

The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

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Sunrise photo by Agnieszka Sloan

Mountain Wonders, the Faul Preservation Area

by Leigh Anne Thrasher and Jasmine

How many times have you wandered past the corner of Carter Canyon and Sabino Canyon Parkway and noticed the lodge rail fence, the gate, and the handsome 2'X10' carved redwood sign with the words "Faul Preservation Area, School of Natural Resources And Environment, The University of Arizona" and had no idea what it meant? After joining the newly commenced Mt. Lemmon Committee for the Faul Preserve, so many questions have been answered for me.

That corner property was once owned by Jim and Mary Faul. The Fails lived and farmed in Coolidge, Arizona, where Mrs. Faul still resides. Jim sadly passed away some time ago, but he lived a long and successful life in Arizona; his family first arriving in 1929. Jim and Mary were both raised to work hard and to share their abundance with others. The couple became extremely civic-minded, and their farming successes led them to become generous donors to the Coolidge community and the University of Arizona.

The Fails were not only generous with their money but with their time and talents. Mr. Faul served on the Pinal County Extension Advisory Board for many years. His involvement on the board and their love of agriculture led the Fails to focus their donations for projects that created "hands-on" experiences for children. They donated and built the "Faul-Ag" building for educational 4-H programs in Maricopa County.

The American farmer has long had a bond with the land and the tools needed to work the land. Mr. Faul loved his farm equipment, especially his 1937 John Deere tractor. Today the tractor is on display in the Faul-Ag building. Mrs. Faul once remarked, "We love to see the kids in action, that's what inspires us. We love to see the sparkling eyes of the children." The Faul's goal in giving was to educate young people, teach them to love the land and provide a hands-on approach to learning. This pattern of giving at the college level continued with their donation to the University of Arizona.

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Photo of Preserve sign by Leigh Anne Thrasher



March



- 15th Submissions due
for April *Echoes*
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 18th Full moon
- 19th Mountain Meetings:
MLWD Board— 8:30 am
MLHOA Board—10:00 am
MLWC — 1 pm at MLCC
- 20th Spring equinox



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site: <http://www.4-hof.com/AZ2017.pdf>

The Faul's cabin was destroyed in the Aspen Fire, and they began looking for other uses for the property. Pima County wanted the property as a turn-around site for shuttle buses. However, some Mt. Lemmon homeowners disagreed, protested, and won. (Google Mt. Lemmon Shuttle). The protest resonated with the Fails, and they later donated the land to the University of Arizona School of Natural Resources. Additionally, the Fails established four scholarship endowments known as "The Mary and Jim Faul Scholarship for 4-H scholars and the Faul College Book Fund Award."

When disaster strikes like the 2003 Aspen and 2020 Bighorn Fires, people may always find hope and beauty in the ashes. Jim and Mary Faul's story is proof that hope and beauty do prevail. Take some time to enjoy the beauty from those ashes in the Faul Preservation Area.



The Faul Preservation Area: A Gem to be Rediscovered

by Christina Grossman, Mount Lemmon Committee for the Faul Preserve chair

Located on the corner of Sabino Canyon Parkway and Carter Canyon Road, this area was donated to the University of Arizona's School of Natural Resources and the Environment (SNRE) by Jim and Mary Faul, who once lived on this property until their cabin burned in the Aspen Fire.

The Mount Lemmon Committee for the Faul Preserve began in August 2021 to bring the preserve back to life and to understand its history and work toward a sustainable future. Our committee is a dynamic group of individuals with diversity in knowledge and experiences, bringing a profound energy of hope for the preserve. Dr. Willem van Leeuwen, new director to SNRE, brings his expertise to oversee the Faul Preservation Area. Through the collaborative efforts between our community and SNRE, we hope you will enjoy some of the changes and life to come to this gem as it's rediscovered by both community and visitors.

First, maintenance will always be something to address. After each winter, we have maintenance for our cabins and property for Firewising. The same goes for the preservation area. As this is a living environment, so will the needs change. We are here to nurture those changes. Members of our community and the Sky Island Kids Club will be helping on April 9th, 2022, with the Annual Spring Cleanup, to show how the Faul Preservation Area will look beautiful again!

Second, you will find posters now in the display cases that were empty for years. The collaboration for the display cases is to share research and insights from SNRE that directly connect us back to our home, the Santa Catalina Mountains, specifically Mt. Lemmon. One of those research posters is from our very own, Dr. Charles van Riper, focusing on the Cordilleran Flycatcher.

Our goal is to have a collection of posters cycled through so information is refreshed and refocused through the changing needs of our Forest Biome, one of seven biomes from the base of the mountain to the Faul Preservation Area. So much to learn over time! Children of our community are encouraged to contribute their own posters for display. Contact Christina Grossman for information.

We are also hoping to have a presentation from SNRE's faculty to share the updated research of the natural life on the Santa Catalina Mountains. Just like a gem in the rough, it takes time and energy to unveil the future of its beauty for all to see and appreciate. If you are interested in becoming a monetary donor or have questions regarding the Faul Preservation Area, contact me at christina@grossman.com. Our committee and SNRE are currently working on various possible developments. Your interest, participation, and cooperation are welcome.

Okay, who's next?

Generally, putting together the Echoes is a very fun way to be involved in the community and not only keep up to date on what's happening, but also help guide our little community forward. With social media and Nextdoor kind of taking over the immediate communications, the Echoes is/needs to be evolving too. We can spend time talking about how it used to be such a great little place to be or we can create that vibe again. I stepped up to edit this mini-magazine because none of the homeowners were willing or able at the time. But this is year three now, and there won't be a year 4 for me. This civil servant has had enough. If no one does step up, then after, what 40+ years?, this publication will cease-I'm not doing it another year. You have several months to step up, step in, get involved. I will joyfully help you get comfortable with this creative task. I look forward to hearing from you! Thanks, Pamela Selby-Harmon selbyharmon@aol.com

Spring Is About to Happen!

by Sally Crum, MLHOA president

Spring is around the corner! I hope you enjoyed the winter weather and the much-needed snow and rain; but I always love spring and more hours of sunlight.

We are also looking forward to seeing more of our friends and neighbors this year at events and activities that are currently being planned. These include Firewise activities, monthly presentations at the MLCC in the summer, a 4th of July parade, Bunko, and of course our Sky Island Kids Club.

Plans are moving forward for a face-to-face Annual Meeting on April 19th at the Viscount Hotel. Last year's Zoom meeting was well accepted and attended, and hopefully we will be seeing you at this year's meeting in person. Details and reservation instructions are included in this edition and will be posted on Nextdoor and our listserv/Google group. For those unable to attend, Matt Grossman will be setting up a livestream.

Welcome to our many new neighbors and members. There are many ways to get involved and get to know your neighbors, and we hope you will become involved and help out in the many opportunities available.

Thank you for your support. If you haven't paid your dues, there is a form available in this issue; please support our local advertisers.

In the words of Benjamin Franklin "Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man."

See you on the mountain and at the Homeowners meeting!

MLHOA ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!

by Anne Skelley, treasurer

We are off to a good start. Thank you to the advertisers and the pile of homeowners who have already paid their dues. Let's see if we can hit 250 paid homeowner memberships by the time the next issue of Echoes goes to press!

Please see the dues coupon in this issue and remit to MLHOA, PO Box 699, Mt. Lemmon AZ 85619. Contact me if you have any questions about your membership: sgca819@gmail.com.

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.

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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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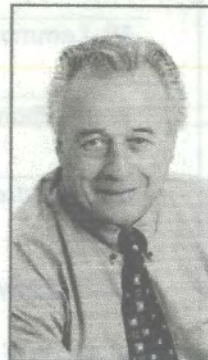


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Firewise Means YOU!!

by Sally Crum, Firewise chair

YES, it is that time of year – time to think about reducing the risk of wildfire. We all loved the abundant rain last year, but it created an increase in hazardous fuels, including dead grasses and weeds. Your Mt. Lemmon Firewise Committee is already hard at work planning projects and events for this year, but YOU will need to do your part!

Be watching for emails and other communications from your Firewise Neighborhood Captains. They have lots of tools and information available for you, including a free Firewise Assessment, with information and tips specific to your property for reducing the risk of wildfire.

Important dates for our Firewise Community:

May 7 - National Community Wildfire Preparedness Day. Begin working now to rake pine needles, clean your gutters, remove hazardous fuels and prepare slash piles for Chipper Day

May 28 - Firewise Education Day, including food, raffles, etc. at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center.

Watch for more details in next month's Echoes and on Nextdoor.

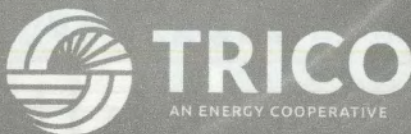
There are many opportunities within our Firewise community. Please consider volunteering to help your neighbors in this critical work. We are currently in need of one or two to help with administrative work, particularly someone familiar with Microsoft Excel. Please contact Sally Crum at sbc602@gmail.com or Dorothy Johnson at spiritdancertrl@gmail.com

IT'S MEETING TIME!

Join us for Trico Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 9, 2022 At Casino del Sol Resort

- Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.
- 8:30–10 a.m. Informational Booths & Workshops
- Meeting starts at 10 a.m.
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What's Up from the MLHOA Board's February 2022 Meeting

by John Osborne, MLHOA secretary

- USFS crews continue erosion control, bad bug treatments, buffelgrass elimination, trail work. In Bear Canyon, FS removing bark beetle infested/dead hazard trees. 15 trees removed; 55 to be removed. FS personnel to inspect all areas for bark beetle infestation. CJ Woodard: bark beetles part of natural environment, active when drought or fire stresses trees. Western states in longest and driest drought ever recorded. Joint Chiefs providing funding to minimize growth of fuels up to 3000 acres in lower mountain elevations. Erosion control ongoing around mountain springs and ranchers' stock tanks. No prediction if or when Stage 2 Fire Restrictions yet. Waiting for human-caused fires level to rise.
Three federal bills are funding fire work. FS focuses on forest fires, not structural fires (no resources or skills to fight structural fires). MLFD in charge of structures. Homeowners not within the MLFD boundaries must pay for MLFD's response to a structural fire. Homeowners on FS leased land outside the MLFD, can pay MLFD periodic subscription rate to spread out expenses of structural fire risk and eliminate threat of huge charge for fighting a homeowner's structural fire. See Joe Gunia's article, "District Boundary Change" on the MLFD.org website for more info.
- Beth Borozan, County Supervisor Steve Christy's office, reported Supervisors approved new precinct "voting centers" to start in 2022. Voting centers permit a voter to vote at any precinct because ballots can be printed on the spot. ML will have a voting center. Also, County approved spending \$30,000 over five years for the MLFD.
- Annual meeting at Viscount Suite April 19, 2022. Masks optional but encouraged. Cost \$40 per person. See info in this Echoes on page 14. July 4 parade will happen live this year.
- Echoes: Search for a new editor continues. Kim McNurlin will assist Pamela and Linda. Please volunteer!
- MLFD Joe Gunia – requests letters of support for grant to remodel obsolete fire station. USDA approved grant application for remodel. Sample letter of support for use by homeowners to come from MLHOA.
- Firewise – Annual community awareness cleanup day **May 7**, homeowners to Firewise properties in April. Slash pile open now. Firewise Committee is considering trailer for pine needle disposal this year so homeowners could leave bags of pine needles on road for pickup. Community Firewise meeting at Community Center on **May 28**.

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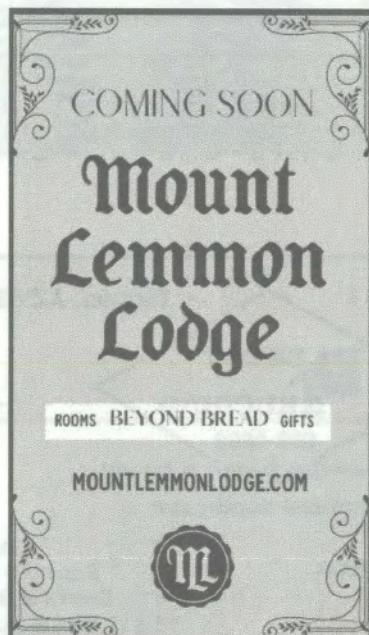


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- **MLWD:** Nathan Davis doing fantastic job, Michael Stanley contributes time through summer as he nears full retirement. Tanks are topped off. The Tucson Avenue project is still scheduled in March. Despite renewed warnings this winter, one homeowner lost 48,500 gallons of stored water by failing to winterize, failing to shut off cabin water, failing to drain cabin pipes to avoid freezing. The pipes froze, broke, and homeowner is paying for lost water.
- **Mt. Lemmon Business Economic Association ("MLBEA")** President Jenni Zimmerman, MLBEA, planning summer events. MLBEA has the use of MLCC third Thursdays of every month. The Lodge still needs letters of support for conditional use permit to allow small neighborhood group gatherings in the Lodge's proposed garden area. Letters should mention that residents can walk or bring ATVs to the Lodge to minimize public parking load.
- **Deputy Sloan, PCSD.** Sloan responded to two house alarms, 8 accidents, and one illegal shooting incident with people from Texas near Palisades, but there have been no burglaries to report. One accident involved a car and bicycle, apparently from road rage, fortunately Sloan caught suspect. Homicide occurred in Molino Basin over the month – detectives now investigating through web cameras in Summerhaven whether anyone associated with the crime was up on top of mountain.
- **Christina Grossman:** Mt. Lemmon Kids Club. Residents, cabin owners with children and grandchildren now spend more time on the mountain and wants input and focuses on outdoor activities, ex. one young man has volunteered to lead nature hike on poisonous plants of the Catalinas. Ideas needed for "teen night" (with adult supervision), create float for the July 4 Parade, amateur astronomers' night, volunteer hours for kids, working on spring trash cleanup and Faul Preserve. Deputy Sloan and Halloween trick or treating. Grandparent John Korhonen offers carnival event for MLFD to teach kids to give back. MLHOA board donated \$200 to the Club.



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Please consider calling ahead, to confirm hours, or check the individual business website.

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

by Imena J. Ezell, MS, Coronado National Forest

During the month of February, the Sabino Recreation area saw an increase in visitors with the various events that took place in Tucson during the month. We are expecting visitation to increase for the month of March as spring break for the surrounding school districts begins. We received over 8,000 comments and 4,200 replies or responses from our interactive public comment map! Thank you so much to all who contributed. We are planning to open Marshall Gulch on March 1st if weather permits.

Danielle Carmon will be acting as the Deputy District Ranger and will start on February 28th. Danielle is a native of New Orleans, LA and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from University of Wisconsin (BA), University of Chicago (MA) and Brown University (MA) specializing history, language, and cultural studies. She began federal service with the National Park as a Tribal Liaison for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. She then joined the Forest Service in 2020 as Tribal Relations Specialist and NEPA Planner for the Prescott National Forest.



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Space Heater Safety

by Dan Leade, Captain/A-Shift

As winter slowly winds down, MLFD traditionally turns its fire prevention educational attention to the inevitable approach of wildfire season. As many of you noticed, the smoke from the Redfield Prescribed Burn in the Galiuro Mountain Range settled into Summerhaven and was visible from Tucson over the Santa Catalina Mountains. Although these burning operations were used for fuels treatment, it certainly is a stark reminder that we reside squarely in the wildland-urban interface and need to remember to Firewise the properties within our community.

But winter has not left us just yet; with lingering cold requiring the ability to heat living spaces. One of the more common appliances to quickly warm a room is a space heater. Space heaters, while efficient, can have deadly consequences when used improperly. Take for example the tragedy that unfolded in the Bronx, NY, on Sunday, January 9, 2022. At least 63 people were injured, 32 critically, and 19 people lost their lives, including 9 children. This gut-wrenching outcome was deemed caused by a malfunctioning space heater. Factors specific to the building also contributed to the significant number of injuries/fatalities.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), "space heaters cause about 1,700 fires a year nationwide; they are the culprits in 81% of fatal house fires caused by heat." This is a staggering statistic. A 2021 NFPA report stated that, "failure to clean equipment was the leading factor contributing to home fires involving heating equipment and accounted for a quarter of all the heating equipment fires." A major factor for this particularly deadly fire was deemed to be the door to the area on fire being left open during evacuation, which added a significant volume of toxic smoke to enter the path of escape for those who were injured by/succumbed to the fire. Please visit <https://closeyourdoor.org/> for more information.

NFPA recommends some safety precautions for space heaters, including:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment.
- Maintain a three-foot kid-free zone around home fireplaces and space heaters.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters, and central heating equipment according to local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys inspected and cleaned every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving a room or going to bed.
- Always use the appropriate type of fuel, as specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters.

If you are interested in additional information on space heaters or the deadly Bronx apartment fire, visit: <https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/space-heater-safety-tips/521-102ddf31-e093-40a7-a787-77d39dace585>

Stay warm and stay safe!

Celebration Time!**MLHOA Annual Dinner**

Tuesday, April 19th – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Viscount Suite Hotel – 4855 East Broadway

Please come and celebrate our getting together after two years of missing out on the most fun event of the year! Look forward to visiting with friends, meeting new ones, and getting caught up on all the mountain news.

Cash bar, cocktails for purchase – 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Buffet dinner served at 7:00

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Rolls

Choice of dessert

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Masks are optional; please wear as desired. Tables of 10 provide for social distancing if you wish.

Questions? Contact Linda Currin lcurren81@gmail.com

Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association Annual Dinner

Names of attendees: _____

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Mount Lemmon Woman's Club by Happy Club Members

Photos by Tami Arthur



A stolen moment after months of caution!



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Help put a local back on the Trico Board!

Mark Kimble, whose cabin is in Lower Soldier Camp, is running for a seat on the Board of Directors for Trico Electric Cooperative. Our community hasn't had a representative on that board since George Davies retired 10 or 15 years ago.

Mark worked for the Tucson Citizen newspaper for 35 years and then as Communications Director for Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and her successor Ron Barber. Since retiring, Mark has been doing a lot of volunteer work and is an appointed member of the Citizens Clean Elections Committee. He is politically independent and strongly committed to the environmental aspects of power generation, transmission, and use. Mark wants to ensure that Trico continues to deliver safe and reliable power to its members while doing so with a strong commitment to the environment.

Anyone who is a Trico member can vote for a board member. There are two ways to vote:

Attend the Trico 2022 Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 9 See Trico's ad on page 7
{But that is also when we are having the Community Clean-up, see the calendar, page 2}

Or **vote online** at www.trico.coop. Voting is open now and will last until the annual meeting begins.

To vote either at the annual meeting or online, you will need your account number, which can be found on your monthly Trico bill and the Zip code for the location where you have Trico service – the Mount Lemmon Zip code is 85619.