

Smoke Signals

Arrowhead Improvements Association Newsletter

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2015 John Krall Award

This Arrowhead volunteer has long been part of our community's strong foundation and reflects the Spirit of Arrowhead.

He has used his vast experience and knowledge in property management, business, conflict resolution, human resources, labor law, and policy development to assist the AIA over three decades. He has served on the AIA Board for three terms over the past 15 years in important positions as Treasurer and Vice President. Through his access to some fantastic resources he arranged for the donation of the appliances and cabinets that make our fire house very functional for fire department social events. This saved

resources that were then used for the purchase of fire fighting and rescue equipment increasing the vital capabilities of the department.

He also donated the trash compactor that we all gratefully have used. His kind act changed how we deal with trash on the mountain making it more convenient than having to haul trash off the mountain to the land fill.

By now, I am more than certain that you all know that this John Krall Award winner is John Moseman.

John has graciously volunteered to host several large scale barbecues in support of the fire department and put his cooking skills to good use. One memorable time in recent Arrowhead history was in 2013 to recognize all the volunteer fire department crews and workers. Another was a community event during our evacuation exercise last year, which made the exercise more fun for residents and gave folks a good reason to evacuate to the staging area where his fine food awaited.

Back in 2001, the year the AIA office had to move, he arranged for the storage of the AIA files at his expense until the AIA found our current office facilities. Last year in very short order he worked to acquire a snow cat groomer to continue the maintenance of the filing roads during the winter when circumstances prevented the continued use of the Snowmobile Club's groomer. His "get over the hurdle and on with it" attitude and quick action solved the problem in a very professional and timely manner. He donated materials for the welcome boxes and the renovation of the warming shed. His work on the Hazel Lake engineering study and AIA reserve study are other examples of his hard work above and beyond what is expected of a Board Member.

He continues to work under the radar volunteering his time and talents to the AIA, the fire department and the community. Whatever Arrowhead needs, just ask John and he'll do his utmost to make it happen. He dearly loves this community and it's long past time this be recognized by awarding him the 2015 John Krall Award.

John has never sought one iota of attention for all the things he has done for our community. He simply does them because of his commitment to Arrowhead, exemplifying the Biblical admonition that to whom much is given, much is required.

His unsung volunteerism makes him an excellent example of the spirit of John Krall and a worthy recipient of this award.

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President's Message

Dear Arrowhead Owners,

As we come to the end of the summer season and begin to transition to “winter on the mountain” there are some important dates to consider. Please note that the winter parking lot will be open to vehicles, snowmobile trailers and snowmobiles as of October 15, 2015. Arrowhead Patrol is accepting reservations for diesel parking and the parking of snowmobile trailers at this time. Another very important date is the RV removal date. RVs **must** be removed from the Arrowhead subdivision **no later than** November 8, 2015 or before the roads are closed due to snow. Please monitor weather conditions and road status in deciding when you will remove your RV.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers that donated their time, equipment and efforts to the monthly roadway common ground cleanup to help beautify Arrowhead and enhance our curb appeal. Those participating in this year's cleanup were: Bill and Joyce Boulter, Jim Burrichter, Don and Linda Bumgarner, Bill and Bonnie Conway, Carolyn Crews-Whitby, Judy Elrichs, Toby Ezell, Jerry Fresques, Cole Freques, Jim Gelsomini, Bill Grimes, Paul and Pat Grosvenor, Al and Nancy Hale, Ken and Anita Harbert, Don and Kathy Keoltzow, Larry and Eloise Kontz (and Rowdy), Rich and Kathy Krohn, Don LaForge, Ned and Ann Lillich, Jim Matteson, Ron and Anne Treche, Darrell and Vicki Wagner, Mike and Gerry Wigent and Clyde and Carla Vavrik. You not only saved the community a lot of money through your efforts, you also contributed to making Arrowhead a better place. Your neighbors and I thank you!! A special thanks is in order for Clyde and Carla Vavrick and Bill Conway for organizing the cleanups and to Billy Ellis and Kathy Ezell for the volunteer appreciation lunch they provided.

Immediately following the October board meeting there will be an informational meeting for full and part-time winter residents. Whether you are an experienced or new winter resident, there will be helpful information available to you.

Another reminder regarding the trash compactor is in order. The compactor is not a free service. Please submit payment to the AIA office. Payment is expected whether you use the compactor on a regular basis or only one time a month. Also, be very mindful of what goes into the compactor and read the posted notices. When inappropriate items are put into the compactor, they can cause damage and have to be physically removed. As I am sure you can appreciate, this is both an undesirable and dangerous task.

Please participate in the upcoming board election. There are two seats up for election this fall. Your vote is important.

Lastly, at the September board meeting, the board authorized purchase of a blade for the front of our grader/maintainer. This will offer equipment redundancy in the event of equipment breakdown and more efficient snow removal on the Alpine, in the parking lot, and for the spring opening of the roads. If the weather forecasts and snow predictions are correct, we may see above average snowfall this winter and the equipment will get a workout.

Sincerely,

Mike Wigent

AIA Board President • aia1bod@gmail.com • 970-901-4867

Board Meeting - Starts at 2pm

October 17 ***

***Winter Owners Meeting follows meeting.
(Meetings are usually held at the AIA Firehouse.)

AVFD

Pancake Breakfast



Thank you to those who attended the AVFD annual Labor Day Breakfast Saturday September 5th. We had an outstanding turnout from the community. Approximately 125 breakfasts were served making it one of the best turnouts in years. The Fire Department Auxiliary received \$1,061.00 in donations, The donations will support the fabrication of a new patient transport cabin to be mounted on the back of the Fire Department Snow Cat. If all goes well during the building phase the cabin will be in place for the 2015-2016 winter season.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

By
Jim
Gelsomini

First Responder & Fire Fighter Monthly Training Sessions

Guest trainer Dale Erickson has conducted basic firefighting sessions focused upon fundamental knowledge of fire behavior, equipment/apparatus, and site incident size up. Dale will continue the training sessions through October. The public is welcome to attend.

Volunteer Staff

The department encourages anyone interested (no experience necessary) to become a member of the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department provides training in a variety of potential scenarios unique to the Arrowhead environment. Members find it a rewarding way to serve the community and meet dedicated, like-minded people on the mountain. We currently have 22 Firefighters, 8 Arrowhead Dispatchers, and 14 First Responders.

Please contact Jim at (970) 862-8456 or email at avfdchief2014@gmail.com.

Winter Preparations

The White Fire Truck and First Responder vehicles have homes for the winter season. The Fire Department thanks Curt and Vida, the Brysons, and the Higgins for once again volunteering their garages for the winter season to store Fire Department vehicles and equipment/apparatus.

Winter parking lot users will have access to two fire extinguishers in the warming hut. The lighter 10 lb. unit is installed in the back corner and has an ABC rating capable of addressing a broad range of fire fuel sources. Additional ABC units are available in the equipment building if needed to support suppression activities.

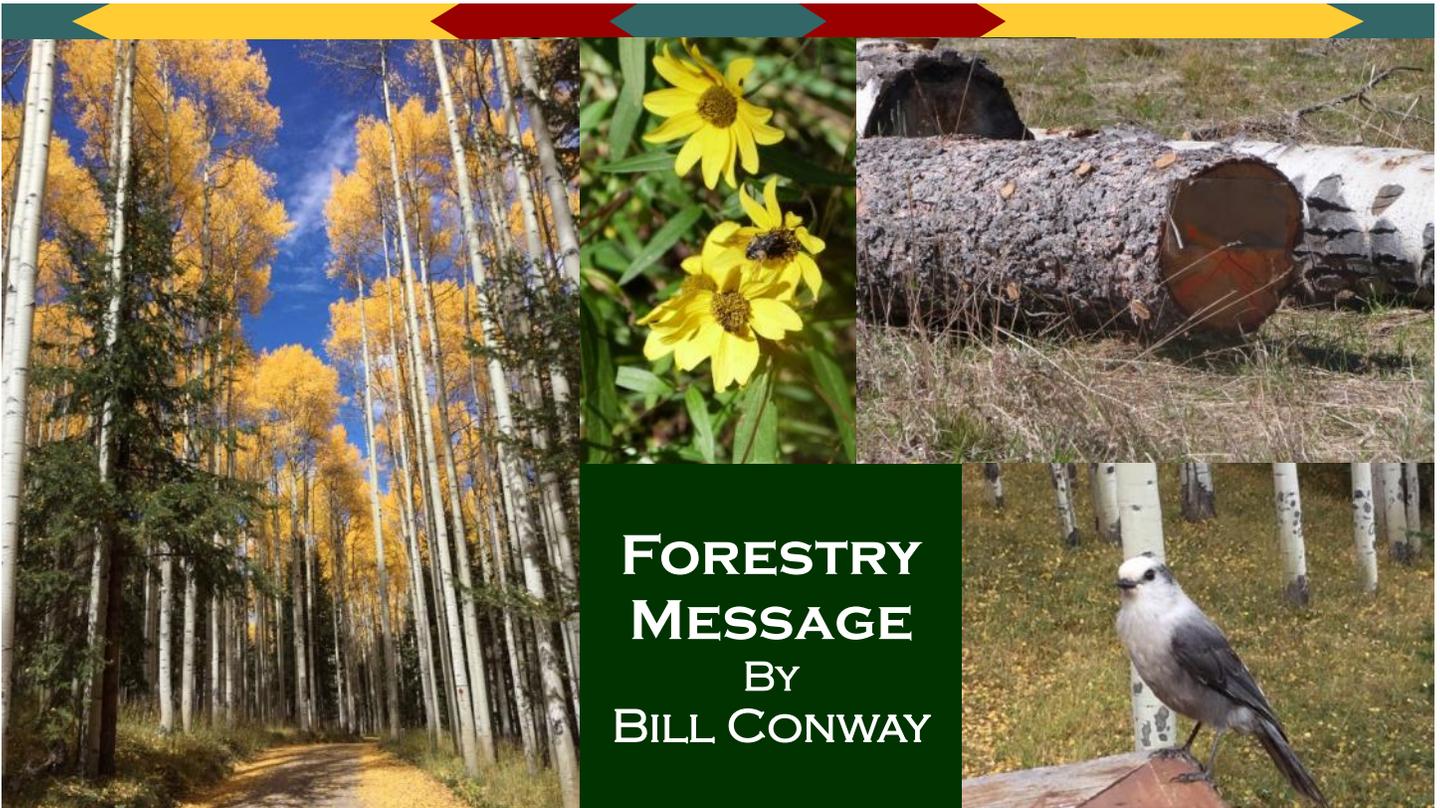
Season Change Home Checklist

As we transition into the Fall/Winter season the following items should become part of the annual review. Check status of home Fire Extinguisher, replace the batteries in smoke alarm(s), and carbon monoxide sensors. For those with forced air furnace units purchase a number of filters and change the filters on a monthly basis. Inspect and clean chimneys, for propane, pellet, and wood burning stoves. Visually inspect window and door spaces for weather stripping leaks, cracks.

First Aid Classes

A 3-day First Aid training class is scheduled for October 19-21 (M-W) and is open to the community to attend. Day 1 is dedicated to CPR and AED use and day 2 and 3 will be focused on basic first aid techniques. Cost for all three days is \$275.00. The sessions will be conducted at the Firehouse and will be approximately 6-8 hours each day. A second session planned for spring of 2016. Details will be announced closer to the session dates.





**FORESTRY
MESSAGE
BY
BILL CONWAY**

All of the rain we have had this spring and summer has been good for the Douglas fir, spruce and subalpine fir (balsam). They should have been able to produce more pitch and defend themselves against bark beetles better than the last few years. We won't know until next June how much help the rain has been. We still need to put up the MCH beetle repellent packs next spring to help the trees repel the beetles. Ordering information will be in the next Smoke Signals and on the web site.

The rain has had a negative effect on the aspen colors because the leaves have black spot fungus that is effecting the color and will cause the trees to lose their leaves faster this fall.

The Forest Service is in the process of modifying the Long Draw Timber Sale that has been operating for several years up country from Arrowhead. The harvest prescription on the remaining three units was planned to be a partial harvest of green trees to enhance the vigor of the remaining trees. However, the spruce bark beetle had other ideas and have killed large groups of trees. The Forest Service has decided to change the plan and cut only the beetle killed trees and the trees infected with beetles. This change will require a new environmental document and contract modification. Arrowhead has commented on these changes and we are having a series of meetings with the Forest Service to determine what contract changes will occur to provide a safe timber haul and we are also recommending some improvements to the Alpine Plateau Road. More information on when and how timber haul will occur will continue to be made available through Smoke Signals, the Arrowhead website and blast emails. You can sign up for blast emails by sending an email to Communications Liaison Cappi Castro at aiasmokesignals@gmail.com.

By the time you read this message the logs with orange X's along the roads will have been moved to a storage area. Those logs will be used for sign improvements that are being planned for Arrowhead roads where they leave the Alpine Plateau road. Firm plans will be developed over the winter and implemented next spring and summer. Most other logs have been removed from along the roads but any that remain will be available for firewood.

If you are looking for Blue Spruce seedling trees... you have the opportunity to dig them up! At approximately 800 Spruce Road around fire hydrant #7 you may dig up the seedlings. Any left will be cut down.

Bill Conway
Arrowhead Forest Manager

Around the Community...



By Cappi Castro



By Shirley Gangi

JERI SIMMS
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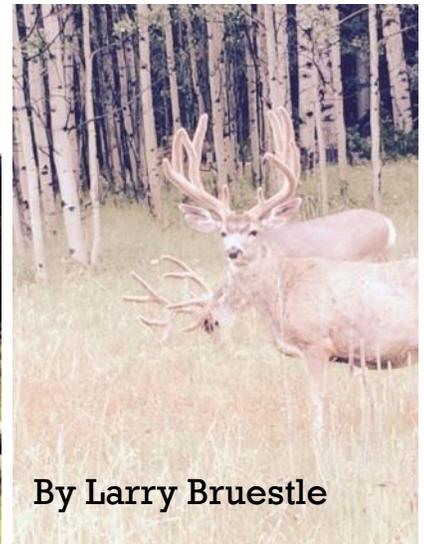
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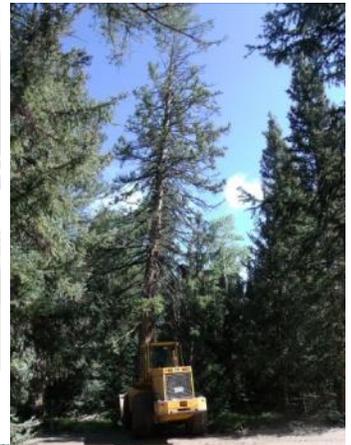
AIA COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS



Donnie and Pam Squirrell with Gizmo.



Don LaForge, Don Bumgardner, & Toby Ezell



Paul Grovsnor & Ron Treche



Rich Krohn, Mike & Jeri Wigent, Kathy Krohn, Jim Matteson



Paul Grosvenor, Ron Treche, Nancy and Al Hale, and Jim and Kathy Harbert with stump of beetle killed spruce.

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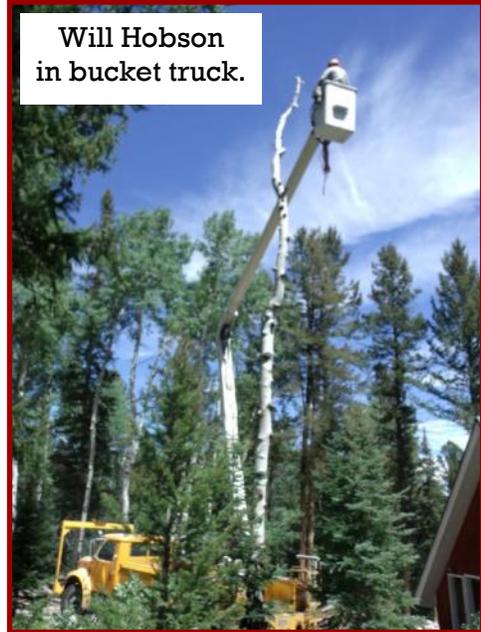
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Donnie and Pam Squirrel moving large log on Spruce Road.



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2016 Elections Are Coming Up

There are two seats open on the Arrowhead Board of Directors for the term beginning in 2016. Ballots for the upcoming election were mailed to eligible voters on September 30, 2015.

Returned ballots must be postmarked by **November 17, 2015.**

The candidates (in alphabetical order) are Dale Breckenridge, Tim Carlson, Bridget Isle, and Kathy Krohn.

Arrowhead Wearables!



Arrowhead Book Club

The Arrowhead Book Club usually meets at 11:30am at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge.

Everyone is welcome!

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

Date: Book & Author:

Oct. 2 ***The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry***
by Rachel Joyce

Nov. 6 ***Snow Flower and the Secret Fan***
by Lisa See

Watch the AIA Facebook page to find out how to get yours!



Design Review Message

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**By
Joyce
Boulter**

I enjoy my work with design review and meeting new owners. Every lot that I see is beautiful in it's own way. There are lots with beautiful trees and others in meadows with few trees. Some lots have fantastic views and others are secluded in the trees. There is not a lot in Arrowhead that isn't beautiful. It is even more true when I talk to a friend in Texas and she reports that it is 95 degrees and humid. Right now I am looking out from my loft at beautiful golden leaves on the trees.

Six people have enjoyed beautiful new houses. Most are in final stages of being finished at least outside. There are also five garages in various stages of construction. Five sheds were also permitted this summer and all have been finished. A couple decks were built and one house was re-sided. Many other things were done during the summer including driveways into new lots and people who just wanted to ask questions about their new purchase.

I have been talking with AIA Board member Curt Treichel about improving the looks of Arrowhead. One thing that I am concerned about are the property address signs on the filing roads for driveways. Some nice signs have been put up this year. There are many more needed.

I have been told we are in for a long, hard winter, so you winter people beware.

Last Design Review Meeting Date for 2015: October 12 ♦ 9 am ♦ AVFD Firehouse



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