



PRESIDENT'S LETTER Kathy Leary

As one year closes and another begins it signals a time for reflection, gratitude, anticipation and rejuvenation.

As to reflection and gratitude:

A huge thank you to Ralph Ambruster for assembling a crack road team. The improvements on the Alpine and the filing roads are a welcome addition to the Arrowhead quality of life. Speaking of quality of life, by the time the community receives this newsletter, the parking lot bathroom should be operational. Kudos, Ralph! Ralph has also put together an active long range planning committee.

As a new board member, Sondra Clifton handled her Maintenance and Improvements responsibilities with great commitment. Clean-up day was a fine success, and the thistle is disappearing at a great rate. Sondra conducted the procedures for the John Krall award which ran very smoothly.

Rich Ostrom has been charged with the very difficult position of Design Review Committee liaison. Because of the variety of issues and potential community impacts this is a huge responsibility. Rich is also pursuing the future of the stump dump, another major concern for our community. A lot of weight on one set of shoulders.

To me, the unsung hero of the board is Paul McDermott. As treasurer, Paul has done an amazing job of keeping our finances on the straight and narrow. He works with Dave Tobler to keep the office running smoothly and coordinates with the fire district on behalf of the board. Paul has expertise in a variety of areas which he unselfishly shares with the board and the community.

Randy Touslee has done an excellent job of stepping into the role of board secretary. He has provided accurate and timely minutes for the board meetings and is tackling the challenging task of conducting the first board election in a number of years. He and his committee have performed admirably.

I would be seriously remiss if I neglected to mention the huge contributions of Bruce Saunders. Bruce is stepping down after many years of dedicated service to the Arrowhead community. He worked tirelessly to develop a vision for the future of Arrowhead. This vision now forms the basis for the long range planning committee's activities. Yes, we needed an entire committee to replace Bruce. We shall all miss your expertise and tireless dedication.

As to anticipation and rejuvenation:



I anticipate challenges in the New Year, but then, what would a new year be without challenges? The board will face them with resolve, patience and care for the Arrowhead community. We will be rejuvenated by at least one new board member and look forward to that with great anticipation.

Finally, on behalf of the board, I thank all of you for your support over the past year. We look forward to its continuation in the New Year. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

Fire Department News

Fire Chief's Letter

Kevin Stilley

Even though it is almost Christmas now, I am writing this letter Thanksgiving week. The fire department has a lot to be thankful for this year.

First, we continue to constantly train. Our training includes fire, medical first response, Base, and search and rescue. I thank our entire team for keeping the training up. We all know we will use the training some day and this year we were tested in a variety of ways. We've had quite a few medical calls including a snowmobile injury and dirt bike injury, both of which were up country; diabetic shock, power tool injury, falling off a ladder injury, as well as a patient with a heart attack who was airlifted out. The fire department also came together with Gunnison and the US Forest service to fight a wild land fire a few miles away. With the above mentioned calls I believe the fire department lived up to the challenges presented.

We continue to make Arrowhead a safer community. We've bought, and placed, four AEDs throughout the community. Training the residences how to use the AEDs will be a continuous process. We're constantly upgrading our medical equipment. We've also just bought a new 4 stroke snowmobile. The new snowmobile will be a vast improvement while pulling our patients on the ambulance sled. The old two stroke snowmobile's exhaust was too much to expect a patient to arrive without dreams of becoming asphyxiated. We've also sold the ladder truck. This was a good fire truck, but not completely practical for up here as it was too long to make it very maneuverable on our filing roads.

Plans for 2009 include, but are not limited to, improving communications and replacing the ladder truck with another truck that is more practical for our situation up here. More AEDs will be set up around Arrowhead. Then of course we will have our winter and summer firefighter games, snowshoe golf tournament, the 4th of July picnic, merchandise and bake sales.

I mentioned that we bought a 4 stroke snowmobile to replace one of our current 2 stroke machines. We must now sell the two stroke. We are accepting bids until January 2nd. If you want to bid on the snowmobile please send to Bob Rosenbaum, your maximum bid, along with your name, address and phone number in a sealed envelope. The envelopes will be opened on January 2nd at 4 pm. The snowmobile is a 1996 Arctic Cat 550 extra wide and long track. It is a 2 up with a winch in the back. While this snowmobile is designed to be a work machine, it would also make a good snowmobile to shuttle to and from the winter parking lot. Book value of the machine is over \$1,100. Bids, with a minimum of \$500, can be mailed to Bob at 636 Columbine Drive, Cimarron, CO 81220. If you have any questions you can email me at thestilleys@msn.com. I ask that you put 'snowmobile' in the subject line, otherwise I might not recognize the sender and delete the message before opening it. Good luck bidding.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Board Reports

Road and Heavy Equipment Report

Ralph Ambruster

Arrowhead Infrastructure Report

Coming soon to a parking lot near you! Yes ladies, and some of you guys, the new parking lot bathroom/with urinal, will be open in early December. It is located in the SE corner of the equipment shed. It is for the exclusive use of Arrowhead property owners and their guests. It will have a cipher lock on the door and Arrowhead security will have the combination.

PLEASE help us to keep it clean. We are working on a plan to have it cleaned on a weekly basis but need your co-operation keeping it tidy and ready for the next user.



In conjunction with the installation of the new BR facility, we have moved the trash compactor back on a new pad. Additional motion sensor lights have been installed for the safety of our residents. The new trailer dumpsite is installed to the East of the equipment shed and will have proper signage installed in time for spring use.

As I mentioned last month we are ready for winter. One new development is that Ron Benson has kindly volunteered to provide oversight and scheduling for grooming of the filing road-snow mobile trails. He will also take the needs of the Arrowhead Fire Department for emergency use into consideration as he makes his decisions. Additionally he will make sure we have cross-country ski trails groomed and maintained.



We have installed more diesel parking. Hopefully this will meet our needs this year and next. The future planning committee is addressing additional parking lot needs to accommodate our growth.

We have already seen Will Hobson out at 0-Dark-30 plowing the Alpine during our first big snow. Thanks Will! And.... For all the early mornings in the future!

Thanks again to Rich Leary for a great job of coordinating with the County and Forest Service. Rich we have all noticed great improvements in these areas. **YOU ARE APPRECIATED!**

By the way, that gravel you see on Beaver Slide didn't grow there. Oscar Ratliff volunteers his time and truck to make this happen after work on his way home. Next time you see Oscar, let him know how much you appreciate his service.

Please let me know if have any concerns or suggestions.

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Board Reports

SECURITY REPORT

With the closing of the filing roads imminent, it seems appropriate to publish some winter security reminders. These reminders are for the safety of all Arrowhead residents and our guests.

DO move your snowmobiles down to the parking lot if you think there is any chance you will be visiting during the winter or arrange to have friends meet you at the parking lot with theirs. **Security does not provide a shuttle service. Security does not dig out snowmobiles that are buried in a garage because the owners didn't think ahead.**

DO stay on the filing roads and marked snowmobile trails. This is for the safety of all of us but especially those who are not very familiar with Arrowhead and could become badly disoriented if they find themselves off the regular trail system. If you want a more adventurous outing go up-country. We now have our own snowmobile club who has worked very hard to provide us with an excellent up-country experience.

DO clearly mark a snowmobile route around your Arrowhead residence. This enables security to clear a path that will allow them to best maintain the security of your home without endangering themselves.

DO exercise good judgment. If you are a novice snowmobiler **do not** go out if conditions are difficult or there is a good chance they will become so.

DO equip your snowmobile with emergency equipment. Bad things happen to good people no matter how experienced they are. If you have questions about how to do this contact Eric Johnson, Star Misner, Lucia LeBon or Mary Cockes of the snowmobile club or security.

DO ensure that **all** of your vehicles/equipment have the appropriate registrations and stickers.

DO make sure that, if you are going out, on or off the mountain, that somebody knows where you are going and an approximate return time.

DO report any suspicious behavior to security **immediately**. Security will do its best to respond in a timely manner. That allows them to better respond to incidents and ensure the safety of our residents.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOURSELVES AND YOUR GUESTS. PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR GUESTS UNDERSTAND ARROWHEAD RULES. THEY ARE BOUND BY THEM REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE HERE WITH YOU OR ON THEIR OWN.

Here's wishing the Arrowhead community a safe and enjoyable winter.



Board Reports



DESIGN REVIEW

Joyce Boulter, manager

This has been a light year for construction at Arrowhead. There were two houses approved this year. One is dried in and the other has foundation only. Ten sheds were built, two garages and five deck repairs or modifications. There were six driveway walk-ins.

In the last Smoke Signals, there was an article describing the Systems Built construction. Design Review has determined that it would take a Covenant change to allow this construction and we are not going to ask for that change as of now. We put out the information to get input on the construction technique. The input although from only a few people was mostly negative.

Design Review will be quiet till after January 2009. I have promise of one or two houses and several new owners will need driveway walk-ins. For people that are planning work in the spring, I try to make sure that owners understand spring on the mountain is usually sometime after Memorial Day or into June. We need the ground to dry out before heavy equipment starts to move in.

Reminders include:

1. Rock collections along drive ways should be at least ten feet back from filing road and not more than 12 inches high.
2. Signs should be placed at the drive entrance and should be no larger than 12 inches by 24 inches or 19 inches in diameter. Signs should include the address number. They may include the name and road, and should be at least 4 ft high, to be seen over average snow level.
3. Defensible space for new cabins and forest mitigation for new lots should be completed in one year for defensible space and two years for mitigation and reported to design review. These plans can be obtained from Bob Rosenbaum (862-8241) or design review(862-8449).

Fire Protection District

Bob Rosenbaum, President

The budget for 2009 was adopted on November 21st, as was the mill levy resolution. The mill levy will be 4.518, the same as that of the Gunnison Fire Protection District.

The next regular business meeting will be on Friday January 9, 2009 at 1:00 at the firehouse.



Community News



PARADE OF LIGHTS

The parade of lights will be held December 23rd. Please meet at the Firehouse at 5:30 . Hot Chocolate will be provided afterwards. People attending are invited to bring snacks, cookies etc. to share. Please let Joanie (862-8415) know soon if you are lighting up your house and would like to be in the parade of lights.

So everyone bundle up and join in the fun
as we tour the lights of Arrowhead on snowmobiles.

Arrowhead Snowmobile Club

Take a look at the Arrowhead Snowmobile Club logo. Isn't it sharp! Thank you Stella Martin for the great design. Stella kept the lines simple and clean so we can eventually use it in various ways...patches, stickers, t-shirts, etc.

We are up to 75 memberships! Quite impressive for a new Club! Thanks to each of you for your support! Awesome!

We had a big turn out for the Thursday night Club meeting. What an enthusiastic group! It is going to be a fun snow season here on the mountain. Thank you for signing up for the various committees that are needed. We want to be certain to be in compliance with our Operational Plan and our Grooming obligations.



The Arrowhead Snowmobile Club and the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department Search and Rescue provided a Snowmobile Safety Course, Saturday, December 13th, at 10:00 AM. The course presented by several members of the Grand Junction Snowskippers Snowmobile Club and was held at the AVFD Firehouse. Everyone was invited to attend...members and non-members.

If you want to know more about Arrowhead, photos of the area can be found on www.arrowhead1.org . Accommodations available in the area can be found at www.arrowheadinn.net. If you have any questions about snowmobiling the Alpine Plateau Trail, snow conditions, or just want to know more about the Arrowhead Snowmobile Club, call Eric Johnson, Club President, or e-mail him at ericandstar@msn.com.

Our USFS Trails Manager is meeting with our Club President and Vice President to go over trail signing and grooming guidelines. We are still dotting our "i"s and crossing our "t"s but, if that's what it takes to make this Club a success we are up to the challenge.

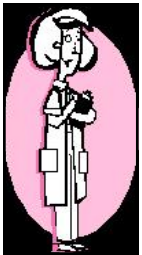
Let's think snow!

Mary Cockes—Memberships ravenspl@fone.net 970-862-8217

Community News



Notice: The Arrowhead filing roads are closed as of December 3, 2008



Health on the Mountain Joyce Boulter

The roads will close any day, but today is beautiful. There is a blue sky and the sun is out, after a 12-inch snowfall. The new AED's are all in place and ready for the winter. There is one at Crest and Deer Trail, Crest at the Beaches drive (near Crest and Rim), the pump house on Spruce and one in the warming hut at the winter parking lot. We would like for everyone to know the procedure for using an AED. Wendy Masanetz (862-8362) has a video and will be conducting classes in the use of the AED. If you are alone with the person having a heart problem, call 911. The Gunnison dispatch operator will start the process of sending an ambulance, and then call the Arrowhead first responders team. The dispatch operator will remain on the phone to assist you until help arrives. A member of the first responder team will get the AED. **Never leave the person alone to get the AED.** If the victim is not breathing and has no pulse, CPR is indicated if you have had training in CPR. The major symptoms of a heart attack include:

1. Squeezing pain, pressure or fullness in the chest that lasts more than a few minutes.
2. Pain that radiates to shoulders, neck, back, and arms.
3. Dizziness, fainting, sweating, clammy skin, nausea or shortness of breath.

Last article I discussed these heart attack symptoms. Symptoms of a stroke are different than heart attack. The symptoms of a stroke include:

1. Sudden, severe headache
2. Sudden, trouble with vision in one or both eyes
3. Sudden, trouble walking, loss of balance or coordination.
4. Sudden, confusion, or trouble speaking or understanding.
5. Sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm, or leg especially on one side of the body.

If you notice one or more of these symptoms, call 911. Those of us living on the mountain and all others should be prepared for emergencies. Keep a list of family emergency numbers, find your nearest hospitals and have a list of your current medications. There is a form for Arrowhead residents to list medications and medical problems, and this form should be on your refrigerator. If you have a cell phone, program your family telephone numbers or important contacts into your cell contacts, under the heading ICE (in case of emergency). EMT's and paramedics are trained to look in cell phones for these numbers. Have a safe and secure winter and enjoy the snow.





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FOR SALE: Allen C2a organ, two-manual, 32-note pedalboard, self-contained with external speaker capability. Compact size with big organ sound.

Winter is almost here meaning many hours tucked into our cabins, warm and cozy. and perhaps bored? Here's a suggestion: Turn off the TV and play, or learn to play, the organ. If you already know how to play the piano, you are practically home free. All you need to do is get your feet working with your hands.

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Masquerade!

The Inn at Arrowhead's New Year's Eve Masked Ball!

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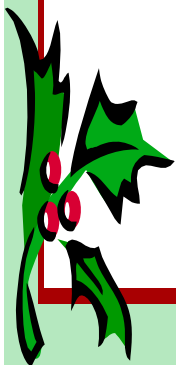
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Kevin and Danny

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Bill and Joey

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