



SmokeSignals

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Gary Keiser

November 12 is the deadline for removing RVs and camping equipment for the winter. However, with the record snowfall in mid-September and the recent cold temperatures, winter may arrive much sooner.

The results from the Hazel Lake water retention study were not good. The leakage this summer exceeded last year, so our sealing and patching work has done no good. The committee is considering whether to recommend another round of sealing or to consider other options.

The noxious weed program at Arrowhead has consisted of volunteers spraying thistles along the roads and encouraging owners to control noxious weeds on their properties. Additionally, this summer volunteers pulled over 50 bags of chamomile and oxeye daisies from common land, the Inn, and the corrals. These efforts have certainly helped, but the wet summer has led to significant expansion of thistles on common areas. A committee has been formed to address the problem, and a new plan to control noxious weeds will be developed for next year.

Hunting season is here with bow and black powder seasons already over and the first rifle season beginning October 14. Remember that there is no hunting allowed anywhere within Arrowhead. Security personnel will be working expanded hours to patrol the roads, particularly looking for vehicles without Arrowhead stickers. Be careful out there.

A new owner is now updating and managing our website. We plan to post more helpful, interesting information and keep it current. If you haven't checked recently, take a look at www.arrowhead1.org.

Fire Department News

Fire Chief's Letter

Ron Benson

By now you should have received a ballot to cast your vote on the issue of a special fire district at Arrowhead. The benefits are eligibility for grants, tax deductibility of donations, tax revenues of at least \$38,000 annually to the Arrowhead Fire Dept, and savings of about \$15,000 to AIA. The cost to form the district will be about \$15,000 in legal fees, a committee to manage the process, and volunteers to serve on a 5 person Board to oversee the district. Along with the AIA Board, the fire dept encourages residents to approve this important issue for the long term benefit of Arrowhead.

The Firehouse Command has been working with Gunnison Emergency Services (ES) to upgrade our evacuation and notification protocols. In 2002, Gunnison ES initiated a reverse 911 system that could dial any phone number or groups of phone numbers to notify residents of an emergency situation. The cost for Arrowhead to participate was very expensive then due to startup costs of new hardware, software and training. However, these costs have been paid out and the service is now available to Arrowhead at no cost. There is a cost to dial out 911 on each phone account of \$1 monthly, a small price to pay to reach EMS in an emergency. Note that reverse 911 does not work on cell phones. If you choose not have a phone, you are effectively out of contact in the case of an emergency.

Amerigas of Montrose gave a very informative talk on propane tanks, covering installation, operation, and fire fighting techniques. This is a topic that will be repeated in the spring, and I would encourage homeowners to attend. Improper gas plumbing or tank spacing could create a dangerous situation in the event of a fire.

I hope everyone has noticed the great job of landscaping at the firehouse that Dee Sedgwick, Will Hobson, and the landscape committee has done. More dirt and trees are planned for the spring.



Board Reports

DESIGN REVIEW

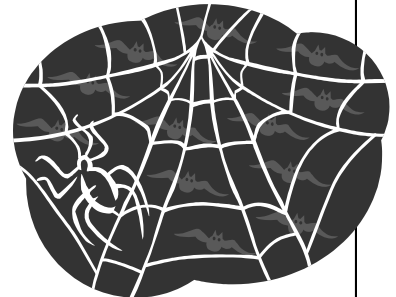
Gary Keiser

This has been a very busy construction year. As a result, the filing roads have taken a beating from both contractor traffic and utility installation. The Design Review Committee is recommending a new design review fee structure which will consider the impact on roads and common areas as well as the approval effort. The changes will be addressed at the October board meeting.

All owners with a driveway should have received a letter about their existing sign or lack thereof. The response thus far has been very positive, and there are many attractive new signs already installed.

Joe Reitz will be retiring as design review manager at the end of this year. Joe has done a great job, and he will be hard to replace. The opening was announced at the August meeting, and two applicants were considered. The board has selected Leonard Wasilewski to succeed Joe effective January 1.

Web News . . . arrowhead1.org Our new webmaster, Robb Pennie, has been working hard to get our Web site up and running again. He has added new links to weather and road conditions, and hopes to have an Arrowhead webcam in place before the end of the year. We have decided to change the site's Web address to www.arrowhead1.org to better represent ourselves as a non-profit organization on the web. Please note this change for your next visit to our site. Please be patient with other issues that may come up during the Web site remodeling process, as well--thank you.



Robb is looking for photos taken in and around Arrowhead for use on the site, as well as in an online photo gallery. So, dig through your digi pics and find that special shot of nature, activities, animals etc. and send it to aia@arrowhead1.com. In the subject line, please put web pictures. Write a brief description of the subject and, of course, include your name with it.

We are looking forward to continuing to provide our owners with an informative and interesting website.

Board Reports

Security Notes

Lindy Lindner

Imagine my surprise when we returned to Arrowhead September 23 and were driving in nearly a foot of snow! I guess ole Mom Nature is reminding us that our beautiful summer is about to end and winter is on the way.

Speaking of snow, Joanie, Will and Eric are working on getting the winter parking lot set up. There will be some changes this year in the location of box trailers, tip trailers and weekend trailer parking. Please contact Security if you are planning to park any kind of trailer so we can plan for space. Also, if you need a diesel parking space, Security is taking reservations now. There are a limited number of diesel plug-ins, so reserve your spot as soon as possible. The fee for the winter is \$50 for trailers and \$100 for diesel parking. The parking lot will be ready for winter vehicles after October 15. Any vehicle, snowmobile or trailer parked in the winter lot needs a blue, numbered sticker. Contact Security to get a new sticker.

Unfortunately, Reinie Masanetz, has resigned his position on the security team due to health concerns. May thanks to Reinie for his hard work this past year. Anyone interested in applying for this security position, please call the AIA office for an application. We would like to fill this position as soon as possible.



Heavy Equipment

Don Beach

Preparations are underway for the coming winter. Will and his helpers have been working on the parking lot as well as getting the rough stretches of the filing roads graded. The county has also graded the Alpine and it is good condition as of this writing. All of the equipment has been serviced and we are ready for the snow to fly (just not too soon though)!

We are in the planning phase for a toilet facility in the parking lot to be located near the present package/warming shed. We are investigating the use of a composting toilet unit and/or any other "Green" solutions for this project. There have been suggestions for using solar energy to power the toilet unit along with the light and heat for the facility. Nothing has been decided, and we invite your suggestions and comments as always.

Community News

POSTAL NOTES – A PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE

The staff at your Cimarron post office hope that your summer has been enjoyable and safe.

Please note an error in our phone number published in the June Smoke Signals. The number in which we may be reached is 252-8366. If we can't be contacted immediately you can leave a message and we will return your call promptly.

With fall quickly approaching, it's not too early to consider "**Mail Forwarding Orders**".

If you plan on returning to your primary address away from Arrowhead, please confirm the date you established your forwarding order to end. If you are a resident at Arrowhead and "snowbird" to a temporary address elsewhere, please come by and fill out a form PS 3546 or go on-line at usps.com.

Please confirm the accuracy of your address; an error will defeat the forwarding system.

RE: MAIL BOX RECEPTACLES AT THE ALPINE ROAD ENTRANCE

Mail is delivered to these boxes three times weekly, along with restricted size packages. Do to limitations, local policy has been established for eligibility of these boxes. First and foremost a patron must have a year-round livable structure at Arrowhead. Part time residences will be encouraged to establish a box at the post office. Security of the Alpine boxes is not guaranteed by USPS.

A reminder that if your primary residency is not Arrowhead and you receive regular mail at another address without charge, there is a box rental fee (minimal) that you must remit to maintain a secondary temporary postal box at the Cimarron office. Mail received at the post office without a viable receptacle will be returned to sender.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Lindy Lindner

Ralph and Shirley Ambruster were looking for a place to retire and realize their dream of living in the mountains. They discovered Arrowhead when an old friend just insisted they look at Arrowhead. Like so many of us, one look was all they needed to fall in love with Arrowhead.

They spent much of last year building their new home and moved in this spring.

The Ambrusters wasted no time in becoming involved in the community. Shirley was instrumental in organizing the Arrowhead Book Club and participates in many community activities. Ralph will be taking a seat on the Board of Directors in January.

Shirley is an avid reader, loves to walk and now that their home is finished, wants to get back to learning to quilt.

Ralph still works for Apple Computer and works at home when he's not "commuting" to the east coast. His main hobby is living on the mountain. Ralph says he loves the community and the people at Arrowhead and wanted to be a part of helping to guide Arrowhead through the changes it faces as we grow. "Nothing is so consistent as change and I hope I can help our community grow so it meets the needs of all the owners."



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