



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I am writing this on the last day of May and summer on the mountain has started. The major issue this summer will be the increased fire danger. Please see our AVFD Fire Chief, Brent Mims' message in this issue. It is very important to everyone and to our community to follow this guidance and direction. While we may wish it was still mud season and we had plenty of moisture, that isn't the case. We haven't had rain for at least two weeks. We all understand that camp fires are an important part of summer activities and traditions at Arrowhead, but please, don't be selfish and endanger the whole community. Obey the law of the county wide fire ban. Also, please remember and remind your family and guest that all vehicles must only be operated on the filing roads and your driveway and kept off of common grounds. This year it will be wise not to park on the grass. With the fire danger we do not want to take the chance that a hot exhaust or catalytic converter will start a grass fire. We look forward to seeing every property owner enjoying all the other activities and amenities over the summer.

At this time of the year and especially with the dry conditions and fire ban, I must mention the importance of fire mitigation and defensible space on Arrowhead property. We thank all the property owners who have already mitigated and continue to maintain their lots. They help lower the danger for the whole community. Please contact Bob Rosenbaum, our forest manager, if you have any questions.



Let's have a fun and safe summer.

Bob Hernandez



The AVFD 4th of July Picnic (see page 17) is an annual tradition here at Arrowhead that we all look forward to. Our Fire Chief, Brent Mims, has declared this year's picnic a time for the AVFD to say thanks to a community that supports the Arrowhead Fire Protection District all year- whether it is the residents who give freely of their time to train as a 1st Responder, a member of Search & Rescue or a Firefighter or one of the outstanding Auxiliary who make sure that support in the way of meals, food and care is provided when needed. Arrowhead folks are there!

Arrowhead Pet Page (page 15)
Dr Larry Brustle DVM is talking about ticks!

Summer in the Arrow'hood (pages 11 & 12) Summer photos around the neighborhood!

CORRECTION from last Smoke Signals: HAZEL LAKE remains a NON-FISHING LAKE for this summer as we are still letting the trout grow!

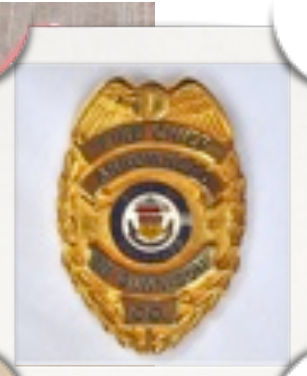
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FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Brent Mims

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The Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department would like to welcome all of Arrowhead's seasonal residents back to the mountain. We are wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer here at Arrowhead.

The primary concern of the Arrowhead Fire Department this summer is the high fire danger that the Arrowhead area is experiencing. Currently, the US Drought Monitor has the northern portion of Gunnison County categorized as "extreme drought conditions" and the southern portion of Gunnison County categorized as "severe drought conditions". Unfortunately, based on the NWS Climate Prediction Center's long range climate outlooks, the drought situation in eastern Utah and western Colorado is not expected to get any better anytime soon. The forest is dry and fuels that normally would not ignite, may ignite and burn readily this summer. Knowing this information, I am in hopes that everyone acts wisely and respects the fire restrictions that are in place. Please do not place friends, neighbors, and the community at risk for the simple enjoyment of campfires.

On a more encouraging note, the AVFD would like to recognize the work that the Fire Protection District Board has put in towards the purchase of a snowcat for winter fire and medical responses. Although it is not a "done deal" at this time, it looks as though the fire department will have a snowcat this winter. The former red fire engine with mattracks was limited to the groomed roadways. This new purchase, however, will allow the fire department to respond to structural fire, search and rescue, and medical calls without the worry of becoming stuck in snow or not being able to completely reach the destination with heavy firefighting equipment.

Finally, the AVFD would like to invite everyone to the annual fourth of July picnic to be held on Saturday, June 30th. There will be no charges for meals. Donations are welcome. Please come and join us for this wonderful community event!

DID YOU KNOW???

That cutting the native grasses at Arrowhead makes them unable to produce seed? That Gunnison County has declared a fire ban that includes Arrowhead? That it is not allowed to water your lawn at Arrowhead (especially important when we may need that water this year to fight fires)? That Canadian thistle and ox-eye daisies are harmful to our mountain's native wildflowers? That Shasta Daisies are a great solution to those non-native ones? That feeding the larger wildlife and having a salt block are not allowed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife? That the fishing line, bobbers, hooks and other trash left at the Flints can kill the horses there? That Linda Dysart, our resident expert on mountain flora, leads a Wildflower Walk every July? That the best bash on the Mountain is the AVFD Picnic on the 4th of July- and this year it is FREE?

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SECURITY'S MESSAGE

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Fire Pits: No fire pit permits will be issued by Security until further notice and as long as the county wide open fire ban is in effect. A property owner that violates the open fire ban can expect a fine from our local law enforcement officials as well as a non-compliance citation of \$500 fine from our Security personnel. It is important that property owners need to inform their guests, visitors or renters, because you as the owner are ultimately responsible for their actions.

When Operating a Chainsaw, you must have an approved spark arrester, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher and shovel within reach. Security will be enforcing these rules and would give first time offenders a warning. These rules also apply to owners who have hired a contractor.

Security Sign-In Boxes are located at the intersection of Ute Drive & Alpine Road and Lake Road & Alpine Road. Sign-in sheets are available for our summer residents, campers and their guests to fill out and request further assistance if needed from Security, i.e. vehicle decals, visitor's passes, fishing permits, etc. and additional temporary 14 day Camper/RV Permits.

Filing Road Traffic: Now that the filing roads are open, we will experience heavy traffic again and we need to remind our property owners and their guests to follow our rules and regulations. The AIA regulation on under age drivers states:

"No person under the age of ten years may operate an off-highway vehicle within the boundaries of the Arrowhead in Gunnison Country subdivision. No person ten years of age or older may operate an off-highway vehicle within the boundaries of the Arrowhead in Gunnison Country Subdivision, unless:

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If Security observes vehicles going too fast above the posted speed limit (**20 mph**), especially ATV's, expect to be pulled over and given a warning first, but repeated offenders will receive a non-compliance citation in the amount of \$50. During dry weather conditions the filing roads are very dusty, so if you are creating a large amount of dust behind your vehicle, **you are going too fast!** Please show respect by slowing down when you are approaching pedestrians, pets or bicyclists.

AIA Stump Dump Trailer: The dump trailer is available to any Arrowhead property owner by reservation only. Please contact the security officer on duty for its availability. Please return the trailer next to our warm-up shed in the winter parking lot and reconnect the power cord so that the battery can be recharged. The stump dump trailer is **not** licensed and tagged for off mountain use.

Fishing at the Flint Lakes: We will stock the Flint Lakes on time with only 350, 12 inch size fresh fish in June. Please keep the gate closed at all times, because of the horses and if you choose to take your vehicle(s) to the lakes, please be reminded that you are doing this at your own risk. Fishing permits can be obtained from Security.

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AIA Board Meetings are on Saturday for your convenience

AIA Board workshops are held one day prior to the AIA Board Meetings to go over items that are presented at the Saturday AIA Board Meetings. As usual, all Arrowhead owners are invited to attend. Workshop starts at 11:15 am at the Inn and move to the Firehouse at 1pm

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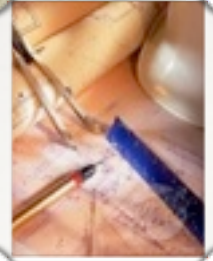
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DESIGN REVIEW'S MESSAGE

Joyce Boulter

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Building at Arrowhead looks like it will be slow this year. To date, we have three sheds and several driveways.

This summer is a great time for people to concentrate on their **mitigation and defensible space plans**. Bob Rosenbaum (862 -8241), Forest Manager, will help you make a plan for mitigation and defensible space. The Design Review Committee members will be checking lots, so please call me when finished for a final inspection. Joyce Boulter, 862-8449.

A few other reminders include:

1. When you put in your driveway, buy new property, or if you just don't have a sign, **you must have a sign at the filing road that gives your lot address or number**. This is important for the AVFD and for identification. You may add name or street, but it is not mandatory. The sign can be no larger than 2 sq. feet or 24" x 12" or 19" in diameter. This regulation has been in effect since 2006, therefore you may see signs larger that were in place before the regulation.
2. **Forest debris must be cleaned up and removed every year**. The stump dump is open and the Association has a dump trailer that can be used for free. You can make arrangements for this through Security.
3. Check with Design Review before you begin any projects on your cabin. Some projects require a Design Review **permit** and some require a Gunnison County permit and Design review permit.

Enjoy a great summer!

MOUNTAIN HEALTH

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TICKS

We need to be aware every spring that ticks are here and how to watch out for them.

Ticks are more active from April to June. When out in the woods, which is just out your front door, wear protective clothing. Light colors allow you to see the tick. Wear long sleeves and long pants to discourage ticks. The tick is usually in low foliage and waiting for you to walk by. It usually takes a few hours for the tick to find skin to attach and up to 24 hours to transmit infection. Use repellants containing DEET carefully, especially on children. Tick repellant for children should only be 10 % DEET. Insecticides, containing permethrin, should be used on clothing only. Conduct regular check for ticks while in the woods and complete body check when returning home. Be sure to keep check on your pets also and use flea and tick repellant as directed by your veterinarian. Colorado Tick Fever is carried by the wood tick. CTF is a viral illness causing fever, headaches, body aches, nausea, abdominal pain and lethargy. The symptoms last 4-5 days, complete recovery often takes 2-3 weeks and results in future immunity. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Lyme disease are rare to non-existent in Colorado.

Remove the tick by grasping it as near to the skin as possible and pulling slowly straight out. Small tweezers or gloved hands will work. Do not use matches, Vaseline or other folk techniques to remove the tick.

MOSQUITOS

Be aware of mosquito borne viruses and protect yourself! The mosquitoes usually feed more actively at dawn and dusk. Wear long sleeves and long pants when out at these times. Insect repellants with DEET are effective. Always follow label directions. Make sure screens are in good repair and remove all sources of standing water. West Nile Virus infection usually occurs from May to September. The incubation time is 5-15 days. Symptoms include fever, headache and malaise and last 2-7 days. If fever develops after mosquito bite, check with your physician. Treatment is generally supportive.

With all this information, I hope that you still find time to go outside and enjoy our wonderful weather. Walking at least 30 minutes three to four times a week is considered minimum activity for cardiovascular health. 30 minutes to 1 hour every day is a goal to work for. When you are out walking, wear comfortable clothing in layers so you can adjust to the weather. Well fitting and comfortable walking shoes are also essential. Finding a walking partner can make your exercise regime less boring and helps both people walk to better health.



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1471 SRUCE RD. \$ 49,000

View of San Juan Range. Gravel drive & RV pad with deck. Lots of Aspens for privacy.

203 HAZEL LAKE DR. \$ 44,500

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| Mar. 9 | <i>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i> by Jamie Ford |
| Jun. 8 | <i>Same Kind of Different as Me</i> by Ron Hall & Denver Moore |
| Jul. 13 | <i>Little Bee</i> by Chris Cleave |
| Aug. 10 | <i>Secret Daughter</i> by Shilpi Somaya Gowda |
| Sept. 14 | <i>Kings of Colorado</i> by David E. Hilton |
| Oct. 12 | <i>Refuge</i> by Dot Jackson |



The Arrowhead Book Club meets at the Inn at 11:30 on the second Friday of the month, except for November, December, April and May. We have lunch together and then discuss a book. Everyone is welcome, even if you have not read the book.

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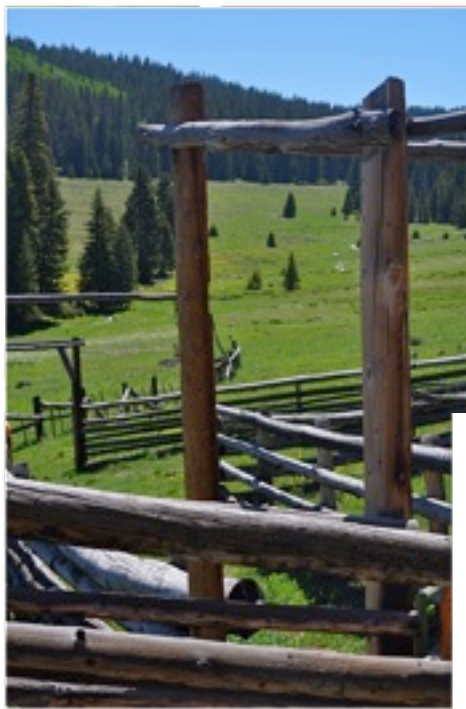
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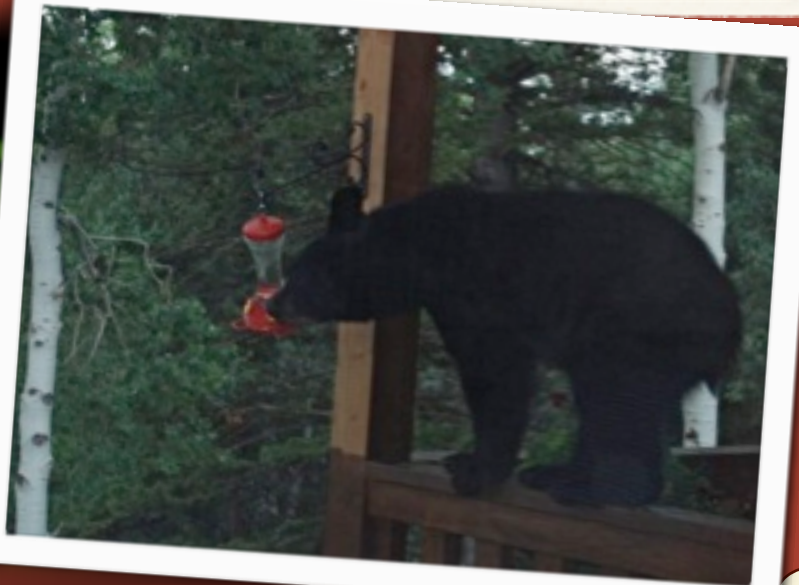
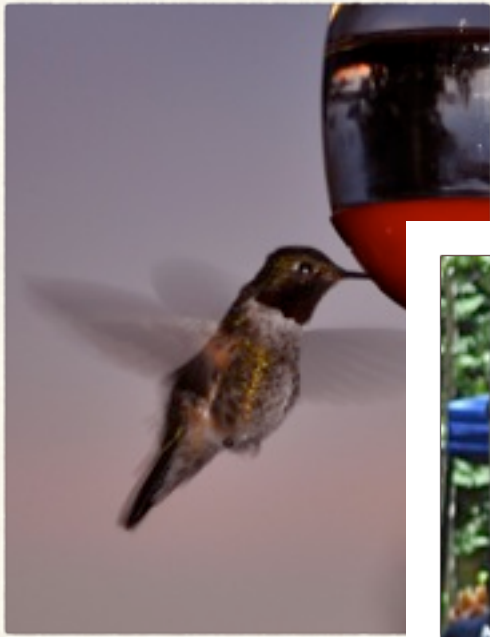
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Arrowhead 121 Lake Road \$325,000

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ASK THE VET

by Dr. Larry Brustle D.V.M.

Little critters, big problems!



This picture shows the actual size of a deer tick. This is the little critter that can transmit Lyme disease to people and dogs. Although this can be a very debilitating disease in people and dogs, as of this date, no cases have ever originated in Colorado. This disease is more of a problem in the eastern states. That's the good news!

The images at right are of Rocky Mountain wood ticks, which are larger than the deer ticks and the main tick in our area. This tick can transmit Rocky Mountain Spotted fever, which fortunately, is also rare in our area. It can also transmit Rocky Mountain Tick fever, which has flu-like symptoms, but usually is not severe or debilitating. To prevent tick attachments while afield, repellents with high concentrations of Deet can be effective but those with permethrins are more effective against ticks. There also are a number of repellents for dogs, such as Frontline and a

newer product, called Vectra 3D which can prevent tick infestations. Avoid using Deet or permethrins sprays approved for humans on dogs. Make sure you take proper precautions for you and your pet when outdoors this spring and summer. A pinch of prevention is worth a pound of cure

If you have questions regarding your pet's health, e-mail me at Bruestle@centurytel.net.

I will answer all questions and provide related topics in future editions of the Smoke Signals.



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Colorado Division of Wildlife



**JULY 14th
1:30 PM**

**At the AVFD
Firehouse**



AVFD ANNUAL

4th of July Picnic

**Saturday, June 30th
10 am- 3 pm**

The AVFD wants to thank the Arrowhead Community for
its support by providing a day of
FUN, FOOD and GAMES!



Silent Auction and Crafts!



Games for the kids from 10am-2pm!



Kids' relays start at 1:30pm!



Horseshoe Tournament

(starts at 10am!)

**Lunch from noon until 1:30
Burger or brat, potato salad, beans,
a drink and cookie
Hotdogs for kids 5 years and under**

Contributions/donations are always welcome!

A Son And His Dad Landscaping



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Retaining Walls



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Pre-Buys

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Tank Rentals

**New Tanks for
Sale**

**Installation and
Repairs**

- Please pack out all trash. That includes fishing line, bobbers and hooks that you replace while fishing.
- The Flint lakes are on private property where horses are in pasture. Please do not feed the horses!
- No smoking at the lakes while a fire ban is in effect.



The Flint Lakes

HAPPY FISHING!

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