Forest Service, instrumental in safely burning the slash pile at the fire station helipad. Even though the plan is for quarterly burning of the pile, fire activity and necessary fire restrictions have the potential to affect how many burning sessions might occur annually. This is all the more reason to begin property clean-up earlier in the year as activity and the potential for restrictions increases as we progress towards the spring and summer months. Firewise suggestions, for those who may be unfamiliar or need a refresher, can be found on our website, www.mlfdaz.org. Look for the big red "**Firewise Information**" bar with a **Click Here** direct link to our information. It is no longer necessary to click on Resources first.

With the New Year having arrived, we look forward to visiting with you in person at a much greater frequency than the last few years. Until then we will continue to deliver information wherever and whenever we can. Hope to see you soon!

Dear Homeowners and friends,

The form on the following page is optional; but potentially very helpful. If you choose to fill it out, please leave it on your refrigerator, make blank copies for your long-term tenants to do the same. We care about our community and would like any emergency to go as smoothly as possible for all parties.

Thank you,
Mt. Lemmon Fire Department





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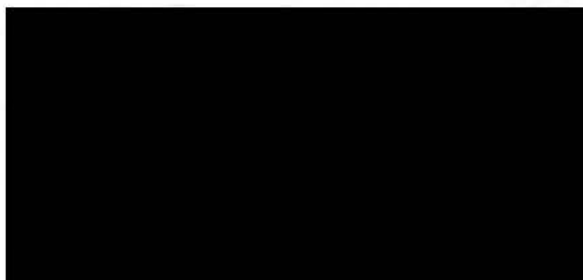
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