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ONLINE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Board of Directors 2020 Schedule of Meetings

All Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month and will begin at 1:00pm. If an Executive Session is required, it will be held at 9:00AM on the same dates with a break for lunch between the morning Executive Session and afternoon Open Session.

****Dates:**

October 17th

Location:

Arrowhead Fire House

Please watch for posted agendas to confirm dates, times and locations:

<https://www.arrowhead1.org/agendas-minutes-meeting-info>

All meeting dates, times and locations may be subject to change.

*(**) Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, please check back to our [AIA website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for any BOD meeting updates and/or changes to the meeting schedule.*

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1. Huh! You should not try to stop a chainsaw with your hands! Everybody knows that! But did you know that all filing roads in the Arrowhead development has a **MAX. SPEED LIMIT - 20 MPH all year round?** AND, you could get fined for exceeding that?



2. Huh! Your computer screen says, 'Keyboard not detected. Press any key to continue.' Everybody knows that! But did you know that at ARROWHEAD you can only have an **outdoor fire in an approved fire ring**, and when not prohibited by government agencies?



3. Huh! You should not use your wheelbarrow when the temperature exceeds 140° Fahrenheit. Everybody knows that! But did you know that all contemplated changes to your Arrowhead property should be in consultation with the **Design Review Committee?**



4. Huh! Never iron your clothes while on your body. Everybody knows that! But did you know that all Arrowhead owner vehicles (and their guests) need to display an **Arrowhead sticker** (or pass)?



5. Huh! Remote controls for you electronics are not dishwasher safe! Everybody know that! But did you know that by state law you have to deal with **'noxious weeds' on your property?**



6. Huh! Babies should not operate heavy machinery or other vehicles after taking medications. Everybody knows that! But did you know that feeding wildlife can be dangerous, if not illegal? **Click Here** to read more.



7. Huh! If a mower is running you should not attempt to remove the blade - especially if it is a push mower! Everybody know that! But did you know **that the trash dumpster cost \$10 per month and does not take items listed on the sign?**



8. Huh! Rain gauges are suitable for outdoor use. Everybody knows that! But did you know that Arrowhead has a **Forest Refuse Site** (not a Stump Dump since stumps are prohibited)?



9. Huh! Hershey's Almond Bar may contain traces of nuts. Everybody knows that! But did you know that the **Arrowhead Regulations** could save you frustration or even money?



10. Huh! You should not use a blow dryer while asleep. Everybody knows that! But did you know that **Patrol** and **Board members** can help you with Arrowhead answers? **Please visit our AIA website for additional contact information.**



11. Huh! Coconuts kill more people each year than sharks do. Everybody knows that! But did you know **that Hwy 50 construction probably starts in April** and will cause you at least inconvenience? Visit the **Road Activity Message Board** on our **AIA website.**



12. Huh! In the 1830s catsup was sold as medicine. Everybody knows that! But did you know that reflective signs with your **property address are on the right side of the driveway** to assist emergency access for the **Arrowhead Fire Protection District** and should not be moved or altered?



13. Huh! At any given time 0.7% of the world's population is drunk. Everybody knows that! But did you know that pets are to be leashed or otherwise controlled all the time? **Read page 13 of our "Living in Arrowhead" booklet.**



14. Huh! You should not take aspirin if allergic to aspirin. Everybody knows that! But did you know that **many regulations have non-compliant fines?** (see regulations sect. 9)



15. Huh! Improper packing of parachute may result in serious injury to the user. Everybody knows that! But did you know that owners are accountable for their guests' noncompliance to regulations.

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Thanks! Good to know these things. Hopefully everybody knows that!

My hope is that this will facilitate everyone in having good living on our mountain if only for a few days, or if Arrowhead is your everyday home. More information on these, or other things, may be found on our website - or ask!

Sharing in an Association simply means we are in this together. Be considerate of each other and the rules we all have agreed to follow. That will put the 'us' back in fun! Everybody knows that! But did you know that only female mosquitoes bite?

Oh, and if you are traveling west it is good to know that some things, things that you might even use every day, may cause cancer in California!!



Keep happy!
Lowell Kindschy
AIA Board President
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Well it's almost Winter. We've already had over a half of a foot of snow; so, it's not too early to ask the question...Are you ready? Here's some things you might want to think about as winter approaches:

- Is your car ready for the winter weather?
- Is your house ready for winter?
- Are your winter transportation vehicles tuned up and serviced?



These are things we who live in Arrowhead need to take care of prior to the onslaught of winter weather. Tires need to be checked for not only the proper tread depth but also for the proper tread type. In case you're not aware there is a different rubber compound to winter tires versus summer tires and the tread pattern is different too. Good summer tires and some all weather tires are just not good enough for constant snow use as we see here on the mountain.



Good traction enhancing devices are also essential. If you don't have chains or cables for your vehicle now is the time to get them. There are several retailers in the area who sell them so take the time to buy them now. It beats having to get pulled out of the ditch by your fellow community members, Patrol or by Will and the loader. As of the time of this writing we've already had one individual who had to be pulled out who probably thought the mud tires on his four wheel drive truck were good enough. And that was with only 6" of snow. Oh, and don't forget to put a shovel and maybe some kitty litter in for good measure.

Take the time to have your battery checked to make sure it's in good enough condition to withstand cold starting. It takes a lot more power to crank a cold engine with a cold battery than a warm one. Keep a set of jumper cables handy too. Have your vehicle serviced including new filters and an oil change.

Be prepared for winter travel. Put extra food and water in your vehicle and also throw in a blanket or sleeping bag and a flashlight. You never can tell when you may have to spend some extended time on the side of the road or in case you go off the road and can't get out.



In regard to your getting your house ready you might want to think about having some freeze protection on your piping and your water meter. If we have a cold winter without much snow frozen meters are a real problem. Yes, it does happen. Take the steps now to insulate or heat trace to avoid having to do without water or worse yet broken pipes. Make sure you winter heat source is serviced. Have a snow shovel or two ready near the door so you don't have to go dig them out after it snows.

Now is the time to get those snowmobiles or UTV's serviced. Be sure they are ready to go as doing it now beats having to work on them in a blizzard when they won't start. Be sure to bring extra food and water on your snowmobile also. In the past we've had residents get stuck and not be able to make it home or to the parking lot and have to walk. Sure, it's only a couple of mile or so but it's still a pain and can be out and out treacherous, especially at night!!

These are just a few things you can do to make your life better, easier and safer here in the winter. We take these same steps for our equipment to better serve the community so please take the time to do your part so we don't have to come rescue you if you don't.

Thanks and have a happy Fall in Arrowhead.



Jim Matteson
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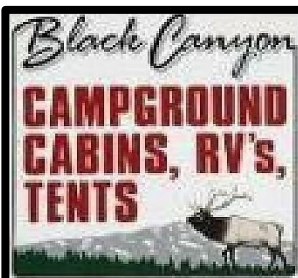
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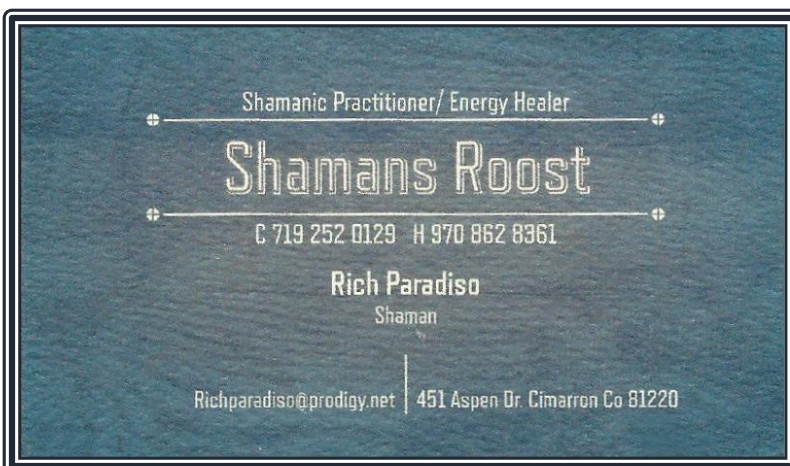


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AIA Board of Director Open Seat

As the result of a resignation, there is a member seat open on the AIA Board of Directors. The term for the open seat expires in January 2023. It will be filled by an affirmative Board vote at the Regular Board Meeting on October 17, 2020. (AIA Bylaws, Article I, section 3.5)

If you are interested in serving your Arrowhead community as a Board Member, please send a letter of intent to the AIA Board of Directors at: aiaowner1@gmail.com

Your letter must be received no later than October 16, 2020.

Our community thanks Lance Lehigh for his dedicated service to our community this past year!!

AIA Board of Directors Election Update

As of the deadline of August 14, 2020, only one (1) Letter of Intent to run for the two Board seats to be vacated in January 2021 was received. The sole candidate was current Vice President, Brad Fowler. *Per AIA Bylaws Section 2.5 - D. Voting Procedures for Owners – regarding uncontested elections candidates may be affirmed to succeed by a majority vote of the Board.*

At the September 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, the Board voted by simple majority to affirm Brad Fowler to succeed his seat.

The remaining seat to be vacated by Jim Matteson in January 2021 cannot be filled until the vacancy occurs per AIA Bylaws Section 3.5 – Vacancies on the Board of Directors - may be filled by an affirmative vote of the remaining Directors.

The Board plans to announce the vacancy in January, receive owner applications to serve and will vote to fill the seat from applicants at a Board Meeting in the Spring of 2021.

If you have any questions, please email the AIA Election Committee at: aia.electionscommittee@gmail.com

During this current COVID 19 situation, the AIA Board of Directors, employees and volunteers are committed to the health and safety of all property owners and residents. Collectively, we are adhering to the restrictions put in place by the authorities of Gunnison County, the state Colorado and the Federal Officials, under the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). These mandated safety measures and restrictions has required our Association to adjust our everyday routines.

This is a situation our community has never encountered before. We appreciate your **flexibility, patience and understanding** as we maneuver through the upcoming weeks & months. As information becomes available will continue to do our best to post it on our [AIA website](#) and/or [Facebook page](#).

You can also do your part to stay informed, as well.

Continuous updates are provided by Gunnison County, the state of Colorado and the Federal Agencies. Below, you will

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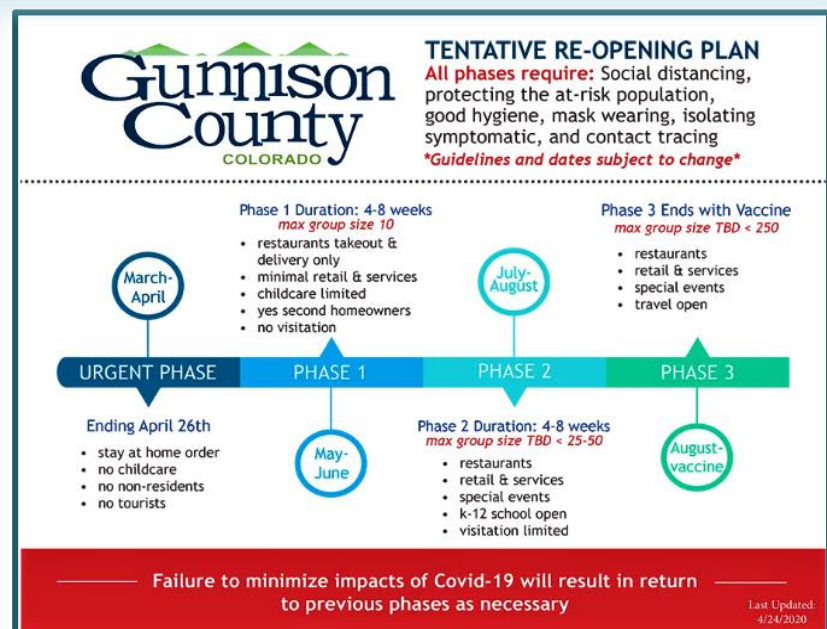
- Gunnison County's special COVID 19 webpage at <https://covid19.gunnisoncounty.org/>
- Gunnison County Health & Human Services Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GunnisonCountyHHS/>

Colorado Division of Public Health & Environment:

- [CDPHE COVID-19 Web Page](#)
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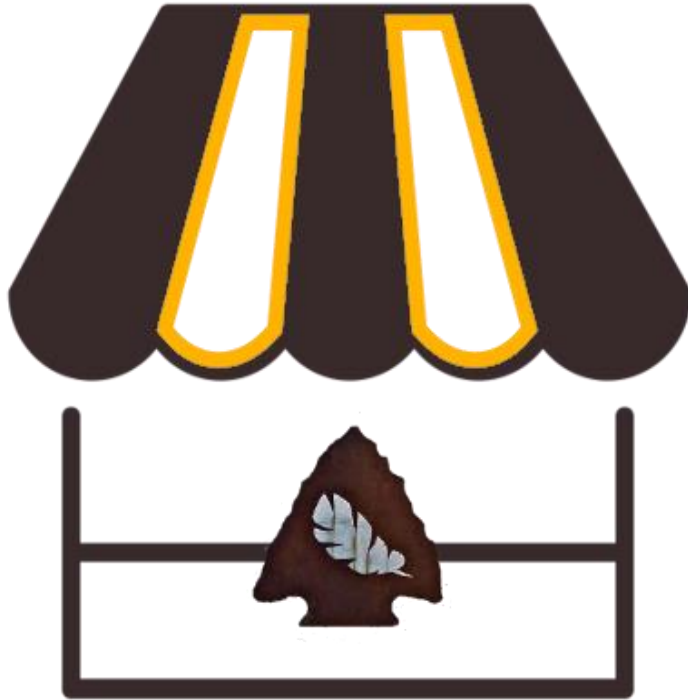
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Reading List

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
**Oct. 2	Our House	by Louise Candlish
Nov. 6	Nighthawk Rising	by Diana Allen Kouris
Dec.	No Mtg. – holidays	-----

Questions, please contact Nancy Gauthier at
nancypgauthier@msn.com The club meet the first Friday of the
month unless noted. Join us at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge at
11:30am. All welcome!

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Fall colors have arrived and the summer of Covid 19 has passed. We have all had a very strange summer but we pushed through and got lots of good things done. With the huge influx of new Arrowhead owners there have been lots of questions about trees, followed up by owners and contractors moving dead and diseased trees to the Forest Refuse Site. The pile is estimated to be about 120,000 cubic feet. Almost 50% more than last year!

A burn permit for the site will be obtained from the State of Colorado Air Pollution Control Division. In order to meet the permit requirements, the pile will be burned after there is at least a foot of snow on the ground and when weather conditions will allow the venting of the smoke to higher elevations and away from populated areas. The Arrowhead community will be informed about 24 hours in advance of the burn. Because of the confined space at the burn site, please observe the burn from a distance.



The overall damage from spruce bud worm is less than last year but there are several "hot spots" where the damage is very heavy. The infestation should continue to decline over the next few years, but the primary concern now is that the trees in the "hot spots" have been weakened to the point that they are more likely to be killed by bark beetles. Owners that had a heavy attack in 2020 should use liquid Sevin, ACE Caps and MCH packs in early June to protect their trees.

Ordering information and use of these products is a little confusing, especially for new owners, so I will outline the process.

- **Liquid Sevin is available at home improvement and hardware stores** in a gallon bottle that attaches to a garden hose. Because the application height is dependent on water pressure, this product works best on smaller trees. Spraying should occur when the Spruce Bud Worm first appears on the trees, about the second week of June.
- **ACE caps can be ordered from Bill Conway starting about Nov 1.** Although they are available from other sources, they are made available here at the manufacturer's wholesale price. Unless you have a "hot spot" on your property I only recommend putting up ACE Caps to reduce the nuisance of having worms and their webbing hanging around your residence and vehicles. The 3/8" size should be used on trees under 20 inches in diameter and be placed in drilled holes every 6 inches around the tree below the lowest green branches. The 1/2" size is used on trees over 20 inches in diameter and are placed every 8 inches around the tree.
- **MCH packs have been a huge success in reducing Douglas fir and spruce beetle killed trees at Arrowhead.** As a community we put up 15500 in 2020. MCH pack ordering will also start Nov 1. Information is available in the forestry section of the AIA website on how many to order or you can contact Bill Conway for advice. The best time to put up MCH packs is about June 15. There will be a message on Facebook when the beetles start to fly, which is the prime time to put up the packs. If you will not be available to put up the MCH packs at the best time you can have them put up by a volunteer from the fire department with a donation of your choice to the **Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Dept (AVFD)**.

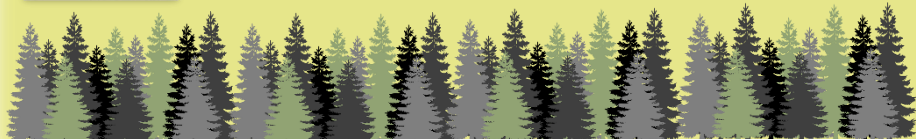
Prices for the ACE and MCH packs will be available on our website on or around October 15th. Once ordering your packs, please make your check out to the Arrowhead Improvements Association. Checks for MCH installation (only) are made out to the Arrowhead Fire Protection District. ALL checks are to be mailed to **Bill Conway, 1734 SE 52nd Ave., Portland, OR 97215**.

Logging of the spruce beetle kill has resumed on the Alpine Plateau. About 5000 acres of trees were killed by the spruce beetles over the last several years. 1500 acres were logged last winter and about another 1500 acres will be logged from now until the road closures begin on Hwy 50 in March. To stay up to date about logging and road conditions it is recommended to bookmark and check our **Road Activity Message Board** located on our **AIA website**



Bill Conway
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For more information, visit the Forest Management webpage at: <https://www.arrowhead1.org/forest-management>



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Logging on the Alpine:

Several years ago, the AIA made an agreement with the US Forest Service that when logging was occurring on the Alpine Plateau there would be no log haul on the Alpine Plateau Road on Thanksgiving weekend and between Christmas and New Year's Day. The reason for that agreement was to avoid conflicts between logging trucks and snowmobiles during those high use snowmobile times.

Although the current logging is being done on US Forest Service land the timber sales are being administered under a Colorado State Forest Service contract. When that contract was written log haul was also excluded on all Federal Holidays. However, the timber sale purchaser, Montrose Forest Products, requested a waiver of that restriction for the holidays of:



- **Columbus Day – Oct 12, 2020**
- **Veteran's Day – Nov 11, 2020**
- **Martin Luther King Day – Jan 18, 2021**
- **President's Day – Feb 15, 2021**

This request was granted last winter without incident and the AIA has agreed to waive the restriction on these four Federal Holidays again this winter.

These extra haul days will allow for the removal of more of the beetle killed trees from the Alpine Plateau before haul is suspended in the spring of 2021 because of the Little Blue Canyon Highway 50 project.

The primary concern for Arrowhead residents with this operation is safety on the Alpine Road. Owners should expect similar activity to last year with 20 to 30 loaded trucks per day and occasional long low boy trucks moving heavy equipment. The timber purchaser has agreed to use pilot cars with the low boys on the lower portion of the Alpine. Owners and log trucks have an equal responsibility to drive safely on the Alpine. **If you observe any problems with the trucks please report as many of the following items as possible to Bill Conway (541-729-6259)**, so that he can follow up with the State Forest Service and Montrose Forest Products: Date, time, location, and details of the incident; truck color, name on door, and most definitive identification of all is the black numbers painted on the end of the logs. Montrose Forest Products takes safety very seriously and some serious or repeated problems last year resulted in removal of that truck from the sale.

Bill will be leaving Arrowhead for the winter in mid-October, BUT can be reached by phone or email to take care of any questions regarding hazard trees, insect and disease or logging problems.



US 50 Little Blue Creek Canyon Information



COLORADO
Department of Transportation

Starting in the Spring of 2021, USDOT in conjunction with CDOT will begin the US Hwy 50-Little Blue Creek Canyon project. The project will be located between mile posts 123 and 126.8.

CDOT is now providing information with regards to the upcoming US Hwy 50 Little Blue Creek Canyon project; detailing schedule, travel impacts, access, and other important information. Click on the link to review: <http://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/20200827-little-blue-creek-canyon-info-sheet-faq.pdf>

This project is being managed by Central Federal Lands (CFL) and questions can be directed to: John Knowles, phone: 720-618-9414 or email: us50@dot.gov

Construction is anticipated to begin February 2021, with full highway closures starting in April. More information will be distributed once a contractor has been selected.

For additional questions, you may also can contact:

Raelene Shelly, P.E.
Professional Engineer II, CDOT
Region 3 Montrose Residency
Email at: raelene.shelly@state.co.us



Wow! The leaves are turning their beautiful fall colors and our building season is rapidly coming to an end. Our last official meeting for the year is **October 12th at 4pm**. We still have many projects that are ongoing, just beginning, and being finalized. If you are wanting to start a project next summer, you don't need to wait until we meet in the spring. The Design Review Committee has become very proficient in getting this done via email. If you can approve your plans and get a deposit on a contractor, now, it makes things move along much quicker when the snow melts. After the snow melts, we can do our site visit and have your permit finalized.



With that being said, a couple of reminders:

- When you are planning a property improvement, you need to have the Construction Agreement and Plot Plan sent to me(jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com) and the **\$100 permit fee needs to be sent to the highlighted address on the Construction Agreement. This address is AIA Office, PO Box 83 Gunnison Colorado, 81230.**
- You need to locate your center pin and flag several points on the property boundary.
- Flag several points to the adjacent properties as well.
- Flag any site of improvements -- driveway, shed perimeter, trees you think need removed, etc.
- Once this is done, a DRC committee member will come and do a site visit.
- Please refer to this document for many of the different project types done in Arrowhead.
- For specific Design Review guide, here is the links to the DRC webpage and our AIA Regulations.
- DRC members are happy to assist you in this process but as the property owner **you are responsible for the accuracy of the center pin**. A professional site survey is the best way to be positive of an accurate center pin, if it is in question.

This summer over 50 properties have changed hands in Arrowhead. We are so excited to see all the new Community Members. Please know that **all** property improvements need to go through the DRC. Most require a permit. Some just get the go ahead "OK" because they are considered maintenance. It is better to ask than be in violation of the Arrowhead Regulations. We have a lot of new contractors up here and they do not know our Regulations. It is the homeowner who is responsible for educating themselves and their contractors about the rules.

**** Utilities **** - Many owners have been asking about putting in utilities. Please note that this **MUST** be approved by the Design Review Committee. You are not required to pay for a permit, but we must approve the location of your plans. Failure to notify the Design Review Committee could result in up to \$1000 in fines.

****Shed Regulations****

- **All Sheds MUST be approved by the Arrowhead Design Review Committee.**
- **If you have an approved Gunnison Co septic system**, you do not need a Gunnison Co building permit as long as your shed is **no larger than 200sf**. If the shed is larger than 200sf you are required to apply for a building permit through Gunnison Co.
- **If you do not have an approved Gunnison Co septic system, you are required to get a building permit from Gunnison Co no matter what the size.**

Please continue to follow the requirements set forth for improvements in the 2020 AIA Regulations. This helps the committee move forward for you more quickly. Please also continue to be knowledgeable of the updates from Gunnison Co on Covid-19 Gunnison Co Health Regulation.

We look forward to continuing serving the owners' of this great community.

Last DRC Meeting for 2020

**Monday, October 12th
at 4:00PM**



Joanie Thompson
AIA Design Review Mgr.
jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com

All meetings are held at the firehouse unless the filing roads are closed. If roads are closed, the meeting will be held at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge lobby.

DRC Meetings are usually held on the second Monday of a given month as scheduled above and start at 9:00am to approximately Noon.

If confidential, private or privileged information needs to be discussed at a DRC meeting, an Executive Session may be required and called.

ARROWHEAD
PRESENTS
THE 2019 JOHN KRALL AWARD
August 15, 2020

This volunteer has been a member of our community since 2003.

His attention to detail and his relentless concern for the safety of our community are well beyond any requirements for this award. This Year's John Krall Award winner is Jim Gelsomini.

He has been our Fire Chief for 5 / years. At his request, he continues to be unpaid for his services as Fire Chief. Jim works for the fire department a tremendous amount of hours over many days each and every week.

He attended fire fighter training, an eight-week course, put on by Gunnison Fire. He commuted to Gunnison 2 nights per week plus some Saturdays. When training ended late this included hotel stays. All of this he did at his personal expense.

Jim has attended many medical training First Responder classes at Arrowhead, Gunnison and Lake City.

Every Sunday, you can find Jim at the firehouse starting up every engine including vehicles, pumps, chainsaws, etc. to ensure operational status.

His trips to Montrose always include shopping for the fire department for items needed for repair projects, equipment improvements and medical supplies. He spends extra time shopping at various stores in order to get the best possible prices to save the AVFD funds.

An outside wall in the equipment bay had water damage from snow melting off equipment and leaking through the wall during the winter. Jim tore the wall open, repaired the damage and put it back together saving several thousand dollars for the department. He also came up with a solution to prevent the issue in the future.

In another cost savings move, saving the cost of an electrician, he rewired the heating circuits in the equipment bay to run off a timer in order to take advantage of "time of use" savings in electrical service. This sounds simple but this was a big effort costing the department very little.

During power outages the firehouse communication radios, lights and bay door openers used to become non-functional. Jim rewired circuits so now these functions can run from a generator. During every power outage, Jim makes the trip into the firehouse to activate this service in order to keep emergency response ready.

Jim was a major labor contributor on the project to replace the extremely old pump on the large trailer/sled. He added enhancement to the new pump's plumbing when it was installed.

Fire codes require the fire fighter's gear worn to structure fires be no older than 10 years because the fire retardant capabilities deteriorate over time. Many of the AVFD's fire fighter suits were older, some as old as 30 years! Due to all the monetary saving from the work Jim volunteers instead of hiring the work out, the AVFD was able to purchase new gear over the past few years.

Another area that has benefited from savings due to Jim's volunteer efforts is having funds to replace the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment that was no longer certifiable. Interesting side note here; Jim does routine practice with SCBAs by sometimes wearing one while working on equipment on Sundays. The SCBAs are like a heavy, bulky backpack so it takes strength, balance and coordination to deal with them.

Jim attends emergency management meetings with other departments in Gunnison County over many months throughout the Year. Since COVID, Jim has been part of county meetings in order to maintain safety for our First Responders.

Recently, Jim hasn't allowed any cleaning staff to come into the firehouse in order to minimize COVID danger and to protect our First Responders. Instead, Jim has been doing the cleaning.

The Arrowhead Fire Protection District's long range plan included the purchase of a Type 3 fire truck. Due to Jim's relationships with Gunnison County, they donated the red truck you see at the Arrowhead firehouse, saving our fire district over \$100,000.

These examples are just a short list of the voluntary efforts that Jim performs. The amount of his volunteer work is huge. But he does it all quietly so most people don't realize his contribution.

One of the requirements for the John Krall Award is the awardees contribute without any expectation of reward or recognition. This fits Jim perfectly. He doesn't broadcast his accomplishments. You find out about them when you see the finished product and the results.

His volunteerism is a valuable asset to our community and most worthy of the John Krall Award. We are all proud to call Jim our friend, neighbor and Fire Chief.

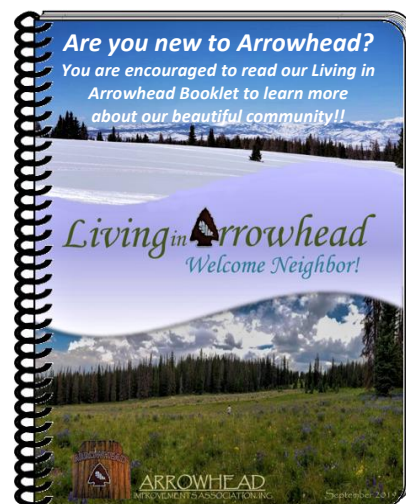




From Spring to Fall Equinox Patrol has:

- ✓ Registered and issued stickers for 396 vehicles
- ✓ Inspected and approved 234 fire-pits
- ✓ Responded to countless:
 - Phone calls
 - emails
 - Message requests

These tasks were all performed by the single officer on duty. While we wear a badge and uniform and we'll respond to all emergencies 24/7, we are "on duty" only 40 hrs. a week. (We work 7 days Sunday to Sunday.) Owners and guests should keep in mind that our work day is not 24 hours long. If a request for services, such as inspecting a fire-pit, are made after late afternoon, that request will infringe on the Officer's personal time.



Trash

As a reminder to all, the use of the Trash Compactor is not free and no items listed on the signage should be placed inside it. The cost is \$10 a month no matter how many times it's used. **CLICK HERE** to read the rules of use. Also, please submit your Trash Payment with your quarterly dues to the Arrowhead Improvements Association. P.O. Box 83, Gunnison, CO, 81230.



Bears

This has to be considered the year of the bear. Some 7 to 9 bears made Arrowhead their temporary home this summer. Some damage was done but no personal injuries. Hopefully, Arrowhead residents will remember that this was the home for bears long before we invaded their turf.

Winter is a-comin'. (We hope.)

The Winter Parking Lot:

As per regulations, no private vehicle may be left in the parking lot until **Saturday, October 10th.**

- All vehicles must be registered with Patrol and have a yellow Arrowhead sticker or a visitor pass. Included are cars, trucks, snowmobiles, trailers, and OHVs.
- There is a designated area and \$50 fee for trailers. Contact Patrol for specifics.
- Snowmobiles and OHVs (Geezer-mobiles) may be left in the main parking area for 2 nights only. Otherwise, they are to be parked on the hillside, keeping in mind that the groomer must have room to plow behind the box trailers.
- There is limited parking and a \$265 fee for the diesel parking area and must be reserved through **Patrol**.

Running driveways:

Patrol will again, offer the service of running driveways to cabins. This is to facilitate access and to put eyes on the structures to see if damage has occurred in the absence of the owner.

The following requirements are:

- A signed **Liability Waiver** must be on file with Patrol.
- A safe access and egress must be marked to and from the filing road and the cabin with pairs of poles at least 4 feet above ground level.
- The route must be approved by Patrol before the season starts.
- Contact Patrol for more specifics.

We hope that this will be a peaceful and snowballed winter.



Dave Reddish, Lead & Your AIA Patrol Team.....

Phone or Text: (970) 209-6335

Email: arrowheadpatrol@gmail.com





AVFD Volunteer Spirit

Arrowhead has been a busy place this summer with many visitors coming to enjoy the wonderful activities available around us. It's also been a busy summer for the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department. Responding to calls, training and fund raising are some of the things that it takes to sustain the fire department. Let's take a short look at what makes up the AVFD.

Volunteers are the backbone of it all. It starts with the training and maintenance hours put in by the first responders and firefighters to make sure their skills and equipment are ready when the time comes. When the firebar rings, they drop everything to come to the aid of their neighbors.

Another way volunteers support the fire department is through fund raising. A group of fire department auxiliary members, who typically organize our picnic, held a very successful Boot Drive this summer. Other department volunteers offered their time to sell clothing and hats with all profits donated to the fire department. A group of community members offered their time to organize an ATV Treasure Hunt with all proceeds donated to the fire department. The work of these volunteers, and others, made 2020 a great year for donations to the AVFD.

All these amazing volunteers are the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department. They are driven by a desire to help our community in whatever capacity they can. A huge THANKS to all of you. Without you there would be no AVFD. To learn more about volunteering with our Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department, please visit our website at: <https://www.arrowheadfire.org/>



Lastly is our Chief, Jim Gelsomini. You see Chief Jim working at the firehouse, or at the scenes of our calls, but that's a small portion of what he does. Chief Jim spends countless hours behind the scenes on fire department business. There isn't enough room in Smoke Signals to describe what he does. Simply said, we're extremely grateful for his willingness to serve as our chief. This year we're very happy to see the community recognize his service, as the recipient of the 2020 John Krall Community Service Award. Congratulations Jim!



Volunteer fire departments never have "too much" help. Without volunteers there wouldn't be a fire department at Arrowhead. If you would like to join our team, contact Chief Jim at avfdchief2014@gmail.com or call 970-862-8330. Stop by the firehouse most Tuesdays around 9 a.m. and talk to firefighters doing equipment checks. Learn more about the many ways to participate in this rewarding community service. We look forward to meeting you!



Arrowhead Fire Protection District

SIGN UP

Alert Email Notifications



Communications Manager Needed for Arrowhead Fire Protection District

We are looking for someone to take over the management of our website and Facebook page. Responsibilities include posting content, updating website format, and suggesting content to the AFPD board. If you have a working knowledge of Facebook and website administration, contact us. Workload is typically a few hours per month, and is compensated. If interested contact **Steve Gauthier** at mtnstev86@gmail.com



Well, fall has finally arrived and winter is just around the corner. I know we are all looking forward to riding our snowmobiles. I know with the Covid-19 problem and logging our last season was cut short. We have high hopes for this winter.

We will be having our meetings at the **Arrowhead Mountain Lodge at 4:00 pm** starting with the **second Saturday of November and continue every second Saturday thru April**. At our first meeting, we will be discussing group rides and taking suggestions on where people would like to ride. Arrowhead will be dealing with the loggers again this winter. We have high hopes that it will not be as congested as last season.

We will be having our **Membership Drive on the morning of October 10th, at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge**. You will be able to become a member or renew your membership. Come have breakfast at the lodge and we can answer any questions about the club.

We have set our **Poker Run for February 20, 2021**. Please keep an eye out for further information. Our moonlight rides might take on a new view and location. Stay tuned for additional information. We will keep you updated via our [Facebook](#) page and [ASC](#) website on any upcoming events.

Please come join in the fun!!

- ❖ Kay L Fay, President
- ❖ Lori Dean, Vice President
- ❖ Jessica Amie, Secretary/Media advisor
- ❖ Bonnie Martineau, Treasurer
- ❖ Gary Broughton/Mike Bartlett-Groomers



Are you new to Arrowhead?

Everyone is encouraged to read our Living in Arrowhead Booklet to learn more about our beautiful community!! www.arrowhead1.org

Living in Arrowhead
Welcome Neighbor!



ARROWHEAD
IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

September 2019

Noxious Weed Update...



All...Weed spraying was completed this week. Mike said the roadsides might not need spraying next year. That is good news! He will need to do the parking lot and Hazel Lake area in the spring. We reduced our cost by \$1240.00 below last year!!

Thanks to all who did their part to keep Arrowhead beautiful!!

Jeri Rau

Noxious Weed - BOD Liaison

*Happy
Fall*



*Navy
Honoring All
Marines
the Men and Women
Air Force
Who Have Selflessly
Army
Served Our Country
Coast Guard*

*Veterans Day
November 11th*

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