

# Smoke Signals



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August, 2009

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER Paul McDermott**

It is summer at Arrowhead, and we are seeing many of our part time neighbors returning to enjoy summer on the mountain.

From the looks of the Stump Dump, there are a lot of property owners working to develop defensible space and fire mitigation. Our mitigation contractor has completed over 20 acres of commons mitigation on the perimeter of the subdivision. Speaking of mitigation and defensible space, there are a couple of reminders the board would like to make. There have been several incidents this summer with property owners, or contractors working for property owners, who have cleared forest debris from an individual's lot, and piled the debris on commons or next to the road. This is not appropriate. The debris must be hauled to the Stump Dump. Also, remember our Covenants and Regulations do not allow cutting any live tree larger than two inches in diameter without approval of the Design Review Committee or the Forest Manager.

On another note, this summer both Security and Board Members have been receiving more and more complaints concerning driving within the subdivision. Most complaints seem to be concerning speed, lack of courtesy, and driving off the subdivision roads, and the offenders are not limited to young people. Older drivers are generating their share of the complaints.

The Covenants and Regulations clearly state that the speed limit within the subdivision is 20 miles per hour, and that motor vehicles may only be driven on designated subdivision roads. It is the responsibility of property owners to set an example for their children and guests. These regulations must be observed. Our Security Officers try to document when complaints are received and follow up with contact to the responsible property owner if identification can be made. In most cases, the property owner acknowledges a complaint, and makes an effort to resolve the problem. Unfortunately, there are a few owners who don't seem to understand that they have a responsibility to themselves, their children and guests, and to the community. It is these very few who are causing the Board to consider having to implement regulations which will significantly impact all drivers, and take away some of the pleasures we have come to enjoy as a community.

I spent 34 years in emergency services. On one occasion, my ambulance was dispatched to a car-motorcycle accident in a residential area. A motorcycle rider had been riding on a private driveway, was going too fast when he reached the public street, and ran into the path of a car. When we arrived, the motorcycle driver's mother was screaming at the driver of the car which had hit her son, blaming the car's driver for the accident. Later, at the hospital, the mother admitted to the doctors that she was in the house fixing dinner and thought her son "knew better". The six year old motorcycle rider suffered severe injuries which left him with permanent disabilities. Parents, please, don't let this story be repeated at Arrowhead.

Be careful, be safe, and enjoy the summer.

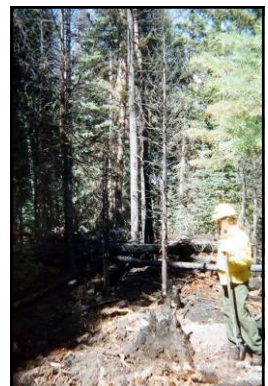
# Fire Department News

## Fire Chief's Letter Kevin Stilley



The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was another good time with a few new changes. We appreciate all of you who donated time, items, money and came to have a good time. We found that the burgers and brats were a big hit among the people who bought lunches as well as those working in the kitchen. It's a lot easier to clean roasting pans that had crumbs from the buns to cleaning roasting pans that had barbecue sauce cooking in them for 18 hours. You can bet we will be serving a similar lunch next year.

Two weeks later we had a fire in the subdivision. The cause hasn't been determined yet. Several trees torched as well as ground clutter. Arrowhead fire fighters are constantly training for an incident like this and the training paid off. The fire was in the thick of unmitigated land with fallen and snagged trees. The area was basically waiting for a disaster. I can't stress enough how important it is to mitigate your lot. While I can't say enough about how well the firefighters worked, I have to commend Carol Alford for investigating the smoke she had smelled. Because she had the intuition to look into what was causing the smell, the fire department was able to minimize the damage caused by the fire. If anyone of you smell smoke, please investigate. If you are right then you might have averted a forest fire in the neighborhood. If you are wrong, who cares. It might have been a neighbor's campfire. The neighbors would certainly appreciate knowing that you are looking after everyone's well being.



**Keep your calendars open for the labor day weekend. On Saturday the fire department will be holding their annual pancake breakfast followed by the firehouse games. The breakfast will begin at 8 am at the fire house.**

**Stay safe and we hope to see you on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September.**



# Board Reports

## Heavy Equipment, Roads Maintenance and Infrastructure Report

By  
Don Koeltzow



This summer has been very productive. The installation of the vent fans in the fire house attic was completed and we are hopeful that this will solve our winter condensation problem.

The repairs to our new grader were completed and this machine is again operational.

We have completed the installation of nine new culverts and this will greatly improve the stabilization of our filing roads. From now until the snow comes, we will continue with the maintenance grading and we plan to add gravel to parts of Columbine, Ute, and other areas that are in need. We thank you for your patience during this process.

Please continue to encourage all visitors to obey the posted 20 mph speed limit and have a safe summer.

## Design Review Joyce Boulter

Construction is light this summer. There are three houses in various stages of work. There are also several sheds and two garages left to be finished this year. It seems like the summer just started, but the rain has slowed everything down. Now it is time to start preparing for winter. I have added several pages to the Design Review page on the web site. There is a plot plan, construction agreement, construction recommendations and a list of common things from the regulations that new owners need to know.

This is a community with a homeowners association. There are Covenants and Regulations that come with ownership and all owners must comply.

“It is the purpose of these covenants that the natural beauty, natural growth and the native setting and surroundings of Arrowhead in Gunnison Country Subdivision, and the property values and amenities thereon shall always be protected insofar as is possible in connection with the uses and structures permitted by this instrument and that high standards of architectural quality be maintained.” Covenants, Article I: Purpose.

The purpose of Design Review is to function under the control of the board and maintain the high standards set fourth in the Covenants and Regulations.

I would like to thank all the residents who have complied with the Arrowhead regulations. I like to drive around and see our beautiful community, not things that don't comply to regulations. This would be easier if everyone would read the regulations and give me a call before doing anything to their lot.



Rainbow Trout

These fish were introduced in the 1880s and have become both the angler's favorite and the mainstay of Colorado's hatchery system (millions of catchable and sub-catchable sized fish are stocked annually). Rainbows can be found in most mountain lakes and streams, as well as many plains reservoirs. Physical characteristics that can help distinguish rainbow trout include dark spots on a light body, continuous spotting throughout the body, and often a "rainbow" horizontal reddish stripe. Rainbow trout may be caught with a variety of flies, baits, and lures. <http://wildlife.state.co.us/Fishing/SpeciesID/>



## Security Reinie Masanetz

Now that we are over the peak season of summer here at Arrowhead, we have noticed a decline in traffic infractions and overall complaints.

Arrowhead has shown an overall increase in traffic volume and the facts are, we have issued a total of over 600 vehicle stickers and 800 stickers for snowmobiles, trailers, UTV's and ATV's. I am not saying that they are all here at Arrowhead at one time, but that's a lot of vehicles and that's not counting the vehicles that have not been registered by property owners yet.

Security would like to compliment our property owners in cooperating with having their annual fire pit inspections and constructing new fire pits in accordance with our rules and guidelines. Some folks believe that digging a hole in the ground, putting a circle of rocks around their pit will suffice. It is important to line your pit with a solid substance of rocks, concrete or using a metal dish as the base. The tree root system underneath the pit could smolder for days and work its way up to the surface and ignite. Do not just let your pit burn out by itself and please always extinguish your pit by totally soaking it down with water.

As your Security Manager, after a little arm-twisting from the Board, I will continue my service for another year to the AIA community and the security team.

## Health on the Mountain by Joyce Boulter

This has been a delightful summer, with plenty of rain and cool temperatures. Everything is green and the wildflowers are beautiful. Use and care of your chain saw is especially important during the summer when a lot of residents are storing their winter wood supply and cleaning lots.

- #1. Know your chainsaw, **READ** the manual and understand its operation.
- #2 Personal protective equipment
  - Hard hat**-use when falling timber. The hard hat can also protect from saw kickback.
  - Chaps** – these are made for chain saw use and protect the legs from cuts.
  - Footwear**- metal toe and slip resistant boots should be worn when using a saw.
  - Safety goggles, glasses**-always wear eye protection when using saws of any type, especially chain saws.
  - Ear plugs**- necessary when using any loud equipment.
  - Hand protection** - gloves, especially leather will protect the hands from cuts.
  - Refueling** – Use care with storage and the refueling of gasoline operated chainsaws.
  - Use proper outdoor electrical cords and care that you don't trip over cords when using electric power chainsaws.
- #3 Equipment Maintenance - Sharpen, lubricate and adjust the chain according to directions. Always turn saw off after a cut and before setting it on the ground.
- #4 Use safe cutting techniques – avoid cutting with the saw above shoulder height. The manual will also outline safe cutting techniques. Call the fire department or Bob Rosenbaum for information on defensible space or fire mitigation on your lot. There are several good web sites that give good information on chainsaw safety. Keep a jug of water nearby the cutting area in case a fire starts from the sawing.
- #5 Emergency reminder – There is an emergency phone located in the winter parking lot (in the warming hut) and a phone at the phone terminal about halfway down the Alpine. Do not hesitate to call for emergency help. The protocol for emergency medical help or fire is **911**. For non-emergency or information calls, call security at **862-8262 or 209-6335(cell phone)**.



This has been a busy summer for Arrowhead residents. A lot of friends and relatives have been visiting our little paradise to get away from the heat in other parts of the country. First aid information is always important on the mountain, since we are at least 45 minutes from professional medical aid. Please be aware that your guests are coming to a high altitude and allow them to acclimate before going out trekking on the mountain trails. They need to rest a day or two, keep well hydrated and limit alcohol and coffee the first few days. Your guests should also bring any emergency supplies with them. For those with insect sting allergies, an epi-pen is essential as we have a good supply of bees and stinging insects.

Some simple home remedies for insect bites include:

1. Cold compress or ice pack (never leave ice on skin for more than 15 min and always place a towel between ice pack and skin).
2. Meat tenderizer solution, mixed with 1 part meat tenderizer and 4 pts water. Apply with cotton ball.
3. Baking soda paste applied to the bite.
4. Topical steroid cream or calamine lotion with Benadryl.

If there is more swelling than just around the bite, emergency treatment may be needed especially if the bite is on the face or head. Any difficulty in breathing or swelling of the throat is indication of a serious medical emergency. Call 911! Planning ahead will help you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

# Community News

## GUNNISON COUNTRY FOOD PANTRY

THE GUNNISON COUNTRY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS OUR SUPPORT! Summer is the slowest time for donations and yet the recession has resulted in less summer jobs than ever before. There is a mouse-proof bin continuously available at the Firehouse to receive your donations. They are taken to Gunnison approximately every six weeks. The most recent delivery was mid-June and it was a very healthy amount of food and some cash donations, so thank you very, very much to all who contributed.

FOOD AND CASH DONATIONS ARE EQUALLY USEFUL! The cash donations are used by the food bank managers to buy items needed but not received in donated food. Cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels and personal hygiene items such as shampoo, soap, and laundry detergent cannot be purchased with food stamps so they are always in short supply.

RECIPIENTS OF FOOD BANK SUPPLIES MUST QUALIFY BASED ON INCOME and only receive one box of food per month from the food bank. Thus it is only a supplement to their other resources and they do not become dependent upon the food bank. The average number of households served is between 100 and 200 per month. A large number of the recipients are seniors or single mothers.

THE FOOD BANK IS OPERATED COMPLETELY BY VOLUNTEERS! Ruthie and Carl Long are the volunteer managers and all other workers are volunteers as well. The only expense incurred is monthly rent/utilities and that is partially paid with tax dollars.

THE FOOD BANK IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND THUS IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE! Your check can be your receipt, but the Food Bank will also supply a receipt if desired. Please make Diane Benson aware of any envelopes with cash or gift cards so they will not get lost in the delivery process.

TIPS FOR MAKING IT EASY TO DONATE include (1) buying staples in larger quantities at wholesale food stores such as SAM'S, (2) using coupons to reduce the cost of items you may not need but are useful for others, and (3) cleaning out your pantry on a regular basis.

IF YOU SELL YOUR HOUSE AND WANT TO CLEAN OUT YOUR PANTRY PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING YOUR FOOD TO THE FOOD BANK! You may take it to the Firehouse, bring it to the Food Bank at 321 N. Main in Gunnison (Monday and Wednesday afternoons), or call Diane Benson at 862-8365 for pick-up. Don't worry about items that may be past the expiration date; they are still happy to accept these items as long as there is no obvious problem. When you are desperately hungry you are not very picky.

THE GROCERY STORES ARE BIG SUPPORTERS OF THE FOOD BANK AND PROVIDE BREAD, PRODUCE, AND MEAT. Nonetheless, some of the grocery stores have had to lock their dumpsters as people have been found inside them looking for food that has been thrown out.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY! HOPEFULLY ARROWHEAD CAN BE A BIG BOOST FOR THE SUMMER NEEDS OF OUR NEIGHBORS WHO ARE STRUGGLING AND HUNGRY.

The family of Sally Ervin would like to acknowledge the people of Arrowhead for the kind condolences, cards, notes, and the flower arrangements sent to her funeral. Having such caring friends is deeply appreciated. Thank you so very much.

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# Community News

## EMERGENCY MOUNTAIN EVACUATION

If it becomes necessary to evacuate all or a portion of the community, property owners will be notified in the following manner:

### **Reverse 911 - Land Line ONLY**

The fire department will utilize the emergency phone network available to Gunnison County Emergency Services. Each resident with an active land phone line will receive a recorded call notifying them of the nature of the need to evacuate, the route to be taken, and the available safe area site where additional information will be given. An estimated time frame of the event may be given.

### **Public Broadcast - (If time and conditions permit)**

Security personnel and volunteers will broadcast the same information as above from vehicles on filing roads via megaphones and speaker systems.

Please consider installing a land phone line on your property. It could save your life. Contact Nucla Naturita Telephone Company at 862-9101.

### **What you can do to assist in an evacuation!**

Please follow Traffic Control Volunteer instruction regarding evacuation. Unnecessary traffic on the Alpine Plateau Road could hinder emergency vehicle assistance.

You need to be prepared with an understanding of our community plan so that you do not endanger the fire suppression or evacuation process.

Prepare yourself with a household plan for an organized, calm evacuation. Think about what items you will take upon short notice.

Remaining clear in thought will lead to a calm evacuation process. Cooperation is the key to success in our community.



### **We have a bigger impact on our Arrowhead surroundings than one might think!**

Recently, an injured fawn was found wandering the roads of Arrowhead. Division of Wildlife officers and volunteers feel quite certain that a dog bit the head of a fawn, eventually leading to its death. It is important to take responsibility for your dog (s). A well trained dog that comes when called isn't enough. Please do not allow your dog (s) to run through the woods. Keep them in site at all times!

# **Important Medical Information**

(for Rescue Personnel)

Fold in half with print showing  
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### Medical information for emergency personnel

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Blood Type \_\_\_\_\_

Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions and Health conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Current Prescription Medications \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Supplements or Herbal Remedies \_\_\_\_\_

Other medical conditions/Concerns (i.e. Oxygen or cpap) \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies to medications and or other allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact

At Arrowhead: \_\_\_\_\_

Family: \_\_\_\_\_

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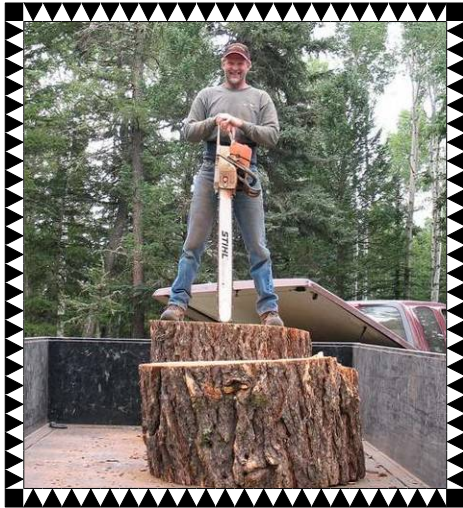
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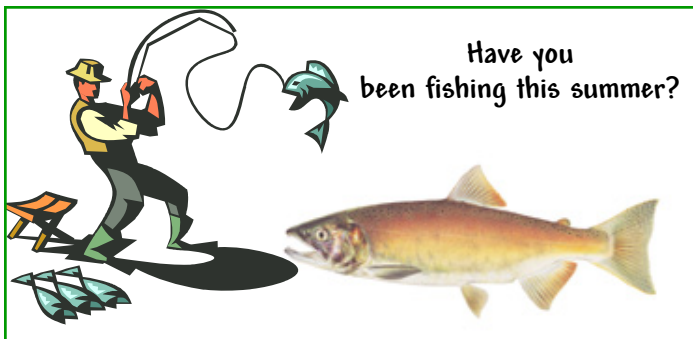
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## 285 ASPEN DRIVE

Spacious two story LOG home. 2+ bedrooms, 2 baths--Beautiful interior with large craft room/office. Level corner lot. Close to winter parking lot and The Arrowhead Inn. \$335,000



## 507 WILDFLOWER DRIVE

Absolutely beautiful mountain home/cabin. A delightful setting on level, wooded lot only a few yards from Hazel Lake. Completely furnished. 1800 sq.ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath Great kitchen. Large beam ceilings, hardwood & tile flooring. Very private location. \$349,500.

## ARROWHEAD LOTS

### 301 SPRUCE RD. \$44,000

Easy access to this level lot w/aspen & pine trees. Cleared camping area. Water tap paid.

### 2050 SPRUCE RD. \$29,900

*New listing.* Gently sloped, heavily wooded. Across from fire house, close to winter parking and The Arrowhead Inn.

### 1720 SPRUCE RD. \$62,500

Water & electric service installed, ready to use. Nice view toward San Juans. Cleared driveway & camping area.

### 950 SPRUCE RD. \$59,500

Good driveway w/pad & large elevated deck setup for RV. Water & electric installed. Very private level wooded lot.

### 651 CREST DR. \$109,000

Absolutely drop dead gorgeous views in all directions-San Juans, West Elks mountains & valleys. Excellent solar location.



A great big THANK YOU goes out to  
Lucia, Eric, Star and Sally  
for their efforts in obtaining Arrowhead Snowmobile  
Club's new grooming machine!

I know it is hard to "think snow" right now but the snow  
season will be here in about 4 months and there is much  
work to be completed. Let's make certain this new Willow  
Park Trail is ready for our new grooming machine to  
groom!

## WILLOW PARK TRAIL

With our third Willow Park Trail workday under our  
belts, we are well on our way. 14 snowmobilers and  
non-snowmobilers hit the trail at 9:00 AM on Saturday,  
July 25th. We began work on the north end of the trail  
near Bluebird. As you can see from the photo, this is a  
thick area and many trees had to be removed.

President Eric took time to demonstrate how to build a  
Lynx habitat. To be in compliance, we are required to  
build a certain number of habitats.

We will be meeting each Saturday until the trail is com-  
plete. Come out and give a helping hand when you  
can. Even a couple hours will be appreciated. Ques-  
tions? Contact Eric 862-8399

Thank You Volunteers! Mary Cockes

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