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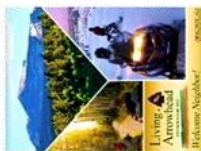
AIA Property Owner Information

Important Phone Numbers

- 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



All Arrowhead in Gunnison Country owners, their guest and residents, are encouraged to read our "Living in Arrowhead" publication. This publication is a handy reference guide designed to provide information about the community and nearby amenities. Please note, this booklet does NOT take the place of the Arrowhead Covenants, Regulations or any other official AIA governing documents. You can find this booklet on our website at www.arrowhead1.org

AIA Patrol:

CALL 970-209-6335

Email:

arrowheadpatrol@gmail.com



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 using AIA filing roads.
- Neighbor Concerns
- Regulation Information
- Groom a trail for you to your cabin in the winter - call them for info.

Design Review Committee:

DRC Manager:

Joanie Thompson

jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com



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

Forestry:



Are you wanting to take out a few trees? You can only remove any tree on your property that is dead. All other trees over 2 inches in diameter at 4'6" above ground, must have approval from our Forest Mgr. Removal of live trees without a permit could result in up to a \$1000 fine, 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 existing or planned structures and parking areas.

www.arrowhead1.org/forest-management

Forest Manager:

Bill Conway

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Forest Refuse Site:



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

- NO STUMPS!
- NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS of any kind are allowed!

Owner Information Handout

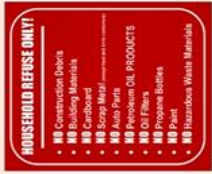
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Trash Compactor: located in the Winter Parking Lot on the East end of the equipment building.

- 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:** www.arrowhead1.org/maintenance-improvements

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



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

Arrowhead (AIA) Filing Roads Speed Limit is 20mph ALL YEAR round!

During the Winter months, the filing roads in Arrowhead are CLOSED to all vehicular traffic except for snowmobiles and other tracked vehicles.



Emergency Address Signs: The reflective signs with your property address are on the right side of the driveway to assist emergency access for the **Arrowhead Fire Protection District (AFPD)** and should not be moved, removed or altered!!



Lakes & Fishing: There are three (3) lakes available to AIA property owners and their 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 stocking of the Lower Flint Lakes and has set a catch limit of three (3) fish per person per day.



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



Pets must be leashed or kept under owner control at all times. Please DO NOT bag their droppings and leave them alongside a road or trail. If you do bag the dropping, take it with you.



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



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



Volunteering: Our community depends on volunteers for almost everything. Please look 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: [f Arrowhead Improvements Association](https://www.facebook.com/ArrowheadImprovementsAssociation) - AIA
- Join our Blast Email Listing

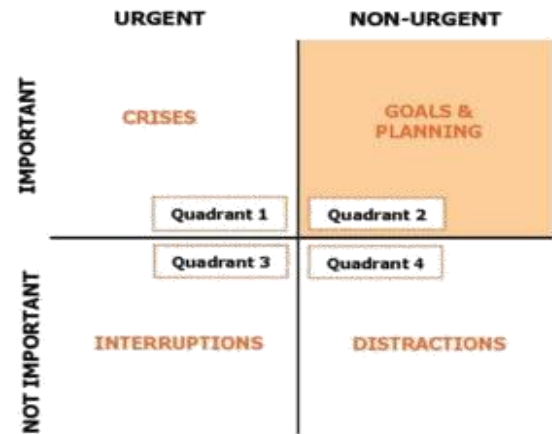
And Most Importantly . . .

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

President's Message

The busier a person is the less they plan for the future. According to a Yahoo article, 64% of the 55 and older crowd have less than \$10,000 in savings. My dad, inadvertently, taught me that being busy was God pleasing and that recreation was playing around, so I never developed a proper attitude toward the important routine of exercise. The result? Well, if you know me you, can see it!

People burn most of their time moving from one 'fire' to another — urgent things! And those things probably became 'fires' (urgent) because looking ahead and doing the important things while they are not urgent was neglected. *(See the diagram)*



Organizations do this, too. The Arrowhead Improvement Association (HOA) is an organization. Your Board is in the midst of many discussions to plan ahead — setting goals to avoid crisis in fulfilling the work expected by owners. This work includes: making access as easy as possible — for all owners, all year; keeping the community safe and sane; providing some community conveniences like fish, social activities, exercise and corrals; weed and fire mitigation; equipment and insurances for all the above; AND, finances.

Planning ahead, it is time to ensure that our financial status does not end up in a crisis mode. The Association's assessment has not increased since 2010, but expenses certainly have increased, and will continue to do so. All owners in our Association need to be a part of this planning since the Association assessment cannot be increased without a quorum voting and half of them approving the plan. We have been taught, even by national leaders, that more and more money is the only solution. That of course is not true. You learned that at home. More money helps but, at times, less 'services' might be the plan. Your Board believes to cut present levels of basic services would be less favorable to owners than a reasonable increase in the assessment. Your opinion is welcomed and encouraged as we plan.

To stimulate your input let me pose MY idea. A good plan might be a regular schedule of increases to avoid this discussion every few years, or to avoid a large increase now, making this discussion reoccur every so often out in the future. What if we agree to increase the assessment say \$20 a year every three or four years? This could result in about \$17,000 per year increase in income. With this small increase the services of the Association could even INCREASE! Instead of reacting to continual crisis complaints, we might be able to: provide a large item trash receptacle once or twice a year; provide a recycle trailer for cardboard and other compactor-unfriendly-items; develop walking trails on common ground away from the dust and danger of the roads; fish cleaning station by the trash compactor; local office for Association business (general, patrol, DRC - information, files and forms); series of short, web based videos to help educate people concerning little pieces of life within the Association (lot development, fire rings, fishing at the lakes, winter skills, etc.). We could even plan ahead by encouraging, if not participating with, AML to develop (user paid) services like: 'laundromat', basic-daily-use-item store, coop shopping, winter ride service, and who know what else. This whole paragraph is to simply trigger your thoughts and ideas so that we are acting on important, non-urgent matters now, before we are forced to react to crisis down the road. Now, while you are thinking about it, would be a good time to hear from you. Email the entire Board at: aiaowner1@gmail.com



Lowell Kindschy
AIA Board President
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[Click Here to visit the Board of Director webpage.](#)





This year's John Krall Award winner is Will Hobson.

2021 John Krall Award

This resident of Arrowhead will tell you that we truly live in Paradise, and are darned lucky to do so! Whether skate skiing the filing roads, leading a group to snowmobiles upcountry, building a bonfire, teaching cross-country skiing, felling a beetle killed Doug fir, running our Community's heavy equipment and doing road maintenance at all times of the year, Will Hobson is probably the most known face here at Arrowhead, but whether you personally know him or not, (as Will is a private kind of guy) you have definitely benefitted from his work. In fact, the one thing that Will Hobson doesn't do is meetings; I am sure he is out and around right now getting something done while we are here in this meeting.

Yes, Will receives a paycheck as our heavy equipment operator and for Road Maintenance, but most of Arrowhead's community do not realize how he goes beyond it being "just a job" nor all the things he does on his own time for this Community he loves.

For his job, Will goes way above and beyond. Getting up in the middle of winter at 4:00 a.m. so he can start clearing the roads from a snowstorm so that people can get to morning church on Sundays, or to an early doctor's appt in Montrose.

For years, Will would have to climb into the smelly, stinking garbage compactor to remove the aluminum chairs/packing pallets/toilets/ building materials that some had illegally put in and jammed up our trash compactor. Will regularly went up to the Winter parking lot late Saturday nights to make sure there was room for the trash that the weekend Arrowheaders piled outside of it each Sunday. Will took it upon himself to install locks on the trash compactors after bears got in, then uncomplainingly cleaned up the messes left by bears getting into the compactor after someone forgot to latch the lock.

Will gets busy each spring to clear the filing roads and grade the Alpine, knowing that people are itching to come up with their RVs. Will fielded countless calls each spring about whether or not lots were dry enough to bring up RVs. He made sure folks living here year round had their access open each spring after clearing the filing roads since driving in with snowmobiles was no longer possible.

But, the John Krall award is for volunteerism and Will is a great volunteer. For example, there was the time in the middle of the night during a blizzard that he met a nurse in the Winter Parking Lot to guide her safely to her home out on Crest, guaranteeing that she made it home safely from her double shift.

Those who have lived here through our winters know that Will was also instrumental in getting the Arrowhead Snowmobile Club up and running. He maintained the groomer which used to also groom our filing roads. Will was one of these groomers. Will helped each year to put out and take down the poles upcountry that mark our trails. He consistently led the most experienced riders on ASC club rides upcountry and always helped out those who found themselves stuck. He took the time to help the less experienced riders master the sport that he is such a great ambassador for. And wasn't it great to have a roaring bonfire waiting to warm yourself up when you got to the top? Thank Will for starting that fire, as well as cutting and splitting the wood and helping set up the "tables" there.

Before the AIA provided a trash compactor, Will had trash duty for many, many years, early-on seeing the need for that service and driving a trash truck so that Arrowhead had service prior to having a community trash compactor.

Whether it was community trees that needed to come down or heading to downed trees obstructing the roads, Will has been there, chainsaw in hand. Will helps our Forest Manager to take down standing dead, beetle kill or hazardous trees, protecting our community.

Will takes it upon himself to do pretty much anything Arrowhead security asked, including fielding calls from them that people were stuck and could he pull them out using the heavy equipment. Will does it all, quietly going about his job and doing it well.

Will is the guy we can thank for grooming two cross country skiing tracks, one behind the Lodge, one around Hazel Lake. Will, a professional skier in his younger years, even gave cross-county ski lessons to groups on the track behind the Lodge.

Happy that the road in front of your house got mag chloride? It would have not been possible without Will laying down water first. And where does that water come from? The Flint Lakes, which most of Arrowhead doesn't realize are located on his private property.

Volunteers
The **HEART** Of The
COMMUNITY

We owe a lot to Will and he deserves this recognition even though most will not be aware of his contributions until the day he finally retires. As Joni Mitchell sang, "You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone."

Thanks, Will, for quietly and expertly doing your job, loving Arrowhead and being willing to go above and beyond. You make our lives here at Arrowhead better.

Spirit of Arrowhead Awarded to...

Ned Lillich

This award is presented in recognition of the volunteerism and contributions to our community over many years by Ned Lillich who passed away this year.

Ned had been nominated many times over the past 12 years.

Ned and his wife Ann purchased their lot in 1982, October 9th, to be exact. There was a foot of snow on the ground, and the aspen trees were decked out in golden leaves. They built their house over the next few years and moved in and finished their cabin in 1988, 33 years ago! Over the years Ned was always willing to contribute his time to AIA projects. He was always available to share advice and experience or give recommendations to newcomers to Arrowhead.



In 2009 Ned was in his 80's, but he was there every Saturday during the summer helping to clear trees on the new Willow Park snowmobile trail. He could also be found on every Clean-up Saturday for many, many years. Usually the oldest person there, but you'd never know it.

For almost seven years he did driveway walk-ins for the Design Review Committee. Even though the AIA Board authorized a payment of \$25 per driveway, Ned chose not to accept payment, preferring to help layout driveways as a volunteer.

After he turned over the duties of driveway walk-ins to someone else, he continued to remain available to property owners to help them locate their center pins when it came time for them to do site plans and build their cabins.

He was a member of the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department and served for one year as the unpaid Interim Fire Chief. For the Fire Department Auxiliary he volunteered in various capacities at the annual 4th of July picnic and could be found during the Labor Day Pancake Breakfast flipping pancakes.

When asked to run for the Board in 1999, he wisely declined, but talked his wife into running instead! He was a consistent contributor to AIA Board discussions and provided valuable background information based on his many years here and his experience with design review and the fire department.

It is a great honor to present this special award to Ned, a man who gave so much to Arrowhead. Ann is here today to accept this award in his honor.

The John Krall award is named after an Arrowhead resident who worked tirelessly cutting trees, delivering firewood, and helping other residents with anything that needed to be done; frequently without even being asked. It was awarded to him in 2003.

After John Krall left Arrowhead, the award has been used to recognize other residents who use their time and energy to help others in the community and exhibit a sense of volunteerism in many ways to the community. The chairperson of the award committee, Bob Hernandez, put out a call for nominees. A committee consisting of all available former John Krall Award recipients met to review the nominations and select this year's recipient

This year we are making two presentations, the regular yearly award and a Spirit of Arrowhead Award for a dearly departed long time community member.



Design Review Message

Once again, the mountain never disappoints with its amazing colors in the Fall. As our building season comes to a close, the snow is sure to fly. Our last official meeting for the year is October 11th at 9am. It has been a crazy busy summer, and I have enjoyed getting to meet so many of the property owners in Arrowhead. I thank you for educating yourself on the rules and regulations of our amazing community. Please click here for a link to the [Design Review Committee Website Link](#). If you plan 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. [Click here](#) to help you plan your projects.



**Last Design Review
meeting of 2021:**

➤ **October 11th**

**We meet at the
Firehouse at 9:00am**

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 of the adjacent properties as well.
- Flag any site of improvements -- driveway, shed perimeter, trees you think need removed, etc.
- Once this is done contact me (jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com) and I or a committee member will come and do a site visit.
- Please refer to this [document](#) for many of the different project types done in Arrowhead.
- Here is the link to the [DRC website](#) where you can find the [regulations](#) and more information.
- 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.

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 always know our [Regulations](#). It is the homeowner who is responsible for educating themselves and their contractors about the [regulations](#).

**** 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. [Click here for the process](#)**
- **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. If your project requires a Gunnison County Permit, [please click here](#) to access their website.

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



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.

BOOK CLUB



2021 Reading List

Date	Title	Author
Oct. 1	This Tender Land	William Kent Krueger
Nov. 5	The Giver of Stars	Jojo Moyes

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@gmail.com



With the Logging activity on the Alpine and the **Little Blue Canyon Creek Hwy 50 project**, always remember to check back regularly to our **"Road Activity Message Board,"** located on the home page of our **AIA website**.

Hwy 50- Little Blue Road Project



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Forestry Message

Hard to believe that we have already moved from summer to fall. The summer has been very busy for everyone and especially the AIA employees and volunteers. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cooperation and hard work. The coordination between myself, Design Review, Arrowhead Patrol, Heavy Equipment and the Fire Department couldn't be any better.

Volunteers assisting with the Forest Management program have been involved with putting up MCH packs for absent residents and on common land, removing hazard trees along roads, forest debris cleanup days, expansion of the winter parking lot, mitigation of the area behind the maintenance building and still to come, the burning of the Forest Refuse Site in December. A total of over 400 volunteer hours this summer.

In addition to all the great work these volunteers get done, their hours make two additional contributions to the community. Their hours get the community a credit of about \$22.00 per hour that can be used as matching funds for fire mitigation grants when they are available. Those hours are also a large part of the requirements for the community to get our annual renewal as a Fire Wise Community. Also included in that calculation are equipment hours that are used for Forest Management projects such as piling the Forest Refuse Site, removing beetle infested trees, removing hazard trees along roads, and doing fire mitigation on community property. Thank you to Robert Thompson and Donny Squirrel for the donation of their time and equipment for several of these projects.



Photo courtesy of Keith & Kim Dalton

One measure of the busy summer at Arrowhead is the size of the Forest Refuse Site. The pile is currently estimated at 5,200 cubic yards. That is 520 ten-yard dump trucks loads. Of course, we all know that most loads are small trailers and pickup trucks, which translates to a tremendous amount of work by Arrowhead residents. There is a possibility that the Forest Refuse site might have to be closed for the season in October because of a lack of turn around space. The pile is currently being pushed up twice a week and, if necessary, will be pushed three times per week. Please help keep the site open by putting loads of forest debris as close to the pile and as close to other loads as possible. The pile will be burned in December when there is over a foot of snow on the ground and the weather conditions will allow the smoke to go to higher elevations and blow away from Arrowhead. The community will be notified about 24 hours in advance of the burn.

The rock pit located up country on Forest Service land is currently being used to crush gravel for the Alpine Road. The gravel will not be put on the road until next year. Logging trucks are currently operating on the Alpine Road Monday through Saturday and the number can be expected to increase over the next few months. There will be no logging trucks working Thanksgiving weekend or between Christmas and New Year's. View the [Road Message Board](#) for the most current and up to date information on both the Alpine Road and the Highway 50 project.

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



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For more information, [click here](#) to visit the Forest Management webpage.



ARROWHEAD MTN LODGE

RESTAURANT



Our restaurant features a menu that changes seasonally, indoor and outdoor seating, and special dinner events through out the Fall & Winter. We cater to most food allergies and preferences such as gluten-free and vegetarian.

LODGING



Every room has a private bathroom with mini-fridge, microwave, and coffee maker. We are pet friendly.

GENERAL STORE



Need some toothpaste, sugar or eggs? We got you covered in our General Store! We have lots of different items and we will sell just about anything out of our kitchen. So come by and check it out!

CARRY-OUT LIQUOR



Don't go all the way to town for your favorite Libation! We now sell Beer, Wine and Liquor for carry-out, not on premise consumption. Our carry-out prices are competitive and you will save some \$\$ on gas! Based on availability, or put in your own special order!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PATRONAGE! IT IS BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT OF THE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY WE ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE BUSINESS AND RETAIN OUR STAFF!

Halloween Murder Mystery Dinner

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Maintenance & Improvements



In my last report I started it off writing “Now that Winter is over “ ...and now I am writing “ Winter is just around the corner.” Summer was too short.

We have almost completed our **expansion at the Winter Parking lot**. We still have to put new wood barriers around the light post in the parking lot.

There is still lots of trees lying on the West and North end of the parking area that you can take for firewood. We ask that when cutting wood, be careful. You can take your truck and trailer up on the hill to make the wood easier to load.

The **Winter Parking Lot will be open October 15, 2021**. Please do not bring your vehicle, UTV, snowmobile or trailers over until that date!! If you do they will be subject to towing. On October 15th, if bringing a trailer, snowmobile or UTV over **please call patrol (970-209-6335) and they will assist you with parking**. Prices are the same this year-----\$ 50.00 for trailers, (box or flat), \$ 265.00 for diesel parking. Diesel spots are 1st come 1st serve.



Artwork provided by Dave Reddish



We are still having a few problems with the dumpster. With all the people coming up for the summer months, the dumpster is filling up faster. When the dumpster is full, please don't just throw on the ground. We still have plenty of hungry bears and birds that make a mess of the bags.



Call patrol so they can crush it: 970-209-6335. Please watch what you put in the dumpster; remember you are on camera!

Will and Doug have the equipment in pretty good shape for Winter.

The **designated closing of the 2021 Camping Season is Sunday, November 21st** and the Horse Corrals must be vacated on that date, as well. The date is dependent upon weather and road conditions. Owners should monitor weather conditions. We will post the road closures on the [AIA web site](#) and [Facebook page](#)... Or, you can contact Patrol.



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For more information, [click here](#) to visit the Maintenance & Improvements webpage.



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Message from Patrol...

Volunteers

The HEART OF The COMMUNITY

Ask not what Arrowhead can do for you...
but what you can do for Arrowhead!

My wife and I purchased our cabin over 16 years ago. Since then, Arrowhead has changed, though the dues haven't. It seemed to be a more close-knit community then today. Granted, we weren't here when the only form of communications were CB radios that all could listen in on. Still, there was a sense of community that I feel is slipping away.

I can't put my finger on any one particular reason though there are more cabins, more developed RV lots and more people on the mountain. Certainly, the vast majority of new owners are respectful of others and share the desire to benefit from this unique mountain community that Jim Squirrel envisioned so many decades ago.

Still, there is an element that has arrived looking for something other than gazing at stars that you have to duck to miss. Or taking pictures of the abundant wildlife. Or stepping outside on a crisp winter night to listen to the beating of your own heart.

What this new element of owners is looking for could be a number of things. Perhaps it's to profit on a rapid property turn-around. Perhaps it's a place to party or someplace to tear around on a noisy, fossil-fuel machine. Maybe it's just to escape the city or even COVID.

Anyway, I ramble....

The gist of this message is a request to all Arrowhead property owners to be givers and not just takers. Participate in community events. There are clean-up days, pot-luck dinners, Fourth of July Picnic, and many others. Maybe share a talent or skill with the community. Or maybe it's just being a good neighbor and helping out the folks next door. Check out the volunteer link on the Arrowhead website.

The Board is always looking for committee members as is Design/Review. Of course, the ultimate volunteer gig up here is to be ON the Board.

Most importantly there's the Arrowhead Fire Department and the First responders. These folks have been called out this past summer at least once a week or more or so it seems. You don't have to be a nurse or doctor or even under the age of 70 to participate. It's comforting to know that if I call 911 there will be someone on the mountain the dispatcher can contact. That may not be the case in the future particularly since many of the above volunteers will be leaving when the snows arrive.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that Patrol is always looking for qualified candidates to join the team. If you think you might be interested, contact Patrol or Brad Fowler. Oh, by the way, it's one of the few paid positions on the Mountain.

Patrol Agent Job Opening

The Arrowhead Board of Directors is accepting employment applications for a **Patrol Agent**. [CLICK HERE](#) to review the job description and complete an employment application. Applicants must be able to work in all weather conditions and have intermediate computer skills. A background check and a valid Colorado driver's license is required.

Interested individuals, please submit your résumé, cover letter and employment application via email to: AIA BOD Liaison, Brad Fowler at bfowler.aia@gmail.com

In closing... be respectful of others. Obey the **20 MPH speed limit**, keep your pets under your control, honor the quiet hours and; most importantly, be a good citizen of Arrowhead whether you're seasonal or a year 'rounder.

Happy fall and enjoy the colors,

Dave Reddish, Lead-AIA Patrol

Phone or Text: (970) 209-6335

Email: patrollead.aia@gmail.com



Are you new to Arrowhead?

Everyone is encouraged to read our updated 2021
Living in Arrowhead Booklet to learn more about our
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Arrowhead RV Camping Lot for Rent

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Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

- ! The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ! Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



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Arrowhead Fire Protection District



SIGN UP

Alert Email Notifications

To get the latest information and updates from the Arrowhead Fire Protection District, click on our [AFPD website](#) and/or [Facebook page](#).

Winter Parking Lot Arrowhead Improvements Association (AIA)

- Opens October 15th
- Usually closes two weeks after the filing roads are open.
- All vehicles must be registered with Patrol and display a yellow Arrowhead sticker or guest pass. This includes cars, trucks, trailers, snowmobiles, and UTVs.
- Parking is limited to the areas indicated in **GREEN**.
- Property owners are permitted two on-highway vehicles in the main parking area.



Artwork provided by Dave Reddish

- Individual cars and trucks are to park in the main area, aligning with the orange cones. Do not extend the south end of the vehicle past the line designated by the cones.
- Snowmobiles are to park above the berm on the west side of the parking lot.
- Tracked UTVs (Geezer3mobiles) are to park between the signs, located on the NW corner hillside.
- Box trailers are to be parked on the West hillside. *See below Required Fee Schedule or contact Patrol*
- Flatbed trailers are parked in the NW corner of the main parking area. *See below Required Fee Schedule or contact Patrol*
- Weekend truck and trailer parking is in the NE corner of the parking lot. (No fee but a time limit is imposed).
- Limited electrical hookups are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. *See below Required Fee Schedule or contact Patrol*

No Parking Areas

- East side of the main area next to the large berm.
- Behind the box trailers.

Other Dos and Don'ts

- Do not leave your snowmobiles or UTV vehicles in the regular parking areas if you will be off the mountain for more than 2 days.
- You must remove your vehicle when maintenance is plowing the lot.
- Never chain snowmobiles together.



AIA Winter Parking Lot Required Fees

Electrical Hook-Ups: \$265.00
Flatbed & Box Trailer parking: \$50.00

Arrowhead Improvements Association, Inc. October 2021

Visit the Owner Information webpage at www.arrowhead1.org/copy-of-owner-information



When the **FILING ROADS** are **CLOSED** for the winter season, the Arrowhead Improvements Association wants to remind all owners, residents, and their guest, to please stay on ALL GROOMED filing roads and marked snowmobile trails within the Association's subdivision. "Boondocking," "shortcutting" and/or "widening" of the filing roads are all considered off trail riding, which is a violation of the *AIA Regulations and a criminal trespass under state law. Off trail riding that results in property damage carries higher penalties.

*AIA Regulations - Article 7, section 2, subsections (E) & (F) and Colorado Revised Statutes - Criminal Code, section 18-4-504.



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US 50 LITTLE BLUE CREEK CANYON

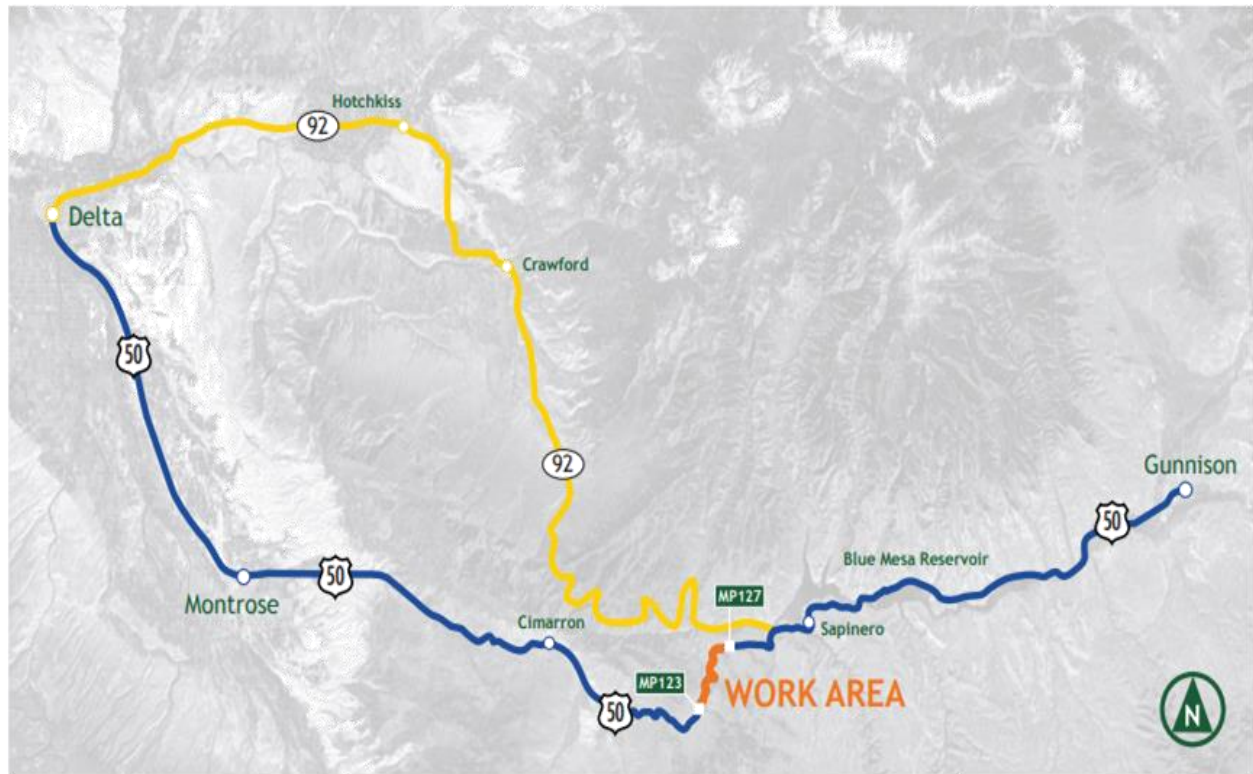
LEGEND

- Hwy 50
- Work Area
- Hwy 92 Detour
- MP123 Mile Marker

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 I-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 I-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 single-lane, alternating operations				Open to two-way traffic without delays	
8:30AM-12:30PM	Full roadway closures						
12:30-1:30PM	Open for single-lane, alternating operations						
1:30-5:30PM	Full roadway closures						
5:30-7:30PM	Open for single-lane, alternating operations				Open to two-way traffic		
7:30PM-6:30AM	Full roadway closures						

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.	Nov.		
Road Closures												Alternating Traffic									

When heading to and from Arrowhead, it is advised to “KNOW BEFORE YOU GO” and travel safely!! Everyone is encouraged to “routinely check” the CDOT/FHA - Little Blue Creek Canyon- Hwy 50 website: <https://www.us50info.com/> There, you can subscribe to receive project email updates and/or register for text message alerts.



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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!

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Happy Halloween



Board Announcements:



The Arrowhead Improvements Association will not be holding an election to fill Board of Director seats this Fall. We had two candidates apply to run for two Board seats.

According to the Bylaws, Article 2, 2.5 - Voting Procedures for Site Owners: D. Regarding uncontested elections for the Board, the candidates may be affirmed to succeed by a majority vote of the Board.

At the Regular Board Meeting on Saturday, September 18th, Lowell Kindschy & Keith Dalton (both incumbents) were submitted as candidates to the balance of the Board of Directors for a vote of affirmation. They were both affirmed by majority vote to retain their Board of Director seats for 3-year terms beginning in January 2022. Congratulations to Lowell and Keith!

LOWELL KINDSCHY



KEITH DALTON



The Election Committee: Millie Fowler, Dianna Soong and Bridget Isle

Board of Directors 2022 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.

Due to winter snow, the January 2022 meeting (and possibly the May meeting), will be held at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge. The other meetings listed will be at the Arrowhead Firehouse.

Dates:

January 15th

March 19th

May 21st

July 16th

*August 20th

September 17th

November 12th

Location:

Arrowhead Mountain Lodge

Arrowhead Mountain Lodge

Arrowhead Fire House

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***2022 Annual Owners Meeting will follow the Saturday, August 20th Board Meeting**

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.

Close of Camping Season & Winter Parking Lot information



The AIA designated close of the 2021 camping season is Sunday, November 21 and the Horse Corrals must be vacated by the same date. This date is dependent upon continuing dry weather and road conditions. Early significant snowfall could require closure earlier. Owners should monitor weather forecasts, the AIA and CDOT websites and plan accordingly.

AIA Covenants - Article IV, section 7 - Use of Sites – Camping or Recreational Vehicle Use (Page 686)

...all camping equipment, including but not limited to, tents, motor homes, camp trailers, truck campers, self-contained RV's and related supporting equipment must be removed from the sites and the boundaries of Arrowhead in Gunnison Country subdivision prior to the date designated by the Board of Directors each year...

Street legal vehicles, snowmobiles, tracked UTVs and cargo trailers may be parked in the designated areas at the Winter Parking Lot after Friday October 15. [Click Here](#) to view the Winter Parking Lot Map.

Your Community Contact Directory:

Fire & Medical Emergency: **Call 911 (Gunnison)**

Arrowhead Firehouse: phone: 970-862-8330

AVFD Fire Chief: *Jim Gelsomini*, Phone: 970- 862-8456

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Trash Service: *AIA Office- Toad Property Mgmt.*

Phone: (970) 349-2773



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Final BOD 2021 Scheduled Meeting

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****Dates:**

November 13th

Location:

Arrowhead Fire House or TBA

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