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# Welcome to Arrowhead in Gunnison Country!

Arrowhead has been greeting homeowners, campers and recreational users alike to this spectacular mountain community since its beginnings in 1973.

This Spring/Summer Living booklet; in addition to our newest seasonal Fall/Winter Living publication, is designed to give property owners information about our year-round community and nearby amenities. Both publications are designed to be handy guides and references. Please note, this booklet and other publications do NOT take the place of the Arrowhead **Covenants, Regulations** or any other official AIA **governing documents.** This Spring/Summer 2024 version and the Fall/Winter Living 2024 version supersedes all previous Arrowhead Awareness or Living In Arrowhead booklets.

All of the **governing documents** can be found on the **Arrowhead website**: www.arrowhead1.org, along with additional information for your use. Furthermore, the **Smoke Signals**, the official online newsletter of the Arrowhead Improvements Association is published 6-times a year and can only be accessed from the **Arrowhead website**. For instant information you can always check out the **Arrowhead in Colorado** (AIA) Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/ArrowheadImprovementsAssociation.AIA/



For up to the minute notices and urgent messages, sign up for the **AIA Email Blast Listing** by completing the **online email request form.** 



## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

*Please keep these numbers handy. Should these phone numbers change, please refer to the <u>AIA website</u> for any changes: <u>www.arrowhead1.org</u>* 

Emergency Fire and Medical	Call 911 (Gunnison)
Arrowhead Firehouse	(970) 862-8330
Arrowhead Patrol (phone or text)	(970) 209-6335
Arrowhead Improvements Association Business Office P. O. Box 68, Gunnison, CO 81230	(970) 862-8240

For additional updated contact information, visit our **Contact Us** webpage at: <u>https://www.arrowhead1.org/contact-us</u>

#### **Utilities:**

Arrowhead Ranch Water Company (separate business entity from the HOA) Office: (970) 249-6197 Emergency: (970) 209-2104

Gunnison County Electric Assoc. (including reporting power outages) (970) 641-3520

Nucla-Naturita Telephone & Internet Company Arrowhead: (970) 862-9101 Primary: (970) 864-7335



You may want to spend your time in Arrowhead relaxing in a hammock under the trees or sitting on your porch enjoying nature and all the critters (*more on the wildlife later*). There are lots of other things to do in Arrowhead too. Just check the <u>Calendar</u> on the Arrowhead website for dates and times of certain meetings and events.

Here are just a few spring and summer community happenings at Arrowhead:

- Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department
- Potluck suppers at the Firehouse
- Community Night at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge
- Annual Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department July Picnic on the Firehouse grounds
- Annual AVFD Pancake Breakfast during the Labor Day weekend
- ✤ ATV rides
- Fishing at nearby ponds, lakes and rivers
- Helping with Arrowhead's summertime Clean Up Days
- Arrowhead Improvements Association Board of Directors meetings
- Book Club and Garden Club
- Exercise group at the firehouse

#### **COMMUNITY POTLUCK AT THE FIREHOUSE**

Held year round, weekly on Tuesdays, Community Potluck is a favorite with Arrowhead owners. The potluck meal begins at 6:00 PM with a Happy Hour starting at 5:00 PM, featuring bring-your-own-bottle and a dish to share. Following the meal, many owners stay for cards and/or Dominoes. Occasionally there is a "special potluck" which can include dishes with a particular theme such as Italian, German, Mexican and so forth.

#### COMMUNITY NIGHT AT THE ARROWHEAD MOUNTAIN LODGE

Arrowhead owners and their guests particularly enjoy Thursday Night Community Dinners at the Lodge where the regular menu includes a special meal and dessert for all diners. It's a weekly opportunity to get together for camaraderie and fun. Reservations may be required; check with the Lodge: 970-862-8206

#### ANNUAL ARROWHEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT JULY PICNIC

Usually held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in July, at the Firehouse picnic area and surrounding grounds, this annual funfest generally features games and relay races for children, artisan and crafts booths, silent auction items, hamburgers, brats and hotdog meals, a giant yard sale and more. The proceeds go to the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department.

#### **BICYCLE AND ATV RIDING**

Summers are especially fun with an all terrain vehicle (ATV or UTV) or a bicycle spent cruising around the Arrowhead filing roads stopping occasionally to visit with friends and neighbors. Some folks love heading up the Alpine Road, where there are numerous marked trails for exploring and enjoying the beauty that surrounds us. Whatever your mode of transportation in and around Arrowhead, please follow all recommended safety precautions and be sure to practice common road etiquette.







#### FISHING

Fishing is available at Flint Lakes and at Evergreen Lake for Arrowhead property owners and their guests. The Arrowhead Improvements Association, 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**. The Upper Flint Lakes is catch and release only. Please obey all posted signs at the lakes!



One important change to our **Flint Lakes agreement** with the owner of those Lakes... **Only dogs of Owners will be allowed to be brought down to the Lakes and they must remain on Leash at all times!** No longer will the dogs of guests or friends be allowed at Flint Lakes!

Notice: the lower Flint Lake can be reached by ATV (recommended) or 4WD passenger vehicle. No vehicle traffic is allowed at the upper Flint Lake: foot traffic only. The road to Evergreen Lake is extremely steep and should not be attempted except by 4WD vehicles.



**Fish cleaning is not allowed at lake sites because the fish guts attract bears**. Also, for the same reason, do not throw "sucker fish" back into the lake (where those little suckers will continue to breed) or leave them on the banks. Pack them out when you leave and dispose of them properly.

# NO Swimming! NO Ice Fishing! NO Watercraft!

- Boats
- Kayaks
- Paddle Boards



While there are many nearby streams and rivers for fishing outside the boundaries of Arrowhead, the Flint Lakes are the only ones that are regularly stocked with trout. The Flint Lakes are located on private property and Arrowhead owners and their guests are allowed to fish there by acquiring a seasonal fishing permit from the Arrowhead Patrol. You do not need a Colorado Fishing License to fish at the Flint Lakes, but you will need one for most other fishing in the state.



#### **CLEAN-UP DAYS**

Clean-up Days are regularly scheduled during the summer and many Arrowhead owners pitch in to help clean up the common areas and along the roadsides. The winter months can be brutal on trees in these areas and while the AIA removes fallen trees from the roads, those trees and the resulting slash litter the roadsides. Volunteers on clean-up days cut up these downed trees so that they can either be gathered for firewood or be hauled away. Rotted trees, slash and other similar debris are hauled away to the Forest Refuse Site. Frequently, trees growing alongside the roads need to have limbs trimmed up so they do not impede automobiles or snowmobiles. Volunteers are needed to help with these and other tidying up projects throughout the community. Three hours of work on a Saturday morning is a great way to meet your neighbors. For more information, just visit our **Forest Management webpage at**: <u>https://www.arrowhead1.org/forest-management</u>

#### ARROWHEAD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Board of Directors for the Arrowhead Improvements Association meet on a regularly scheduled basis and these meetings are open to all Arrowhead owners. Come learn what is going on in the community and keep abreast of local concerns and issues. The schedule of board meetings is posted on the Arrowhead website at <a href="http://www.arrowhead1.org">http://www.arrowhead1.org</a>

#### **BOOK CLUB and GARDEN CLUB**

Join one of our popular clubs. Any owner may join and/or participate in any of these clubs. Information about these clubs can be found on the Arrowhead website.

#### **EXERCISE GROUP**

Participate in an hour of stretching and some easy yoga. This is a drop-in class held at the Fire House on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:00 AM.







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.
- Do not run. Bears can run in bursts up to 35 mph.
   It is dangerous to get between a female bear
- 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.





## LIFE AT ARROWHEAD

#### **ARROWHEAD PATROL**



**Patrol** personnel regularly patrol the roads in Arrowhead both summer and winter. They are knowledgeable about Arrowhead and will gladly answer questions you might have. Suspicious activities should be reported to **Patrol**. However, accidents or crimes should be reported directly to the Gunnison County authorities by **calling 911**.





There are two Sign-In boxes for residents and guests to use when arriving in Arrowhead. One Sign-In box is located at the intersection of Alpine Plateau Road and Ute Drive. The other box is located at the intersection of Alpine Plateau Road and Lake Drive (where the large Arrowhead sign is located). Both boxes are open during the Spring thru Fall.

It is requested that owners sign in when arriving on the mountain. If you are a full time resident or are on the mountain for an extended summer stay, it is requested that you sign out whenever leaving the mountain for more than one night. Patrol will use the sign-in/out information in their rounds, as well as provide the information to the Arrowhead Fire Department for use in any evacuation activity.

#### VEHICLES

Sign-In Boxes corners of #1: Alpine Plateau Rd. and Ute Dr. and #2: the Alpine Plateau Rd. & Lake Dr.

Property owners are required to have Arrowhead Owner stickers on their automobiles, snowmobiles, RVs, horse trailers, UTVs and ATVs. Stickers should be placed in the corner of the windshield on cars and trucks, on the front cowling of off-road vehicles and near the hitch of trailers.



Guests must have passes displayed on their vehicles as well. Vehicle stickers and Guest passes are FREE and may be obtained from Patrol. If you sell or trade your vehicles, patrol would like to be contacted so that they can keep their records straight and up to date.

TRAFFIC CONTROL ON FILING ROADS: The Board established a speed limit for the Filing Roads in Arrowhead at twenty (20) miles per hour. All motorized vehicles shall be operated in a manner deemed reasonable and prudent for existing road conditions and pedestrian traffic. Use of snowmobiles and tracked vehicles is limited to groomed and/or marked trails, in conformance with the applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

#### All drivers must obey the posted speed limit (20 mph) while operating <u>any vehicle</u> on the filing roads, <u>year-round</u>!!



#### **GUESTS**

Guests are welcome at Arrowhead. Please remember that the guests on your property, whether accompanied by you or not, are required to adhere to all <u>Arrowhead Rules and Regulations.</u>

If you are expecting guests when you are away from your property, let your nearby neighbors and Patrol know that these folks have your permission to be there. It is also recommended that you give your guest a copy of the **Owner Information Quick Guide** (see page 24), which outlines the key essentials of knowing the "Who, What, Where and How" here at Arrowhead. On pages 21-25 there is a **Guest Information Form** you can fill out and have available for your guests visiting your property when you are not there. Remember that an outdoor fire pit cannot be used by owners or guests unless authorized by Patrol.

As a courtesy to your neighbors, give them your phone number so they can contact you in case there are problems.

**Guest passes** will be provided to each lot owner and are available from Patrol personnel. Guest passes are to be placed on the dashboard of guest vehicles. Property Owners are responsible for their guests.

**Per our Gunnison County Land Use Permit, vehicles, snowmobiles and trailers can ONLY be parked in the Winter Parking Lot starting on October 15th thru May 31st each year.** All vehicles, trailers, snowmobiles, ATVs and UTVs left in the parking lot after May 31st may be impounded and charged a \$100 fee, unless other arrangements have been made. Vehicles remaining past 90 days in the impound area will be removed at owner's expense.

#### **ROAD SAFETY**



Speed limits on Arrowhead roads are 20 mph and 25 mph on the Alpine Plateau Road. These speed limits are for your safety as well as that of your neighbors and the wildlife and for dust control. Please use caution and observe the speed limits. Watch out for road maintenance equipment, other vehicles, ATVs, snowmobiles, pedestrians and pets. As a courtesy, please reduce your speed when approaching pedestrians, particularly when the roads are especially dusty. Chains or 4WD are recommended during snow conditions. It is the responsibility of the driver going DOWN the Alpine to yield to vehicles coming UP the Alpine if the road is too narrow for both vehicles to pass.

Phone boxes for emergency use are located in the warming hut at the winter parking lot, on the deck of the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge, and at the phone box about half way up the Alpine. These phones can be used for outgoing local calls, 911 emergency, credit card calls and 1-800 calls.

#### **SAFETY TIPS FOR ATV RIDERS** (*Presented in part by ATV Safety Institute*)

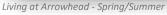
Tread lightly! Riding behavior that harms the land is self-defeating and irresponsible. Please learn to protect and preserve your riding areas.

- Travel only where motorized vehicles are permitted. For safety, children should be accompanied by an adult. See AIA 2020 regulations: page 19, Article 7., section 3:
   "DRIVERS ON FILING ROADS; INDEMNIFICATION OF AIA; WAIVER OF CLAIMS: All drivers on Filing Roads must be fully in compliance with all applicable state, federal, and county laws, including any applicable driver's license requirements. Any Owner that allows any guest, including any immediate family member, to operate an off-highway vehicle in Arrowhead agrees to indemnify and hold AIA harmless of and from any and all causes of action, claims, counterclaims, cross claims, third party claim, debts, demands and other liabilities arising out of or relating to that guest operating the off-highway vehicle in Arrowhead to the fullest extent permitted by law. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each and every Owner waives, disclaims, discharges, and releases each and every claim, cause of action, cross claim, counterclaim, third party claim, debt and other liability of and against AIA arising out of or relating to the operation of any off-highway vehicle by Owner and/or any person of whom Owner is the parent or legal guardian."
- Respect the rights of hikers, horseback riders, cyclists, campers and others to enjoy their activities undisturbed. Spare them your dust. Remember, even if you are going the speed limit of 20 mph, you may still be creating huge clouds of dust that will envelope pedestrians and other ATV riders.
- 3. Educate yourself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies. Comply with signs and barriers and do not ride on private property.
- 4. Avoid streams, ponds, lakeshores, meadows, muddy roads and trails and steep hillsides. They are easily scarred by spinning wheels.
- 5. **Drive (ride) responsibly** to protect the environment and preserve opportunities to enjoy your vehicle on wild areas. Avoid running over young trees, shrubs, wildflowers and grasses.
- 6. **Be courteous** when you meet others on the road. Pull to the side and yield to horseback riders or hikers. It is best to shut off the engine whenever you are near horses a panicked horse is a danger to you and its rider.
- 7. Stay away from wild animals. Avoid livestock moving up the Alpine Road. You should yield to them.
- 8. Obey gate closures and regulatory signs.
- 9. Please carry out everything you carry in and help pick up refuse left by others.
- 10. Supplies to carry on your ATV might include water, food, two-way radio, CB radio, two trash bags to be used as ponchos, extra jacket, compass, map of area, whistle, space blanket and first aid kit. *Do not count on your cell phone while in the mountains; cell service can be spotty, at best.*
- 11. Observe road speed limit of 20 mph on Arrowhead roads and 25 mph on the Alpine.



**During the Spring THAW, 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 <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>AIA website</u> for notification when the roads are opened.





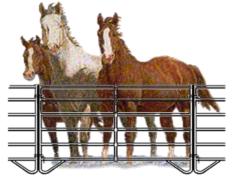


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#### PETS

Pets must be restrained by a leash or accompanied by the owner and under the owner's control at all times. Under no conditions should household pets be permitted to run at large off the owner's property. There have been incidents of unleashed dogs chasing baby deer and literally running them to death. As a courtesy to your neighbors, please clean up after your pets when walking them along the filing roads or on common land *(including the winter parking lot).* Do not allow your dog to bark unnecessarily; it disturbs the peace of your neighborhood and frightens away the wildlife.





#### **HORSE CORRALS**

Contract Patrol at 970-209-6335 to check on availability of corral space. Corrals are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Owners must first complete and sign the **Boarding Facility Use Agreement** *(available on the Arrowhead website <u>www.Arrowhead1.org</u>)* before their horses may be placed in a corral. Horseback riding along Arrowhead roads is permitted and there are trails on adjacent public land. Maintaining horses on owners' sites is NOT permitted.

#### DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)



A few tips from the Design Review Committee on getting projects started.



- 1. Before submitting your plans, you need to be very familiar with the **AIA regulations** pertaining to your project.
- Forms required for submitting plans can be found on the AIA website on the Design Review webpage: https://www.arrowhead1.org/design-review

   Construction Agreement
  - b. Plot Plan
- 3. Your plans need to be submitted to the Design Review Manager at least one week prior to the next Design Review Meeting. Please see scheduled meeting dates.
- 4. If you choose to submit your plans electronically, please send them in a PDF format.
- 5. All plans must include dimension numbers including the plot plan.
- 6. The DRC requires samples of the siding materials, colors, roofing color/materials and descriptions of all other finishes and colors to be utilized on the exterior of your building.
- 7. Construction signs need to follow sign regulation. Painting address on trees is not allowed.
- 8. If changes to original plans need to be made, please keep in mind that those changes need to be presented to the DRC for approval.

The Design Review Committee looks forward to working with all owners in getting their projects started and staying on track.

#### HOME AND CAMPING SAFETY

#### **Outdoor fire pits:**

- 1. Must be built to proper specifications. Guidelines are available from Patrol.
- 2. Must be inspected by Patrol upon completion and before usage by owner or guests.



- 3. Must have a permit renewed annually by Patrol.
- 4. Please follow Fire Restrictions that are posted throughout Arrowhead, on the **AIA website** and the **Arrowhead Facebook page**.
- 5. Water must be available when a fire is lit.

#### Fireplaces and wood burning stoves:

- 1. Dispose of ashes in a metal container. NEVER put ashes in the dumpster or in the forest.
- 2. Do not vacuum ashes out of a fireplace or stove.
- 3. Inspect your chimney annually.
- 4. Chimney fires can be extremely dangerous. Keep chimney fire extinguishers (Chimfex) handy in case of a chimney fire. (Ask your AVFD Representative for product information.)

#### **Detectors in your home:**

- 1. Install the proper number of smoke detectors and check them regularly.
- 2. Install a carbon monoxide detector. Fireplaces and stoves can produce the odorless, lethal gas.
- 3. Each household should have no less than three fire extinguishers. They should remain properly charged. If low, they can be recharged at Superior Alarm & Fire Protection in Montrose or Western Slope & Safety in Gunnison.

#### **OBNOXIOUS NOXIOUS WEEDS**



Noxious weeds are aggressive, spread rapidly, resist control and reproduce at an alarming rate. They are non-native and have invaded our environment and will dominate and crowd out native species. Noxious weeds deplete nitrogen from the soil, suffocate our native plants, rob plants of water and deplete food for our wildlife and change the entire ecosystem. Wind, water, horses, wildlife, vehicles, pets and clothing – all spread noxious weed seeds. The 1996 "Colorado Noxious Weed Act" states that each property owner is responsible for managing noxious weeds on their property.

#### Noxious weeds identified in Arrowhead

- **Canadian Thistle** compact purple flowers, 1-5 ft. tall, stems branched at top, spiny leaves
- Musk Thistle large compact purple flowers, 2-6 ft. tall, solitary flower on stem, spiny leaves
- Oxeye Daisy white ray petals, yellow disk (center), 10-24" tall, wavy-edged leaves
- Scentless Chamomile Daisy white ray petals, yellow center, fern-like leaves, 6-30" tall
- Common Mullein\_- stalk of yellow flowers, soft fuzzy leaves, 2-5 ft. tall
- Yellow Toadflax\_or "Butter & Eggs" looks like small yellow snap dragons
- Common Burdock numerous purple/white bur-like flowers, bushy leafy plant, 2-6 ft. tall
- Dame's Rocket cluster of purple flowers with 4 petals, long leaves, 4 inches to 3 ft. tall
- Spotted Knapweed pinkish purple blooms similar to thistles, dark spots on bracts, 1-3 ft. tall



Do not try to pull up or dig out a noxious weed. It is almost impossible to completely dig out the root of a noxious weed. Herbicides are the most effective method to control noxious weeds. In addition to spraying with an herbicide, removing the head of the plant before it blooms helps to reduce the spread of the seeds. Always dispose of noxious seed heads in a double plastic bag and take them to the Montrose or Gunnison Landfill. Do not burn noxious weeds in your fire pit.

DO NOT take them to the Forest Refuse Site for disposal as this will only contribute to spreading the seeds. DO NOT put them in the trash compactor as they can clog up the mechanism resulting in costly repairs to the equipment.

Volunteers are needed each summer to help with spraying the common areas along the filing roads, as this will help to eradicate the noxious weeds in Arrowhead. Please consider helping with this yearly spraying.



#### **AVAILABLE SERVICES**

#### Fuel Service:

Gasoline delivery to residents' tanks for off-road use is available from dealers in both Gunnison and Montrose. Home fuel delivery is not available in winter months due to road closures. Be sure you prepare for your winter snowmobile gasoline needs ahead of the projected filing road closures. Also, be sure your gasoline provider performs an annual safety check of your tank.

#### Garbage Service:

The garbage service is provided and maintained by the Arrowhead Improvements Association. The garbage dumpster/compactor is located at the south end of the winter parking lot next to the equipment building. There are landfill areas in Montrose and Gunnison. There are recycling centers in both Montrose (1901 6450 Road) and Gunnison (South 10<sup>th</sup> and Rio Grande).



When using the Trash Compactor, below is a list of items that are  $\bigcirc$  NOT ALLOWED to be disposed:





This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list so please use some good old common sense. **Just an FYI, we do have surveillance cameras in the area!!** 

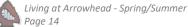
**Forest Refuse Site** (formerly known as the **No Stump Dump**): The Forest Debris Pile is burned in the winter under a permit from the State of Colorado which restricts the type of items that can be placed in the pile.

The Forest Refuse Site is provided by the AIA HOA for the exclusive use by its Association members!! Only <u>natural forest products</u> may be deposited within the site. Please be mindful and respectful of these simple rules:



Logs that are suitable for firewood are to be placed in the separate signed area within the Forest Refuse site.

The site is located on the Left side of the. Alpine Plateau Road, just south of Upper Spruce Road and before the first cattle guard.



#### **Home Heating**

Propane delivery is available from dealers in Montrose and Gunnison. Make sure your propane provider performs an annual safety check. It is important that you make arrangements for your propane home delivery prior to the winter road closures.

#### Electricity

Electricity is provided by Gunnison County Electric Association (970-641-3520). Power outages should be reported to the above number even if you think someone may have already done so; it helps the electric company know which areas of Arrowhead are affected by the outage.

#### **Phone and Internet Service**

The local phone carrier & internet service is available through Nucla-Naturita (970-862-9101). Cell phone service on the mountain is marginal, but many people have found that AT&T cell service works in many areas of Arrowhead and some have had good success by installing an AT&T booster or micro cell. Ask your nearby neighbors which cell service they use.

#### Water Service

Water service is provided by Arrowhead Ranch Water Company (970-249-6197), which is a completely separate business entity from the AIA. The water service is for domestic use only. Our AIA Covenants specify that "no lawn watering is permitted," as it may impede firefighting capabilities and alter the rural natural character of the area.

Occasionally, during system maintenance, the water supply becomes cloudy or brown. To clear up your water, run water at your outdoor frost-free tap for a short period of time.



#### SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE

Proper care for your septic tank is very important. Your septic tank and leach field functions through the use of living bacteria. Your septic tank should be treated with bacterial and/or enzymatic solutions on a monthly basis. Several products for your septic system are available at hardware/discount stores.

It may be necessary to have your tank pumped by a professional firm periodically. The frequency of having your tank pumped depend on several circumstances, such as the tank size, amount of usage, the age of the leach field, location of the tank and the makeup of the soil surrounding the leach field. Professionals say tanks may need pumping every five to seven years. Each tank is different.

The effectiveness of a septic system in treating sewage depends on how the homeowner uses and operates the system. Ideas to improve septic system performance include:

- 1. Minimize use of water. Repair leaky faucets and toilets immediately. Shut off water while shaving and brushing your teeth. Hand wash dishes in the basin instead of under running water. Wash only full loads of clothes or adjust load level settings for smaller loads. Take showers instead of tub baths.
- 2. Minimize use of antibacterial products. Do not use "every flush" toilet bowl disinfectants that are placed in the tank or bowl. Use the minimum amount of soap, bleach, or detergent necessary to do the job. Reduce the use of drain cleaners and antibacterial soap.
- **3.** Avoid putting solid waste matter into your septic system. Do not flush facial tissues, paper towels or personal hygiene products down the toilet. Use moderate amounts of white toilet tissue (dyes can be difficult for bacteria to break down). Buy toilet tissue brands that are marked as safe for septic tanks. Limit the use of a garbage disposal.





# ARROWHEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & ARROWHEAD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) is prepared and trained to handle fires, medical emergencies, and search and rescues. All property owners are welcome and encouraged to become members of the AVFD and may attend all business meetings of the AVFD as well as the Arrowhead Fire Protection District (AFPD).

The Training meetings are designed to keep our emergency response teams well prepared and able to respond to any accident, illness call or fire in the neighborhood. Firefighter training, First Responder training and regular training involving all volunteers including communications, equipment upkeep and traffic control is held on a weekly basis.



Training/educational programs are provided throughout the year. Most of the programs are available at no cost to the participant. A few of the programs include fire safety, living with our wild animal neighbors, first aid classes including CPR/AED and other important information designed to keep our community safe and healthy.

You are encouraged to join the AVFD team and there are a multitude of areas in which your help is needed. No prior experience is necessary.



#### **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!**

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the AVFD. If you would like to join the teams working as a Dispatcher, First Responder, Firefighter, or can be available for equipment maintenance upkeep, contact the AVFD fire chief at <u>avfdchief2023@gmail.com</u> for information. **No experience is necessary** and training is provided.

# **CALL 911 TO REPORT ANY EMERGENCY!**

All medical emergencies, reporting a fire or Search and Rescue situations must go thru 911 and they will contact the AVFD for appropriate action.



Click here to be taken to the new Gunnison Regional Emergency Alert System to fill out the appropriate information to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts.

#### **MOUNTAIN EVACUATION**

If it becomes necessary to evacuate all or a portion of the Arrowhead subdivision, due to a wildfire or other disaster, property owners will be notified in the following manner:

The fire department will utilize the emergency phone network available in Gunnison County. All residents with a registered phone number will receive a recorded phone call notifying them of the nature of the need to evacuate, the evacuation route and/or the available safe area where additional information can be obtained. An estimated time frame of the event may also be given. Please register your phones to be sure you receive the CODE RED calls. IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE. To register your phone number, <u>click here on the the Gunnison County site</u> or visit: <u>https://gunnison.genasys.com/portal/en</u> You can register your Arrowhead home phone number or your cell phone. You can also register to receive a text notification.

#### **Door to Door**

If it is safe, then Gunnison County Emergency personnel, County Sheriff personnel, Colorado State personnel, Arrowhead Patrol personnel and/or volunteers will go door to door to notify you of the timing and direction of evacuation. It is important that you always register your arrival and departure dates with the Arrowhead Patrol so you can be notified in emergency situations such as fire evacuations.

**ADDRESS MARKER SIGNS:** The Arrowhead Fire Protection District places official address marker signs on the RIGHT side of the driveway to each developed (RV pad or Home) lot. For driveways with multiple addresses, a tall sign listing all of the lot numbers on that driveway is placed at the entrance just off the filing road. Then individual driveway markers are placed on the right side of each driveway. These signs are grey with white light-reflective numbers so that firefighters and first responders (including the AIA Patrol), can easily locate addresses under all weather conditions when an emergency call is received.

It is vital that these signs <u>NOT be removed or relocated</u> because emergency responders are expecting them to be located on the right side of each driveway and moving them may delay emergency services. Also moving these signs to a different location may impact buried electrical, telephone or water lines. <u>Please contact the AIA Patrol for the driveway sign request application</u>.

For issues with the location of these signs, please contact our AVFD Fire Chief at <u>avfdchief2023@gmail.com</u> Once the process for locates is completed a sign will be installed.

AED systems are installed throughout the community, and are available to the public in the event of a cardiac emergency. (See the back cover of this booklet for map of AED locations.) In the event one is needed be sure and call 911 to get medical assistance headed to you. The AED units will guide you through the procedure. Knowing CPR is advisable, and the machine will walk you through the rest until a medical team arrives.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO ASSIST IN AN EVACUATION

Please follow Traffic Control Volunteer instructions regarding evacuation routes either to a safe zone or off the mountain. Unnecessary traffic down the Alpine Plateau Road to Hwy 50 could hinder emergency vehicles trying to get to Arrowhead to assist with the emergency.

If there is time before an emergency, a pre-evacuation will be announced. A pre-evacuation is strictly voluntary. This would be a good time to remove your RV, take your pets and personal belongings off the mountain.

Once an evacuation is announced you will NOT be allowed to tow anything behind your vehicle as the evacuation route may be too difficult to tow something and this could put you and others in danger.

The Arrowhead Fire Protection District is a separate governmental entity (municipality) of the state and county that has a myriad of statutory responsibilities; including the levying of taxes for the purpose of providing fire protection to the residents of a particular area, in this case the Arrowhead Fire District. Therefore, the Arrowhead Fire Protection District is responsible for setting up its own notification data base in order to disseminate vital information to the members within its own fire district.

In an effort to communicate and expedite vital State, County and public safety information and critical alerts for the many property owners and residents within our Arrowhead Fire Protection District (AFPD), the AFPD Board of Directors has established an Email Blast Notification System. To ensure that property



owners and residents receive these critical alerts and information about possible emergencies and evacuations, it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that you sign up to the Arrowhead Fire Protection District EMAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM.



**CLICK HERE** and please take a moment to fill out the **online FORM REQUEST** to be notified by the Arrowhead Fire Protection District (AFPD) and Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD), in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. This Notification Blast system is confidential and only for owners & residents within Arrowhead Fire Protection District.

You can visit the **Arrowhead Fire Protection District (AFPD) Website** at: <u>http://www.arrowheadfire.org</u> or checkout their **Arrowhead Fire Protection District – AFPD Facebook page** for the latest and most urgent information.

#### PREPARING FOR AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In an emergency situation where there may not be much of a warning period, below are examples of important items to gather when evacuating your home.

Clothing and other personal essentials. Put in plastic bag or tote.

- Clothing prepared for at least 3 days away
- All medications
- Personal Hygiene items
- Good pair of walking shoes or boots and leather gloves.
- Flashlights with batteries



**Folder/binder of important documents** stored in a plastic/waterproof bag. All of these items are very difficult to replace and extremely important to have on hand. Consider keeping these items stored in one easy to reach location in your home or in a safety deposit box at your bank.



- Social Security card
- Passport
- Birth Certificate
- Marriage Certificate
- Medical Records
- Bank Records and Financial Records
- Insurance papers: Homeowners, Medical and Auto

*Note: you may want to consider making copies of these documents and storing them in a Cloud server.* 

Electronics and other items. Put in a plastic bag or tote.

- Computer or portable hard drive
- Cell phone and charger. Make sure you have important phone numbers programmed into your phone.
- Cell phone or camera w/charger or extra batteries for taking pictures of any damage.
- It's recommended to keep a battery or hand powered weather radio with you (like Axis or Rover). Not only will these radios charge via hand crank, they also have a USB to charge your other devices and flashlight.

**Personal and other significant items.** Homes are filled with items that have some kind of personal significance. Put them in a plastic bag or tote.

- Items from childhood
- Family heirlooms and pictures; these items you should have packed away in case an emergency should occur.



**Family pets.** Prepare some of their items and put in plastic bag or tote.

- Extra food, water, food bowls
- Favorite toys
- Travel crate

The information posted in this Arrowhead Improvements Association, Inc. (the AIA HOA) "Living In Arrowhead" publication and the AIA website (arrowhead1.org), is intended to provide general knowledge that may be of interest to the Association members and their guest. The Arrowhead Improvements Association, does not warrant the accuracy of page(s) and webpages(s) that are provided by Arrowhead Fire Protection District (the AFPD). The AIA HOA disclaims any liability whatsoever in connection with the AFPD information that appears in this publication 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.



## **DEFENSIBLE SPACE & FOREST MANAGEMENT**

#### HOW DEFENSIBLE SPACE HELPS PROTECT YOUR HOME OR RV FROM FIRE.

The primary determinant of a home's ability to survive wildfire is its "defensible space." Your house or RV is more likely to withstand a wildfire if grasses, brush, certain trees and other common forest fuels are removed, reduced or modified to reduce a fire's intensity and provide "room" for the fire fighters to do their jobs.

Without defensible space, the Gunnison Volunteer Fire Department and the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department will NOT spend time trying to defend your house. Instead, they will move on to the next defensible house.



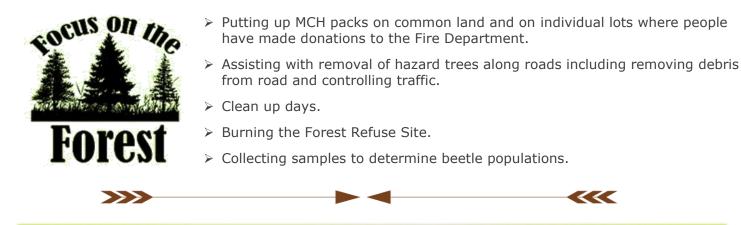
#### Here are things you can do to create defensible space:

- Ask the Arrowhead Forest Manager to do a Defensible Space Assessment of your house or a Fire Danger Assessment of your lot; including a review of identifying insect and diseased trees that could be a hazard to structures and parking areas. This is a FREE service. To contact our Arrowhead Forest Manager, <u>CLICK HERE</u> or visit the Forest Management webpage: <u>https://www.arrowhead1.org/forest-management</u> for more information.
- A fire defensible space and forest mitigation review that can lead to a plan for doing that work and in some cases assistance in applying for a grant to pay for part of that work. Having good defensible space and forest mitigation can be very helpful when obtaining fire insurance. A certificate of completion can be provided once the work is completed.
- 3. Recommendations (*not requirements*) will be made to assist you in your efforts. You may not remove live trees over 2" in diameter without prior approval from the Forest Mgr.
- 4. Remove dead limbs, forest debris and other ground litter. DO NOT stack refuse by the road or on common ground. Take the refuse to the Forest Refuse Site (formerly known as No Stump Dump).
- 5. Prune branches from trees to a height of 10 feet above the ground near your buildings.
- 6. Remove shrubs, small trees or other potential ladder fuels beneath large trees. If left in place, the ladder fuels can carry a ground fire into tree crowns where it is extremely difficult to contain.
- 7. Thin out continuous tree and brush cover until tree crowns are at least 10' to 12' apart. Occasional clumps of a few trees are all right if more space surrounds them. Aspens are more resistant to ground fires than evergreens.
- 8. Stack firewood at least 45 feet uphill from your house.



- 9. Keep grass cut to no more than four inches tall around your house or shed.
- 10. And last but not least...We always need community members to lend a hand and volunteer!!

#### **Opportunities to Volunteer with the Forestry Program includes:**





On the following pages are forms you may use to provide medical information about yourself in the event first responders are called to your house for a medical emergency. You will also find a form you can leave for guests to your house when you are not there.

# In the meantime, enjoy your Arrowhead time with family and friends.

If guests will be using your cabin or campsite while you are away, leave the completed form (on the next page) for them and remind them to check in with Patrol upon arrival.

To keep all owners, their guests and/or renters informed about the who, what, where and how at Arrowhead, we now have an <u>Owner Information Quick Guide and Handout</u>. (See page 24)



If you have not already done so, please check in with Patrol by calling 970-209-6335.

The street address here is: \_\_\_\_\_

The phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

## The speed limit in Arrowhead is 20 MPH!!



Watch out for wildlife on the roads. Slow down when approaching pedestrians or people on ATVs and try not to engulf them in clouds of your road dust.

Campfires are only allowed in approved fire pits. Keep your campfires small and manageable (NO bonfires, please) and be sure to have a bucket of water nearby. Never leave your campfire unattended.



Fireworks are NEVER permitted in Arrowhead.

Please keep noise levels down so as not to disturb our neighbors. Respect the quiet peace of the forest and community.



# **IMPORTANT PHONE #'s**

**Emergency Fire and Medical** Arrowhead Firehouse Arrowhead Patrol Call 911 (Gunnison) (970) 862-8330 (970) 209-6335





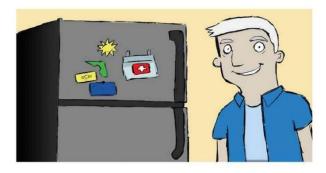
# FIRST RESPONDERS



# How to Set Up Your VIAL OF LIFE Kit:

#### 1. Fill Out the Vial of Life Form

- Fill out the form located on reverse side. Answer all or any pertinent questions. All fields are optional.
- Make blank copies of this form to keep information current or go to <u>VialofLife.com</u> to maintain and store updated information online.







#### 2. Prepare Your Plastic Baggie

- Place one Vial of Life decal on the front of a plastic baggie. Fold filled out form and place in the baggie.
- You may also consider adding the following items: Copy of EKG, DNR (Do Not Resuscitate), Living Will or Equivalent, Recent Picture of Self.

#### 3. Place Baggie on Fridge Door

 Securely tape the plastic baggie to the front of your fridge. Place the baggie at eye level so that first responders can easily find your complete medical information.

#### 4. Place the Second Decal on Your Front Door

 Place the second decal on your front door at eye level. This lets your local first responders know where your medical information is located.

Thanks to the Vial of Life, first responders will have all the medical information they need to best treat you...



Save, Update and Print Your Medical Information Online at: VIALOFLIFE.com



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Medical Information Form

DATE COMPLETED:

FIRST NAME	INITIAL		LAST NAM			SSN			
STREET	CITY		CITY ST/		ZIP	TELEPHONE			
DOB	MALE/FEMALE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR COLOR	EYE COLOR	BLOOD TYPE	RELIGION		
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## Vial of Life.com Decals





# **Owner Information Quick Guide**

#### CLICK HERE to Enlarge, Download and/or Print



#### 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 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-revie
- 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



Design Review Committee:

ithompsonaia.drc@gmail.com

DRC Manager:

Joanie Thompson

atrol 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.

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-rev



tree on your property that is dead. All other trees over 2 inches i

Forest Refuse Site:



Are you wanting to take out a few trees? You can only remove any diameter at 4'6" above ground, must have approval from our Forest 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 Located: Left side of the Alpine Plateau Rd, 1/4 mile south of Uppe 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!

#### https://www.arrowhead1.org/copy-of-owner-information



- 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-impro 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. 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
- Join our Blast Email Listing

And Most Importantly . . .

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



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Always check back to our website <u>www.arrowhead1.org</u>. On your device, <u>Bookmark or create a shortcut</u> so you can be update-to-date on all things Arrowhead!



## To inquire about services on the mountain, check out the Arrowhead Business & Services Directory



AIA Business Directory

#### A Home Page

Construction & Home Improvements

Financial Services Home Decor

Hotel & Lodging

Landscaping & Driveway Maintenance

Real Estate

Rentals

