

# Smoke Signals

## Arrowhead Improvements Association Newsletter

August / September  
2015

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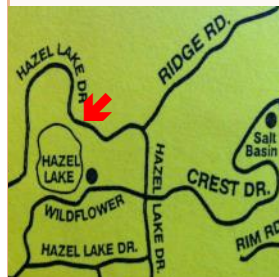
**COMMUNITY  
CLEAN-UP DAYS**  
**Meet at the  
firehouse at  
9:00 am and work  
until noon. Bring  
your gloves, trailers,  
chainsaws, etc.**

**Come help your  
neighbors clean up  
fallen or dead trees  
along the roads,  
get some exercise,  
and have fun!**

**• August 22 •**  
**• September 12 •**  
**THANK YOU... to all  
the folks who have  
participated so far!**

### Reflections on Hazel Lake

Hazel Lake is the only lake located on Arrowhead common ground. Did you know there is a nature trail that circles the Lake? Just over a 1/2 mile loop, the trail has abundant plant, bird, and wildlife. To get to the parking lot, travel west on Hazel Lake Road.



After you pass Ridge Road, look for the sign on the left side (see red arrow on map). At the parking lot you will find a picnic table (that also converts into two benches) and the nature trail. The lake is fed by a spring higher up on the mountain.



On the nature trail you will find a bench that the Dysarts put up that offers a picturesque view of the cattails and a variety of birds. This is a great little walk that shows a different view of Arrowhead. Be sure to return for the fall colors!



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## President's Message

Dear Arrowhead Owners,

Whether you are on the mountain or elsewhere, I hope you are having a wonderful summer. Summer is in full swing at Arrowhead with many of our seasonal owners, as well as those that live at Arrowhead full time, taking advantage of our wonderful mountain.

The annual Arrowhead board of directors' election will be for two positions this year. The candidates for this year's election are (in alphabetical order): Dale Breckenridge, Tim Carlson, Nick Garreffa, Bob Hernandez, Bridget Isle, and Kathy Krohn. You will be able to vote for not more than two of the candidates. More election information will be forth coming from the Election Committee.

If you have not previously heard, Val Taylor recently resigned from the board. The board and I will miss his valued input. Thank you Val for serving. We will pursue making an appointment to fill the vacancy as stipulated by the AIA Bylaws.

Once again, the annual Fourth of July picnic hosted by the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department was a great success. A great time was had by all that attended. A special thanks to all that volunteered their time to the picnic. It couldn't be done without your wonderful volunteer spirit!

The question recently came to the board regarding responsibility for common ground (association) trees that could do damage to owner property improvements. After extensive information gathering from our insurance company, underwriter, claims adjuster and our legal advisors, we have come to the following determination.

The association may be responsible for trees on common ground that fall if the association is found to be negligent.

If you are concerned that a tree on common ground could potentially cause damage to your property improvements, we ask that you notify the board of directors **in writing** immediately. The association will then respond in reasonable time to your concern.

If we are not aware of your concern, we cannot act to have our forest liaison review the situation for possible remediation. If the association is not aware of a tree concern, the association is not responsible for any damage a common ground tree may cause.

Lastly, I encourage all of you to attend the upcoming annual board meeting. The meeting will be on August 15, 2015. Again, please go to the AIA web site to review the agenda.

Sincerely,

*Mike Wigent*  
AIA Board President  
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<b>Special Board Meetings (including work sessions) Usually start at 9am</b>	<b>Board Meetings Usually start at 2pm</b>
August 14	August 15 **
September 18	September 19
October 16	October 17 ***

**\*\*Annual Owners Meeting & New Owners Meeting follows meeting with a "Meet the Candidates" at a Town Hall meeting to follow.**

**\*\*\*Winter Owners Meeting follows meeting.**

**(Meetings are usually held at the Arrowhead Firehouse.)**

## 2016 Elections Are Coming Up

There will be two seats open on the Arrowhead Board of Directors for the term beginning in 2016. Ballots for the upcoming election will be mailed to eligible voters on September 30, 2015. To be eligible to receive a ballot, property owners must be current in their dues by September 29, 2015. Returned ballots must be postmarked by November 17, 2015.

According to the AIA covenants, owners shall be entitled to one vote for each site owned. When more than one person or entity (Trust, LLC, Partnership or other form of legal entity) owns a site, then the owners must designate in writing the individual who will exercise their vote. This designated person's name must be on file at the AIA office by September 15, 2015 in order for your vote to count in this year's election. Include the lot, block, filing and street address of the designated voter. If the designation is already on file and no changes have been made, it is not necessary to send in one for this year.

The candidates (in alphabetical order) are Dale Breckenridge, Tim Carlson, Nick Gareffa, Bob Hernandez, Bridget Isle, and Kathy Krohn. Plan to meet the candidates at a Town Hall meeting following the AIA Homeowners meeting on August 15, 2014.



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## AVFD... a look inside

By Cappi Castro

I showed up at the firehouse at 10am on Tuesday morning to take photos of the volunteers in (training) action. Nineteen volunteers showed up for a “cross training” of firefighters, first responders, and dispatch. The firefighters took off from the firehouse in two fire department trucks after a (mock) call of smoke. They arrived on scene with a member of the Arrowhead Patrol. The mock incident involved a tree that was smoking with embers showing in the top.

The firefighters took control of the fire - talking about what to do in case of different scenarios, pulled out hoses and cut a fire line.

Just then, a “victim” was discovered on scene! (This is where it really got interesting for me as I volunteered to be the injured!) First responders were dispatched. They quickly got to me and started assessing my “injuries.” Vitals were good, but my knee was discovered to be sprained or dislocated. Oh my, I could not walk! I was placed on a full body splint to stabilize and was lifted by firefighters to the awaiting Stokes stretcher (a rack with a wheel.) They maneuvered me down the hill to an awaiting vehicle. I felt safe, secure, and well cared for.

Throughout the training, they practiced, talked, figured things out, and got hands-on experience. I was amazed at the variety of people, knowledge, and experience.

The result of my morning with these volunteers? First, it made me want to help, to be a part of this dedicated crew. I found out that even though I am only in Arrowhead part-time they welcome me as a volunteer. I can give as much, or little, time as I can. Secondly, the experience gave me a sense of security knowing our community is protected by such an amazing group.

The Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for volunteers. Have you thought about joining? I encourage you to call Fire Chief Jim (970-862-8456) or come by one of the trainings at the firehouse to check it out.

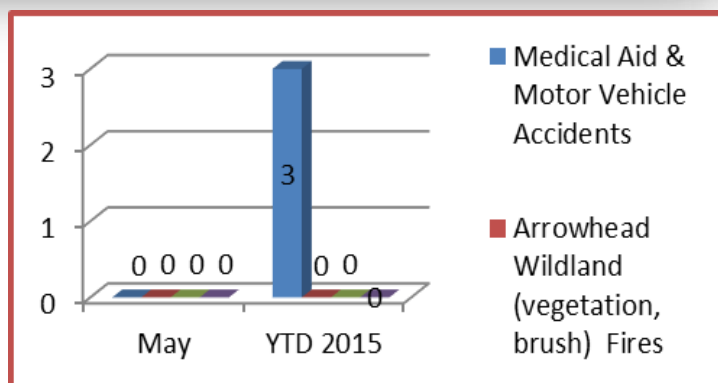






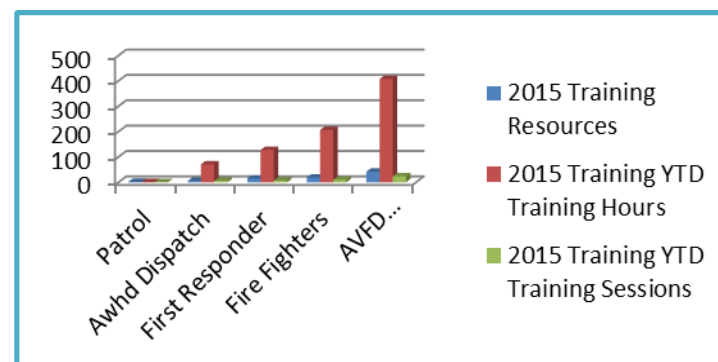
## Emergency Events

Description	May	YTD 2015
Medical Aid & Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	3
Arrowhead Wildland (vegetation, brush) Fires	0	0
Structure Fires (Commercial & Residential)	0	0
Interagency Assistance	0	0
<b>2015 YTD Total</b>		<b>3</b>



## Training

2015 Training			
Groups	Resources	YTD Training Hours	YTD Training Sessions
Patrol	2	1.50	1
Awhd Dispatch	6	71.25	6
First Responder	15	127.75	7
Fire Fighters	19	207.00	10
<b>AVFD Combined</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>407.5</b>	<b>24</b>



## Training Session Overview (July 28<sup>th</sup>)

Incident simulation involving a lightning strike igniting a tree and surrounding grass areas. The teams responded to a simulated 911 call reporting smoke and intermittent flames. Firefighters, First Responders, Arrowhead Dispatch, and Patrol utilized their specialized tools and equipment to address the incident.

## Future Training Sessions

**August 11<sup>th</sup> – First Responders & Firefighters**

**August 25<sup>th</sup> – Firefighters:** Classroom session conducted by Dale Erickson, new method of structure firefighting techniques from exterior of structure. These new strategies integrate well with Arrowhead resources and equipment capabilities, reducing the risk for AH Firefighters.

**August 25<sup>th</sup> – Arrowhead Dispatch**

## First Responder & Firefighter Monthly Training Sessions

AVFD training schedule: Second Tuesday - Firefighters; Third Tuesday - First Responders; Fourth Tuesday (once a quarter) is set aside for collaborative training with Firefighters, First Responders, and Patrol.

## Firehouse Summer Projects

A Firehouse work day is planned for Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 2pm. Volunteers will help pressure wash and scrape the east/west sides of the building, stain the siding, paint the doors (personnel entry doors on the north and south sides), trim molding on the garage and hazmat buildings, and paint the “fire level” signs at the two check-in locations and at Ponderosa and Alpine Road.

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### **AVFD Volunteer Staff**

The volunteers of the AVFD are your neighbors, who commit to leave the comfort of their residences at a moment's notice, potentially placing their lives at risk to ensure the safety of **our** community. When there is a fire, medical emergency, lost and/or injured people up country, and even pet emergencies they respond day or night, summer or winter, without hesitation and without compensation. Arrowhead's volunteer fire department's combined staff of 42 volunteers is made up of first responders, firefighters, and dispatch.

The service provided by these volunteer teams is priceless. When an emergency arises, time is of the essence. AVFD provides the critical reaction time necessary to stifle a burning home, address a wildland fire, and/or rescue victims at Arrowhead and the surrounding public lands. Sometimes these events occur simultaneously.

AVFD volunteers receive no compensation for the dedicated work they perform. Their greatest reward is knowing they are helping their neighbors, guests, and others who visit our community and surrounding area. Through June of 2015, these volunteers contributed more than 400 hours of their personal time to ensure the safety of our community. Please take a moment to thank them personally for their tireless contributions to the community and/or take a few minutes from your day to stop by the Firehouse.

AVFD is in search of full or part-time community members who would like to join AVFD to contribute in the summer, winter, or any time of the year, for as many hours as you can contribute. Please contact Jim Gelsomini at (970) 862- 8456 or email at [avfdchief2014@gmail.com](mailto:avfdchief2014@gmail.com), if you are interested.

### **Arrowhead Fire Protection District**

The AFPD Board of Directors established a long range planning committee with the responsibility to identify capital assets requiring replacement within the next 5-10 years (within their normal life cycle.) The purpose is to ensure that adequate funds are set aside to purchase replacement/upgraded equipment to meet expanding Arrowhead community needs.

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# Looking Good... New Check-In Stations

The Arrowhead Community has always had check-in stations. The main purpose of the stations is to allow our patrol to know who is on the mountain in case of an emergency. Today that function continues with extended owner information. We now have RV Registration Forms, Fire Facts & Information, and cards to help owners with other requests such as fishing permits, fire permits, vehicle stickers, and other help requests that may be needed. The new boxes, located on the Alpine at Ute Drive and Lake Road, were built to improve our main entrances for curb appeal. The stations were custom built and donated by the Moseman family. *Thank you so much John Moseman; they are awesome!*



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

Everyone is welcome!

For more information or to be put on the Book Club email list, contact

Linda Dysart at  
862-8287.

**Date:   Book & Author:**

Aug. 7 ***The Secret Keeper***  
by Kate Morton

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Nov. 6 ***Snow Flower and the Secret Fan***  
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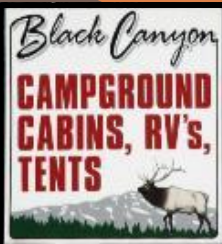


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This month I will try to answer a few of the frequent questions that I receive from owners.

### **Will there be logging on Forest Service land above Arrowhead this year?**

At the start of the summer the plan was to finish logging the last one million board feet of timber from the Long Draw Timber Sale in August and September. The wet summer has prevented those operations from starting. Logging is still expected to happen later this fall but there is no firm date at this time.

Both the Forest Service and BLM are planning extensive salvage of beetle killed spruce on the Alpine Plateau over the next 1 to 5 years. The AIA has made recommendations for improvements to the Alpine Plateau road before that logging begins. Further information will be published as it becomes available.

### **Is the beetle situation getting better? Will the wet summer help?**

The short answers are “No” and “Maybe.” The bad news is that both spruce and Douglas fir beetles are at epidemic levels all around Arrowhead. The good news is that both beetles are still at endemic (low to moderate levels) within Arrowhead. If you have had several trees killed by these beetles on your property, you might question this assessment, but these beetles are always here to some degree. The community has so far been able to prevent epidemic levels by putting up MCH packs and promptly removing and properly disposing of beetle infested trees. The wet summer we are currently having will allow trees to produce more pitch and may reduce the number of beetles that are able to enter and kill trees. Although the beetle flights were delayed this year, they quickly went to record or near record levels. We will not know if the tree mortality is less until this time next year.

### **Do the MCH packs help?**

Absolutely!! We have the great advantage of having two Forest Service entomologists stationed in Gunnison. As these men tell me, there is “No Silver Bullet, but MCH packs are as close as we have come for Douglas fir beetle.”

### **Can you tell me which trees are a hazard to my buildings or parking areas?**

First of all, we have all accepted a certain amount of risk by living in a forest. Secondly, I think we all know that to some degree trees and the weather that affects them are unpredictable. Having said that, there are certain indicators that I look at to determine if trees are an obvious hazard. These include rot indicators (conks, weeping, fading crowns in spruce and ants in the base of the tree), sprung roots (roots out of ground or loose dirt around roots), and of course the tree leaning toward buildings or parking areas. Last but not least, is it an aspen? Aspen are relatively short lived - about 100 years - and most older aspen have some type of defect. If you have an aspen that you feel is a hazard tree, it would be very rare for me to disagree.

Trees on common land are sometimes a threat to buildings or parking areas on adjacent lots. It is not possible for me to identify every one of these situations. If you feel that a tree on common land is a threat to your property, contact me and we can review the situation. If we determine that the tree is a hazard, I will ask you to inform the AIA board and me in writing, and I will make arrangements to have the tree removed.

*(FORESTRY MESSAGE continued on page 12.)*



### **Why are the branch tips on my trees turning brown?**

This is damage from spruce bud worm. The ½ inch light brown moth lays eggs on the underside of needles, and the eggs hatch in about 10 days. The young larvae make a silken case in a sheltered place where they winter. The larvae emerge in May and eat the new growth on spruce, Douglas fir, or subalpine fir (balsam). The larvae are green when they first emerge and become browner after a few weeks. If the larvae run out of new growth to eat, they sometimes start eating the older needles. In late July and August this damage gives an overall brown tint to the forest. Although small trees are sometimes killed, they are not an overall threat to tree survival. Residents have had some success protecting small trees by knocking the larvae off with a power washer or spraying with an insecticide such as Seven or Malathion.

### **Why is there a regulation that imposes a \$1000 fine for cutting a live tree over 2" diameter without permission?**

The reason for this regulation is to give you an opportunity to discuss your tree situation with the Forest Manager. At the end of that discussion, it is very rare for me to refuse to write a permit for a tree you still want to remove. The most common situation is for an owner to call with a concern about one tree and in the end, I point out several more trees that have problems. Then I write a permit for removal of those trees.

### **What contractor would you recommend to remove my tree?**

We are fortunate to have an excellent group of contractors at Arrowhead. These contractors have a range of skills and equipment to apply to different situations. I encourage owners to get both a bid and information on how the contractor would remove the tree. Your final agreement with the contractor should include price, method of removal, and amount of work the contractor is going to do (just put the tree on ground, or cut up and limb, or complete disposal, or complete disposal with part cut into firewood.) I also recommend that you ask the contractor for proof of insurance. As the owner, you are also responsible for proper disposal. Trees that contain beetles need to be removed from Arrowhead at the proper time or by another appropriate method (contact me for information.) Debris going to the Forest Refuse Site main pile cannot include stumps and logs over 6 inches. Those could be used for firewood and need to go in the log pile with branches removed.

If you have any questions about trees, feel free to contact me.

*Bill Conway*

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## **Design Review Message**

*By Joyce Boulter*

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All the rain we have been getting has made the contractors and builders more creative. They work early in the morning, and late in the afternoon when the showers stop. The houses that are being built are all coming along well. However, there still needs to be more work on the house numbers and the road signs. This is not just for Design Review, but the fire department, first responders, and the AIA regulations state you need your address sign. UPS and Fed Ex also need these signs. They get very frustrated when they can't find a house!

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August 10 ♦ 9am ♦ Firehouse ■ September 14 ♦ 9am ♦ Firehouse ■ October 12 ♦ 9am ♦ Firehouse



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# HEALTH on the MOUNTAIN



**By Joyce Boulter**

Last week, I presented a program to the First Responders on Lightning. We learned many things about lightning and care for the victim. We have many thunderstorms that produce lightning in our area. After all, we are on top of the mountain. The rule to live by is that if you hear thunder, go indoors. When you are indoors, stay away from windows and any metal objects. When you are outdoors there are several things to minimize your risk of being hit by lightning. But remember, nobody is entirely safe outdoors. Move to shelter at the first sign of thunder; don't wait for the storm to move in.

Consider the following:

- If in a group, spread out at least 20 ft. to 50 ft. apart.
- Don't take shelter under or near a tree.
- The crouch or squatting position offers the most protection if you are caught outside and there is no other alternative. For this to be effective, you should keep your feet together. Do not put hands on the ground. Make sure you are not near a metal object or water or a tree. A metal fence can carry current. Do not lay flat on the ground.
- Lightning can travel up to sixty feet over the ground. Lightning can occur for over 10 miles away from the storm or clouds. Thus, lightning can come from out of the blue.
- If you are in a boat, take shelter out of the water immediately on the ground away from water.
- Being in a car offers 50% shelter. A car is safe, not because of the rubber tires, but because lightning will strike the metal roof and dissipate to the ground. Don't lean against the doors or windows. Cars without a metal roof are not safe.
- If you see someone struck by lightning, you should provide first aid, as necessary.
- Make sure the area is safe and call 911 for medical help.
- The victim will not produce current.
- Check the airway and for a pulse. Do CPR, as needed. The heart rate may return quicker than breathing. Don't leave the victim, as the vital signs could reverse at any time.
- Check for burns that may have been caused by the current on hand, head, or foot. Assess the size and depth of burn and call for emergency help, if possible. Keep the burn clean and cover it with a clean sheet if available. Do not put cold water on a burn.
- Be aware of trauma as the victim may have been tossed by the electric shock. Check for broken bones or soft tissue trauma.
- Electric shock may injure the brain resulting in confusion, disorientation, or amnesia. Some of the problems may be long term and need to be evaluated for medical care.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

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# ***Loch Ness Monster's Cousin Found at Hazel Lake!***

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### **Giant Rodent Seen at Hazel Lake!**



Zach was not hurt in the taking of this photo.



**This is in fun! All photos *actually* taken at Hazel Lake! “Monster” is really a salamander! Get the real story on the front page!**

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## ***Around the Mountain***

