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www.arrowhead1.org

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News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 20th of the month before the next bimonthly issue. Please email news articles to **Lisa Ditmore** at **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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Board of Directors 2021 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.

(**) Until Gunnison County COVID19 restrictions are lifted, future Board Meetings will be held via ZOOM Meeting. Please check back to our <u>AIA website</u> and <u>Facebook page</u> for any BOD meeting updates and/or changes to the meeting schedule.

**Dates: Location:

May 15 Arrowhead Fire House or TBA
July 17 Arrowhead Fire House
*August 21 Arrowhead Fire House
September 18 Arrowhead Fire House
November 13 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.

*Annual Owners Meeting is scheduled to follow the regular BOD Meeting on August 21st.

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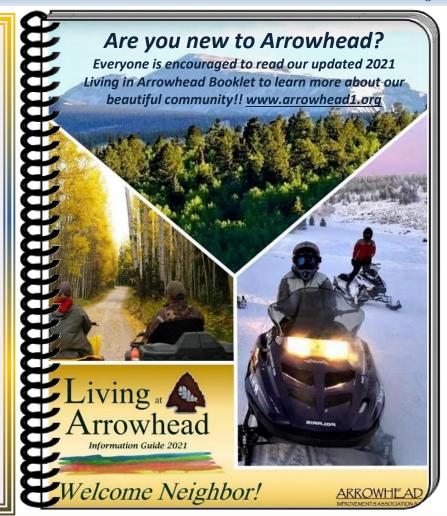
Arrorwhead Lorg is the only official website for Arrowhead property owners (owners in Arrowhead in Gunnison Country Subdivision, also commonly referred to as Arrowhead Ranch). The "Smoke Signals" newsletter and the "Living In Arrowhead" booklet are the only two official publication of the Arrowhead Improvements Association, Inc. (an HOA subdivision within Arrowhead in Gunnison Country). "Arrowhead Improvements Association - AIA" is the only official Facebook page. No other chat room, blog. forum, website, Facebook page or other electronic or written publication is supported, sanctioned, associated with or condoned by Arrowhead Improvements Association, Inc., and said Association is not responsible for their content.

WELCOMEAIA Board of Director



Bill Brassfield
billbrassfield.aia@gmail.com

Please join in to welcome the AIA's newly appointed Board Member, Bill Brassfield. Bill was appointed to the Board at the Saturday, March 20th Board Meeting.



During this current COVID 19 pandemic, 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 have 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, we 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 see web links directing you to the local, state and federal agencies to follow on a regular basis:

Gunnison County:

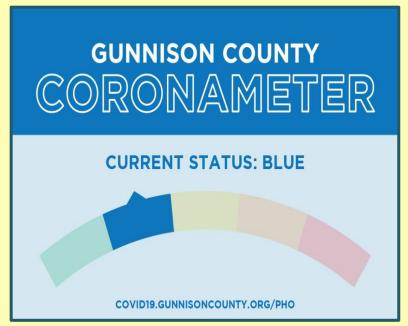
- Gunnison County's special COVID 19 webpage at https://covid19.gunnisoncounty.org/
- Gunnison County Health & Human Services Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/GunnisonCountyHHS/

Colorado Division of Public Health & Environment:

- CDPHE COVID-19 Web Page
- CDPHE COVID-19 Facts for Coloradans
- CDPHE Cleaning Guidance for COVID-19

Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

CDC COVID-19 Web Page



President's Message

The Ugly, the Bad, and the Good...

It's springtime in the Rockies! I'll be coming back to you. What does that elicit in your mind and heart? Well, here are a few thoughts to which you may be able to relate.

First, the UGLY! With the coming of spring comes the thaw of the snow and the frozen ground – from the surface down. That makes for soupy, sloppy mud! Roads can become rutted. Mud sticks to everything. The path from home to the parking lot is a combination of areas of snow, areas of mud and areas of dirt. Great for the snow machine. Great time to go off, or not go up, the mountain.



Then, the BAD! Spring means the end of snow pack and the beginning of construction. Coming off this past winter leaves us about 20% below average snow pack. Unless we get some spring precipitation, we could be looking at a long dry summer. That would yield an increase in concern for a season of heightened fire danger. The end of snow pack also welcomes the beginning of the Hwy 50 construction project with the ensuing closures and other inconveniences (current information available through links on the AIA website). These 'bad' thing may give occasion to consider one's association with the mountain this year.



But, the GOOD! The flowers are blooming. Warmth is in the air. The sky is blue, blue, blue. It's quiet and serene. There seems to be a migration from the congestion of the city to small town, rural America. People seem to desire a little natural social distancing. There seems to be an interest in living and working in a culture that is not being chiseled away or under the influence of self-centered vocal mobs. Seems these people of flight are only lately becoming aware of what we have known for some time. We were country when country wasn't cool! Spring is GOOD! Life is GOOD! The mountain is GOOD!

The ugly will pass, and soon! The bad we can deal with through awareness and conscientious planning. The GOOD just is! See it! Live it! Enjoy it! Be part of it! Make it better! It's beautiful! It's quiet. It's distanced, but social! It's country, but community! It's yours, envied by many.

It's springtime in the Rockies! I'll be coming back to you.



Lowell Kindschy

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2020-2021 Sn*w Rep*rt

by Harold Thompson &

Joanie Aufderheide

Visit our AIA website, www.arrowhead1.org to get the latest up-to-date Area Forecast, Cams & Conditions AND Snow Reports.

To view the entire report, <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

ARROWHEAD WINTER SNOWFALL 2020-2021 BASE DEPTH (Inches on TOTAL for season DATE MEASURED CONDITIONS LOCATION TIME MEASURED AMOUNT (Inches) (Inches) ground) Base depth varies due to settling, melting, blowing, etc Mar-21 03/04/21 8:00 AM 129.25 20° 2.5 42 Clear 821 Balsam Dr 03/04/21 3:00 PM 33° 130.25 43 821 Balsam Dr Overcast 1 03/10/21 8:00 AM 24° 5 £35.25 45 Sunny/Windy 821 Balsam Dr 03/12/21 8:00 AM 24° 135.25 41 Calm 821 Balsam Dr 03/14/21 8:00 AM 19° 142.25 821 Balsam Dr 48 Snowing 03/15/21 8:00 AM 147.25 Snowing 821 Balsam Dr 150 25 03/16/21 8:00 AM 19° 51 Sunny 821 Balsam Dr 03/21/21 8:00 AM 26° 154.25 46 821 Balsam Dr Snowing 03/22/21 8:00 AM 24° 158.25 47.5 Overcast 821 Balsam Dr 03/24/21 821 Balsam Dr Feb Average Snowfall 31.33 Comparison: +/-3 17 Snowfall for Mar 2018 = 19 Snowfall for Mar 2019 = 47.5 Snowfall for Mar 2020 = 27.5 Snowfall for Mar 2021 = 34.5

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Design Review Message

The first day of Spring has come and gone, and the snow is still flying in Arrowhead. This year should be an interesting one with the construction in the canyon. Please be sure your contractors are aware of this construction and the long delays possible in the canyon. Updates can be found on the **AIA website**.

We have had our first meeting and have approved 5 permits thus far. If you are planning to do any improvements to your property this year, please let the Design Review Committee know and we can assist you with the process. **Our next meeting** is April 12th at 9am. We will meet at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge until the filing roads open. After the roads are open, we will meet at the Firehouse.

Below are a few reminders and bits of information before beginning any projects. Please become familiar with the **AIA Regulations**.

- All plans submitted will be reviewed and approved with the January 2020 revised Regulations.
- **2.** You can find a helpful list of things required for each type of project <u>here</u>. This is also located on the **Design Review webpage**.
- 3. Before submitting your plans, you need to become very familiar with the regulations pertaining to the project. Please see AIA Regulations, Article 18, 19, and 20. These can be found on pgs. 41 54. Violation of the regulations could be subject to a fine.
- **4.** You must submit the following forms when submitting plans:
 - a. Plot Plan
 - b. Construction Agreement

DRC Meeting Schedule:

All meetings are scheduled on the 2nd
Monday of the month and are at the
firehouse unless the Filing Roads are closed.
If the roads are closed, we will meet at the
Arrowhead Mountain Lodge. All meetings
begin at 9:00am:

- > April 12th
- ➤ August 9th
- ➤ May 10th
- > September 13th
- June 14th
- ➤ October 11th
- July 12th
- **5.** All Permits require a \$100 fee. Please mail this to: AIA Office PO Box 83, Gunnison, CO 81230. Please include: Your Name, Project, Filing, Block and Lot Number on the check so it can be recorded properly.
- **6.** Please submit plans to me, <u>jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com</u> at least 1 week before the next scheduled meeting. These dates can be found on the **Design Review webpage**. If you choose to send plans electronically, please send them in PDF format.
- 7. Plans must include all dimensions (including the plot plan) and samples of siding materials, colors, roofing color/materials and description of all other finishes and colors to be utilized on the exterior of your building. Colors need to be "earthy" colors that complement the existing surrounding.
- 8. Constructions signs need to be posted, and MUST follow AIA Regulations: Article 2, pgs. 8 9.
- 9. All changes made to approved plans must be presented to the DRC for further approval.

The DRC committee looks forward to helping you make your properties everything you dream they could be.



Joanie Thompson

AIA Design Review Mgr.

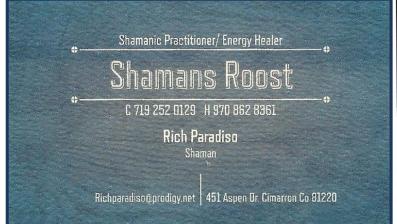
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All meetings are held at the firehouse unless the filing roads are closed. If roads are closed, the meeting will be held at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge lobby. DRC Meetings are usually held on the second Monday of a given month as scheduled above and 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.









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WE ARE OPEN
DURING
MUDSEASON
AND THE
HIGHWAY
CONSTRUCTION

Forestry Message



The order of 15000 MCH packs has been delivered to Arrowhead. Now the challenge will be to get them all distributed and put up between May 15 and June 15. Some extras where ordered, so if you forgot to order or if you are a new owner that didn't know about the program, please contact Bill. ACE Caps have also been received and will be distributed at the same time. Additional ACE Caps can still be ordered, but because the bulk order has already been received there will be a small shipping charge added to additional orders.

Bill will try to start passing out MCH packs May 15, but that is dependent on when snow allows him to move his RV into Arrowhead. Watch the Arrowhead Facebook page, web site and blast email for exact place and times to pick up your MCH packs and ACE Caps. If you can't make those times, there will be an option to make other arrangements.

The chances of a large wildfire at Arrowhead are much less than most parts of the western US. However, because of the large wildfires in the west last year, owners may be contacted by their insurance companies with a non-renewal notice. If that happens please feel free to contact Bill for assistance. He can provide a written review of your wildfire risk, information on fire department capabilities and ratings, and suggestions on other insurance companies that write policies at Arrowhead. This information has helped owners in the past to retain or obtain insurance, but owners are on their own when it comes to discussing price with insurance companies.



Even if you don't hear from your insurance company, you should still consider doing mitigation and defensible space work on your property. Many people have done that work in the past but annual maintenance is needed to maintain protection. Call Bill if you would like a review of your situation and then he can work on a plan for mitigation and defensible space. Remember cutting trees over 2" in diameter for any reason requires a permit from either **Design Review** or **Forest Management**.

There is currently a list of about 25 owners that want to meet with Bill concerning a range of tree questions including hazard tree review, insect and disease problems, and mitigation/defensible space. Call Bill if you want to get on the list. Timing of the visit will be adjusted based on urgency and when owners can be at Arrowhead. Because of the Hwy 50 construction, there may be a need to visit properties without the owners present, but that is not the preferred method.

The Forest Refuse Site will be opened as early as possible in May. The site needs to be checked for any hold over fire, the remnants from the burn need to be piled, and the road and site need to be dry enough to prevent damage from vehicles. In addition, the opening of the gate on the Alpine Road has to be coordinated with the US Forest Service to prevent damage to the Alpine Road beyond that point. The first Clean Up Day of the summer is scheduled for May 22 dependent on availability of the Forest Refuse Site. Watch website for updated information. See page 12 for scheduled dates.

Logging has stopped for now but will resume when good access is in place on Hwy 50 toward Montrose. About half of the logging has be completed at this point. The logging slash piles will not be burned until next winter.



Bill Conway

Arrowhead Forest Manager

541-729-6259

arrowheadforestmanager@gmail.com

For more information, click here to visit the

Forest Management webpage.







2020

NATIONAL FIREWISE USA® PROGRAM

CERTIFICATE

OF RECOGNITION

The National Fire Protection Association acknowledges that

Arrowhead Improvement Association

located in

Cimarron

CO

has successfully completed the Firewise USA* program's annual requirements for 2020 and is a participating site in good standing throughout the 2021 calendar year.

James T. Pauley, President, NFPA





November 10, 2020

Date Issued

Arrownead has been doing many fire prevention and control activities for over 20 years. In 2015 Arrownead applied for and was designated as a **FIRE WISE** community by the National Fire Protection Association. A renewal application is submitted each year that needs to show fire prevention activities throughout the community and specifically in 2020 spending at least \$25.43 per dwelling. (303 houses and 150 RV's). Arrowhead easily exceeds those requirements each year. Just some examples of items that go into the Fire Wise designation are:

- > AIA Board (funding and regulations), Fire Department (equipment and training),
- > Patrol (fire pit permits and information),
- > Design Review (construction requirements),
- Clean Up Days (325 Volunteer Hours in 2020),
- > Contractors and Individual Homeowners (Removing hazard trees and creating Defensible Space),
- Heavy Equipment (Piling and burning the Forest Refuse Site),
- Forest Management (Coordination, Education, Tree Removal Permits).

In short, fire prevention and control is everyone's job. Arrowhead continues to make strides in the right direction. Your good work is recognized. Keep up the good work.

In addition to recognition for all this effort, your insurance company may give you a 10% discount if you ask while renewing.

Keep up the great work and THANK YOU to EVERYONE!!







2021 Community

"Clean Up Days"

Come and lend a hand with your friends and neighbors to help keep our mountain beautiful and safe!!

Everyone meets at the Firehouse at 9:00AM and pitches in until 12 noon. Bring gloves, rakes, chainsaws, safety gear, trailers, water, smiles & lots of energy!!

**Saturdays: May 22th, June 26th, July 24th Aug 28th and Sept 11th

**These dates are subject to change based on availability of the Forest Refuse Site

Hwy 50- Little Blue Road Project



With the <u>Little Blue Canyon Creek Hwy 50</u>
<u>project</u> slated to begin in February, always remember to check back regularly to our <u>"Road Activity Message Board,"</u> located on the home page of our <u>AIA website</u>.



A Son And His Dad Landscaping

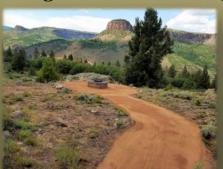


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- Emergency Fire and Medical call 911 (Gunnison)
- Arrowhead Patrol call or text (970) 209-6335
- Arrowhead Firehouse (970) 862-8330
- Arrowhead Ranch Water Company Office 970-249-6197 (Emergency 970-209-2104)
- Gunnison County Electric Association 970-641-3520 (including reporting power outages)
- Nucla-Naturita Telephone/Internet Arrowhead: 970-862-9101 or Primary: 970-864-7335

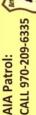
Steps to Take Before You Alter Your Property

- Please Read the Covenants and Regulations: www.arrowhead1.org/governing-documents-regulations
 - To put in a driveway, Contact the Design Review Manager to apply for a permit.
- If you are installing utilities you MUST contact the Design Review.
- Before you build, read the Design Review Guidelines and call the Design Review Manager to schedule a driveway walk-in and apply for required permits: www.arrowhead1.org/design-review
- Before you cut trees, contact the AIA Forest Manager: www.arrowhead1.org/forest-management



encouraged to read our "Living in Arrowhead" publication. This publication is a and nearby amenities. Please note, this booklet does NOT take the place of the handy reference guide designed to provide information about the community All Arrowhead in Gunnison Country owners, their guest and residents, are Arrowhead Covenants, Regulations or any other official AIA governing

documents. You can find this booklet on our website at www.arrowhead1.org



Patrol is your friend and neighbors! Our agents handle so many details for the owners in Arrowhead. Here's just a few:

Firepit Approval (annual inspection required)

- Issue stickers and visitor passes that are REQUIRED for all vehicles
- Neighbor Concerns
 Regulation Information using AIA filing roads.

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Design Review

Committee:

Groom a trail for you to your cabin in the winter - call them for info.

starting ANY project. Visit the webpage: www.arrowhead1.org/design-review \$1000 fine. Some projects require a permit and some are just approved be followed per our Regulations. Failure to do so could result in up to a and updated in our files. Contact the Design Review Committee before the Design Review Committee (DRC). There are procedures that must All property changes and/or exterior improvements MUST be sent to

thompsonaia.drc@gmail.com

Forestry:

Joanie Thompson

DRC Manager:

Are you wanting to take out a few trees? You can only remove any tree Removal of live trees without a permit could result in up to a \$1000 fine, on your property that is dead. All other trees over 2 inches in diameter per tree. Bill will also answer questions on mitigation and tree health. He can also help you identify for removal, trees that are a danger to at 4'6" above ground, must have approval from our Forest Mgr. existing or planned structures and parking areas. www.arrowhead1.org/forest-management

Spruce Rd...before the cattle guard. Contact Forest Manager for further Located: Left side of the Alpine Plateau Rd, 1/4 mile south of Upper information. This site is ONLY for forest mitigation materials.

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Bill Conway

Forest Refuse Site:

Forest

Forest Manager:

Arrowhead Improvements Association. Inc. Owner Information Sheet March 2021

NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS of any kind are allowed!

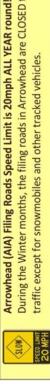


Trash Compactor: located in the Winter Parking Lot on the East end of

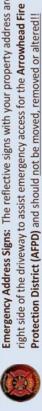
- Cost is \$10 per month (or any portion thereof). Pay with your AIA Dues.
- Household trash only: NO Cardboard!! Do not leave bags of trash outside compactor. Be sure to fasten both locks due to BEARS!
- Visit webpage to read: IMPORTANT: RULES FOR THE USE OF THE TRASH COMPACTOR

Offsite Landfill and Recycling options are available in Montrose and Gunnison counties

Other things to remember... www.arrowhead1.org



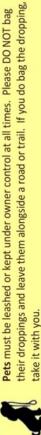
Emergency Address Signs: The reflective signs with your property address are on the During the Winter months, the filing roads in Arrowhead are CLOSED to all vehicular traffic except for snowmobiles and other tracked vehicles.



Lakes & Fishing: There are three (3) lakes available to AIA property owners and their stocking of the Lower Flint Lakes and has set a catch limit of three (3) fish per person guests: Flint Lakes, Evergreen Lake and Hazel Lake. Fishing is available at Flint Lakes and at Evergreen Lake only. The AIA, through its' board of directors, regulates per day



Pets must be leashed or kept under owner control at all times. Please DO NOT bag Living with Wildlife: Feeding wildlife can be dangerous, if not illegal! To find more information about the wildlife in our neighborhood and fishing at our local lakes, please refer to the current Living in Arrowhead Booklet that can be found on our website at www.arrowhead1.org



Renting Your Property: Owners are responsible and accountable for their guests' noncompliance to the regulations. Renters must be given information about our community.

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guest RV can stay for 14 days each calendar month. If you plan to have more than the Please RV Campers & Visitors: as a property owner, you can camp all summer! One (1) Volunteering: Our community depends on volunteers for almost everything. one guest RV, you must contact the Board of Directors for an exception.



ook at the website for ways to get involved at www.arrowhead1.org

We are so happy to WELCOME you to the mountain. We hope that you will help us keep Arrowhead the beautiful community it has been for the last 40+ years.

You can find additional information on our AIA website at www.arrowhead1.org

To stay digitally connected to our community for important updates:

- Visit our Facebook page: 4 Arrowhead Improvements Association AIA
 - Join our Blast Email Listing

And Most Importantly . .

Get to know your neighbors--they are a wealth of information!!

See Winter Parking Lot Information on Backside





It's hard to believe, but we are rapidly approaching Spring and MUD season. Will, Ron, and Doug will be out soon opening the roads. If you are snowmobiling or using your side-by-side, watch out for the loader and the grader. Please DO NOT try to drive your vehicle on the filing roads until we give the word when the roads are open. If you do, just realize that roads will be mushy and muddy...and you will either get stuck or tear up the filing roads.





The last issue of the Smoke Signals, I announced that we installed a new camera at the dumpster. All I would like to say is that it is working very well. Ask some of your friends and neighbors how well it works. It can be very costly for all of us when non-compliant items jam the dumpster. Also, you can be fined \$150.00 and the cost of the repair. As a reminder, below are the rules for use of the trash compactor.

IMPORTANT: RULES FOR THE USE OF THE TRASH COMPACTOR:

The use of the trash compactor is for those who have paid the nominal monthly fee of \$10.00 per month. This allows users to dispose of normal household trash and rubbish.

Here is a list of some of the things NOT ALLOWED to be disposed of in the Trash Compactor:

- NO Auto Parts
- . NO Building Materials
- NO Burning or Smoldering Materials of Any Kind!!
- NO Cardboard
- NO Construction Debris
- NO Gas Grills
- NO Hazardous Waste Materials
- NO Oil Filters
- NO Paint
- NO Petroleum Waste (gasoline, diesel, oil, hydraulic oil)
- NO Propane Bottles
- NO Scrap Metal (except food and drink containers)



This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list, so please use some good ol' common sense!!

When you use the compactor, <u>please ensure all latches on the compactor door are properly engaged</u> to keep our furry four legged marauders from getting into the compactor.

...additional information about the filing roads...

Many AIA members would like to apply mag-chloride on the filing road in front of their property to help suppress the dust during the summer months. While it is too costly to have all the filing roads treated, Kevin Stilley, is working with an independent mag-chloride company to apply the material. The cost to the lot owner/resident is approximately \$400.00 for a minimum purchase of a 100 yards. If you are interested in having mag-chloride applied on the filing road in front of your property, please contact via email:

Kevin Stilley: thestilleys@outlook.com Brad Fowler: bfowler.aia@gmail.com Leonard Wasilewski: waskis23@gmail.com

Please provide your name and the address where the mag chloride would be applied.

Please respond by May 21st, to have applied the 3rd week of June.



Brad Fowler
BOD Equipment & Maintenance Liaison
bfowler.aia@gmail.com

For more information, <u>click here</u> to visit the Maintenance & Improvements webpage.





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Message from Patrol

Last year was the summer COVID. This summer looks to be the summer of highway construction.

Here's the anticipated Highway 50 closure times and days taken from the CDOT information site. https://www.us50info.com.

Estimated weekly traffic impacts through November 2022:

Work Hours: Monday-Fridays 8 AM-5:30 PM Night work: Monday-Thursday 7:30 PM-6:30 AM

Monday-Friday OPEN for single-lane, alternating traffic operations in the morning, midday, and evening during the following times:

- 6:30 8:30 AM (Mondays open to two-way traffic)
- 12:30 1:30 PM
- 5:30 7:30 PM

Full roadway closures all other times:

- 8:30 AM-12:30 PM
- 1:30-5:30 PM
- 7:30 PM-6:30 AM

Fully OPEN on the weekends to two-way traffic (5:30 PM Friday to 8:30 AM Monday)

I anticipate that Alpine Road traffic will be significant during the open times particularly on weekends. While there is no specific posted speed limit on the Alpine, there is a square speed limit recommendation of 25 mph. The State has posted on their webpage:

Narrow, winding mountain highways, blind curves or weather conditions

20 mph or slower

https://leg.colorado.gov/content/state-speed-limits

If you are traveling down to the highway to catch one of the open times, plan accordingly so that you do not need to exceed 25 mph.

Patrol has been working with Arrowhead emergency responders attempting to anticipate possible emergency situations.

Should a medical emergency occur during daylight hours, requiring a patient to be transported off the mountain, Patrol's job will be for traffic control and warn drivers of an approaching ambulance or helicopter. This is a normal duty for Patrol

If the medical emergency occurs at night or during inclement weather, precluding a Careflight helicopter extraction, the following is posted on the CDOT site.

Q. How will emergency response vehicles get through the project when the highway is closed?

A. Access for emergency response vehicles will be maintained throughout construction, and project managers will have direct communication with emergency responders needing to travel through the project.

So be it.

The above also applies in case of a fire. Whether the fire is structural or a wildfire, the Alpine will need to be kept clear for the firefighting equipment.

If an evacuation is called, Patrol will be contacting residents with instructions. It is probable that RVs will <u>not</u> be permitted on the Alpine during an evacuation unless it is the property owner's only source of transportation.

Moving the RV to the winter parking lot, time permitting, is an option.

I recommend signing up for the following:

Highway construction information: https://www.us50info.com

Arrowhead Blast emails:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeR2LeTyKTg2ZC1DtgsbkDvmJAEKs6a3QuQWimtoRZwyWiuag/viewform

Gunnison County Code Red alerts: https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/145/Emergency-Management Colorado Drought Monitor: https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?CO

For further information call Patrol.

If you're coming to Arrowhead, consider the situation, both in the canyon and your own. That includes your physical condition and the health of those with you. Remember, it's best to plan for the worse but hope for the best.

After this past year of COVID we've earned a relaxing and enjoyable summer.



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I have been a part time resident of our beautiful Arrowhead community for over a year now and, like many, absolutely love it. Some of my favorite things about living in Arrowhead (and there are many) are the native plants, including wildflowers. I am continually amazed by the variety found on our mountain. This past summer I stumbled upon the Firehouse Garden, at little disheveled in its current appearance, yet nonetheless an interesting little plot. The garden is all native wildflowers and grasses. I became curious about this effort and wanted to know more.



I found on the Arrowhead Improvements Association website under clubs a little information about the Firehouse Garden Club. It indicated the contact person was Linda Dysart and listed her phone number. I reached out to Linda. She was surprised and laughed when I mentioned that she was listed as the contact person regarding the garden. Linda explained that the garden was a community effort, yet many of the people involved in establishing and maintaining it have since moved off the mountain, only she and a few others remain. To her knowledge the garden has not had the effort lately that it once did. She then began to tell me the history of the Firehouse Garden Club.

Initial planning for the Firehouse Garden began in 2005. The concept was to showcase local and regional wildflowers and grasses found in and around Arrowhead. The principal person behind this effort was a resident named Dee Sedgwick. Linda speaks fondly of Dee and his dedication to developing the garden. She says he genuinely loved it and worked in it every day. In his later years, he could be found sitting quietly on the bench just enjoying the garden.

In 2006 the garden club was loosely formed and groundbreaking took place mostly in conjunction with the remodel of the firehouse. Members of the club would gather wild seeds with permits from the Forest Service and permission from Arrowhead Improvements Association. These seeds were often started and grown out to planting stage by Dee Sedgwick. At times, some native plants were also relocated to the garden. As the garden developed Dee ordered a flagpole to be placed and a sitting bench was donated to honor Arrowhead's first fire chief, Fred George. Annually, typically in May or June, the garden club would gather and have a cleanup day to remove weeds and debris.





Linda reminisces of when she used to lead Wildflower Walks within Arrowhead. She often had dozens of interested people attending. There is a wonderful Arrowhead Wildflower identification page linked under the Forest Management page on the AIA website. All these photos and descriptions were provided by Linda. Such a treasure to have documented this for us to enjoy.

Further in our discussion, Linda stated that even more important than the Wildflower Walks and identification are the efforts toward noxious weed control on the mountain. Many folks often consider some of the noxious weeds as beautiful flowers and mistakenly encourage their growth on their property. While some noxious weeds can indeed be beautiful,

they are nonnative and can aggressively spread while crowding out native plant species that area wildlife depend on for food and shelter. The 1996 "Colorado Noxious Weed Act" states that each property owner is responsible for managing noxious weeds on their property. It is well worth your time to become familiar with noxious weeds found in Arrowhead and take appropriate actions. There is a link under the **Forest Management page** with eradication procedures, identification information and photos.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining the Garden Club, <u>click here</u> for more information or contact:

Ann Wurden

Phone: 435-299-2367

Email: annmwurden@gmail.com







AIA Election Committee News

The 2021 AIA Election Committee consists of Arrowhead owners **Diana Soong, Bridget Isle and Millie Fowler**. Any other owners interested in serving our Arrowhead community as an Election Committee member, please send a Letter of Intent to the Election Committee Board Liaison, Keith Dalton: kdalton.aia@gmail.com

This year two board seats will be filled. The three-year terms are to begin in January 2022. The Board of Directors will announce the election date, filing deadline and additional information at the May Board Meeting. All relevant information will be posted to the AIA Election Committee page on our AIA website at www.arrowhead1.org

ELECTIONS

Any questions, please email Keith Dalton, BOD Liaison at kdalton.aia@gmail.com



It's Spring Cleaning Time!!

Looking to sell or buy personal items?

Click Here to check out



<u>Arrowhead's Online</u> Classifieds & Market Place



2021 Reading List

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
June 4	Perennials	Julie Cantrell
*July 9	First Light	Bill Rancic
Aug. 6	A Gentleman	Amor Towles
	In Moscow	
Sept. 3	The Guest List	Lucy Foley
Oct. 1	This Tender Land	William Kent Krueger
Nov. 5	The Giver of Stars	Jojo Moyes

January through May read, read, read and share what you would like us to read next year!!

Questions: Contact **Sue Kindschy** at smkindschy@gmail.com
We meet the first Friday of the month unless noted. Join us at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge at 11:30 a.m. All welcome!

*July postponed a week due to the 4th of July holiday

**Due to the Gunnison County COVID19 Public Health Orders, the Book Club might be meeting via an online group discussion. Please email club leader, Sue Kindschy for the online meeting details: smkindschy@amail.com





Drew Green Customs

Cabinet Maker/Custom Wood Finishing/Exterior Staining and Deck Builder

Drewgreen57@yahoo.com/970-209-8857



Arrowhead Fire Protection District





Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.

- Generators should be used in well ventilated locations outside at least 5 feet (1.5 metres) away from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 5-foot (1.5 metres) distance from the generator exhaust system to the building.
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building. The exhaust must be directed away from the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.



Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.

Just Remember

When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC) and all applicable state and local electrical codes.

FACT

A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

Arrowhead

Volunteer Fire Department



Due to the uncertainty of larger group events in July being approved by Gunnison County, we are moving our Annual 4th of July Celebration to August 14th but will still hold an Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department Boot Drive on Saturday, July 3rd between 1 – 4 pm

Donations raised from events like these help us maintain our stock of life-saving medical supplies and equipment. Your support of the AVFD over the years has been amazing and is truly appreciated by the team.

This year, we still very much need your support to maintain the equipment, supplies and training necessary to respond to emergencies here at Arrowhead. Instead of a picnic in July, we've decided to hold our **2nd Arrowhead Volunteer**Fire Department Boot Drive on Saturday, July 3th between 1 - 4:00 pm. Just drive by the firehouse to drop a donation in one of our firemen's boots. AVFD fire fighters and first responders will be there with our equipment on display. Bring your noisemakers, car horns and smiles to show your support for our beautiful community. We look forward to the opportunity to personally Thank You.

All of our AVFD volunteers want to Thank You for your support. You can always make a donation by visiting our website or Facebook page.

Stay tuned for updates regarding our August 14th Summer Celebration!







In March, CDOT representatives conducted two (2) virtual and in-person meetings in Montrose (03/16) and Gunnison (03/24), to discuss the US HWY 50 Little Blue Creek Canyon Improvement project. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to view the video presentation from March 16th in Montrose. Along with the CDOT presentation, visual ads and handouts at these two meetings were provided. Click on <u>Informational Boards</u> and <u>Open House presentation Slides</u> to read and view.

When heading to and from Arrowhead, it is advised to "KNOW BEFORE YOU GO" and travel safely!!!



LOCAL DETOUR AND SMALL TRUCKS



US 50 LITTLE BLUE CREEK CANYON



DETOUR OPTIONS DURING NIGHTTIME CLOSURES:

When US 50 is closed, passenger vehicles and small trucks can use SH 92 as a local alternate route. All other trucks and recreation vehicles over 70 feet in length will need to use 1-70 to the north, US 160 to the south, or wait for one of the planned openings. Please allow additional time due to the restricted open times and single-lane operations.

Vehicles carrying hazardous materials will need to use 1-70 to the north, US 160 to the south, or wait for one of the planned openings. Please allow additional time due to the restricted open times and single-lane operations.



TEXT: us50 to 21000 | EMAIL: US50LittleBlue@gmail.com | PHONE: 970-340-4333 | WEB: us50info.com

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

April 2021 - November 2022, American Civil Constructors Mountain West (ACC) are completing a critical improvement project on US Highway 50 through the Little Blue Creek Canyon, 30 miles east of Montrose and 33 miles west of Gunnison.

Why is the work being completed?

Due to a high number of accidents and fatalities over the last decade, a 4-mile section (from mile points 123 to 127) of US 50 between Gunnison and Montrose, known as the Little Blue Creek Canyon, will undergo safety improvements.

- The new design will improve the driving experience with wider shoulders, improved guardrail, better sight distances, and more reliable travel time.
- To maintain worker safety and the safety of the traveling public, closing US 50 for certain work activities is necessary
- CDOT was awarded a \$20 million Federal Lands Access Program grant through Central Federal Lands (CFL) to complete this \$40 million project.
- Construction on US 50 is anticipated to begin in April 2021 and continue through November 2022.

Travel Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:30-8:30AM	Open to two- way traffic	Open for					
8:30AM-12:30PM		Full					
12:30-1:30PM	Оре	n for single	Open to				
1:30-5:30PM		Full	two-way traffic without delays				
5:30-7:30PM	Open for s	ingle-lane,					
7:30PM-6:30AM		Full roadw					

All closures and operations are weather dependent. Traffic schedule and timeline is tentative and subject to change.

Month-to-Month																				
	2021							2022												
	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nav.
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US 50 LITTLE BLUE CREEK CANYON IMPROVEMENTS

TRAVEL TIPS

- "KNOW BEFORE YOU GO" Plan to travel during scheduled road openings or plan for necessary detours and delays by signing up for alerts and checking the project website.
- Queue before the time you want to travel, be prepared for the opening window before the three daily scheduled openings Monday-Friday.
 - Checkpoint for eastbound traffic queue is at the Sand Dome "turnaround location" MP122. (Truck turns MP113.8)
 - Checkpoint for westbound traffic queue will start outside of the project area on US 50 before CO 92.(Around MP127)
- Expect 30-minute to 1-hour delays during roadway opening windows.
- Remember the project area is fully open Friday night Monday morning. Plan trips through the project area on the weekends whenever possible.
- Sign up for project or travel alerts:
 - Project text updates: Text us50 to 21000
 - Project email: us50LittleBlue@gmail.com
 - Project information line: 970-340-4333
 - Project website: www.us50info.com

REMEMBER: SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE

The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones.

- Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits.
- Stay Alert! Expect the unexpected.
- · Watch for workers. Drive with caution.
- Don't change lanes unnecessarily.
- · Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones.
- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- · Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so.
- Be patient!