

Sunrise photo by Agnieszka Sloan

From the Desk of Steve Christy

Back in 2019, Supervisors voted to create a Pay As You Go (PAYGO) program that banks the slight annual budget surplus to fund capital improvement projects, including road repair and pavement preservation. Earlier this year, we voted to accelerate the road repair program by using Certificates of Participation (low cost, short-term loans, secured by Pima County assets) to increase the miles of roads repaired during Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

We recently received the proposed pavement repair and preservation plan for FY21/22, and I am pleased to report a that number of Summerhaven roads are slated for repair by June 2022:

- N. Ajo Avenue, 951' from Nogales to Loma Linda Ext.
- E. Bisbee Avenue, from Gen. Hitchcock to Loma Linda Ext.
- E. Carter Canyon Road, 435' from Miners Ridge to Sabino Cyn. Park
- N. Casa Grande Avenue, from Nogales to 360' from Nogales/Casa Grande
- E. Florence Street, from Loma Linda to 21' from Tempe
- N. Loma Linda Extension Road, from Gen. Hitchcock to the other end
- N. Middle Sabino Road, from Sabino Cyn Park to Tucson
- N. Middle Sabino Road, from Tucson to Loma Linda Ext.
- E. Nogales Street, from Casa Grande to Ajo
- N. Phoenix Avenue, from Carter Canyon to 968' from Upper Goat Hill
- E. Retreat Road, from Tucson to Ray
- E. Retreat Road, from Sabino Cyn. Park to Tucson
- N. Tempe Avenue, from Florence to 559' from Florence/Tempe
- N. Tucson Avenue, from Retreat to 199' from Retreat/Tucson
- N. Tucson Avenue, from Middle Sabino to 806' from Ray
- E. Upper Goat Hill Road, from Phoenix to 239' from Sabino Cyn. Park
- N. Upper Loma Linda, from Loma Linda Ext. to 1,425' from Loma Linda Ext.

Whew. There's going to be a lot of activity in Summerhaven, between the commercial development and the road repairs. I know the Transportation Department will appreciate your patience with any delays getting around the village.





Community Clean up
Submissions due for May <i>Echoes</i>
Full moon MLWC meeting 1:00 pm
Easter Sunday
Гах Day
HOA Dinner, see pg. 14
Earth Day
MLWD Board meeting 3:30 am

National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, May 7th.

- Clear the pine needles from your roof and gutters as well as close to your cabin.
- Remove hazardous fuels.
- Request a Firewise Assessment from your Neighborhood Captain.
- Provide your Neighborhood Captain with your contact information (see list on page 10)
- Contact Susan Miller-Cochran, by phone at 480-703-4163, or email at miller.cochran@gmail.com, to get help arranging for Scouts to assist in your clean-up.

This is a great time to get outdoors, get to know your neighbors, and...

HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF WILDFIRE!







IMPORTANT MLHOA News for YOU!

by Sally Crum, president

Spring is officially here, and with it some beautiful weather and increased activities. I'm seeing more birds and wildlife returning to the mountain; I am sure many of you are as well.

Our first face-to-face **Annual HOA meeting** since 2019 is only weeks away, at 6:00 pm on **April 19th** at the Viscount Suite Hotel. We have confirmed speakers from the USFS, Pima County Sheriff Nanos, as well as our Pima County Supervisor, Steve Christy. We're looking forward to seeing/meeting our members and new owners and receiving updates from the different agencies. There will be opportunities to win some great raffle prizes! **Reservations MUST be received by April 11th**. No payments will be accepted at the event. Please see the coupon in this issue to send in your reservation and payment (separate from your dues, please).

April is a busy month, as we begin to see more activities on the mountain. April 9th is Community Cleanup Day! Meet at the Community Center at 9:00 AM. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Invite your friends and have a fun time making our village beautiful!

April 30th we'll be pulling Cheatgrass before it goes to seed. While we can't eliminate it, we can work hard to control its spread. We'll be meeting at 8:00, location to be determined. Watch for further details in the near future. Bring your gloves and let's get some friendly competition going for who can pull the most!

April is also the month to begin **Firewising** – see information elsewhere in the Echoes. As I've said before there are many ways and opportunities to get involved - get to know your neighbors and help improve our mountain. And with the Mt. Lemmon Kids Club, the younger generation has opportunities to learn about and help to preserve our neighborhoods as well.

Pamela Selby-Harmon is stepping down from editing The Mt. Lemmon Echoes, and we are looking for that special someone to step up and get involved immediately. Pam, with the help of Linda Currin, will help you get comfortable and learn the ropes, but time is running out! THANK YOU, Pam for all your great work!

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

Are you a Mt. Lemmonite?

Mt. Lemmonite: One who leases, owns, or consistently resides in property on Mount Lemmon.

Want to get linked with community information and activities? Want to prepare your property to prevent damage from fire?

Scan here for the **Mt. Lemmononite Connections** brought to you by your Mt. Lemmon Neighborhood Firewise Captains.

This QR code links you to the form to fill out to get connected to the Firewise community. You can also get there by going to the Fire Department's website, MLFDAZ.org, under Resources - Firewise. This is the clearinghouse for all sorts relevant information on living in the woods. The Mt. Lemmonite Connections is number .7 in the collection of PDFs.



What's Up - MLHOA Board March Meeting

by John Osborne, secretary

- MLHOA annual dinner meeting **April 19** at the Viscount on Broadway. Reservations are \$40/plate. Due no later than **April 11th!** bear point on a substitution of a more and the base of the property of the
- CJ Woodard: Bark beetle infected trees felled in Middle Bear to be removal by commercial contractor over next several weeks. Upper mountain campgrounds including Rose Canyon open on and after April 1, lower mountain campgrounds to close. Trails planning continues further 30-day trails public comment period will occur before preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA").
- Beth Borozan, Pima County's Supervisor Steve Christy's office will address potholes issues on Catalina Highway, particularly around Rose Canyon
- Events: Watch annual meeting on YouTube if you cannot attend. Check MLHOA website for link on day of event.
- Echoes: Two possible candidates for new editor for Echoes. Article writers always encouraged!
- MLBEA Jenni Zimmerman: the Crafts Fair looking for new site as vacant land north of General Store will not be available. Mountain Cleanup Day scheduled for April 9; volunteer to pick up trash! Movie nights will occur at Community Center several times a month beginning June 3.
- Water –Tucson Avenue work proceeds in April with Eiffel Construction. Bulk of the \$93K in hardware for project arrived. Water tanks are full.
- Soldier's Camp Water system should be running by May 1. Michael Singervalt extended public
 thanks to Nate Davis at the MLWD for helping orient Soldier Camp's new water employee.
- MLFD Captain Dan Leade reported calls were down. Ambulance fixed and in service. The "USDA Block grant" moving forward and recently designated as "eligible" for "new" fire station. Congrats to Jacob Jirschele who will retire from MLFD after 20 years of service. Thanks for service, Jacob! Cabin owners: call the MLFD free fire inspections of your properties; no charge, no citations. Call or go on MLFD website to schedule.
- Firewise Sally Crum: Fire Captain and Assessor training is ongoing. Sally emphasized that homeowners must "harden" their structures from wildfire in addition to clearing around their cabins to harden the surroundings. May "chipper day" is going ahead. Cheatgrass eradication day scheduled on April 30 to attack this invasive plant. Remember pull by roots! Sally and Dorothy plan a May 28 lunch to fundraise for Firewise team.
- PCSO Sloan urged everyone to <u>stop feeding turkeys</u>. Use bird feeders; don't spread feed on the ground. No crimes called in of late.
- Communications Matt Grossman Matt has equipment to test your property for T-Mobile tower access, and Matt ordered equipment to test for "Starlink" coverage.
- Mount Lemmon Lodge opening remains scheduled for mid-July.

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

- 1. A Google Group has been set up to provide email updates. To join, send an e-mail to mtlemmonhoa+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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Mount Lemmon Woman's Club News

by Carol Niehoff and Tina Hanks, co-presidents

The Mount Lemmon Woman's Club is entering its most active months as spring begins. Lots of activities with our traditional events with new plans and new plans with traditional events are in the works. In March, the Club was able to hold its first "in person" meeting in a long time. During the pandemic the meetings had to be held via Zoom. Thanks to everyone who attended these and to Dorothy Johnson who provided the expertise for us.

At this months meeting, we will be voting on our new slate of board members. April is awkward since our meeting is scheduled for the Saturday before Easter, the 16th. So if you cannot attend the meeting, please vote buy email; send Carole Niehoff your selections: Niehoff C@aol.com

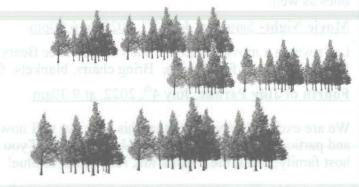
Mount Lemmon Woman's Club nominees for the upcoming term, May 1, 2022 -April 30, 2024:

President - Sandi Triplett; First Vice-President - Luanne Waldron; Second Vice-President - Teresa Wilson; Secretary - Mary Hunter; Treasurer - Karen Burrows

We hope and plan to hold our traditional July Fourth parade "in person" as hasn't been possible for two years. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the virtual parades which helped us continue the tradition, but we'll be happy to return to normal.

Other planned events include Cabin Tours, the Membership Luncheon, a very active Speaker's Program, and guided Wildflower walks. Dates, times, and venues will be announced.







Sky Island Kids Club Events 2022

by Christina Grossman, chair

Welcome Mount Lemmon Families! It is exciting to announce the upcoming Sky Island Events. All events will be outdoors this year. Please feel free to wear a mask at the events. Parents and/or grandparents must be in attendance.

All locations of the following events will be shared via Nextdoor, FB group, and email. If you are not already a member, contact me at christina@grossman.com. Thank you to our sponsors and donors this year in making this possible!

Mt. Lemmon Annual Spring Clean Up - Saturday, April 9th, 2022, at 9:00am - 11:00am

Everyone is to meet at the Mount Lemmon Community Center at 9 am. Jennifer Zimmerman will provide gloves, garbage bags, and masks (first come first serve). The Sky Island Kids Club focus is the Faul Preservation Area and surrounding areas. Certificates for volunteer hours and prizes will be given to Sky Island Kids Club children who are in attendance.

Arizona Game & Fish Event- Saturday, June 11th, 2022, at 10:00am

Learn about wildlife on the mountain! There will be displays and interactive learning from Arizona Game and Fish. We will meet at the Carter Canyon Cabin on the lawn. This is open for all ages. Bring a chair, blanket to sit on, and water.

Poisonous Plant Walk- Saturday, June 12th, 2022, at 10:00am

Caleb Rasor, a fellow Boy Scout and community member, will teach us about the poisonous plants on the mountain. We will meet at the entrance of the Turkey Run trail, at the end of Turkey Run Road. Sunscreen, appropriate clothing, and water are advised. This is open to all ages. The trail is accessible to little ones as well.

Movie Night- Saturday, July 2nd, 2022, at 6:00pm

Let's watch a movie under the stars at the Three Bears Cabin! The movie will be G/PG rating and so much fun! This is open for all ages. Bring chairs, blankets, flashlights, and water. Snacks will be provided.

Fourth of July Parade, July 4th, 2022, at 9:30am

We are excited to announce that this year, we will now have a float! We need everyone to help decorate and participate in the annual 4th of July Parade. If you are interested in volunteering and helping our floathost family, email me. Think fun, red, white, & blue!

Wakin' up with the Bean



Coming this Spring!
To "downtown" Summerhaven

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Mt Lemmon Water District Pipeline Project Begins

by Doug Mance, MLWD board chair

We will begin the Spring season with a pipeline project that has been in the planning stages for more than a year. Like many of our projects, we look for areas of our existing system that are potentially weak, old pipeline areas that can be connected to previously upgraded areas. We replace 30–50-year-old 2" galvanized pipeline with state of the industry 6" ductile iron water line.

The project will connect our current 6" line at the top of Retreat and run north on Tucson Avenue, first uphill and then downhill to another improved line on Goat Hill, just uphill from the Mary Undoer of Knots Church. Our contractor once again will be Eiffel Industries, LLC, the same contractor that connected our water system to the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station and the adjacent USFS helipad a couple of years ago.

Work on the project will take place on four 10-hour days (Monday-Thursday) to minimize resident disruption in the area. All residents to be impacted have been communicated with up to this point in time, and that communication will continue during the 4-6 week estimated project timeline.

Please direct your e-mails and your desire to be on the project mailing list to me at dmancemtlemmon@comcast.net We are always excited to bring improvements (3 new hydrants too!) to our precious Mt. Lemmon community. Happy Spring!

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Middle Sabino	Louise Lynch	
Middle Sabino	John Lynch	
Phoenix	Vonnie Hickman	
Phoenix	Don Hickman	
Phoenix Phoenix	Matthew Grossman	
Sabino Canyon Parkway	Dorothy Johnson	ĺ
Sabino Canyon Parkway	Arthur Torrance	
Soldier Camp	Chuck Huber	
Soldier Camp	Linda Huber	
Tempe	Linda Block	
Tempe	Kenn Block	
Tucson/Goat Hill	Marty Herde	
Tucson/Goat Hill	Patsy Riley	
Tucson/Retreat	Jon Bialis	
Turkey Run	Thomas McNurlin	
Turkey Run	Jenni Zimmerman	ĺ
Upper Loma Linda	Lindy Brigham	ĺ
Upper Loma Linda	Craig Orozco	ĺ
Willow Canyon	Bonnie Corey	
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Faul Preservation Area - Updates on Developments & Donations Needed

by Christina Grossman-chair

The Mount Lemmon Committee for the Faul Preserve is excited to announce possible developments at the Faul Preservation Area in collaboration with the University of Arizona's School of Natural Resources and Development.

From a generous donor in March, funding has been made possible to provide the opportunity to install wildlife cameras, botanical signage, and tree ring displays for the near future. There are also plans for a Ramada; however, additional funding is needed to provide this wonderful resource for those to enjoy the preserve. We are asking for those interested, to either contact me, or to donate using the following link:

https://give.uafoundation.org/faulfund

When making the donation, it is critical to explicitly designate that the donation is going toward "Ramada for Faul Preservation Area".

Donation Steps:

On the website, go to the option that states "I would like to support"

From the dropdown menu, choose "Other"- Please specify.

Under the headline of Additional Information, specify by typing out that the donation is for "Ramada for Faul Preservation Area." This is located under, "If you chose 'Other,' tell us more."

After the donation, send me a courtesy email at christina@grossman.com so that we can thank you for your support!

Information on how to become a donor, or to be part of our committee, will also be made available at the information table at the April 19th MLHOA Dinner. Thank you for your support!

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by Dan Leade, Capt/A-shift

Spring is finally here, and some of the best activities Mount Lemmon has to offer are the sheer numbers and diversity of hiking trails. These trails range in difficulty level from very easy to quite challenging. What all these trails have in common are their stunning views, abundance of wildlife, and a combination of relaxation and exercise that are very rewarding. While hiking does not sound all that dangerous, I can assure you that your Mount Lemmon firefighters and deputies respond to multiple calls for service throughout the year. These calls can be due to accidents or complacency. While accidents are impossible to fully anticipate or mitigate, complacency can be addressed wholly. Here are some tips to get you ready to hike safely.

In order to help hikers enjoy the outdoors and mitigate risk, the National Parks Service lists ten essential health and safety items to consider when planning a hike. These items include navigation, sun protection, insulation, illumination, first aid supplies, a way to start a fire, a repair kit or tools, nutrition, hydration, and an emergency shelter. No list will be all inclusive, and it is impossible to prepare for every possible emergency, but this is a great place to start. In addition, be sure to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Hike with at least one other person. Research the trail and stay on it. Wear proper hiking gear and research the anticipated weather for your hike. For a more detailed explanation on the ten essentials, visit: https://www.nps.gov/articles/10essentials.htm

Additionally, even though it has been almost two summers since the Bighorn Fire, there are still many concerns to consider while enjoying many of the trails on the mountain. Wildfires burning through hiking areas pose unique hazards that may not be found in other areas. These hazards include falling trees/branches, loose soil/rocks, an increased potential for flooding/ rockslides, and trail signage missing or destroyed. Be especially mindful of windy and rainy conditions. Never enter closed areas; they have been determined to be exceptionally unsafe! If you must traverse an area that has been burned over, travel through the area quickly with minimal stopping. Finally, there is always a chance that you may stumble upon an unreported fire in the wilderness. If this happens, quickly move to safety and call 911 to report.

Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Happy Hiking!





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

Choice of salads

Entrees of sliced roast beef au jus and chicken stuffed w/wild rice

New red potatoes

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Rolls

Choice of dessert

Coffee etc.

Introduction of officers, guests, and various dignitaries
Exciting raffle prizes
Summit Award recipient

Due to increased prices we've all experienced these past two years, per person cost for dinner is \$40.00, covering food, tax, and gratuity. MLHOA subsidizes extra costs of this event. Please fill out the form below and remit to MLHOA, PO Box 699, Mt. Lemmon AZ 85619 ASAP. YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION. No payments taken at the door. PLEASE, if you haven't already sent in your dues, we need separate checks. DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR HOMEOWNER DUES WITH YOUR DINNER CHECK!

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

Questions? Contact Linda Currin lcurrin81@gmail.com

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While you're here... Enjoy a safe visit.

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up in the forest, and smoking and campfires are often restricted to certain developed areas. During most of our dry season (~April-July), open fires and charcoal grills are prohibited, and smoking may be only inside your vehicle. The gas grill is always the safest option for a cookout.















Know where to find a fire extinguisher and review how to use it. (Alert host if not found)



It's the little things...It's hardly ever a wall of flame, but most often it's a shower of small windblown embers that causes homes to ignite in a wildfire. Most structures resist those sparks, unless some fuel like a pile of leaves or pine needles provides the tinder to stoke those embers into a small fire up against the building.











So when you leave, please leave safely...

Please remove burnable materials within 5 feet of building.

Combustible goods- brooms, furniture cushions, straw mats, baskets- should be stored indoors. Please keep decks and porches free of pine needles, leaves, firewood or any burnable debris. Please alert your host if there is more debris on or under decks than you can clear yourself.



Please be sure all ashes are out cold

before you leave, and if you dispose of them, then only put ashes in a closed metal container.



Please come back to enjoy the mountain again, and thanks for doing your part to ensure this place is still here when you return!

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Mount Lemmon Woman's Club Special Summer Programs

Robin Kirk is pleased to announce that the Woman's Club is reinstating their Speaker Series and Wildflower hikes this summer, starting in June.

The Wildflower hikes are slow-paced walks around the mountain. The group will meet up at 9:30 in the respective parking areas. You'll want to wear good walking shoes, bring drinking water and a snack, and maybe a flower reference guide.



The Speaker Series usually follows the monthly Woman's Club meetings, the third Saturday of the month. The first three talks will feature David Dean sharing his experiences capturing the wildlife of the Catalinas on video using motion activated cameras. Dean is retired from the Department of Biology at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, where he served 25 years on the faculty. He relocated to Tucson in 2015. He is very active in two volunteer organizations in southern Arizona: the Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists and the Santa Catalina Volunteer Patrol, which supports the Santa Catalina Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest.

Programs are free and open to the public. Presented by the MLWC as a Community Service and Community Outreach. Watch for more specific information in upcoming issues.