

# Smoke Signals

## Arrowhead Improvements Association Newsletter

June / July  
2015

### 2016 Elections Coming Up

Two AIA Board of Director seats are to be filled beginning January, 2016.

If you are interested, send in a letter of intent by July 10th. Ballots will be mailed in September.

(See page 4 for more info.)

### COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAYS



**Meet at the  
firehouse at  
9:00am and work  
until noon.**

- **June 27 •**
- **July 25 •**
- **August 22 •**
- **September 12 •**

### Annual Fire Department Picnic

The Annual Fire Department Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 4th. They need lots of volunteers for games, booths, setup/take down, grass cutting, food preparation and serving, etc. Last year's picnic saw close to 500 people!

Please encourage everyone you know, or have even just met, to volunteer, so all can get involved and have fun!



There will be a BBQ, children's games and relay races, arts and crafts booths (\$25 for owners, \$50 for all others), a silent auction (donations are greatly appreciated to benefit the fire department), and lots of fun!

If you would like to help, for more information, or to donate items for the silent auction, please call one of the volunteers below. And watch the AIA facebook page for updates.

Billie 862-8220; Kathy 862-8243;  
Joanie (arts & crafts booths) 862-8415;  
Carla 862-8440 (silent auction).



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### ARROWHEAD IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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The Arrowhead Improvements Association Official **AIA Website & Smoke Signals Newsletter**  
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events be sure to...**



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# President's Message

Dear Arrowhead Owners,

Arrowhead has endured a rather lengthy and protracted mud season this spring. It seems our usual March and April snows arrived late this year in the form of rain and heavy snow. Hopefully when this Smoke Signals is posted the roads and lots will have dried out enough to allow our summer RV friends and neighbors and other summer residents to easily access their property. If you are unsure of conditions at your property, please call an Arrowhead friend, neighbor, or Arrowhead Patrol for information.

I would like to thank Will Hobson and Ron Corder for their hard work, often times in the middle of the night, in keeping the Alpine in good shape, the parking lot clear of snow, the filing roads groomed, and the filing roads pushed free of snow when spring conditions allowed. The board certainly appreciates their efforts! When you see Will and Ron, be sure to thank them.

At the May meeting(s) numerous items were discussed and acted on. For information in this regard, please read the draft minutes that are posted on the Arrowhead website. One important item on the agenda was owners' concerns over both summer and winter motorized vehicles not staying on the groomed roads and trails in the winter, driving above the posted speeds both summer and winter, and not respecting private property. These concerns are not only regarding safety, trespass and liability issues, they impinge on the beauty, esthetics and serenity that we all enjoy at Arrowhead. The board is developing a plan of education, signage, and enforcement to address these problems. Strategies to this end will be discussed at the June meeting.

I would like to mention a few other items of community importance. The annual Fourth of July picnic will be on Saturday, the Fourth of July this year. Check the AIA website for picnic information. Please plan to attend this fun event for all Arrowhead owners, family and guests. We will once again have our monthly community clean up days. Please give us a hand! Check the website for dates and times. Lastly, do not forget to contact Arrowhead Patrol for your fire pit permit and for your guest RV form (also available on line) if you plan to have RV guests this summer.

I am looking forward to another beautiful summer on the mountain, as I know you are.

Sincerely,  
*Mike Wigent*  
AIA Board President  
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## Special Board Meetings (including work sessions) Usually start at 9am

June 19  
July 17  
August 14  
September 18  
October 16

## Board Meetings Usually start at 2pm

June 20  
July 18  
August 15 \*\*  
September 19  
October 17 \*\*\*

\*\*Annual Owners Meeting & New Owners Meeting follows meeting.

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

Meetings are usually held at the Arrowhead Firehouse.

## 2016 Elections are Coming Up

At the May 16, 2015 AIA Board Meeting, the Election Committee announced that it is seeking candidates for the 2015 election. There will be two 3-year terms to be filled beginning January, 2016.

If you're interested in serving your Arrowhead Community as a Board member, please send a letter of intent to the Election Committee in care of the AIA office, 101 N. Uncompahgre Avenue, Suite 4, Montrose, Co 81401 ([aia@arrowhead1.org](mailto:aia@arrowhead1.org)) confirming that you would like to be a candidate and giving a little of your background and reasons for wanting to run for office. Your letter of intent to run must be received no later than July 10, 2015.

Ballots for the 2015 election will be mailed September 30, 2015 and must be returned by November 16, 2015.

Property owners' dues and/or assessments must be current as of the day before ballot mail-out in order to receive a ballot.

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.



# HEALTH on the MOUNTAIN

By Joyce Boulter

It is time to get out and start cleaning and clearing. Sometimes, we forget safety.

### Chain Saws

- Know your chainsaw, READ the manual and understand its operation.
- Personal protective equipment:

**Hard hat**-use when falling timber. The hard hat can also protect from saw kickback.

**Chaps**-these are made for chain saw use and protect the legs from cuts.

**Footwear**- cut and slip resistant boots should be worn when using a saw.

**Safety goggles, glasses**-always wear eye protection when using saws of any type, especially chain saws.

**Ear plugs**- necessary when using any loud equipment.

**Hand protection** - gloves, especially leather, will protect the hands from cuts and weather.

- Refueling – Use care with storage and the refueling of gasoline operated chainsaws.
- Use proper outdoor electrical cords and care that you don't trip over cords when using electric power chainsaws.
- Equipment Maintenance - Sharpen, lubricate and adjust the chain according to directions.
- Always turn saw off after a cut and before setting it on the ground.
- Use safe cutting techniques – avoid cutting with the saw above shoulder height. The manual will also outline safe cutting techniques. There are several good web sites that give good information on chainsaw safety.
- Remember, always ask first before you cut! Bill Conway, our Forest Manager, can review your lot for defensible space and tree thinning.
- Emergency reminder – There is an emergency phone located in the winter parking lot and a phone at the telephone terminal about halfway down the Alpine. Do not hesitate to call for emergency help. Call 911 for medical or fire emergency.

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## Arrowhead Patrol

By John Moseman

### Personnel:

- ◆ We have discussed the need to add reserve officers to assist both in special events and the holiday season.
- ◆ Patrol is limited to the availability of equipment resources.
- ◆ One idea is to ask for volunteers to help on a limited role to serve as reserve officers.
- ◆ The Board wishes to thank the Patrol for their work and efforts this past holiday season.
- ◆ A staff meeting will be held in June to coordinate efforts and responsibilities to assist both emergency agencies and local authorities.

### Equipment:

- ◆ We need to discuss and plan a deployment plan for placing strategic signage within the community to recognize the private property.
- ◆ The new sign-in boxes are almost complete.
- ◆ The Patrol has continued to take care of the equipment, and have been very responsive to the equipment needs. Thanks to each of you for this effort.

### Current Management issues:

- ◆ The Patrol continues to assist owners in their limited driveway openings.
- ◆ Owners are seeking to enter their lots earlier each year. We want to encourage owners to wait. Prematurely opening driveways can lead to waste of the Association time and resources, only to reopen again. Please wait for mother nature to work her magic.
- ◆ Increased traffic during our mud month requires more resources to fix damaged roads.
- ◆ Increase signage in problematic areas.
- ◆ In addition, a point of discussion will be shifting new owner information from the Patrol to the AIA new "welcome wagon" committee.

### Medical Emergencies & Law Enforcement Assistance:

The Patrol has responded to 2 emergency calls since January.

### Incident Reports:

Snowmobiling on private property continues to be a problem. In addition, several minor incidents were reported and the Patrol was able to make contact on most of those.

**Winter Parking Lot:** The winter parking area will be closed at the end of May. If you cannot get your equipment removed, please call the Patrol and inform them and make arrangements

**Complaints:** Complaints continue on snowmobiling on private property and excessive speed.



## Backhoe Service/Handyman

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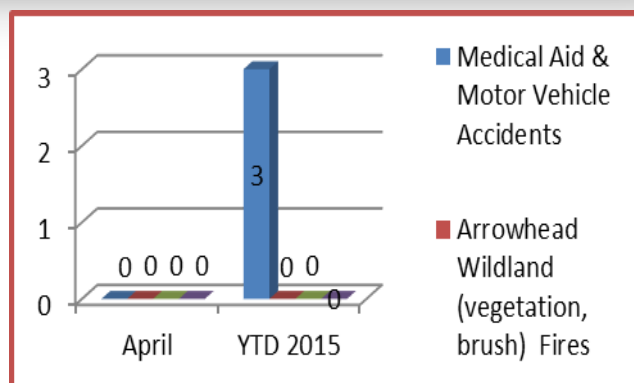
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# FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

By  
Jim  
Gelsomini

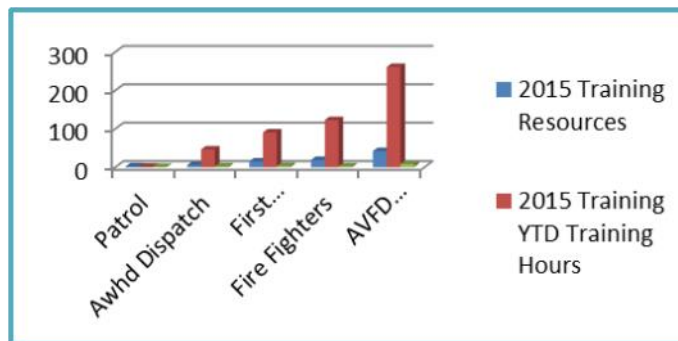
## Emergency Events

Description	April	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	46.25	2
First Responder	15	90.75	3
Fire Fighters	19	122.75	2
<b>AVFD Combined</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>261.25</b>	<b>8</b>



## Training Highlights

Saturday, April 18, Six AH Fire Fighters participated in a day training session focused on propane emergencies.

Classroom segment – science behind Propane events, focused on prevention by routine inspections.

Afternoon – practical demonstration of firefighting techniques in a live fire exercise.

## First Responder & Fire Fighter Monthly Training Sessions

AVFD training schedule – Second, Tuesday Fire Fighters; Third, Tuesday First Responders; (once a Quarter a fourth, Tuesday, is set aside for collaborative training, Fire Fighters, First Responders, and Patrol).

## Volunteer Staff

The department encourages anyone interested to become a member of the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department, no experience is necessary. The Fire Department will provide training in variety of potential scenarios unique to the Arrowhead environment. Members find it a rewarding way to serve the community and meet dedicated like-minded people on the mountain. Please contact Jim Gelsomini at (970) 862-8456 or email me at [avfdchief2014@gmail.com](mailto:avfdchief2014@gmail.com), if you are interested.

## Winter Vehicle Training Drives

The Snow Cat with 500 gallon trailer in tow and medical snow mobiles continue monthly winter training by driving through the Arrowhead Community, confirming operational capabilities. 500 Gallon trailer skis have proven operational through the varying snow depths on the filing roads.

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## Fire Chief Report continued...

### First Responder Training

Arrowheads First Responder team will conduct a training session Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Fire House starting at 10am, demonstrating the new Med Sled device used for transporting patients up and down interior and exterior stairs and narrow passage ways. In addition to the hands on Med Sled training, the team will provide a practical training session for a variety of air splints used for all seasons.



### Returning to Arrowhead Cabin/RV Summer Readiness To Do's

For those who have checked their calendar and not necessarily the weather, yes, it is springtime in the Rockies complete with snow, and unbelievably summer is really just around the corner. With the changing of seasons comes the annual return of many to Arrowhead, returning to their cabins or RV's. Whatever venue you choose to enjoy our unique environment, there are a few environment and infrastructure items to check upon your return. While the list may not have all of the items to check, it provides a good start to observe the surrounding exterior/interior environments.

#### 1. Exterior

**Trees:** A simple walk around the cabin/RV to observe trees/branches, which may not have survived the snow season, and present a risk of falling in the wind. While conducting your walk about it is an excellent time to look for trees impacted by beetles along with other critters. If you have questions on what to look for contact Bill Conway (Arrowhead Forest Manger) who has a great deal of experience and is happy to help you with questions.

2. **Propane tank (if present):** When was the last inspection by a certified technician? Hoses - how old are they, is the exterior showing signs of stress? While your tank may not require filling you may want to contact your Propane Company and schedule an inspection. Items to check are operational, relief valve, main shut off valve at the tank, secondary shut off at the house. If two tanks are present, check the hoses and connection between the tanks. Check the ground area surrounding the tank, remove grass and replace with rock, reducing the potential for burning grass to ignite the tank fumes.

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## TAMARACK AT ARROWHEAD, INC.

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**201 Balsam Rd. \$286,500**



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**375 Ponderosa Way \$272,000**



GREAT DEAL. Priced under market value! Quality built with custom woodwork thru-out. 2238 sq.ft. on three levels. Loft bedroom with bath. Main floor bedroom & bath. Walkout basement for bedroom or rec room with pool table. Decorated & move in ready! Summertime fun & BBQ's mountain style!

**624 Spruce Rd. \$249,000**



Charming & idyllic describes this adorable mountain cabin with wood floors, Dutch door, farm sink, rustic wood trim, mountain chic decor and fully furnished too! Did I mention the oversized garage with work shop? How bout the gorgeous mountain lot setting with sweeping views & SE exposure? Perfect!

**1600 Spruce Rd. \$239,000**



Price Reduced

Alot of bang for your buck in this cabin. Fantastic sunset views! Large deck for entertaining. Spacious great room for family gatherings, and separate large dining room. 3 BR, 2 BA, 1822 sq.ft. nestled in among large Aspens and pretty meadow. Perfect mountain getaway!

**451 Rim Rd. \$69,000**



1 acre mountain Lot, improved with all utilities, water, electric, septic & telephone. Ready for your RV with a level gravel driveway and RV pad. 10 x 12 Storage shed with porch. Fire pit ready for smores! Come and enjoy summertime in Arrowhead!

**535 Aspen Dr. \$28,500**



Price Reduced

Gorgeous serene lush mountain lot, perfect for camping, RV or build a dream cabin. Lot is level and unimproved on a private and secluded road in Arrowhead. Fish on the stocked Lakes, explore the mountain on ATV or hike & bike. The mountain awaits you!!

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3. Elevated gas/diesel tank: Check tank, hoses, shut off valve, fill nozzle. Check the ground area surrounding the tank, remove grass and replace with rock, reducing the potential for burning grass to ignite the tank fumes.
4. Frost freeze: Is it working correctly, not leaking when in use, if hoses are attached are they leaking when in use?
5. TV satellite dish: Is the ground connected correctly, and not loose (presenting a risk if struck by lightning)?
6. Check the roof for damage following the winter season.

### Interior

1. Smoke/flame alarms: Many new smoke alarms have dual functions, smoke and flame. Most of the battery-operated units have a life cycle, if your units are old, now is a good time to replace the units with multi- function units, Carbon Monoxide, Smoke, Flame and Propane odors.
2. Back up lighting units: Flashlights, lanterns, oil lamps.
3. Propane: Check for leaks - the old fashion smell test works if you do not have testers. The Propane Company Certified Technician can perform a walk through (cabin/RV) using their tester to identify leaks, loose connections etc.
4. Fire Extinguisher gauge: Ensure they in good operation.
5. AED: If you have an AED at home, check the battery and pad expiration dates, replace as needed.
6. Computer and clock back up batteries.
7. Water heater: Electric, visual inspection for leaks, sink faucets, and shower/tub faucets.
8. Fireplace chimney: Wood, pellet and gas - when was the last time the chimney was cleaned by a “chimney sweep”? Are door seals working properly around the heater box?
9. First Aid kits: Replace out of date items, is it time to expand what is contained in the home first aid kit?
10. Replace older incandescent bulbs with LED’s, far more energy efficient and longer life span.
11. Filters, water, heaters, humidifier filters.
12. Before you completely settle in, get out the mobile phone/camera and take an updated movie/picture of the interior for insurance purposes.
13. If you have a landline and/or mobile phone, please register with Gunnison 911, ensuring you can receive a reverse 911 calls if an event develops during your stay this summer.
14. Finally, yet importantly, check for rodents and other creatures who have enjoyed the comfort of your cabin/RV while you were absent.

Feel Free to Contact the Arrowhead Fire Chief Jim Gelsomini (contact information on page 6) with questions or other suggestions. Enjoy your summer living within the unique Arrowhead Community.

### Arrowhead Book Club

The Arrowhead Book Club usually meets at 11:30 at the Lodge. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to be put on the Book Club email list, contact Linda Dysart, 862-8287.

#### Date: Book & Author:

June 5	<b>Jessica</b> by Bryce Courtenay
July 10	<b>The Book Thief</b> by Markus Zusak
Aug. 8	<b>Out of Captivity</b> by Marc Gonsalves
Sept. 4	<b>Homecoming Ranch</b> by Julia London
Oct. 2	<b>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</b> by Rachel Joyce

## Seasonal Information

The Guest RV Registration form referred to in the Camping and Recreational Vehicle Use Regulation adopted April 26, 2014, must be completed by the property owner of record before locating a Guest RV on a lot. Forms can be downloaded from the AIA website or obtained from Patrol personnel or the AIA office. When completed, please submit them to the AIA office, Patrol personnel, or deposit them in one of the Arrowhead sign in boxes located at Lake Road or Ute Drive.

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Decks



## FORESTRY MESSAGE BY BILL CONWAY

Depending on the weather conditions the bark beetles will be getting close to flight time as you read this issue of Smoke Signals. By far our best defense against bark beetles is the MCH packs that repel beetles from the trees. Watch for information on the Arrowhead website and Facebook page and “blast” emails to get information on when they should be put up. If you provided me with an email when ordering you will receive a direct message. If you have not ordered MCH packs, contact me to purchase some of the extra MCH packs that are available.

If you observe Douglas fir or spruce trees with red or thinning crowns or heavy wood pecker activity on your lot or common land please contact me immediately and we will work out a plan to remove the trees. Timing is very important so that the beetles do not attack adjacent trees.

Overall the Arrowhead community is doing a great job of doing mitigation and defensible space work on their lots. However there is always more work to do. Contact me to let me help you with an overall plan. I can also address concerns about individual trees that may have insect or disease problems. One of the most common concerns is rotten aspen that could fall on your buildings or vehicles. Remember, you need a permit to cut green trees and I can generally provide that with very short notice.

Logging by Montrose Forest Products of the remainder of the Long Draw Forest Service timber sale is planned for August and September. My best rough estimate at this time is that there will be a total of about 200 truckloads of logs. The primary concerns are driving safety and dust abatement. Discussions on these concerns will occur with Montrose Forest Products, the Forest Service, and Gunnison County before and during the log hauling. More information will be posted as it becomes available.

Some home owners have been receiving contacts from their insurance companies with questions and concerns about the trees on their property. If you receive such an inquiry I can provide you with some documentation that may help. I can even meet on the ground with an insurance representative. I also have a list of insurance companies that are known to be currently writing policies at Arrowhead.

*Bill Conway*  
Arrowhead Forest Manager  
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## THANK YOU ARROWHEAD

Our hearts are filled with gratitude to the Arrowhead First Responders and Fire Department for helping us to get medical care in Grand Junction. The support and kindness received from our neighbors at Arrowhead and our friends in Grand Junction has been SUPER.

*Pat and Paul Grosvenor and Joe*

### TOTAL WINTER SNOWFALLS

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*Thank you  
Linda Dysart!*

#### 100 Year Record

1983-1984 = 444" (from Jim Squirrel)

2005-2006 = 245"

2010-2011 = 249"

2006-2007 = 219"

2011-2012 = 138"

2007-2008 = 338"

2012-2013 = 220"

2008-2009 = 267"

2013-2014 = 243 1/2"

2009-2010 = 217"

2014-2015 = 183 (5/21)



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# Fire Prevention and Suppression in Arrowhead

With 274 houses and up to 150 RV's in the summer, fire prevention and suppression are an integral part of the daily activities in the Arrowhead community. Some Arrowhead residents have been receiving questions from their insurance companies regarding the measures that have been taken to protect their houses from wildfire.

The Arrowhead Patrol, Design Review Committee, Forest Manager, and the Fire Department work together as an integrated team to protect our residents and their property. Arrowhead Patrol can provide information on campfire pit requirements. Joyce Boulter, chair of the Design Review Committee, can provide information on structure design requirements. Bill Conway, Forest Manager, can provide information on mitigation and defensible space on your lot, projects that have occurred on adjacent community property, and assistance with house insurance questions. Jim Gelsomini, Chief of the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department can answer any questions regarding fire department capabilities and ratings.

Arrowhead has a Community Wildfire Prevention Plan approved by the state and has been recognized as a Fire Wise Community under the National Fire Wise Program.

The following list is intended to remind residents of the many programs that are a daily part of business at Arrowhead and may also be helpful when talking to your insurance company.

## Fire Prevention

- Camp fire pits inspected and permitted annually by the Arrowhead Courtesy Patrol
- Forest debris is required to be hauled to the Forest Refuse site outside of the Arrowhead Community.  
(Burning of forest debris not permitted on individual lots)
- Forest refuse site is burned by the Arrowhead fire department in the winter
- Spark screens required on chimneys (county zoning requirement)
- Encourage the use of fire resistant siding
- Encourage the use of fire proof metal skirting around the base of structures
- Require the use of screening on soffit vents (county zoning)
- Encourage installation and maintenance of 5' nonflammable space around structures; including decks and stairs
- Encourage the creation of an additional 30' of defensible space that creates space between the crowns of trees and removes the ladder fuels by "limbing" trees up 10' and removing low vegetation under the crown of trees
- Encourage the mitigation of the remainder of each lot or all of vacant lots to create space between tree crowns and removing ladder fuels
- Encourage the storage of firewood at least 30' from structures and no storage of flammable material under decks
- Arrowhead Improvement Association mitigation of the community property
- Obtaining grants to assist with defensible space and mitigation costs on both private lots and community property

## Fire Suppression

- Fire department with both summer and winter firefighting capability
- Equipment includes
  - 1 - fire truck with 300 tank and pump
  - 1 - equipment truck that pulls a 500 gallon trailer with pump
  - 1 - 750 gallon water tender
  - 1 - Snow cat that can pull the 500 gallon trailer with pump. The AIA grooms the roads to make the use of the snow cat feasible for both fire and medical calls
  - 1 - 3000 gallon water tender that belongs to AIA and can be used for fires



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- Ongoing meetings and communication with local agencies and Fire Departments
- The Arrowhead fire department monitors a real time lightning detection system and checks the location of lightning strikes within and around Arrowhead to provide early fire detection.
- These accumulated items result in an ISO rating of 9.



## **"Chainsaw Johnson"**



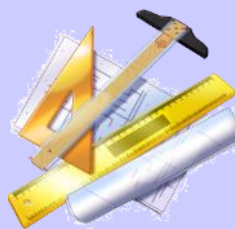
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## Design Review Message

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*By Joyce Boulter*

In the last Smoke Signals, I said we have four houses approved, but now we have 5 houses plus one that had a foundation put in last year and it will be finished this year. There are 2 garages and one started last year. There are also 3 sheds and one remodel. I think our record was in 2005 or 2006 when we had 14 houses started. The six this year are the most since I have been Design Review manager (2008).

We will be out checking on the construction and checking for signs on all the driveways. I have noticed several things this year, as I have been driving around. A lot of the drives without signs are older and many of the signs that are in place need to be freshened up. If you drive past your driveway and can't read the address, it needs to be made legible. Another thing we are recommending is reflective numbers that can be seen at night. Any questions please call or email me.

Looking forward to a great summer.

### Design Review meeting dates

June 15 ♦ 9am ♦ Firehouse ■ July 13 ♦ 9am ♦ Firehouse

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

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## TICKS

Ticks are more active from April to June. When out in the woods, wear protective clothing. Light colors allow you to see the tick. Wear long sleeves and long pants to discourage ticks. The tick is usually in low foliage and waiting for you to walk by. It usually takes a few hours for the tick to find skin to attach and up to 24 hours to transmit infection. Use repellants containing DEET carefully, especially on children. Insecticides, containing permethrin, should be used on clothing only. Conduct regular check for ticks while in the woods and a complete body check when returning home.

Colorado Tick Fever is carried by the Rocky Mountain wood tick. CTF is a viral illness causing fever, headaches, body aches, nausea, abdominal pain and lethargy. The symptoms last 4-5 days, complete recovery often takes 2-3 weeks and may result in future immunity. Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Lyme disease are rare to non-existent in Colorado.

Remove the tick by grasping it as near to the skin as possible and pulling slowly straight out. Small tweezers or gloved hands will work. Do not use matches, Vaseline, or other techniques to remove the tick.

Lastly, you need to be aware of mosquito borne viruses and protect yourself. The mosquitoes usually feed more actively at dawn and dusk. Wear long sleeves and long pants when out at these times. Insect repellants with DEET are effective. Always follow label directions. Make sure screens are in good repair and remove sources of standing water. West Nile Virus infection usually occurs from May to September. The incubation time is 5-15 days. Symptoms include fever, headache and malaise and last 2-7 days. If fever develops after mosquito bite, check with your physician. Treatment is generally supportive.



# Springtime in Arrowhead!