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Arrowhead Improvements Association Newsletter

February/
March

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New AIA Board Members



Val Taylor

At the January 17th meeting two new board members were sworn in. Val Taylor and Curt Treichel come to the AIA board with experience and a commitment to serving our community.

Outgoing board members Linda Squirrel and Sharon Pugh were thanked for their service to the board and the community.



Curt Treichel

Annual Snowshoe Golf Tournament!

The fun is happening on Saturday, February 7th. We need volunteers! We need participants! A chili potluck will follow the golf game and all are invited to bring chili or fixings or desserts. T-time is 2 pm with chili to follow and then the Arrowhead Snowmobile Club moonlight ride that night. For questions or info call 862-8415.



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www.arrowhead1.org

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The deadline for news articles is the 15th of the month before the next bi-monthly issue. Please email news articles to aiasmokesignals@gmail.com. All letters or articles need to include your name and a daytime phone number. All articles must be approved by the editors for publication, or as space permits.*

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*Deadlines may change to accommodate Board Meetings

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President's Message

Dear Owners,

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas Holiday Season and started the year on an up note.

At the January 17 meeting, two board members concluded their terms as directors. I would like to thank both Sharon Pugh and Linda Squirrell for the countless hours they contributed to our association. They both worked tirelessly and with dedication for the board and community, and for whatever project or responsibility they volunteered to take on. Thank you, Linda and Sharon!

With the departure of Linda and Sharon, the board welcomed two new owner elected gentlemen. Val Taylor and Curt Treichel were sworn in as directors. Both come to the AIA board with previous HOA president experience, which will benefit the board and community. They are both committed to serving our four season covenant community, and I am looking forward to working with them.

As a first meeting of the year agenda item, the board chose officers for 2015. I will continue on as president, John Moseman will stay on as vice president, Al Hale will serve another year as treasurer and Kathy Krohn will be the board secretary.

Over the Christmas holidays and the three day Martin Luther King weekend, the parking lot was at capacity on occasion. Owners were definitely taking advantage of their winter wonderland! Arrowhead Patrol, heavy equipment personnel and the board are aware of the parking difficulties, and we will be looking at parking enhancement options for peak times going forward.

For their work over the holidays, I want to thank patrol (Leonard Wasilewski and Jim Gelsomini) for working to resolve parking issues, our heavy equipment operator (Will Hobson) for keeping the parking lot accessible and our filing road groomer (Ron Corder) for keeping the roads groomed and as smooth as possible with the high number of owners, families and guests traveling the roads.

During the January meeting the board adopted the laborious rewrite of the Arrowhead Regulations. Thanks to the efforts of Kathy Krohn and Linda Squirrell, they are now in a consistent format with spelling, grammar and punctuation corrected. Please go to the AIA web site to review the adopted Regulations.

Over the holidays there were numerous instances of snowmobilers going off road in the subdivision, cutting corners and trespassing on private lots. It is important for all owners and their guests to stay on the groomed roads and not create "ghost trails". At night or in adverse weather, there could be a safety issue for first responders and possibly impact response time. Please stay on the groomed roads.

Please plan to attend the next board meetings. The special board meeting/work session will be on May 15 and the regular meeting will be on May 16.

For general information, minutes of meetings/draft minutes, governing documents, and important notifications, go to the AIA web site at www.arrowhead1.org.

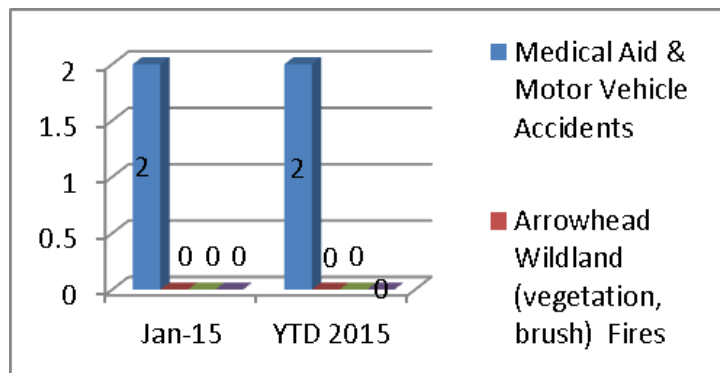
Thank you,

Mike Wigent AIA Board President
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Emergency Events

Description	Jan-15	YTD 2015
Medical Aid & Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	2
Arrowhead Wildland (vegetation, brush) Fires	0	0
Structure Fires (Commercial & Residential)	0	0
Interagency Assistance	0	0



Training

2015 Training			
Groups	Resources	YTD Training Hours	YTD Training Sessions
Patrol	2	0.00	1
Awhd Dispatch	5	15.00	1
First Responder	14	50.00	2
Fire Fighters	18	18.50	1
AVFD Combined	39	83.5	5



First Responder & Fire Fighter Monthly Training Sessions AVFD training schedule – Second Tuesday, Fire Fighters; Third Tuesday, First Responders; (once a Quarter a fourth, Tuesday is set aside for collaborative training: Fire Fighters, First Responders, and Patrol).

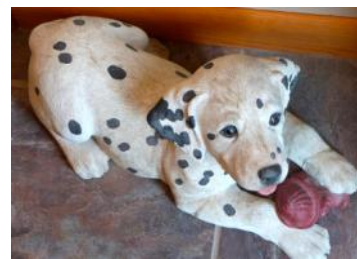
Volunteer Staff The department encourages anyone interested to become a member of the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department, no experience is necessary. The Fire Department will provide training in variety of potential scenarios unique to the Arrowhead environment you are seeking. Members find it a rewarding way to serve the community and meet dedicated like-minded people on the mountain. Please contact me at (970) 862 8456 or email me at avfdchief2014@gmail.com, if you are interested.

Winter Preparations Fire Fighting and First Responder winter vehicle transitions complete. Two First Responder Snowmobiles outfitted with medical and Search & Rescue equipment successfully completed required operational readiness checks. All Fire Fighting tools and apparatus transitioned to 500-gallon trailer with required operational readiness checks successfully completed.

First Responder Training Joyce Boulter, Pat Grosvenor, Kathy Koeltzow, and Jim Gelsomini attended a daylong Medical seminar with multiple breakout sessions, focusing on topics relevant to Arrowhead and surrounding environments for all seasons. Lightning Strikes, Burn Injuries, Respiratory/Metabolic Challenges, and Abdominal/Chest Injuries were the primary subjects addressed. A series of scenarios presented to the participants for their evaluation, analysis, and description of planned first triage actions. *Continued on next page.*

Fire Chief Report continued...

Snowmobile Safety tips For those of us fortunate enough to live or visit our small community, snowmobiles are a part of winter life at Arrowhead providing a unique combination of transportation and fun. They carry our groceries from the winter parking and take us on exciting adventures up-country. When used properly snowmobiles are safe, reliable, and fun. Remember all of our filing roads and trails carry two-way traffic. Stay to the right, control your speed, and always expect oncoming traffic. Look around and behind you for approaching traffic before you start off. Use hand signals to indicate turns and stops when possible. *Always wear a helmet and eye protection.* Towing people behind a snowmobile on tubes or sleds has many special risks. If you do tow someone go slow, and use caution when turning, as your rider could potentially swing wide into oncoming traffic, obstacles, and off the established trail. Let someone know where you are going, when you expect to return, and confirm your return with those who were aware of your departure. Respect private property by staying on groomed trails within Arrowhead. Use extra caution at night by reducing speed and increased following distance. These simple reminders sometimes are over looked in our preparations to depart and will help all of us remain safe as we enjoy this special time of year at Arrowhead. For more information on snowmobile safety, go to <http://www.saferiderssafetyawareness.org/>.
(Contributed by Steve Gauthier.)



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BY BILL CONWAY

FORESTRY MESSAGE

As I write this Smoke Signals article, the last MCH orders are coming for 2015. Despite articles in Smoke Signals, messages on the AIA website, a message in the quarterly dues notice, letters to individual owners about beetle activity on or near their property, and over 100 emails and phone calls, it looks like MCH orders are going to be less than last year. This is very concerning because MCH packs are the primary defense against beetles that could have a devastating effect on the trees of Arrowhead over the next few years. I had hoped to see a significant increase in orders for 2015.

With the assistance of volunteers, more MCH packs than last year will be put up on the larger pieces of community property and on community property around lots that have been identified as “hot spots” of beetle activity.

MCH packs will be available for pickup at the Friday and Saturday (May 15 and 16) board meetings. There will be some MCH packs available for those that have not ordered yet this year. I will be putting beetle traps out about that same time and will put messages on AIA website, Facebook, and email blast when it is time to put up MCH packs. The blast email is a great way for you to get the most current information about things happening at Arrowhead. Everything from road conditions, fire situations, and yes, even when to put up your MCH packs. Send your request to arrowheadblast@gmail.com.

Now is a good time to start making plans to do some fire mitigation on your lot this coming summer. Do the work yourself or get bids from contractors advertising in Smoke Signals before they are booked up. Even if you have done your mitigation and defensible space in the past, there is always some spring clean up to do. Before you start work, remember to call me to assist you in making decisions about your trees. A written permit is required before cutting any live tree over 2 inches in diameter. If you have already completed your mitigation and defensible space, I can provide a certificate of completion that may be useful when talking to your insurance company.

Speaking of insurance companies, I also have a partial list of companies that are currently writing insurance at Arrowhead and can provide that on request, but without any recommendation on which company to use. Beginning in May, I am also available to meet on your property with an insurance company representative to discuss your wild land fire situation.

If you have any questions about trees, please feel free to contact me at 541-729-6259 or bbconway@earthlink.net.

Bill Conway

Arrowhead Forest Manager



**This years Forest Refuse Site
burn was a success!**

A Heartfelt Thank You

from Jim Newberry, our Former Postmaster

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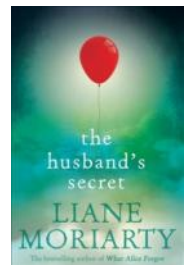
Arrowhead Book Club

The February Book Club has been changed to **Friday, Feb. 13th** at 11:30am at the Lodge.

For more information or to be put on the Book Club email list, contact Linda Dysart, 862-8287.

February 13

"The Husband's Secret"
by Liane Moriarty



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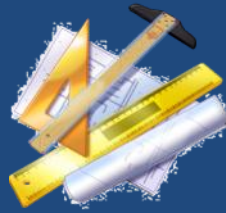
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Design Review Message



By Joyce Boulter

This is a very quiet season for the Design Review. There is some inside work being done on houses, via snowmobile. I have promises of at least two houses for the spring-summer building season of 2015. I am sure there are more projects coming up for the summer. If you are going to submit plans for a house, garage, shed or driveway, please check out the Design Review section of the [AIA web page](#).

My biggest project for the summer will be getting signs on all drives. Before planning your sign, please read the regulation on signs. It must blend with the environment and meet the size requirements. The size is 2 square feet or 12" x 24", or any arrangement that meets that size, including a 19" circumference circle. There are also some very nice spray paints that are reflective, and yet nice in the daylight. These are all points suggested by the EMS and County officials, during the evacuation exercise last summer.

Design Review meeting dates for 2015

No meetings in January or February

March 16	10:00	Lodge Lobby	July 13	9:00	Firehouse
April 13	10:00	Lodge Lobby	August 10	9:00	Firehouse
May 11	10:00	Firehouse (if roads are closed, Lodge Lobby)	September 14	9:00	Firehouse
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