

Arrowhead Improvements Association Newsletter

October/November 2016

John Krall Committee Presents 2 Awards

Lifetime Achievement Award

At the September 17th AIA Board Meeting, AIA was pleased to award the "Arrowhead Vision and Lifetime Achievement Award" to Jim Squirrell.

This public recognition was long overdue. His childhood love of this paradise, the hard work of his parents in amassing the land, and then his hard work, made it the community we have today. Our alpine meadows and our forests surrounded by great mountain vistas, that all of us call our own, is only a reality because of his foresight and his desire to open it up and share it.

We thank him for still being here and still caring. We thank him for giving of himself and his service to the community.

The Plaque reads:

Jim Squirrell

Arrowhead Vision and Lifetime Achievement Award For your dedication and vision in building Arrowhead for all of us to enjoy.

Thanks from the Arrowhead Community.

September 2016



2016 John Krall Award

This year the John Krall Award is being presented to Lindy Lindner. This Arrowhead volunteer has long been part of our community's strong foundation and reflects the Spirit of Arrowhead.

She and her husband have been full and part time



residents of Arrowhead since 1992. During that time they were active members of the Fire Department participating in training activities, cooking and serving meals, and working at the July 4th picnics with the Cake Walks and Kids Games. She also organized the raffle at the picnic

for several years. She has participated in the Snowshoe Golf Tournament and has helped pack the course.

She served on the AIA Board of Directors for 5 years. During that time she managed the Security team, worked with the AIA Office Manager, and wrote and published the Smoke Signals for three years. She changed the Smoke Signals from a black and white word-processed document to the magazine format we have today. She designed and set up a database of property owners, which is still used by the AIA office, Board Members, Design Review and Patrol. As manager of Security, she purchased trout for the Flint Lakes and supervised the stocking of the lakes for 5 years. She has served on the Election Committee for many years and has been vice-chairman for the last 4 years. (Pg. 7)

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Dear Owners,

The first snow of the season recently made its presence known at Arrowhead. Even though it didn't last long on the ground, it is a sign of the season and what is in store for us. Now is the time to start preparing for another beautiful Arrowhead winter.

I would like to welcome Kim Norwood to the board. Kim was appointed at the August meeting to fill the vacancy created by Curt Treichel's resignation. I would like to thank Curt for his service to the community and also thank Kim for his willingness to serve on the board.

At the September meeting the board set a couple of important dates of which owners need to be aware. The winter parking lot will open at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 15, 2016. At that time you may begin to park your snow machines, vehicles, box trailers, etc in the lot. Please contact patrol regarding winter fees and parking questions.

The other date of importance is when RVs need to be off the mountain. RVs must be removed from Arrowhead no later than November 14, 2016. Please use good judgment, monitor the weather and remove your RV in a timely manner to avoid problems getting it off the mountain. Please note that the association will not be able to assist you in moving your RV.

If possible, please plan to attend the October 14 special work session meeting and the October 15 board meeting. We are planning to adopt the 2017 budget at the October 15 meeting and appreciate owner comments and input before adoption. Also, immediately after the meeting we will be holding our annual winter resident awareness meeting. If you are going to be a full or part time Arrowhead resident this winter, please plan to attend.

Lastly, I would like to remind you to vote in the 2016 election for the three open board member seats. If for some reason you do not receive a ballot please

contact the AIA office for assistance.

Mike Wigent
AIA Board President
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UPCOMING AIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS: Special Meeting/Work Session Friday 10/14 Regular Board Meeting & Winter Owners Meeting Saturday 10/15

(see arrowhead1.org for more information)

AIA Welcomes New Board Member Kim Norwood

My wife and I happened upon Arrowhead while on vacation 19 years ago. We saw a brochure advertising the Inn while staying at another hotel and decided to check it out. We loved the area so much that we went to the real estate office and spent one day with Linda Squirrel looking at property. We were not just drawn to the beauty of this place, but the sense of community. As my retirement drew closer we continually looked at Arrowhead's website and finally decided 3 years ago to purchase what everyone still knows as the Summer's house. In April we moved here to be full time residents.



I spent 23 years on active duty as an Army Chaplain and retired out of Fort Huachuca, Arizona where I was the Installation Command Chaplain. Prior to that I served for 15 years as a pastor in churches in Texas, California, and British Columbia. Cindy and I have been married for nearly 42 years and have 3 children and 6 grandchildren scattered across the country between Southern California; Houston, Texas; and Charleston, South Carolina. Even though we are both native Texans (please don't hold that against us), retiring in Texas was never a consideration. We love the mountains, snow and cool summers AND the Denver Broncos. Yes, I gave up on the Dallas Cowboys when Jerry Jones bought the team and fired Tom Landry.

Our desire is to be contributing and cooperating members of this community and I believe my background in working with people of diverse backgrounds, opinions and beliefs can be of value in serving on the board.



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2016 Election - AIA Board of Directors

There are three 3-year term seats open on the AIA Board of Directors for the term beginning January, 2017. There are now six people have submitted their names as candidates for these positions. They are:

> Dick Bloss Martin Bocovich **Patty Greeves** Larry Kontz Rick Rienkin Becky Stilley

Ballots for the 2016 election will be mailed to qualified voters on September 30, 2016 and must be returned to Dalby Wendland **postmarked** by November 16, 2016.

Property owners' dues and/or assessments must be current as of the day before ballot mail-out in order to receive a ballot

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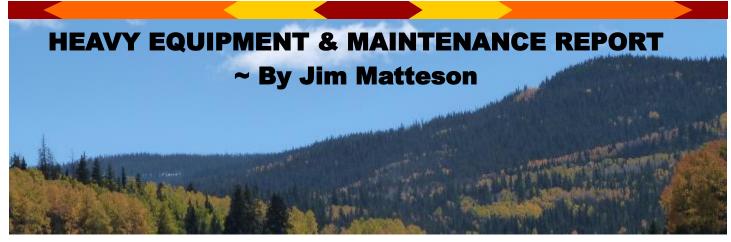
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Fall is in the air. With it comes preparation for the upcoming winter season. We've been busily spreading



new gravel on the filing roads to get them in better condition for the opening of the roads in the spring. If you encounter any of the heavy equipment on the roads please assure the operator acknowledges that he sees you before proceeding past the equipment. This will ensure that you and your vehicle can proceed without incident. We will also be checking the groomer to be sure it's ready to keep our roads in good condition when we need it.



We recently received the Mitsubishi Mini-truck for AIA Patrol to use. We will continue the process of completing upgrades to accommodate the safe use by our Patrol staff. The truck will be equipped with a winch and tracks for winter use. We will also need to install communication equipment and lights. All of this will be ongoing in the near future to support use this winter.

AIA will also be selling one of the snowmobiles that was purchased for Patrol use. With the purchase of the Mini-truck, this particular machine is no longer needed so it will be sold. The snowmobile will advertised with flyers posted in the community and on Craigslist.

Have a safe Fall and enjoy the colors of Arrowhead.









SNOWMOBILE FOR SALE: 2011 Arctic Cat M8 153 powder track and tunnel bag. 800 CC 2 stroke. Hasn't been run since last winter and started on third pull. This snowmobile is in excellent condition with only 1200 miles. Garage kept and well maintained. \$5800. Call Jim @ 970-862-8233.

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She has written the Guidelines and Election Procedure for this committee. She serves as liaison between the AIA Board, the Election Committee and the Accounting Firm. Her fair-mindedness and diplomacy have been valued traits for her work with the AIA.

Many people do not know that she also designed the current Arrowhead logo – the Arrowhead with a feather. After drawing the design, and having it digitized, it became the symbol on the Arrowhead sign at the Lake Road entrance, and logo on Arrowhead documents and clothing. It is also set in tile in the entrance to the Firehouse.

She has hiked up and down Arrowhead's terrain marking trees for mitigation and in recent years she has counted beetles in traps with our Forest Manager. She has been part of the noxious weed team and sprayed weeds along Crest and Deer Trail for many years. She also helped plant the trees on the winter parking lot berm. And if you see someone walking around the Flint Lakes or roadsides picking up litter.....that's probably her, too.

Congratulations Lindy!

Thank you to this years John Krall Committee:

Don Laforge, Linda Dysart, Kevin Stilley, Al Hale, Kathy & Don Koeltzow, Lucia Lebon, Carla and Clyde Vavrik, Bille Ellis, John Moseman and Chair Bob Hernandez.



Community Clean-up Days



Thank you to all the Volunteers. We hope to see you next season!







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Arrowhead Fire Protection District/Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department

By Don Koeltzow, Chairman, Arrowhead Fire Protection District Board of Directors

Sitting at my desk and looking out my window, I am blessed with a view of greens, yellows, oranges, and reds as our mountain begins to shift from fall to winter. The crisp morning temperatures remind us that it is time once again to think about preparing for the winter months and I would like to take this opportunity to provide Arrowhead owners with information about your Arrowhead Fire Protection District and the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department.

The Arrowhead Fire Protection District. In 2007, members of our community worked with Gunnison County and the State of Colorado to establish the Arrowhead Fire Protection District. The geographical area of the District includes all of the Arrowhead Subdivision, the Goucher Ranch to the east, and a small portion of BLM land on the east side of the Alpine Plateau Road. District activities are governed by a Board of Five Directors. Directors are property owners within the District and serve four-year terms. They meet several times each year and all meetings are open to the public. Meeting times and dates are posted on the bulletin boards at the Firehouse and the Winter Parking Lot and in the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge.

The Arrowhead Fire Protection District is responsible for providing the following services to the District:

1) fire suppression as needed of structural fires and wildfires (both forest and grass fires), 2) emergency medical response as first responders, 3) search and rescue, 4) advice to owners regarding defensible space, and 5) ongoing training to volunteer firefighters, logistics personal, and first responders in the community. These activities and the needed equipment are paid for by a portion of the property tax dollars that owners pay to Gunnison County along with generous donations from various groups and individuals.

The Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department. The services of the Arrowhead Fire Protection District are actually provided to District owners by members of the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Department activities are currently directed by our Fire Chief, Jim Gelsomini, and our Battalion Chief, Gary Broughton. Volunteers work within four general categories which include firefighters, first responders, logistics personnel, and auxiliary department members. As the name implies, firefighters train to actually combat the various types of fires using a variety of equipment. They also serve as the core component of search and rescue operations when needed. First responders are trained and certified medical personnel who provide medical assistance as needed. Logistics personnel serve a key role in communications both internally among firefighters and first responders and externally with various emergency response units such as Gunnison ambulance and medical evacuation helicopters. Members of the department auxiliary work to provide meals and drinks as needed during emergency operations. This group also serves as the core component for conducting various community activities such as the 4th of July picnic, the pancake breakfast, etc. that provide funds to purchase some of the equipment and training needed by members of the Department. In a Department that is as small as ours, volunteers are frequently cross-trained so that they can serve in several of these areas. (Continued on next page.)

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Arrowhead Fire Protection District/Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department Continued.

Emergency Response. So what happens when you need help? When you call 911, the Gunnison Dispatch sends this call to members of your Volunteer Fire Department. As the call is received, volunteers trained to respond to your emergency are dispatched to the scene. If the emergency is of a medical nature, first responders are sent along with any other needed personnel and, at the same time, an ambulance is sent to Arrowhead from Gunnison if one is available. If the emergency is a fire, then firefighters, first responders, and other needed personnel are dispatched. In both instances, logistics personnel man the radios and establish communications among the responders and with the Gunnison Dispatch.

Volunteers Are Needed. I would like to close by pointing out two very important points based on the brief descriptions of the District and Department activities above: First, the only way that these services can be provided is through the participation of many willing volunteers. Second, no matter who you are or what your capabilities or limitations might be, there is a need for your services. There is always something that you can do.

Please consider volunteering. You can do so by contacting me (telephone: 970- 862-8243) or email:

dkandkk@nntcwireless.com)

or any other member of the Fire Department or District.





HEALTH on the MOINTAIN By Joyce Boulter

This will be my fifteenth winter on the mountain. I have been retired from school nursing for 16 years and when I hear people talking about immunizations I still perk up my ears. Last week, while at the doctor's office, I got my flu shot. I thought I would look into adult immunizations. Here is the list that adults over 60 need. This information can be viewed at http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/index.html.

Influenza One dose annually, usually in September or October.

Td booster Booster every ten years. With a cut or incident, your physician may give a booster at that time.

Zoster One dose after 60. This is the immunization to reduce the occurrence of shingles and reduce the pain or

neuralgia. Shingles is the adult reaction to virus in the body from childhood chickenpox. You should have the vaccine even if you don't remember having chickenpox. You may have been exposed or have a mild reaction as a child and still have the remaining virus. The vaccine is also recommended for adults

that have had one episode of shingles, to reduce the chances of another episode.

Pneumococcal May have one or two doses before 65, but need one dose after 65. This is effective for pneumococcus

pneumonia. There are other types of pneumonia that are not covered by this vaccine, but this vaccine is

good at reducing the severe life threatening disease, but may not prevent infection in everyone.

Flu, Td, Zoster, and Pneumococcal may be given at the local health department and at some Pharmacies, like Walgreens and City Market, as well as your private physician's office. You should call ahead to make sure it is available and see if you need an appointment.

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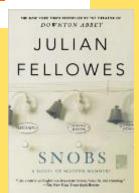
Date Book and Author

Oct. 7 Snobs by Julian Fellowes

Nov. 4 Read a "banned" book

No December meeting

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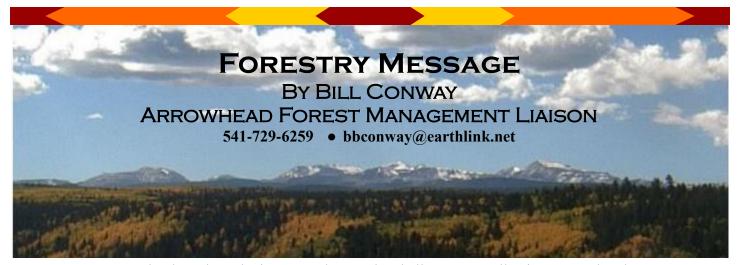
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14 spruce trap trees that have been laying around Arrowhead all summer collecting spruce beetles were removed in September. Arrowhead received a \$10,000 grant from the Colorado State Forest Service for the removal of these trees and the beetle infested Douglas fir trees that we will find in the spring. When the Douglas fir trees turn red in June, there will be about 10 days to remove the trees from Arrowhead before the beetles fly to adjacent trees. This program, along with putting up MCH packs, is our primary defense against bark beetles and is the reason that the Arrowhead forest looks so much better than many surrounding areas.

Information on ordering MCH packs will be put out around Thanksgiving time. In 2016, a total of 12,600 MCH packs were put up, including about 2000 on Arrowhead common land. Despite this large effort there are still many additional owners who should be putting up MCH packs. If you have Douglas fir or spruce trees on you property they are at high risk of being killed by bark beetles. If you are near an area where trees have been killed in the last two years, your trees are at extreme risk. MCH packs are a cheap and effective way to protect your trees. If you are not available to put the packs up at the proper time in June, there is a volunteer program available through the Fire Department to put them up for you with an optional donation of your choice to the AVFD.

Enough about bugs for now. Let's talk about a few other programs that some may not know about.

Hazard trees – I wrote about 40 permits this summer for the removal of green trees on private lots. Most of these were trees that were a hazard to structures or parking areas. These permits are a requirement of our regulations which stipulate a minimum \$1,000 fine for cutting a green tree over 2" diameter without a permit. No cutting of standing green trees on common land is allowed. Dead and down material can be removed from private lots or common land without a permit provided that soil disturbance is minimized and standing green trees of any size are not damaged. There is no charge for the permit and they can usually be provided within 24 hours. If there is a tree on common ground that you feel is a hazard to your improvements contact me and I will review the tree and have it removed if it is determined to be a hazard. If you have a tree emergency, permission can be obtained by phone year round by calling me at 541-729-6259.

There is a national program called **Fire Wise Communities**. Arrowhead received that designation in 2015 and there are requirements we have to meet for renewal each year. One of the items that is used for qualification is the number of hours that our volunteers contribute on the monthly clean up days in the summer. This year that totaled to 331 hours - Great Job!!! The Fire Wise designation helps us to qualify for grants and is also makes it easier for residents to obtain fire insurance. Those that have USAA insurance can get a 10% discount if they notify the company that they are in a Fire Wise Community. Additional information is available on the Fire Wise website. Arrowhead is one of only two Fire Wise communities in Gunnison County.

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(Forestery Message continued.)

Speaking of **Insurance**; if residents are having difficulty obtaining fire insurance or if you receive a cancellation notice, I can provide you with information that can help you obtain insurance. If you receive a letter from an insurance company telling you what trees you have to cut around your house you need to contact me for permission to do so. If that request does not fit into Arrowhead guidelines, I can help you communicate with the insurance company or find another carrier. One very important point that I start from those discussions is natural fire return interval. That is the average time between lightning fires occurring on any given acre. For pine or brush country in the west; such as the eastern slope of Colorado that fire return interval is about 20 to 30 years. For the high elevation mixed conifer and aspen timber type of Arrowhead the fire return interval is about 220 years.



Forest Refuse Site – Because residents are not allowed to burn forest debris on their lots, Arrowhead provides the Forest Refuse Site for disposal of that material. The site is leased from an adjacent private landowner. The pile created each year is usually about 80,000 cubic feet and is one of the top three largest single piles in the state. A smoke management permit is required to burn the pile each December and in order to get that permit there are certain requirements that must be met. The pile cannot contain building materials, household garbage, metal objects, or stumps. The stumps are excluded because they burn longer and the objective is to have a fast hot fire that burns the pile up quickly. In addition we are required to make as much fire wood available as possible to reduce the amount

and average size of material in the burn pile. A permit is obtained each fall at a cost of \$100 and the

Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department burns the pile during a snowstorm (another requirement) in December.

Mitigation and Defensible Space has to some degree taken a back seat to dealing with beetle problems the last few years. This work is still very important to reduce the fire risk on your property and to the community as a whole. The Western Region Wildfire Council (WRWC) is still providing grants up to a 75/25 match (25% paid by the home owner) for work done on their property. This program requires the assistance of a WRWC representative or a State Forester. At Arrowhead that requirement has been delegated to me and I can help you set up an agreement with the WRWC and contract with a contractor to do the work. Three projects have been completed in 2016 and if you are interested I would be happy to show those projects to you.

If you have any questions about the items discussed here or any other questions about trees, feel free to contact me.



— Seasonal Information —

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Construction permits have slowed down, but we are still busy monitoring the work being done. It is time for me to get on my soapbox again asking for address signs on every driveway. This is not just me being picky, but it is in the regulations with a description of the size and information.

Every time you go on your property, you will see your sign or lack thereof. Be sure you can read it from the filing road. There are a lot of signs that have faded or fallen down. Check on this the next time you come to Arrowhead or drive down your driveway.

The leaves are turning here and there, but will be a beautiful red or yellow for the next couple weeks.

Contact Design Review: 970-862-8449 • joyce.boulter@gmail.com

Find The Design Review on the Arrowhead Improvements Association website: http://arrowheadl.org/pages/designreview.html

Design Review Committee Looking for Volunteers

Purpose: Maintain the harmonious design of the community, protect and promote the value of properties in keeping with the Covenants and Design Regulations.

The Design Review Committee is adding 2 new volunteer members to keep up with the heavier volume of construction. No architectural or construction experience is necessary, but helpful. The new volunteers should be available all summer to do driveway walk-ins, find center pins and establish lot boundaries. There are meetings in January, March, and April that are held at Arrowhead Mountain Lodge to accommodate those driving in. The meetings are the Monday before an AIA Board meeting. Please send a letter of interest indicating the skills you would bring to the committee to Joyce Boulter at: joyce.boulter@gmail.com or 160 Ridge Rd, Cimarron, CO 81220 by October 7, 2016.

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Mullein plants, like these seen in Arrowhead, are fabled to predict the severity of the coming winter. Their height is said to correspond with the highest snow depth of the year. AnnieGrace, of A2Z Unlimited, shows us how tall they are this year. Are you ready for winter?

