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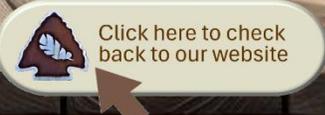
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Spring/Summer Wildlife Advice



Living in Arrowhead can be compared to living in a wildlife refuge. Since no hunting is allowed, many animals roam freely in our woodlands. Mule deer, elk, marmots, chipmunks, squirrels, snowshoe rabbits, pine martens, fox, bobcats, grouse, porcupines, coyotes, western birds, mountain lions and black bears are most commonly seen.

FEEDING WILD ANIMALS AND BIRDS

Black bears are omnivores, eating plants, bugs and animals. In fact, bears will eat almost anything including fruit, birdseed, suet, hummingbird food, pet food and garbage. In late summer, bears may feed up to 20 hours per day in preparation for hibernation, which generally occurs in early November.

Summer bird feeding and birdbaths do not benefit birds because seeds, berries and water are abundant. Instead, these resources attract bears, and once bears find an easy food source, they will return daily. Therefore, DO NOT feed birds during the summer.

Winter bird feeding is safe since bears hibernate until green foliage breaks through the snow.

NOTICE! *It is illegal to feed bears and is punishable by a fine by the Division of Wildlife. If wildlife officials have to tag and remove a nuisance bear, the bear's next offense will result in it being killed*

HOW TO BEAR-PROOF YOUR HOME AND CAMPSITE



1. Do not keep garbage, pet food, birdseed, suet, fruit, grill racks and so forth outside, even briefly. Food items in tents (even toothpaste) can attract bears.
2. Keep all windows and doors closed while away. This includes homes, campers, garages, sheds and doggie doors.
3. Do not throw any type of garbage and food scraps outdoors.
4. If you put hummingbird feeders outside in the summer, bring them inside at dusk and anytime that you leave your home or campsite. However, be aware that these feeders are almost guaranteed to bring bears to your porch or camp site even during the daytime.
5. Do not feed birds or other wildlife food scraps. Household food attracts bears and can be deadly to other wildlife due to their sensitive digestive systems.

HIKING AND BIKING IN WILD ANIMAL COUNTRY

1. Walking at dawn or dusk increases the chances of meeting bears and other predators.
2. Make noise to reduce the likelihood of surprising bears and mountain lions. Talk, sing, whistle or wear a bell.
3. Do not carry food.
4. Leave dogs at home or keep them on a leash. Carry a walking stick.
5. Keep children close to an adult.
6. Bears, coyotes and mountain lions are not the only danger.
7. Female deer are especially protective of their babies and it is not uncommon for female deer to attack dogs that are not on a leash.



IF YOU MEET A BEAR



1. **Stay calm.** If the bear has not seen you, slowly retreat while speaking softly to make the bear aware of your presence and to reassure it that no harm is intended.
2. **Avoid direct eye contact.** Bears perceive this as a threat. Give the bear room to escape and slowly back away. If you are on a trail, step off on the downhill side.
3. **Do not run.** Bears can run in bursts up to 35 mph.
4. **It is dangerous to get between a female bear and her cub(s).** If you see one cub, there may be more. If you see cubs and no mother, do not approach the cubs; mama bear is probably close by and will rush to protect her babies!

IF YOU MEET A MOUNTAIN LION

1. **Do not run. Do not turn your back.** Stop, talk firmly and calmly. Back slowly away.
2. **Try to appear larger than you are.** Slowly raise and wave your arms to convince the mountain lion that you are not prey.
3. **Fight back if the lion becomes aggressive.** Throw stones, sticks, stand tall.



*Attacks by black bears and mountain lions are uncommon. However, with the increase of food sources their presence and the possibility of confrontations are increased. To keep the Arrowhead community safe, it is important that **everyone** practice appropriate preventative measures. For more information or to report a problem, contact Arrowhead Patrol or the Division of Wildlife in Gunnison at (970)641-7060*



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President's Message

Short days are getting longer. Holidays that matter have led us into another year. Snow blankets the mountains. Cold winds still blow. Not surprised? Of course not! It is March. Spring is just springing.

This time of year affects all of you, hundreds of owners, in different ways. Some love the untouched quiet of fresh snow. Others have no desire to touch, or be touched by, anything cold. Some think that it is great to be cut off from and unaffected by things that fill the airwaves and their many talking heads.

Others are already planning for what follows the eminent sloppy 'mud season' as the hard frozen ground turns to soup.

I should have informed you back in January of AIA Board changes. You'll have to check back next year! The Board is the same, which news probably is received with as many different attitudes as saying good-bye to Winter and the coming Spring! If bleak and miserable crosses your mind, please remember that some 700 owners have 700 other ideas. Meeting their Arrowhead needs can be a daunting task, to say the least! — but we keep on keeping on!

"ARROWHEAD" Arrowhead has two 'R's! When you think of R&R you probably think rest and relaxation. That certainly covers how many may describe Arrowhead. It would do us all well to think of the two R's in Arrowhead as 'Residential' and 'Recreational'.

- For some Arrowhead is home. For some it is seasonal ... a short get away, ... or a vacation destination.
- For some Arrowhead is now. For some it's future.
- For some it's a reality. For some it's a dream.

For all, 'Arrowhead' is seen a little differently! Over the forty years I and my family have been coming here, Arrowhead (or 'The Ranch') has become a special place where my family continues to gather to foster personal and family health — mental, spiritual and physical. This is sacred ground. This is a privileged place. What are YOU thinking?

Spring is Here!



We, the gone-yet-present-Board, want to keep doing the small things that improve Arrowhead for everyone — this year and for years to come.

An Association has been defined as 'a group of people brought together by something they share in common who have no care or concern for each other.' My goal and hope is to involve YOU to make this NOT true of our Association. The AIA's dues fee went up April 1st — no foolin! Some suggest asking for volunteers to do some of the 'busy work' tasks that we pay for now. That would be good to slow our expense increases. There are a number of things that could be accommodated this way. We just need YOU! 'Ask not what AIA can do for you, but what you can do for AIA' — all of us! Email your offer to: aiaowner1@gmail.com



AIA exists to bring together the separate needs, wants and desires of a quite large group of people and find ways to make everybody as happy as possible. The needs, wants and desires of about 50 owners that make this their year round home can be different than the needs, wants and desires of the brief-stop summer vacationer (not to mention others in between). Being in 'Association' should cause each one of us to try to see others needs, wants and desires while looking for any possible ways to come together and make things happen that makes Arrowhead the place to be most happy. Where all are happy to call Arrowhead OUR place of R&R.

Happy?

Lowell Kindschy, AIA President
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Board of Directors 2024 Schedule of Meetings

Regular Board Meetings, with the exception of November, 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 & March meetings will be held at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge. The other meetings listed will be at the Arrowhead Firehouse.

<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
May 18	Arrowhead Firehouse
July 20	Arrowhead Firehouse
*August 17 - Annual Owners Mtg.	Arrowhead Firehouse
September 21	Arrowhead Firehouse
November 09	Arrowhead Firehouse

***2024 Annual Owners Meeting will follow the Saturday, August 17th 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.

DETERMINATION & APPOINTMENT OF 2024 BOARD LIAISONS & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Board members were assigned as liaisons for the listed programs, committees and responsibilities:

- Communications** – Keith Dalton
- Design Review Committee** – Rachel Grasmick
- Election Committee** – Keith Dalton
- Fish & Lakes** – Dennis Roberts
- Forest Management** – Rosanna Harris & Dennis Roberts
- Governance** – Keith Dalton
- Horse Corrals** – Dennis Roberts
- Insurance** – Rosanna Harris & Bill Brassfield
- Maintenance/Improvements** – Brad Fowler
- Patrol** – Brad Fowler
- Real Estate** – Rosanna Harris
- Weed Control** – Dennis Roberts

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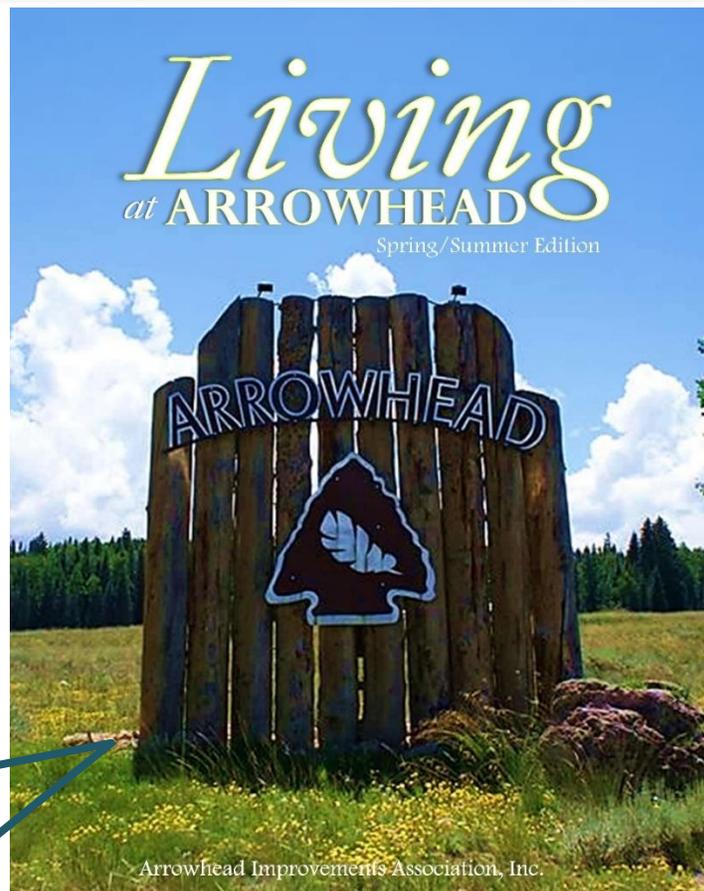
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Arrowhead Improvements Association, Inc.

Message from Patrol



It is the last week of March and our snow pack has been lite this year. In this past week, the spring melt has turned the Alpine into all dirt. The filings roads are icy in morning and mushy in the afternoon. At this rate, the Maintenance Team may be plowing the filing roads by the middle of April. Only Mother Nature and time will tell...

When the Maintenance Crew does start to plow the filing roads, we do ask that you please **HOLD OFF** driving the filing roads in until Will & the Crew punch open and cleared of your living areas. One way to know if the road is open, Patrol will remove the Roads Closed signs and an **OFFICIAL NOTICE** will be posted on our website at www.arrowhead1.org and our official [AIA Facebook page](#). Otherwise, have patience so you don't hinder the equipment moving around the area.

Here are a few things owners should know when roads start opening up:

When the Winter Parking Lot starts to turn to **MUD**, we ask that you **DO NOT BOTTLE NECK** your snow machines near the trail exits on the North & South ends of parking lot! Also, the Patrol team asks that you **NOT BLOCK THE EGRESS** lane for a groomer to get through in case of an emergency!! Please park your snow machines to the side of the trails and **NOT 'ON'** the trails.



Once the opening of the roads begins, cabin owners must contact Patrol to be placed on a list of driveways to be plowed. (RV/Trailer lots are not plowed). RV/Trailer lot owners are asked to wait for driveways to dry before bringing their rigs up the mountain.

The Winter Parking Lot must be cleared of all vehicles, snow machines and trailers by May 31st!! If you must use the AIA flatbed trailer to get your snowmobile back to your lot, please contact Patrol first, so we can sign it out.

The bears will start coming out, so please bring in your feeders and dog food at night. Also, fawning season is due to start in late May through the summer. Be careful when walking with your pet, for the does will be aggressive and want to kill your pet or harm you. It is best to back off and turn around, making sure they don't follow you. **Refer back to page-6** for additional information and advice about the wildlife at Arrowhead.



 Tick season starts late April and May, so take precautions for you and your pet.

A reminder that fire pits must be examined and approved by Patrol each year before use.

AIA is still looking to fill an open position person. (Per Boards last meeting walkers will be provided if needed. A little humor). If you are interested and want more information, please contact patrol on **AIA WEBSITE** and contact Leonard Wasilewski, Lead Patrol or Brad Fowler our AIA Board Patrol liaison.



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Get Ready...Mud Season is just around the corner!!



Please **DO NOT** try to drive your vehicle on the filing roads until we officially open the roads. If you do, just realize that the roads will be mushy and muddy....and you will either get stuck or tear the roads up. **We are not allowed to tow you out!!** Make sure to check our [Facebook page](#) and [AIA website](#) for notification when the roads are opened.

Forestry Message

Spring is here and the Arrowhead Forest will be turning green as soon as the snow melts. With the adequate snow we have had this year I am hoping there is an effect on the insectile diseases we have been fighting such as Spruce Bud Worm and Bark Beetle. I have received many orders of MCH over the winter order season but seem to be lacking the majority of orders we have had in the past. If you forgot to order I will be ordering extras that can be bought in person during the end on May and first part of June. I will also have more ACE Cap cartons for those who need them.

MCH Packs and ACE Caps will need to be installed in the first couple weeks of June, so please pick them up in time. If the pickup times do not work, give me a call and we can work something out. I look forward to seeing everyone this summer and hope we all had a great winter.

As always if you have any questions, reach out to me through email, text or phone.

MCH Packs and ACE Cap Pickup Dates

Meet at the Maintenance Building

Sundays:

May 19th, 10-2

May 26th, 10-2

June 2nd, 10-2

June 9th, 10-2

June 16th, 10-2



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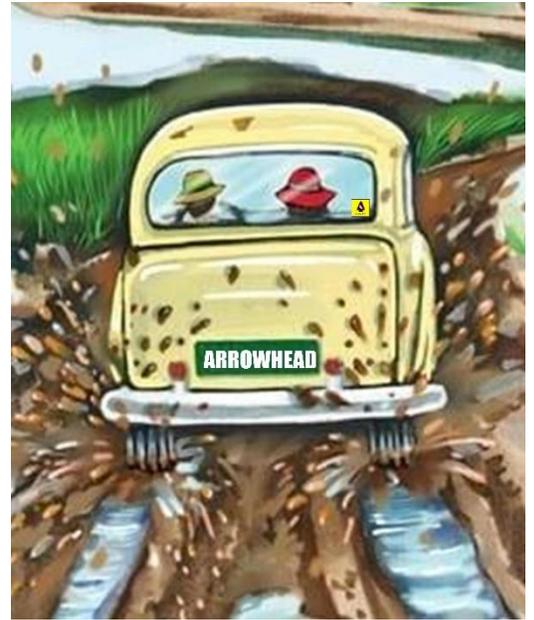
By the time you read this we will probably be into mud season, and hopefully Will and Denny will be out opening the roads.

As of today the Alpine is dry and the parking lot is a mess with slush and mud. Afternoon high temps are making the trails very mushy and the shoulders very soft, please be careful.

WARNING

Grooming machines and maintenance personnel may be on the trails at anytime

I mentioned Will and Denny will be out plowing soon, so please be careful when approaching our equipment. Make sure they see you before trying to pass.



Please do not drive on filing roads with your vehicles until we officially open them. You will make ruts and might get stuck. Our maintenance crews will have to repair the ruts in the roads and that cost the association money.

As the snow melts, I know you will want to get out and clean up your lots. **The Forest Refuse Site** will remain **CLOSED** until the area is dry and Will has pushed all the ashes up and to make sure there are no ambers still burning.

Please, when we do open the **Forest Refuse Site**---**NO STUMPS or CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS OF METAL**. Last year someone dropped off sheet rock and some of it had nails and screws. Not good on your tires. If you see someone dropping off items like this, please either talk with them or call patrol.



Last, but not least, have a great time with friends and family this Spring and please be safe!



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For more information, visit the
Maintenance & Improvements webpage at:
<https://www.arrowhead1.org/maintenance-improvements>





Dear Arrowhead Property Owner:

This memo is to remind you of the recently passed dues assessment increase which is effective with the April 1st assessment:

2024 – beginning April 1st: \$150/qtr. or \$570/yr.

2025 – beginning Jan. 1st: \$155/qtr. or \$620/yr.

2026 – beginning Jan. 1st: \$160/qtr. or \$640/ yr.

2027 – beginning Jan. 1st: \$165/qtr. or \$660/yr.

* There is **no** additional charge by AIA for trash with this dues increase.

- If you are signed up for “recurring payments”, the quarterly or monthly amount will automatically be adjusted to the new dues amount. You do not have to send in a new form.
- If you have paid for the full year at the old dues rate, a statement will be sent with the remaining balance owed on October 1st (the 4th quarterly billing).
- Please remember to change your automatic “bank bill-pay” to the new amount.

Other billing reminders:

- If you are receiving this notice by mail, and would like to start receiving invoices by email, please call or email me to change your billing preference.
- Invoices are sent on the first of every quarter (Jan. 1, April 1, July 1, and Oct. 1). If sent by email, you can pay electronically from the email.
- Statements are sent for accounts owing more than the current quarterly dues assessment. Payment must be made by check and sent to PO Box 68, Cimarron, CO 81220. Or you can call me to pay by credit card over the phone.
- You will not receive an invoice if you have a credit balance or have signed up for recurring payments.
- We have transitioned away from Assurance Management and their Appfolio system (and portal). Please make sure your “bank bill-pay” has been changed to AIA, PO Box 68, Cimarron, CO 81220.

As always, please contact me with any questions.

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2023-2024 Snow Report

by Harold Thompson &
Joanie Aufderheide

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23-24¹-Arrowhead Snow Report Data Entry as of 03/25/24

Mar				38	139 1/2			
	DATE MEASURED	TIME MEASURED	TEMP.(F)	AMOUNT (Inches)	TOTAL for season (Inches)	BASE DEPTH (Inches on ground)	CONDITIONS	LOCATION
	3/3/2024	8am	19	12		45	Snowing/sunny	821 Balsam Dr
	3/4/2024	7am	15	1		42	Sunny	821 Balsam Dr
	3/6/2024	8am	30	0.5		38	Snowing /sunny	821 Balsam Dr
	3/7/2024	12am	40	1		37	Sunny/snowing	821 Balsam Dr
	3/7/2024	7am	21	0.5		37	Clear	821 Balsam Dr
	3/9/2024	7am	11	1		38	Clear	821 Balsam Dr
	3/13/2024	7am	26	2		35	Snowing	821 Balsam Dr
	3/13/2024	5pm	31	6		39	Snowing	821 Balsam Dr
	3/14/2024	11am	31	2.5		42	Snowing	821 Balsam Dr
	3/15/2024	8am	21	1		42	Snowing	821 Balsam Dr
	3/16/24	6pm	30	3		44	Snowing	821 Balsam Dr
	3/24/2024	8am	28	0.5		36	Overcat	821 Balsam Dr
	3/24/2024	5pm	27	3		39	Snowing/windy	821 Balsam Dr
	3/25/2024	8am	19	3		42	Snowing	821 Balsam Dr
	3/25/2024	12am	37	1		41	Sunny/melting	821 Balsam Dr

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Map Legend:

- - AED Stations by AVFD
- Ⓜ - Helicopter Landing Zone
- US Forest Service Rd
- ▭ - Arrowhead Business Assoc.



Design Review Message

The sun is out and the snow is starting to melt on the mountain. More snow is forecasted, so we never know if Spring will come sooner or later. If you are hoping to start a project this summer, you can do the planning early and have your documents ready for the April 8th meeting. **There will NOT be an in-person meeting in April, but the committee will communicate and look over any applications we get.** Please send all documents to me, and I will get them to the committee. To be added to the April 8th agenda, all documents and plans must be sent to me the Friday before the meeting to allow time for the application/permit forms to be created. Anything delivered after this will be added to the May 13th agenda. It is important that you are familiar with our Arrowhead Regulations so you know the requirements for each type of improvement/project. This will make the process of getting approval so much easier.

2024 DRC Meeting Dates

- ❖ March 11th
- ❖ April 8th
- ❖ May 13th
- ❖ June 10th
- ❖ July 8th
- ❖ August 12th
- ❖ September 9th
- ❖ October 14th

All meetings start at 9am and are at the firehouse, unless the filing roads are not open, and then we will meet at Arrowhead Mountain Lodge.

The deadline to turn in applications is the Friday before the upcoming meeting. Anything received after midnight on Friday will be added to the following month's agenda.

ALL documents (plot plan, construction agreement, and your detailed plans) are sent to: jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com. **Only the \$100 permit fee goes to the AIA Office.** *Sending documents to the AIA Office creates a middle man and will delay your plans getting approved.* After the snow melts, a site visit can be conducted and your application finalized.

Please remember the planned construction in the canyon is still projected to continue into, at least part of, 2024. This can lead to difficulties with deliveries and frustration with wait times. Be sure you talk with your contractors about how this will impact your project. If you plan to have something large delivered it is best to let the workers in the canyon know. If you are bringing up a shed, please call Patrol if the Alpine needs to be closed or monitored. Your friends and neighbors will appreciate your help with this.

Gunnison County has adopted new Wildfire Codes(WUI). If you are planning to build in the future, it is recommended that you contact the county and let them educate you with the new codes. Each property is different and is treated as such, so there is NO easy answer to what building on your property will take. Just remember our building season is much shorter than normal areas and most of our contractors have already started working their schedule for next year. Click here for a link to a document to help you get started with your plans.

With that being said, a few reminders and links for your planning needs:

- 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 mailed to the highlighted address on the Construction Agreement.** This address is:

**Arrowhead Improvements Association, Inc.
PO Box 68
Cimarron CO 81220**

*Please make sure to include (memo section) the:
DRC Permit: Arrowhead Street
Address: Lot#- Blk#- Filing#*

- Send **all building plans with the Plot Plan and Construction Agreement** to jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com
- You need to locate your center pin(rebar and tag) and flag several points on the property boundary. **Property owners 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 or can't be found

- 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 Joanie Thompson (jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com) and I or a committee member will come and do a site visit. It is requested that the property owner or contractor be present during the 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

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

**** Utilities**** - Many owners have been asking about putting in utilities. Please note that this **MUST** be approved by the Design Review Committee. You are not required to pay for a permit, but we must approve the location of your plans and issue a permit. Failure to notify the Design Review Committee could result in up to \$500 in fines.



****Shed Regulations**** -

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

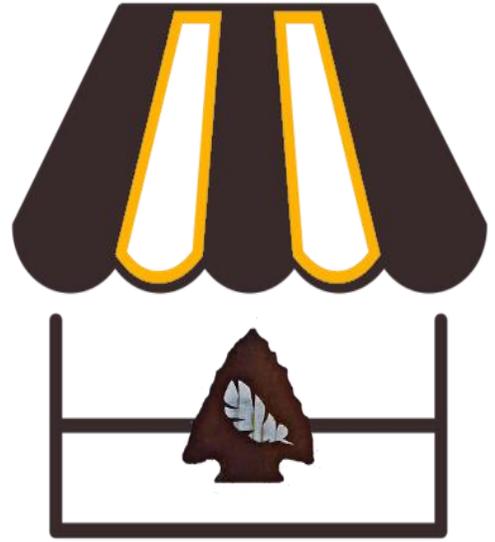
Please continue to follow the requirements set forth for improvements in the 2020 AIA Regulations. This helps the committee move forward for you more quickly.

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



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





Arrowhead's Online Classified & Market Place



Date	Title	Author	Category	Presenter
June 1	The Ladies Mine	Francine Rivers	Historical Fiction	Sue Kindschy
July 13	The Labors of Hercules Beal	Gary D. Schmidt	Fiction	Sally Burcher
August 3	Beheld	Tarashea Nesbit	Historical Fiction	Sylvia Perea
September 7	The Sun Does Shine	Anthony Ray Hinton	Memoir	Carol Wike
October 5	Dial A for Aunties	Jesse Q. Sutanto	Comedy	Kathy Koeltzow
November 2	Winter Garden	Kristin Hannah	Mystery	Nicole Huff

Questions: Contact Sue Kindschy at smkindschy@gmail.com

We meet the first Saturday 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
 - November will be held at Camp Robber, Montrose - 11:30am
- January through May read, read, read and share what you would like us to read next year!!



IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

**Did you know that Gunnison dispatches the AVFD
in order to get you the quickest response time
while they are in route to your location?**

Thank you for your continued support! - AVFD Team





 **Arrowhead Fire Protection District** 

SIGN UP

Alert Email Notifications

To get the latest information and updates from the Arrowhead Fire Protection District, click on **the AFPD website** and/or their **Facebook page**



Be the neighbor who *saves* a neighbor.
VOLUNTEER TODAY!
www.arrowheadfire.org



Recruiting for all positions:

- **Firefighters**
- Medical First Responders
- Dispatchers

Training Days:

- **Fire – 3rd Tuesday of month**
- Medical – 2nd Tuesday of month
- Time – 10:00AM – 1:00PM
- Location – Firehouse

Equipment Checks and PM

- Every Tuesday @ 9:00AM
- **Great time to visit the firehouse and see what we do!**

What if you reported a medical or fire emergency and no one answered the call?

AVFD IS AN ALL VOLUNTEER SERVICE

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
 FREE TRAINING**

AVFD NEEDS YOU!

The information posted in this AIA Smoke Signal publication and the AIA website (arrowhead1.org), is intended to provide general knowledge that may be of interest to Arrowhead Homeowners and its members to the community. The Arrowhead Improvements Association, Inc. (the AIA HOA), does not warrant the accuracy to this particular page(s) and webpage(s) that is provided by the Arrowhead Fire Protection District (the AFPD); and the AIA is not responsible for the reliability, correctness or any other aspect of the content provided. The AIA HOA disclaims any liability whatsoever in connection with the information that appears on this page(s) or webpage(s) and is not its author. AIA HOA is not responsible for, and does not undertake any duty to provide owners with, up to date fire restriction information. Please contact AFPD for the most current information.

5 SAFETY TIPS FOR OPERATING CHAINSAWS



Know Your Saw

Understand the saw safety features, especially the kickback protection and chain catcher.



Protect Yourself

Before using a chainsaw, wear protective gear.

- Safety goggles
- Safety Boots
- Gloves
- Hearing protection



Perform a Start-up Inspection

Check the chain lubrication, chain brake, and inertia functions before using a chainsaw.



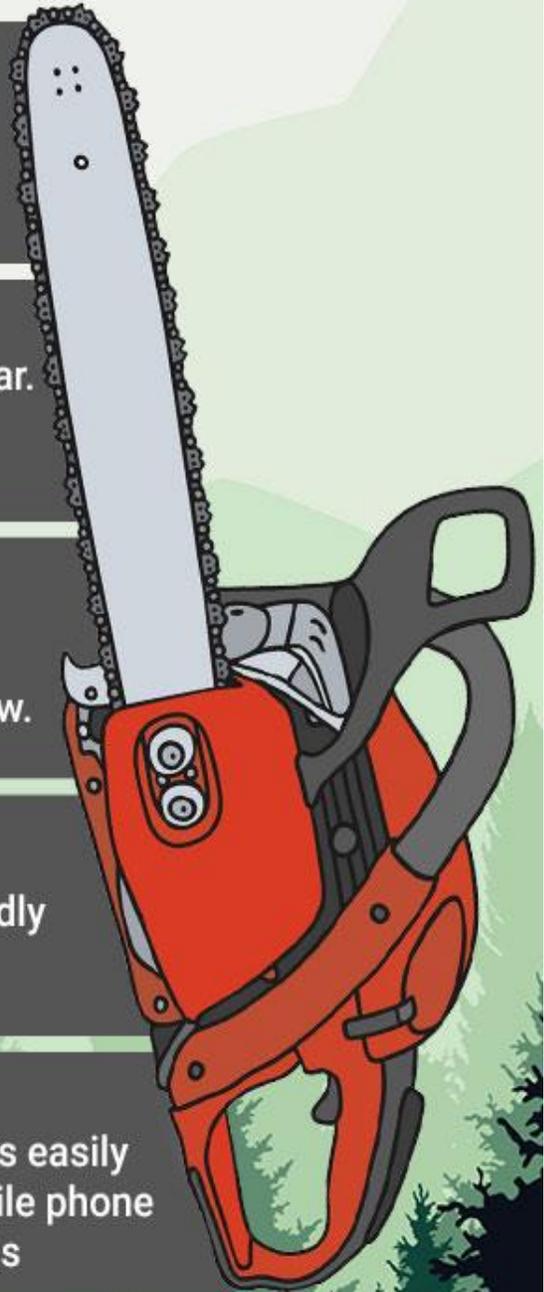
Plan an Escape Route

In case a tree you are working on unexpectedly shifts or rolls; be ready with an escape plan.



Bring a First Aid Kit

Always carry a first aid kit and make sure it is easily accessible. Also, don't forget to carry a mobile phone so you can call for help if something happens





AIA Property Owner Information

Important Phone Numbers

- Emergency Fire and Medical - call **911 (Gunnison)**
- Arrowhead Patrol - call or text (970) 209-6335
- Arrowhead Firhouse - (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)
- Nuclia-Naturita Telephone and 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. • Issue Fishing Passes for Flint Lakes, as REQUIRED.
- Neighbor Concerns • Regulation Information
- Inspect and tag driveways for winter months.

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 \$500 fines. 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 a \$500 fine, per tree. The Forest Mgr. 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:

Arrowheadforestmanager@gmail.com

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!



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

- 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 and stocking of the Lower Flint Lakes and has set a catch limit of three (3) fish per person per day. **Fishing Passes for Flint lakes is Required.**



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 – AIA](https://www.facebook.com/ArrowheadImprovementsAssociation)
- Join our Blast Email Listing

And Most Importantly . . .

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