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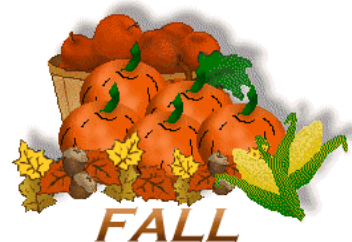
## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER Paul McDermott**

Driving up the Alpine recently, it was apparent the willows and aspens were trying to tell us that fall is soon approaching. It has been a busy summer at Arrowhead, with many of the property owners cleaning their lots to meet requirements for fire mitigation and defensible space. In addition, many have also been cleaning the common ground adjacent to their lots. One look at the forest waste disposal area (stump dump) tells us that a lot of material has been hauled out. Everyone should appreciate these efforts. It not only improves value of the individual lots, it also improves the appearance and safety of the entire subdivision.

On the subject of clean-up, we had three very successful clean-up days this year, when dozens of neighbors got together for a few hours. Their efforts really made a noticeable difference along Ute Drive, Aspen Trail, and the nature trail around Hazel Lake. Most of the clean-up days lasted about three to four hours. With lots of hands cutting fallen trees, trimming up low hanging branches and loading one of the many donated trailers, it was hard to believe so much could be accomplished in such a short time. Over fourteen loads of downed material and tree trimmings were taken to the stump dump on each of the clean-up days. A big thank you to the many who turned out to help. Neighbors working together for the benefit of the community really brings out one of the things which makes Arrowhead so special.

With winter quickly approaching (some feel too soon, some feel not soon enough) this is a good time to make sure chimneys are cleaned and inspected, and houses are prepared for winter with water piping either drained or protected from freezing. Now is also a good time to get fuel and propane tanks filled and snowmobiles serviced and ready for the winter (beat the last minute rush). Also, please be sure to check smoke alarms and install fresh batteries if necessary. Since almost every house or cabin used in the wintertime at Arrowhead has some type of fuel burning heat source—wood or propane—a carbon monoxide detector should be installed, preferably in or near the sleeping areas. We want all our neighbors to be safe this winter.

Have a great autumn, and enjoy the fall colors.



# Fire Department News

## Fire Chief's Letter Brent Mims

The Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department would like to recognize and extend thanks to Gayle Huddleston and Martha Cook.

Gayle Huddleston has been a two term treasurer who is so diligent and dependable. She always has the picnic change money, chases every last penny to balance the accounts, has suggested several changes to make the system more transparent, does a great job on the monthly spreadsheets, and generally has kept the Fire Chief informed and out of any financial trouble.

Martha has done an unbelievable job organizing Base with her meticulous clipboards, protocols, came up with helicopter LZ just in time for us to use them for real patients, inputs the NFERS data, attends the Gunnison City EMS meetings, and after all that, sells merchandise that has probably brought in \$10,000 profit for AVFD.

The fire department would like to welcome Janet Forbes. Janet will be filling the treasurer position.

Although we are thankful that we have not experienced any calls, fire department members have been busy training this fall to be prepared in the event that we are needed. Fall trainings have included: steep slope patient evacuation techniques, chainsaw and tree felling safety, care of patient suffering from fractures, care for patient experiencing cardiac event, and two scenario based trainings that allow the whole department to work together efficiently.

The Arrowhead Fire Protection District Board has approved funds to purchase equipment needed to efficiently affect patient evacuations from steep slopes and forested areas. This equipment has arrived and is at the fire house if it is needed. Funds have also been approved for the purchase of a snowmobile pulled toboggan capable of transporting patients in un-groomed areas. This toboggan should arrive before the snow so that we will be well prepared.

**AVFD**

Bill Boulter  
*photo by Melissa Hernandez*



John, Eric, Ron, Joanna at the Fire House Games.  
*Photo by Linda Dysart*



Bob, Ron, Brent and John. *Photo by Cheri Ratliff*



# Fire Department News

With cooler weather here and winter approaching fast, the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind residents of the following fire prevention tips:

## **Preparation:**

- Install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. Test them once a month and replace batteries in the spring and fall when you adjust your clock time.
- Plan two escape routes
- Practice fire drills using a smoke detector and both escape routes
- Store important documents in a fire-proof box or airtight appliance such as the refrigerator

## **Prevention:**

- Have your heating and electrical systems checked by a professional to be sure they are properly maintained and in good working order
- Have your fireplace and chimney inspected for soot and creosote build-up
- Follow instructions on appliances and heating units
- Take care not to overload electrical outlets

## **Escape:**

- Leave your home before calling for help
- Feel each door for heat before opening it
- Crawl close to the floor to limit smoke intake



Especially for woodstoves --

## **Preparation:**

- Open the dampers before starting a fire in a wood stove
- Vent your stove properly and insulate vent from flammable materials
- Use paper and kindling wood to ignite a fire. Avoid using lighter fluid, kerosene, or gasoline.
- Keep dry wood away from the stove
- Slow burning fires can create creosote and soot problems. Small hot fires are more efficient.

## **Maintenance:**

- Clean the ashes from your stove every week during the heating season. Dispose of ashes in a metal container with a lid and store away from your home and combustibles.
- Inspect your pipes and connections monthly for creosote and soot build-up

## **Warning signs:**

- Build-up of creosote (dripping from the base of the chimney or staining of the outer chimney shell)
- Sluggish draft (smoke spilling out when the woodstove door is opened)
- Corrosion of the outer shell of a factory built chimney
- Deterioration of the brickwork of a masonry chimney

As a reminder, trainings and meetings are held Tuesdays at 9:30a.m. at the Firehouse.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Thanks for the continued support!**



# Community News

## Security Manager by Reinie Masanetz

Attached in this Smoke Signal is the flyer pertaining to our Winter Parking Rules. Please review the flyer and refresh your memory and be familiar with using the winter parking lot. One big change this year is that the fee for winter diesel parking has significantly increased.

If you are planning to leave the mountains during the winter season for any length of time, PLEASE:

1. Park your snowmobiles and cargo sleds on the West berm of the parking lot.
2. Regarding your vehicle (car, truck or UTV) let security know who you are leaving a spare key with in case they need to be moved, while the parking lot is being plowed. You also have the option to leave a tagged spare key with security, which will be mounted on a numbered board inside a locked container and stored in a safe place.

During snow removal days in the parking lot, security will remove any vehicles left (which we don't really like to do, but have no option) that are not removed by the owner (s).

We hope this is going to be a joyful and safe winter season for us at Arrowhead and remember: **PLEASE STAY ONLY ON MARKED TRAILS** and respect property owner's property rights!

When you call the message center, **PLEASE** leave us a name, address, phone number and the time you called, so that we can reply to your inquiry.

## Design Review Joyce Boulter

The design review committee has been working all summer. We have: 3 house starts, 4 garages, 9 sheds, 4 decks and remodels, 5 camper pad locations, 17 driveway walk-ins, and 10 utilities. The total fees for this construction was \$5,700.00. I think all this construction has gone well with only a few road closures. We have a great group of contractors that work in Arrowhead and they are devoted to following the rules and regulations. Thanks also to these guys for the help they offer to AIA when asked.

The summer is over and a lot of the leaves are gone, but the design review committee will meet in October and November and then start the new year in January. We meet the Monday before the Board meeting. The Board meets on the third Saturday, but our meetings are often the second Monday or can be the third Monday. That is too much to remember, so I will post the dates on the Arrowhead web site on the design review page.

This winter we will be organizing the plans for mitigation and defensible space. This affects all new property owners and those who have some sort of addition to their property. If you have a lot with no structure, you will need to have a mitigate plan. You have 2 years to complete the mitigation. The standards will be given when we contact you. If you have bought a lot with a structure, you will need to have a defensible space plan. You have 1 year to complete this plan. Even if you do not fall into either category, you should be working on mitigation of your lot. Mitigation is the removal of all dead and down trees, trimming up the branches and removing the juniper and other ground fuel. More information will be coming out in the Spring. You may contact Bob Rosenbaum, 970-862-8241 for information. I, along with Bob and all the Arrowhead board would like to thank all those property owners who have been cleaning up their lots. This is important when you live in a forest that can burn and it also just makes Arrowhead look nice.

New AIA board members starting in January are Carol Flick and Richard Ostrom. Diane Benson is finishing out the term for Sondra Clifton and will begin her 3 year term in January.

Richard Ostrom is also a returning board member.

Congratulations and thank you for donating your time to Arrowhead!



# Community News

Arrowhead Improvements Association



## Winter Parking

- 1. You must have a yellow numbered sticker on your motor vehicles, trailers, snowmobiles, ATV's and UTV's in order to use the winter parking lot.** There is a sign in the parking lot, "Vehicles without an AIA numbered sticker will be towed at the owner's expense". Security personnel will patrol the lot for rule infractions and take appropriate action. Do not leave a vehicle in the main parking lot for an extended period of time that cannot be moved if the lot needs plowed. Leave a spare key(s) with Security for vehicles remaining in parking lot for any extended period. Each owner is allowed two (2) non-paid spaces in the parking lot.
2. Paid spaces will be provided for open/enclosed trailers. Enclosed trailers will park in the designated far West side. Snow removal will not be provided to this area thus these trailers will not be required to move when the lot is plowed. Open trailers will park on the North/West corner of the main parking lot. Spaces are available for a fee of \$50.00 per space and see Security personnel to secure a long-term trailer space.
3. Snowmobiles will be parked on the elevated West side area of the parking lot. Short-term parking of snowmobiles and UTV's will be allowed for a maximum of three (3) nights in the main area of the parking lot. Chaining multiple snowmobiles together in the vehicle parking area is not allowed.
4. Guests parking will be provided on a limited basis. Two (2) guest passes will be provided to each lot owner and are available from Security personnel. Guest passes are to be placed on the dash board of the guest vehicles. Property owners are responsible for their guests. Please inform your guests that a telephone is available in the warming hut for local calls only.
5. Weekend vehicles with trailers are to park in the designated area, which is the first row South of the diesel parking. The vehicle and trailer both must have an AIA numbered sticker or guest pass. No parking will be allowed on the East side of the parking lot. The snowplow must have clear access through this area to dispose of snow during routine grooming and to provide emergency access to egress.
6. Vehicles, snowmobiles and trailers may be parked in the parking lot no earlier than the second Saturday of October and must be removed from the parking lot no later than May 31<sup>st</sup> each year (Per our County Use Permit). Vehicles, trailers, snowmobiles, ATV's & UTV's left in the parking lot after May 31<sup>st</sup> will 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 the owner's expense.
7. Vehicles with diesel engines have priority for diesel parking spaces. There are now 30 diesel parking spaces. Assignment of a parking space to a diesel vehicle must be reserved and paid for by October 1<sup>st</sup>. After Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, if space is available, assignments will be made on a first come basis. The fee is **\$200** for the season or **\$20.00** for the weekend (if space is still available). See Security personnel to reserve a space and pay your fee.
- 8. When leaving the lot on snowmobile please stay on marked trails and observe traffic regulations.**

### Wondering about paying your Snowmobile Club dues?

Contact Kathy Koeltzow 862-8243, Pat Ostrom 862-8438 or Sally Burrichter 862-8424 for more information.



# Community News

## **Arrowhead Fire Protection District** by Ron Benson

A presentation of the proposed 2011 AFPD budget will be on October 15, 2011 at 1 PM at the Arrowhead Fire department. This is the first rollout of next year's budget and will be further refined before final adoption in December 2010. The public is invited to the meeting to share input.

**It is recommended Arrowhead voters carefully consider the amendments and propositions on the November ballot. Specifically, Amendments 60 and 61 and Proposition 101 will drastically affect local and state funding of basic services, seek to make constitutional changes, and overturn voter mandated choices. Please carefully read the proposed initiatives to understand the profound effects these changes will cause.**

### **The AIA Board adopted the following regulation on under age drivers at the September AIA meeting.**

No person under the age of ten years may operate an off-highway vehicle within the boundaries of the Arrowhead in Gunnison Country Subdivision. No person ten years of age or older may operate an off-highway vehicle within the boundaries of the Arrowhead in Gunnison Country Subdivision, unless:

1. The person has in his possession a valid driver's license issued by the State of Colorado or another state; or
2. The person is accompanied by and under the immediate supervision of a person who has in his possession a valid driver's license issued by the State of Colorado or another state. The phrase "under immediate supervision" shall mean that, at a minimum, the unlicensed operator is within direct visual contact of the licensed supervisor.

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This rare photo taken of a **MOOSE** at Arrowhead was sent in by Rebecca Harris. The photo was taken up country on the Alpine at the Forest Service border.

The photo club stopped for a picture while on the field trip to Crystal Mill. The day was awesome! Pictured below are Sharon Pugh, Cheri Ratliff, Rich Ostrom, Pat Ostrom, Lindy Lindner, Craig Pugh and "Spike".  
*photo by Linda Dysart*

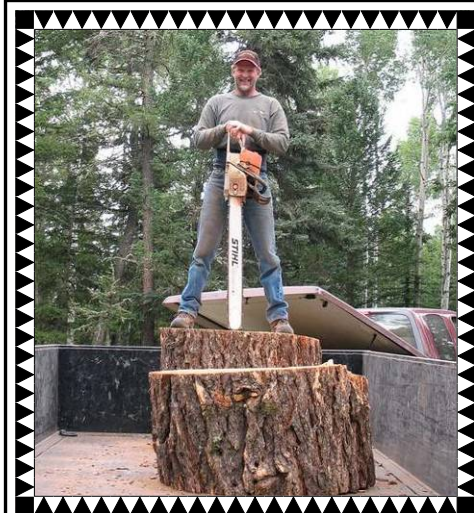


Wayne Rhodes snapped this photo earlier in the year. Triplets?



## A message from the AVFD.

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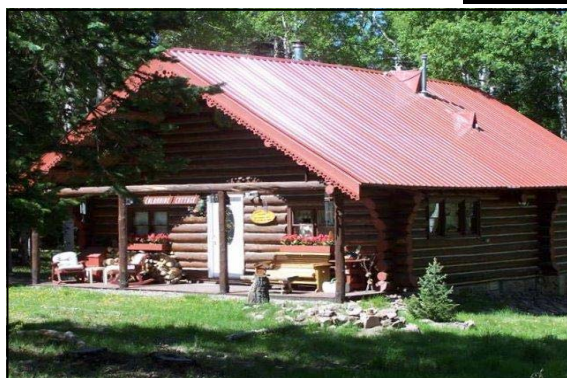
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Inclusions: Two Queen beds, one twin, one day bed, hideabed couch, two dressers, kitchen table, two recliners, lamps, end tables, 2 TV cabinets, 1 TV/ VCR, 2 bar stools. Kitchen basics including dishes, microwave. **"Cabin"** design bedding. Propane barbecue, picnic table, deck furniture.

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### **Preserving Autumn leaves.**

To preserve beautiful fall colored leaves gather boughs that still have some green leaves. Cut the stems diagonally with sharp scissors or knife and wrap them with damp paper towels and then aluminum foil. When you get home, unwrap and put them in a mixture of 1/2 glycerin and 1/2 warm water. Let branches stand in the mixture until it is all absorbed. The leaves will feel waxy when they are ready. Place in a vase or use in a fall bouquet. Leaves preserved in this manner will last most of the winter. You can find glycerin at any drug store or large supermarket.

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**2010 Photo Show Contest winners** named. Rich Ostrom won Best of Show for “Sunset at Cimarron”, blue ribbon, went to Don Koeltzow for “Antelope Canyon”, red ribbon, Rich Ostrom “Somewhere in Time” white ribbon, Rich Ostrom, for “The Last Dollar Gate”, Honorable Mention, Kathy Koeltzow, “Refrig-a-Deere”.

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### **Rachael Ray's Easy Tortellini Soup**

1 quart chicken stock  
1 16-ounce bag tortellini, dried or fresh  
(fresh tortellini is found near the cheese in the refrigerated section)  
1 bunch spinach  
Zest of 1 lemon  
Freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

Yields: 2 servings

Preparation: Place a medium pot over medium-high heat and bring the stock to a boil. Drop the tortellini into the pot and cook according to package directions. In the last 30 seconds of cooking, add the spinach and lemon zest into the pot. Season with salt and pepper, and garnish each serving with some freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano.



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### **Sugar and Nut Glazed Brie** from West of the Rockies cookbook

Yields: 10 appetizers

1/4 cup brown sugar, packed  
1/4 cup broken almonds, walnuts or pecans  
1 Tbsp whiskey or brandy  
1 (14 ounce) wheel of Brie cheese  
Assorted crackers, apple slices, pears, seedless grapes

Place Brie in 9-inch pie plate or like container. Bake cheese at 500\* for 4 to 5 minutes. Put sugar mixture into 2-cup glass measuring cup. Microwave uncovered on high for 1 minute. Sprinkle sugar mixture over top, bake 2 to 3 minutes more.

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