

The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

A publication of the Mount Lemmon Homeowner's Association, mtlemmonhoa.org

Sunrise photo by Agnieszka Sloan

Mt. Lemmon Realty Building, Gateway to Summerhaven

Article and photos by Kim McNurlin

This is the second in our series of articles profiling Echoes advertisers.

Mt. Lemmon Realty was founded in 1937 by Tony Zimmerman. The current location offers prime views of Summerhaven. After spending a couple of afternoons in the real estate office, it's easy to see how connected the Zimmerman family is to Mt. Lemmon. Jenni started off cleaning cabins for her mom, while Mom Fran managed numerous rental cabins back in the day. There probably isn't a cabin on the mountain they haven't been inside for one reason or the other! Fran and Bob Zimmerman have cut back on their real estate duties and turned much of the day-to-day responsibilities over to daughter Jenni.

Covid proved very interesting to the real estate market everywhere, but especially for Mt. Lemmon. Prices of properties have increased dramatically in recent years. It's estimated 50 cabins and lots sold in 2020 and another 25 in 2021. That's a lot of new faces on the mountain.

There are many choices when it comes to listing a cabin, but Mt. Lemmon Realty does have features that make it unique to the market. No one knows these dirt roads like the Zimmerman family. Many times, selling a cabin is like selling the "family" home. It's guaranteed that Jenni won't get stuck while out showing a cabin, no matter the road conditions!

When asked what her goal is for advertising in the Echoes, Jenni quickly answered that "working on the mountain is a labor of love." Jenni is involved with the MLHOA board as vice-president, and she's also president of the Mt. Lemmon Small Business Association (MLBEA).

Stopping by Mt. Lemmon Realty is worth the time, even for those who aren't in the market for buying or selling. An amazing assortment of birds hang out waiting for Bob to fill the feeders, and birding visitors to the mountain can be seen with cameras by the MLCC looking for mountain species. The cabin housing the Mt. Lemmon Realty office was built using wood from Grandpa Tony's sawmill. It was a collaboration between Jim Guthrie and Tony Zimmerman and put up in just two months to house incoming Trico employees for the summer...try doing that today!

It's obvious from spending some time with Jenni that she is passionate about selling real estate on Mt. Lemmon and is happy to be tasked with carrying on the legacy that her grandfather Tony Zimmerman started 85 years ago.



Photo by Kim McNurlin

June

- 3rd Movie Night, see pg. 5
- 14th Flag Day
Full Moon
- 15th Submissions due
for July *Echoes*
- 17th Bunko, see back page
- 18th Mountain Meetings
8:30 am -MLWD Board
10:00 am - MLHOA Board
1:00 pm - MLWC Speaker
- 19th Father's Day
Juneteenth (observed on the 20th)
- 22nd Wildflower walk, see pg. 12



The Mount. Lemmon Community Center

is part of Pima County's Natural Resources Parks and Recreation (NRPR) department. The center is located in the heart of Summerhaven. The facility is dependent upon local volunteers to staff and support the visitors center. The mission is to welcome all who visit the facility and to promote Summer-haven, Mt. Lemmon and Pima County, Arizona. To reserve the MLCC, call Kelly Cheeseman, Pima County Parks and Recreation, 520-724-5208, or email Kelly.Cheeseman@pima.gov.



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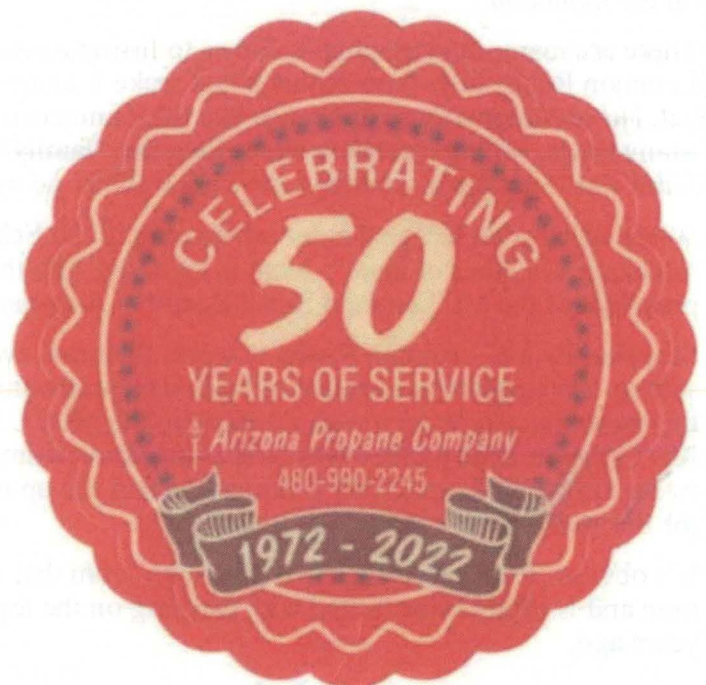
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Important Updates from the USFS

by Imena J. Ezell, MS
Partnership Coordinator/ Visitor Center Manager

Gordon Hirabayashi campground will be closed for the summer starting June 1st. Mexican Spotted Owl breeding is ongoing with the chicks expected to hatch sometime in June. Yellow billed cuckoo breeding season starts June 15th, and several bat species will commence breeding in June as well, with no threatened and endangered species of concern. As of May 25, **Stage 2 fire restrictions** have been put in place signifying the following:

AT ALL TIMES:

Igniting, building, maintaining, or using a fire, including charcoal and briquettes anywhere within the Coronado National Forest, including Developed Recreation Sites IS PROHIBITED. This prohibition also includes smudge pots and wood stoves.

Smoking outside (see Exemptions #3 below).

Blasting, welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame.

FROM 9 AM to 8 PM:

Operating a generator, chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, processing, road building and woodcutting during industrial operations or firewood gathering capable of igniting a fire. (See Exemptions #4 below).

Exemptions during Stage 2:

Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

Using a stove or grill that is solely fueled by pressurized liquid petroleum or pressurized liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels.

Smoking within an enclosed vehicle or building, a Developed Recreation Site, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of any flammable material.

Persons operating generators with an approved spark arresting device in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the generator.

Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.

The Cost of Everything, and the Value of Water

by Doug Mance, MLWD board chair

Welcome to June on the mountain. Hopefully, the above caption has your attention, as summer arrives with the drought conditions, and USFS Stage 2 fire restrictions begin.

Your MLWD is committed to use all revenue sources to improve water quality and distribution system, and address the safety of our customers and mountain visitors. We strive to keep all revenue dollars on the mountain.

Our revenue sources are easy to describe and define. MLWD is primarily funded by taxes on property you own on the mountain. New customers pay for initial service establishment (meters, boxes, and tie-ins to our system). In addition, minimum monthly service and standard per gallon water fees are collected, and when applicable, a tiered excessive water usage per gallon fee is charged.

The tiered excessive water and service establishment fees are two fee structures the MLWD Board will be evaluating and adjusting upward over the course of our summer meetings. All customers are welcome to attend our meetings which occur on the third Saturday of each month from 8:30 AM until 10:00AM at the MLWD office on Sabino Canyon Parkway (Zimmerman School building).

What does this mean for most water customers on the mountain? As a responsible, established water customer, it means no changes at all. Changes would primarily cover costs in initial service establishment or for wasting precious Mt. Lemmon water.



All MLWD customers are encouraged to turn off water when leaving cabins, and if you lend or rent out your cabin, instruct guests and tenants to do the same. **Cabin owners are responsible for any leaks on their side of the meter.** Tiered excessive water rate changes are intended to minimize those water loss situations.

YOUR water district is here for you, our customers. As the well-publicized and obvious Western American drought situation continues, we welcome your input and participation in all decisions made by your board and appreciate your cooperation. Have a wonderful and safe and fire-free summer!



Mount Lemmon Woman's Club, and Our New Construction Crew!

by Carol Niehoff, co-president

After our business meeting on May 21st, the 25 attendees watched and participated in the ritual of installation. Our imaginations were sparked by Jennifer Shacter who assigned special "jobs" to all the new board members. We will ultimately participate in building a strong, active club under the guidance of this new board. Jennifer assigned titles, from General Contractor, to Architect, and then Sub-Contractors along with relevant duties to correspond with each of the titles. Very clever!

Our newly installed board is:

Sandi Triplett, president; Luann Waldron, first vice-president; Teresa Wilson, second vice-president; Mary Hunter, secretary; and Karen Burrows, treasurer.

Please congratulate these honored and capable MLWC members when you see them!



Update from your Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association

by Kim McNurlin, board member

Summer '22 is gearing up to be a busy one for those who are escaping the heat and driving up to Sky Island. This will be the first summer full of activities since BC (Before Covid).

We are starting off with **Movie Night** at the Community center. This will happen the 1st Friday of the month (June-Sept). There will be a double feature with the first showing being family friendly and the 2nd more of an adult feature. Look for more details on Nextdoor and the ML google group.

Bunko will be making its return to the mountain the 3rd Friday of every month (June-Sept).

Get ready for the long-standing tradition of the Mt Lemmon **4th of July Parade** to make its reappearance IN PERSON. This event is sponsored by the Mt Lemmon Woman's Club. See pages 8 and 9 for all the details on how to participate.

The **Pancake Breakfast** sponsored by the MLHOA will be Sept 3rd

Any of these events would be a great time to get out and meet your neighbors. There are great opportunities this summer to meet people who are new to the mountain as well as those who are old timers.

We need people to get involved to keep this community strong. Please enjoy the summer activities and volunteer to help!

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. MLFDZ.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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From the Desk of Supervisor Steve Christy

Well, it's June, and the promised mountain roadwork has not started, much less near its scheduled completion. In May, the District 4 office received a memo from the Transportation Director, via the County Administrator, that stated the following:

"Summerhaven – Bid Opened April 20, 2022, and we received zero bids from contractors. Reasons provided were no capacity to take on additional paving work in FY 22, availability of trucks for asphalt, material plants running nearly at daily capacity, and cement shortage, as well as the inherent fire danger caused by the current dry conditions. We will rebid this package and provide a new completion date of October 1, 2022, allowing the contractor a few weeks after monsoon season to complete all the work."

We know our disappointment is exceeded only by yours. We met with County Administrator Leshner and Carmine DeBonis, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works, to voice our concerns with the management of the Mt. Lemmon road repair program. In essence, they reiterated the paragraph above, several different times and ways. We learned the project's bid window opened again in late May, and the District 4 office will receive bi-monthly progress updates. We shall see.

As I write this, the USFS just declared Stage 2 fire restrictions. Our great Sheriffs' Auxiliary Volunteers and the updated fire safety flyers are ready to go at Milepost 0. (Remember the Short Road short cut!) The Transportation Department will be deploying roadside signage. We have asked the Communications Department to dust off the public service announcement. Additionally, we have worked with the USFS and PCSD to get the electronic sign at the base to flash the Stage 2 fire restrictions message.

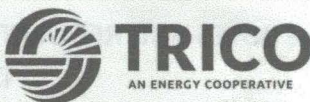
We are washing our cars to make it rain. Hope the clouds gather soon.

THE HEAT IS ON!

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- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher
- Regularly clean or replace your cooling system filters
- Use the cold water setting on your washing machine

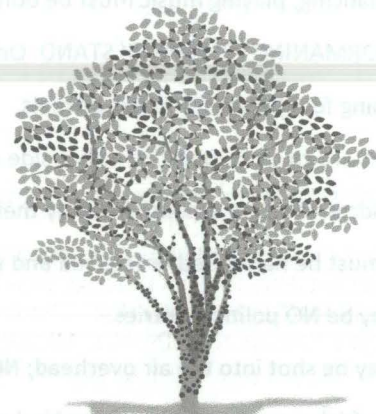
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Mt. Lemmon 4th of July 2022 Parade Rules Regulations Agreement

Time: The Parade starts at 12:00 PM sharp (weather permitting). Please have your entire group present absolutely no later than 11:45 AM. Traffic might be heavy, so remind everyone in your group to arrive early!

Place: At 11:00 AM our Check-In table will be located at Loma Linda Extension /General Hitchcock Highway across from Ski Valley Road. The official Parade Route is on Sabino Canyon Parkway from the Mt. Lemmon Realty driveway to the Mt. Lemmon Water District.

Check-In: Please read, sign and return this form via email (pre-check-in) so you will only need to pick up your Parade Line Up Number on site at the check in desk. If you are unable to pre-register, you or a designated member of your group must sign this form on site. However, you must have previously submitted the registration form providing details of your entry which determine your placement in the line-up.

Staging: You/your group will then be directed to one of the staging areas located along Ski Run Road, Loma Linda Extension, Bisbee Avenue, or General Hitchcock Highway.

Parking: You may park in the staging areas provided that you are well off to the sides of the roadway. You may also park at the end of the Parade Route (Mt. Lemmon Water District) and exit via Middle Sabino Road.

Certificates/Awards: Participation Certificate will be given to each Participating entry at the end of the Parade Route and Award Certificates will be distributed at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center following the Parade.

Water: Bottled water as well as restrooms are located at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center.

PARADE ETIQUETTE

- All efforts must be made to keep the Parade moving at an even pace without gaps causing spectators to believe it has prematurely ended! That requires your undivided attention!
- Singing, dancing, playing music must be done while walking the Parade and maintaining an even pace.
- NO PERFORMING AT JUDGES' STAND: Only pause long enough for the Emcee to announce your group!
- NO stopping for spectators to pet animals.
- Spectators are to sit or stand on either side of Sabino Canyon Parkway.
- Small children must be accompanied by their parents.
- Animals must be harnessed or leashed and with their owners at all times.
- There may be NO political entries.
- Water may be shot into the air overhead; NOT into the crowd. NO WATER CANNONS ARE ALLOWED!
- No candy, frisbees, nor objects of any kind may be thrown into the crowd! Candy, etc. may be passed directly to spectators or at their feet, Do NOT provide any incentive for children to run into the street.
- Parade Participants including children when reaching the end of the Parade Route must NOT turn and walk back through the on-coming Parade! Please have a pre-arranged plan to accompany children and by your example walk behind spectators to return participating children to their parents.

I agree on behalf of myself and my group to respectfully follow the above RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Your name

Group name

Date

MT. LEMMON 47th ANNUAL JULY 4th PARADE

Monday, July 4th, 2022 – 12:00 Noon

OUR 2022 PARADE WILL BE LIVE!

Please complete and return this Registration Form if you wish to participate in the Parade. If you've not done so in the past, we'd love to include your entry this year for our long overdue celebration. "We're BACK!" and can't wait.

Dig out your 4th of July flags, streamers, bunting or whatever you have and create the best entry yet. Brainstorm with your family and come up with your personal tribute to Independence Day 2022. Create an entry that is fun, original and exciting! It's time for your creativity to shine! Get out your drums, horns or even washboards and put together your unique idea of celebrating July 4th. You could feature your own children, grandchildren, relatives, etc. in a kid centered entry they help create. Deck out trikes, bikes and the family dog! What fun for them to remember this special time.

Whatever you do, create an entry our spectators will absolutely love. Start a new tradition or enter once again our treasured 4th of July Parade favorites! You do need to get busy now so you'll have time to submit your entry by **June 13, 2022**.

Please kindly return this form to Susanne Drolet at susannedrolet@gmail.com or PO Box 836 ML, AZ 85619 no later than **June 13 2022**; this will allow sufficient time for entries to be organized, scripts formatted and order of entries finalized. Thank you so much for your cooperation! You certainly may "polish up" details between then and Monday, July 4, 2022.

Title of your entry: _____ Contact Person: _____

Email: _____ Telephone Number(s): _____

Sponsor (Entity/Club/Group/Family) _____

Mailing Address _____

zip _____

The above information is needed in case we need to get in touch with you with questions or last-minute

MT. LEMMON 4TH of JULY PARADE ENTRY DETAILS

Title of your entry _____

Name of your group _____

Number of participants in your group _____

Mode of transportation (Check all that apply)

Walking _____ Walking with donkey(s) _____ Riding a horse _____ Dancing _____ Walking dog(s) _____

Driving a tractor _____ Driving a Car _____ Driving a truck _____ Other: Please Describe _____

If you will be providing your own music: Please Describe _____

Parade Emcee Script

(What do you want the world to know about your entry)

Signature _____

Date _____

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 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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Don't Forget These Special Programs! Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club Speaker Program and Wildflower Walk

by Robin Kirk, coordinator

**Speaker Program will be Saturday, June 18th, 2022, at 1:00 pm at the Community Center
(NO MLWC MEETING)**

Topic: Mammals of the Santa Catalinas

Description: The Santa Catalina Mountains contain a diverse array of animal life. Join Naturalist and camera-trap videographer David F. Dean for an up-close and personal (and sometimes humorous) look into the lives of the fascinating animals who call these mountains home.

Speaker: David Dean retired after having served 25 years on the faculty of the Department of Biology at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. He is very active in the Sabino Volunteer Naturalists and the Santa Catalina Volunteer Patrol. His hobby is capturing wildlife of the Catalinas on video using motion-activated cameras.

Free of Charge. Open to the Public and the Mountain Community.

Wildflower Walks/Hike (Slow Paced Hike)

Wednesday June 22nd, 2022, 9:30 AM. Meet in front of Community Center

Hike: Turkey Run

Leader: David Dean

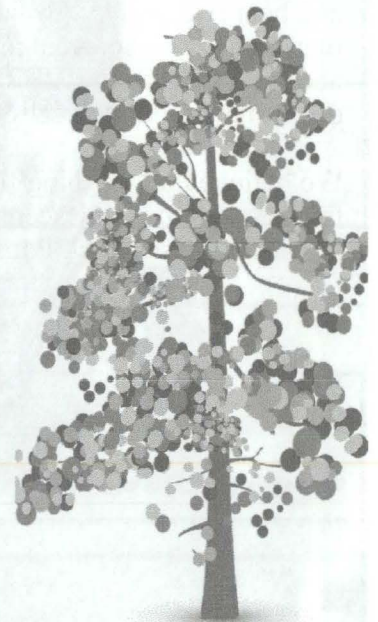
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Sky Island Escape

by Dan Leade, Capt/A-shift

After a strange few years, it has been a very nice change of pace to see so many of you in person. As I write this, we are only one week away from our back-to-Annual Firewise Block Party (although by the time you read this it will have already occurred). This is such a great event for the education, networking, and catching up with friends. The Mount Lemmon Fire District has always contributed to the block party by providing some informal fire and life safety education and games but beginning this year, we have formalized the process. With the invaluable direction and assistance of Laura Gunia, Christina Grossman with the Sky Island Kids Club, and Diana Osborne, not only do we anticipate this program to be a success, but we hope to feature continued lessons annually for youth fire safety.

Since we are aware that not everyone may be able to attend or may be participating in other activities at the event, and knowing that many of you have children or grandchildren, it seems prudent to make the information from our presentation available to all. We will be providing age-specific fire safety messages such as: Stop Drop & Roll, having an Escape Plan, and basic campfire safety. While all of these are important, for the purpose of this article, we will be highlighting having an escape plan. This is because, for many of you, your cabin is a gathering place that children/grandchildren may be less familiar with, and under the duress of a stressful situation, they may become more easily disoriented than in a place more familiar to them. This makes having an escape plan critical in the event of an emergency.

When a smoke detector goes off, assume that there is a fire near your location. Follow the steps and await an adult to confirm that no fire is present. Begin by getting on your hands and feet and stay low. Smoke and heat rise, so get low and stay low. Feel the door (back of hand) to see if it is hot. A hot door means there is something even hotter on the other side. Use the back of your hand to not burn the part of your hand needed to escape. NEVER go back inside once out! Go to a meeting place to await a parent/guardian/fire department, and then call 911.

We believe that teaching fire safety at a young age is crucial to fire safety-conscious children growing into fire-responsible adolescents and adults. We are extremely grateful to everyone who had a hand in putting on the Firewise Block Party to provide us a forum to deliver our message!

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Your Firewise Efforts Pay Off and Are Appreciated!

by Sally Crum, Firewise chair

Firewise efforts continued through May with lots of our cabin owners either doing the work themselves, or getting help from Scout troops, friends, or many of our Firewise providers (located at: MLFDAZ.org, Resources, Firewise). GREAT JOB!

Pima County Board of Supervisors declared May 7th, as Wildfire Community Preparedness Day in Pima County. This is a day set aside nationally for communities to work together to "Reduce the Risk of Wildfire." **Thank you to the Mt. Lemmon Cookie Cabin** that provided cookies which were distributed to many of you out working that day. While we were cautiously optimistic that our chipper crews would arrive the week of the 9th, unfortunately they were called to respond to wildfires. The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club is standing by to provide lunch for the crew when they return to chip our slash piles.

Previously, on April 30th, a group from the Sky Island Kids Club, Mt. Lemmon Firewise team members, Mt. Lemmon Fire Dept, and other volunteers worked on removing cheatgrass. Thank you to the **Mt. Lemmon General Store** for providing coffee and fudge to the hardworking group!

By the time you receive this, our annual Firewise Event will be behind us. Great information, food and raffle prizes were part of this event. THANK YOU to Loma Sabino HOA, the Sawmill Restaurant, local businesses, Mt Lemmon Woman's Club, the Ragel and Mance families, Henry Johnson, Linda Currin, Linda Mulay, Rose Mary Hinsch, Beth Borozan, and others who donated food, prizes and time to make the event a great success. Christina Grossman and Laura Gunia created and supervised a program for children on behalf of the Sky Island Kids Club. On Mt. Lemmon, it is always apparent that "It Takes A Village," and I am ever grateful for ours.

While you have all worked hard this Firewise season, PLEASE continue to be vigilant in removing hazardous fuels from around your homes and creating defensible space.

As a reminder, there are MANY resources available to you on the Mt. Lemmon Fire District webpage, under "Resources – Firewise" including the Mt. Lemmonite Connections Flyer, which allows you to provide contact information for our Firewise Neighborhood Captains, as well as other Mt. Lemmon organizations if you wish.

Be safe and Firewise, and here's to a robust monsoon!



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A little note about *The Echoes*

By Pamela Selby-Harmon

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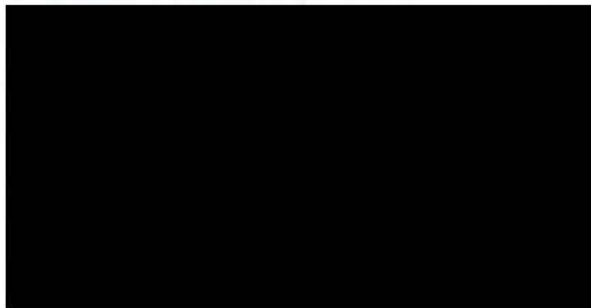
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