

President's Corner

NEWSLETTER

STARLIGHT PINES
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Welcome to those of you who are our new high-county neighbors. Following a year filled with a number of home sales and new construction we have a bunch of new neighbors in Starlight Pines. We invite you to become familiar with the Starlight Pines HOA activities and participate in our monthly meetings, committees, volunteer groups and the greater Blue Ridge Community. You have chosen a beautiful location in Northern Arizona with a rich history and a lot to explore.

This has been a very crazy year with record setting high temperatures, little or no moisture during our monsoon season and the crazy COVID-19 pandemic shutting down many activities!

Sadly, the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic has caused us to close the Community Center and only conduct your Board Meeting using Zoom through the internet. This has been a learning experience and hardship on us all. As with any new endeavor, we had some problems and had to acquire some new equipment to address some connection, hosting and sound problems. We are all looking forward to having the restrictions lifted and the Community Center open and available for all to attend in person for our meetings.

Due to the record high temperatures in the Valley and the closing of many summer activities, we have seen an increase in our mountain population especially during the weekends. We are seeing an increase in lot clean-ups, new construction as well as additions/improvements to many lots.

Reminder that any alteration to the exterior of your lot, including additions, painting, re-roofing, decks, etc., must be first approved by our Architectural Committee, before submitting for a permit or beginning any work! If you are not sure or just have questions, please contact the Architectural Committee, who are always helpful and accommodating, or Trish at 928-477-2602, they will be more than happy to answer your questions. Remember that any alteration to the exterior of your lot must be first approved by our Architectural committee before submitting for a permit or beginning any work. Some contractors will tell you they will manage the permit process, but they are talking about the county not the SPHOA. It's your responsibility to make sure all plans are approved by the AC prior to beginning any project. The Architectural Committee wants you to have a pleasant experience.

With the increased activity it is again time to remind everyone to please be a responsible member of the Starlight Pines community. Please help us in maintaining our friendly, peaceful and quiet community. It is all our responsibility to help keep Starlight Pines the beautiful mountain retreat that we have. We all need to be considerate of our residences, speed limits, mindful of dust and fire restrictions and any excessive noise and litter.

Compactor Usage: The Compactor has provided a convenient and money saving way to process household trash, in return the Starlight Pines home and property owners need to show common sense when utilizing the compactor! Household trash that is placed in the compactor should be no larger than what would normally be placed in a standard trash container. Large items such as ladders, furniture and appliances should be taken (by the owner of such items) to the city dump or transfer station. And PLEASE, no oil, antifreeze, paint, batteries or other toxic or hazardous waste. It is your dues money that will have to be used to pay for compactor repairs and those repairs are expensive.

As a special note we must thank the Starlighters Group who had to cancel and change the majority of activities for this year. They normally host many activities such as the Community Breakfasts, Annual Merchandise Sales and also the Starshine Project Quilting. They raise funds during the year and make very special items for the less fortunate and have been recognized for many years for their helping hand in the community! They have shown their dedication and resourcefulness by continuing their annual sale of clothing items, and even using our parking lot to host their sales when the Community Center has been closed. If you would like to help or donate please call Bonnie Steele the Starlighters Chairperson.

Let's all hope that these crazy times and weather can soon be over and we can return to a normal peaceful environment. Plan to spend as much time as you can here and be a part of a great community.

Serving as your Representative

Dave Janecke, 2020 – 2021 President SPHOA



This newsletter is published and sent to all property owners in Starlight Pines as a way for our Board Of Directors to keep you informed on new and important information.

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Mailing Address/email Address/Phone numbers of Property Owners:

It is essential that your contact information is kept up to date at our HOA office. If they want to report a problem with your property, this is their “go-to” source. They may need to contact property owners using an email blast or personally call you.

Community Contact Information

Blue Ridge Fire Department

Philip Paine firechief (928) 477-2751

Website: www.brfdaz.org

Fire/EMS/Rescue Emergency: call 9-1-1

Sheriff’s Department

To Contact Deputy (800) 338-7888

Mogollon Rim Ranger District

AMELIA.GALUSKI@USDA.GOV (928) 587-7575



Our community center remains closed in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. A memo will be sent to all property owners that have provided us with an email address when it is safe to use the center again and it re-opens for our gatherings.

Greenbelt Usage

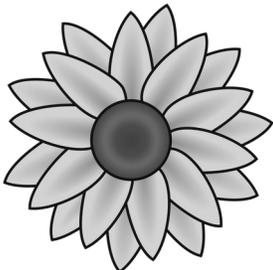
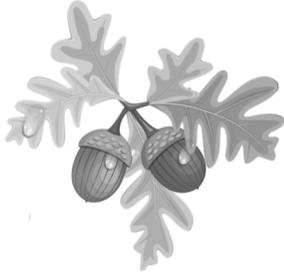


For those who may be new to Starlight Pines and as a reminder to all of us, the purpose and use of the Greenbelts is as follows:

- The primary purpose of the greenbelts is for flood control.
- **Greenbelts are to be used only for hiking and horseback riding.**
- NO motorized vehicles of any kind, including ATV’s are allowed in the greenbelts except those used for maintenance.
- Property owners can arrange, with prior approval of the Greenbelt Committee, for access to the greenbelts for your property clean-up.
- Please use and enjoy the Greenbelts as they are intended to be used. If you notice any problem areas, please contact a committee member.

Greenbelt Committee: Don Cacioppo, Dave Lutz, Dave Ihns, Buddy & Sue Peck, Dan & Margaret Knox, Paul & Gayle Budrick

Starlight Pines Homeowners Association - All Funds
Unaudited Income/Expense Statement to the 2020 - 2021 Budget
August 31, 2020



Fiscal Year June 1, 2020-May 31, 2021	YTD	2020-2021	% YTD
	Cash Flow	Budget	25%
Income			
New Member Initial Contributions	3,570.00	-	
Ownership Transfer Document Fees	7,800.00	-	
Building Cleanup Deposit Forfeitures	500.00	-	
CC&R & Architectural Fines	900.00	37,444.00	2%
Bank Interest	269.49	550.00	49%
Plan Review Fees	450.00	-	
Member Annual Assessments 2020-2021	124,548.74	139,282.00	89%
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	
Starlighters Income	6,325.28	-	
Newsletter Advertising	1,210.00	-	
Community Center Use Fees	-	-	
	<i>Income</i>	<u>145,573.51</u>	<u>177,276.00</u> 82%
Expenses			
Annual Meeting	-	500.00	
Accounting Fees & Bank Charges	(0.69)	1,375.00	0%
Capital Improvement (Community Center HVAC)	8,172.50	2,000.00	409%
Firewise Education Committee (Abatement)	10.00	5,000.00	0%
Greenbelt Committee	81.03	600.00	14%
Architectural Committee	15.00	-	
Property Rules Committee	15.00	-	
Nominating & Election Committees	-	-	
Membership Fees (CAI, Sam's Club)	458.56	504.00	91%
AZ Corporation Commission Fee, Permits	-	10.00	
SPHOA Insurance	10,228.17	7,000.00	146%
Legal Costs	418.00	7,000.00	6%
Lien Filing Fees	90.00	550.00	16%
Common Properties Maintenance:Community Center	1,471.42	6,775.00	22%
Management/Wages/Payroll Taxes/WC Ins/Travel	9,427.38	40,000.00	24%
Contingencies/Miscellaneous	-	200.00	
Starlighters Expenses	2,351.33		
Newsletter: Publisher, Postage, Printing	1,596.57	7,240.00	22%
Website Expense	126.05	500.00	25%
Video Conferencing	299.90		
Office Supplies & Expense	52.34	1,155.00	5%
Postage & Bulk Mail Permit	506.20	1,400.00	36%
Printing: Office, Assessments, Election	72.75	1,640.00	4%
Refuse Collection	11,398.62	21,500.00	53%
Compactor & Trash Area Maintenance	2,814.15	7,800.00	36%
Perimeter Fence Maintenance	499.78	1,800.00	28%
Snow & Ice Removal	-	945.00	
Taxes: Income & Property	4.47	60.00	7%
Telephone	868.62	3,500.00	25%
Travel Reimbursement	-	200.00	
Utilities & Propane Pre-buy	678.82	5,800.00	12%
Payment to Reserves	-	37,406.00	
Repayment to Compactor Renovation Fund	-	14,816.00	
Transfer Starlighters Profit/Loss to Starlighters Aux F	3,973.95	-	
	<i>Expenses</i>	<u>55,629.92</u>	<u>177,276.00</u> 31%
	<i>Income Less Expenses</i>	89,943.59	-



During the first week in June, Firewise inspected lots 401-613. As a result, 120 lots passed and 93 failed for a pass rate of 58%. This rate was a significant increase from the rate of 2019 when 48% of the 200 lots passed the initial inspection. Firewise greatly appreciates the efforts of those who were able to prepare before June 1st, but we also understand the difficulty some of our neighbors faced in meeting this date, and we also appreciate those who have become compliant since. As of September 9th, sixty-three more lots have become compliant, so as of that date we have a pass rate of 86%.

Your neighbors in Firewise appreciate your efforts not only because you are helping to keep us safe but also because you are helping to protect the major investment we all have in our real estate. Interest rates are lower than they have been in many years, and thus most real estate, which historically appreciates at about 10% per year, makes a very good investment these days. However, our real estate values in Starlight are dependent on the public perception of our safety from wildfire. According to the USDA Forest Service, in forest communities the loss of real estate value after the first fire is 10% but almost 23% after the second fire, so all our good neighbors who are working hard or spending hard-earned money to keep us all safe are also helping to protect our investment.

From April 15th to August 30th we had 2.3 inches of rain, far below normal. As a result, many of the ponderosas are drought stressed and unable to make the normal amount of pitch. Accordingly, bark beetle activity has picked up. During the first 5 months of this year there were no bark beetle infested trees reported. Then at the end of June and the first three weeks of July we had eight cases reported. This sudden activity combined with the lack of rain prompted the Firewise Education Committee to compose an article, "Bark Beetles in Starlight," to give our community some important information on the subject. Trisha, our Community Manager, did an email blast of this article during the last week in July. As we anticipated, the dry hot weather is taking a toll. In August we added 12 more for a total of 20 lots, and some of those had more than one infested tree. Also, because many of our neighbors are now bark beetle savvy, there have been infested trees that were removed promptly and never reported, so there were undoubtedly more than 20 lots with infestations. September and October could be busy months for this very destructive little beetle.

Firewise inspects for six criteria: dead and down removed, firewood properly placed, dead standing trees removed, ladder fuels eliminated, adequate thinning, and raking to protect structures. Most lot owners wait until the spring to prepare their lots for inspection. This timing works well for all the criteria except the laddering. In order not to stress our trees or attract harmful insects, our trees are best pruned before the sap starts flowing. For oaks and junipers the sap could start flowing in late March or late April, depending on the weather. However, ponderosas are different. They start making pitch in January. Dead branches can be pruned off any time of year without harm, but live branches are best pruned during the last three months of the calendar year, from October through December.

Finally, please know that we members of Firewise greatly appreciate the efforts of our neighbors who work hard to keep our community safe from wildfire.

Firewise Education Committee:

Brian Birtwistle, Larry Butler, Bob Dahlgren, Conrad Davis, Dave and Pam Ihns, Dan Knox, Dave Lutz, John and Patty Motley, Tom & Paula Osterday, and Bill Patterson (Board Liaison)



STARLIGHTERS AUXILIARY INFORMATION

2740 Arapaho Drive
Happy Jack, AZ 86024
August, 2020

MISSION STATEMENT

The Starlighters Auxiliary is a committee of the Starlight Pines Homeowners Association.

"The purpose of this organization shall be to promote and to advance the welfare of the Starlight Pines Homeowners Association through ways approved by the membership of the Auxiliary and the Board of Directors of the Association. This purpose shall be accomplished by service to the Association and through fund-raising in a manner satisfactory to the SPHOA governing board and in harmony with the community."

HISTORY

The Bylaws of the Starlighters Auxiliary were approved on March 26, 1990. At that time, a group of local Starlight Pines ladies had been meeting informally to raise funds through craft fairs, raffles and bake sales to support the local volunteer fire department. In May, 1992, the firehouse building (currently the Starlight Pines Community Center) on the corner of Starlight Drive and Arapaho was dedicated and the Starlighters began fund raising in earnest!

FAST FORWARD

The Starlighters have continuously remained in service to Starlight Pines Homeowners Association and the surrounding area. Fund raisers are held with 100% of the profit going to selected, approved agencies, animal welfare shelters and military veterans' organizations. To date, the Starlighters have contributed many thousands of dollars to these agencies.

November 2019\$10,000.00

November 2018\$ 9,700.00 (\$2,400 in June and \$7,300 in November)

November 2017\$ 9,000.00

November 2016\$ 9,000.00

November 2015\$ 7,000.00

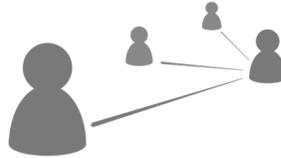
*In addition, hundreds of lap robes, stocking caps, scarves, afghans, stuffed animals and hygiene kits were made by the Starlighters and friends through the **Starshine Project**. These were donated to organizations approved by the Starlight Pines Board of Directors.*

Starlighter and Starshine fund raisers and projects have included: Aluminum can recycling, twice yearly highway cleanup, sales of Happy Jack and Starlight Pines merchandise, community breakfasts, potlucks, boutiques, silent auctions, yard sales, 911 Response Boxes, hygiene kits, Coconino County Food Handler and Food Manager certifications, Fire Fighters' snack boxes, chili and chocolate cook-offs, emergency flag kits, theme dinners, personalized patio bricks, quilting, crocheting stocking caps and afghans, designing and selling cook books. Educational events have included guest speakers and tours.



GET INVOLVED
WITH YOUR
COMMUNITY!

Join With The
Starlighters
In Helping
Others



THE 2020 COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As a result of the Covid-19 flu virus infections, the Starlight Pines Community Center was closed to all activities. The Starlighters and Starshine Project quilters have not been able to hold their monthly meetings, work sessions, community breakfasts or other indoor events. Our fundraisers have come to a halt! The restrictions for public gatherings have recently been eased, so the Starlight Pines Homeowners Association's Board of Directors did approve two recent t-shirt sales that were conducted in the parking lot.

We'll all have to wait and see how things go over the next few weeks but the Starlighters and Starshine Project quilters are ready to re-engage as soon as permission is received. We have a long way to go to raise funds to match our last year's donation of \$10,000!

In the past, our usual schedule included three on-going events at the Starlight Pines Community Center.

First: A business meeting from 10:00 AM to Noon on the second Friday of each month.

Second: A Starshine Project work session for quilting, sewing and crocheting projects on the last Tuesday of each month from 9:00 AM to noon

Third: A Community Breakfast the last Saturday of each month from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM.

If you are interested in joining this great group of dedicated and hard-working ladies, please let us know. We have an email list and will notify everyone when we can resume meetings and activities.

Starlighters' Chairwoman: Bonnie Steele

(480) 861-9780 email: bjs643@gmail.com

Starlighters' Treasurer: Naila Erwin

(928) 477-2715 email: moxie.solo.4@gmail.com

Starlighters' Contact: Caroline Weimer

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Another great Starlighters event that has been repeated several times a year since 1989!

Starlight Pines Highway Clean-up Scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2020

The Starlight Pines Homeowners Association's Board of Directors approved the Starlighters' request to hold a highway clean-up on Friday, September 18th. This year it required extra planning and accommodations due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

History:

In November, **1989**, the Starlighters Auxiliary was approved for the Arizona Adopt-A-Highway Litter Program on State Route 87 between Mile posts 304 and 306 in front of the Starlight Pines subdivision. Our Starlight Pines residents, Lou and Cindy Hoover, have the mile north from Mile post 306 to 307. Over the years, we have coordinated to do all three miles on the same day.

Each year since then, we have maintained our commitment to pick up the litter from Milepost 304 through 307. Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) would like us to pick up the litter three times a year but sometimes because of the weather, we have only been able to pick it up once a year

Highway Clean-up Photo 21 Years Ago: October 18, 1999



Photo by: Bobbie Swanson

Participants: Perry & Bert Arnold, Carl & Naïla Erwin, Larry & Claudia Green, Lee & Eleanor Johnson, Bill & Ruth Leslie, Pat Raygor, Duane & Bobbie Swanson, Steve & Paula Yeary.



Mogollon Rim Ranger District, Coconino National Forest

News from the Forest Service

Edited on: September 14, 2020

BLUE RIDGE (CC CRAGIN) RESERVOIR SHOULD REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE ROADS CLOSE FOR THE WINTER

MOGOLLON RIM RANGER DISTRICT WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU THE BEST IN 2020 AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR 2021.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12: COLUMBUS DAY



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11: VETERANS DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28: THANKSGIVING DAY



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1: NEW YEAR'S DAY



MOGOLLON RIM CAMPGROUND STATUS

BLUE RIDGE: Closed for the season

ROCK CROSSING: Closes 10/5 for the season

CLINTS WELL: Will remain open with no fees with the possibility of future closure

KEHL SPRINGS: Will remain open with no fees until 10/18 with consideration to remain open beyond 10/18

KNOLL LAKE: Did not open in 2020, and will remain closed for the season due to Covid related safety concerns



**REMEMBER-
WOOD PERMITS
EXPIRE
DECEMBER 13,
2020.**

All wood must be cut and collected before that date. Permits go back on sale in Mid-April of 2021.

MOGOLLON RIM RANGER DISTRICT IS STILL OPERATING IN A VIRTUAL CAPACITY



Thank you for your patience as The Mogollon Rim Ranger District remains closed due to Covid-19 concerns. If you would like a wood permit, please call 928-477-2255 or 928-527-3600 M-W-F, 8-Noon. For all other inquiries, please call 928-477-2255 or 928-587-7575 M-F 8-4.

You can access our website at: www.coconinonationalforest.us

For information on closures, alerts, camping, hiking and other recreational opportunities.

STRANGE YEAR FOR FIRE RESTRICTIONS. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE OR CALL THE RANGER STATION TO CHECK ON THE STATUS OF FIRE RESTRICTIONS ON THE COCONINO. KNOW BEFORE YOU GO. PRIVATE LAND FALLS UNDER COUNTY.

SPHOA TRASH COMPACTOR USAGE POLICY

**All residents are responsible for following the rules listed below.
Deactivation of your FOB and penalties may apply for any violation of these rules.**

TRASH COMPACTOR USAGE RULES

LOANING a FOB to a resident of another community is strictly forbidden.

ONLY household trash or garbage is allowed to be placed into the compactor.

ALL trash and garbage must be bagged, and bags are to be tied.

NEVER leave bags or trash or garbage lying on the ground around the compactor site.

NEVER toss **anything** over the perimeter wall into the compactor area.

NO CARDBOARD larger than 2' x 2' may be placed in the compactor. **Break down and cut up** any items that are larger than 2' by 2'.

NONE of the following items may be placed in the compactor:

NO electrical equipment of **ANY KIND** (If it has a plug or a motor or needs batteries to work, it may **NOT** be placed in the compactor.)

NO yard trimmings, pine needles, leaves, tree branches, or Christmas trees.

NO furniture of any kind—beds, mattresses, cabinets, shelving, ceiling fans, sinks, toilets, lawn furniture, vacuum cleaners, etc.

NO construction materials—lumber, drywall, insulation, siding, roofing, etc.

NO hazardous materials—paint, lawn chemicals, cleaning solutions, batteries, etc., or any item marked or labeled as “hazardous.”

NO ashes from a BBQ or fireplace.

Please recycle your aluminum cans by placing them in the provided bin marked for aluminum cans in the trash collection area. *Leave the cans in bags!* We can only recycle *ALUMINUM* cans, so **please do not leave any tin/metal cans**. This is a Starlighters project and the money goes to selected local charities and agencies. THANKS For Your Help!

Disposal Services and Sites

Yard Waste Only-No Construction Debris:

The Bly slash pit is maintained by the Forest Service and located only 1.9 miles north of Starlight Pines on the west side of highway 87 just before the turnoff to Mogollon Ranch.

This is the place to dump your yard cleanup trash: leaves, grass, pine needles, weeds and branches. If you use trash bags, please dump your debris out and **take the bags away with you.**
NO TRASH!

Ashes:

There are special barrels located at Bly pit specifically for the dumping of fireplace and BBQ ashes.

Hazardous waste and chemicals:

The Coconino County Hazardous Products Center in Flagstaff accepts paint, batteries, and other hazardous chemical waste. Hours: Wednesday and Fridays from 9 am to 3 pm, Saturdays 8 am to 2 pm. Call for more information: (928) 527-9005.

Construction debris:

Contact Clearcreek Disposal at (928) 477-2477. They can provide large roll-off disposal bins for residential, commercial and construction debris collection plus lot cleaning and tree removal.

On the first Saturday of each month across from Long Valley (Clint's Well) trash disposal is available from 10 am to 2 pm. The disposal fee is based on volume.

Reminders:

A few comments from Ray Weimer regarding the compactor:

As you all know, the compactor has been remarkably busy these past months. Just a reminder...this is YOUR compactor. So we respectfully request that you treat the compactor and the area around it as you would your own homes.

- ◆ Please pick up dropped garbage; clean up your own spills; put all the garbage in the compactor.
- ◆ Put trash and all cardboard cut up to 2'x 2' pieces in the compactor.
- ◆ Please remember to put garbage only in the compactor. No paint, construction material, or lawn chairs, etc. These kinds of items may be taken to the Clear Creek disposal site on the first Saturday of every month down at Clint's Well. Let's keep the compactor operational.
- ◆ We gladly accept clean aluminum cans to recycle. Please put them in a garbage bag in the green containers.

We thank you so much for your cooperation for keeping the area clean and the compactor running efficiently for all of us!

Bly Pit is for yard waste only! It is absolutely NOT for trash!

Dump pine needles, tree clippings, grass, etc. Please, in order for the forest service to maintain and keep Bly Pit open for the residents, people must adhere to the rules of dumping at the pit.

For an ATV to be driven legally on the streets:

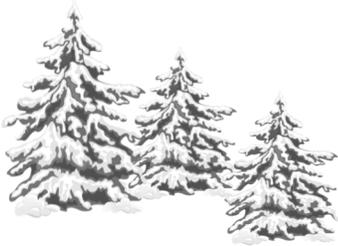
It must be registered and have the following equipment: horn, rearview mirror, **muffler**, approved brake system, headlight, tail light, brake light, license plate light, fuel tank cap, and seat and foot rests for the operator and each passenger. (ARS 28-921 to 28-966)

Our streets are subject to the county and state laws. Passengers are not allowed unless the vehicle is designed to carry more than one person. Parents should be aware that they can be held accountable for permitting an unauthorized minor to drive. (ARS 28-3474)

The residents in our community **DO NOT** wish to hear loud and repetitive noises. Please be considerate.

Residents can call (800) 338-7888 County Sheriff's office to report violations.

****Citations can be issued****



Winter—

It's coming!

Get Ready!

No Parking on County Roads: County Ordinance 86-6 prohibits motorists from parking on county roadways **between Nov. 1 and April 1** on a 24-hour basis. Residents are asked to park their vehicles five to 10 feet from the roadway to allow ample room for snowplows to pass. Remove all private objects from County right of way (i.e.: yard art, planters and trash bins).



Blue Ridge Fire District

“From the Firehouse”

Our Blue Ridge firefighters are all back, safe and sound in District after an astounding run of wildfire assignments this year. Adding to an already lengthy list of deployments are the Halfway Fire, the Bumblebee Fire, the Ridge Fire, and the Hidden Fire. This summer, these men and women (your BRFD firefighters) have been out on the frontlines for more than 80 days. Way to go Blue Ridge!!!

Normally, fire season would be just about over by now, but what a year this has been. The State of Arizona seems to be slowing down a bit (finally), but the West Coast is just getting started. It has already been a record year for wildfires in California which, at the time of this writing, have burned over 2 million acres of land. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those that have suffered loss.

In an effort to prevent such tragedy from happening right here in our own backyard, the Blue Ridge Fire District and Starlight Pines Homeowner’s Association have teamed up and been awarded a grant to reduce the amount of hazardous fuels within the Starlight Pines subdivision. This grant project has already begun and is slated for completion by June 30, 2021. Starlight Pines is currently a designated Firewise Community and is always looking to further its hazardous fuels mitigation efforts. Bottom line: less trees equals safer homes and the SPHOA is now safer than ever!

Another mitigation effort we have been working on this year is the replacement of our main fire engine pumper truck. For the past 18 years, the fire district has been using a Type 2 engine as its number one, but we are now looking to upgrade to a Type 1 pumper that will more than double our capability to fight fire. The new engine will provide a pump capacity of 1500 gallons per minute and have enough room to seat 4 firefighters safely and comfortably all at one time. The request for proposals is underway and we are really looking forward to delivery by next summer.

In conjunction with the fire engines, we also have a water delivery system to maintain. No fire truck is complete without a well-lubricated and flow-tested hydrant to supply it with the gallons of water per minute necessary to fight fire. You may encounter some firefighters out there in your subdivisions doing just that. Over the next few months, they will be spraying water and identifying any repairs needed to make sure those hydrants are functioning properly. Better to know ahead of time rather than in the exact moment of an actual emergency, right?

Finally, I wanted to say something about the COVID-19 numbers we have been seeing out of our area here in Coconino County. The short of it is this: the numbers are looking a little bit better but we’re still not out of the woods yet. This has been the strangest pandemic of my lifetime and (I would venture to guess) the strangest that most of you out there have ever seen as well. My advice? Be careful not to let your guard down while also remembering that it’s not your job to worry because you were never really in control in the first place.

“Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself” Matthew 6:34

Stronger Together,

Philip E. Paine

BRFD Fire Chief



The Coconino County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Resolution 2020-43, establishing the Blue Ridge Domestic Water Improvement District (BRDWID) at the end of their Public Hearing Meeting on Monday, June 29, 2020, at 9:50 PM.

Resolution 2020-43 appointed five interim BRDWID Board of Directors members, John Ritter, Sue Davis, Jack Beale, Ron Krug, and Jeremy Westhall. Once BRDWID is operational, property owners in the District will be entitled to run for the Board of Directors in Coconino County's four-year election cycle.

BRDWID is a special purpose district under *Arizona Revised Statutes* Title 48, Chapter 6 County Improvement Districts and will operate as a municipal corporation for all applicable purposes.

Next steps will be to set up rules of operation and begin holding public open meetings while following CDC and Gov. Doug Ducey's guidelines for nonessential business operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The District will hire an attorney to represent BRDWID when negotiating a fair price for buying The Starlight Water Co. The District will open communication with the Arizona Water Infrastructure Financing Authority (WIFA) to secure financing to launch operations.

Sue Davis, Interim Member
BRDWID Board of Directors



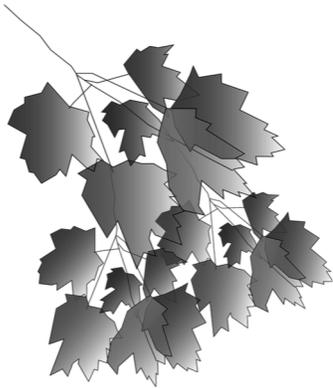
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We are ONE BIG COMMUNITY and encourage everyone to ask if they need assistance or moral support. We love to help others!



Thankful





Starlight Pines Bumper Stickers Serve Two Purposes:

- 1.To identify you as a property owner in Starlight Pines when seen by law enforcement officers and other residents, so they know you belong in the area.
- 2.To identify you to other residents and local law enforcement officers if stranded out on the highway.

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****Please call ahead for appointment****

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Winter Weather Forecast: Educated Guesses From The Experts!

- La Niña conditions were present in August and forecasters say there is a 75% chance they'll hang around during the winter! **NOAA** has issued a La Niña Advisory so we may have warm and dry conditions in the southern tier of the US.
- **Old Farmers Almanac** predicts Arizona and southern California will have a dry and generally mild winter. Below-normal rain and snowfall are predicted for zip code 86024. October precipitation is predicted to be 0.5"

Got Milk?

Tip to remove gamey taste from venison or elk:

Soak the meat in whole milk overnight. Place the meat in a glass or ceramic bowl and pour in milk until it covers the meat. Cover the bowl with a lid or plastic wrap, and refrigerate overnight. If the meat was frozen, let it fully thaw in the fridge before you start soaking it.

(Another tip says to remove all of the fat)



Riddle:

What is that which everyone likes to have but wants to get rid of as soon as possible after he gets it?
(answer is on back page)

Do You Know that—

A female tarantula can survive on just water for 2 years and can live to be 40 years old?

Iceland is the only country without mosquitos?

Mosquitoes prefer people with type "O" blood?

Cows can't bite because they don't have any upper front teeth?

In space, astronauts cannot cry because there is no gravity and tears can't flow?

Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different?

In the Caribbean there are oysters that can climb trees?

The amount of copper on the Arizona capitol building roof is equivalent to nearly 5 million pennies?

A cloud can weigh more than a million pounds?

Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying?

In Phoenix, Arizona, you can't walk through a hotel lobby with spurs on?

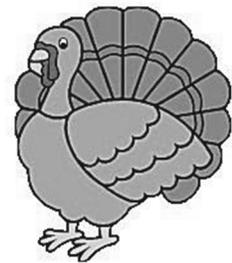
Animals that lay eggs don't have belly buttons?

No piece of paper can be folded more than 7 times?

The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows?



Happy Halloween!
Happy Thanksgiving!
Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!



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Cabin Staining Season is still here !

Sometimes, weather is brutal to the exterior logs on cabins, and to the stain applied onto them. Properly staining a cabin saves hundreds of dollars in damages and repairs in the future. Do you notice any of the following on your log cabin?

- The stain is flaking off.
- The logs are turning gray or black at the snow line or the sun exposed walls.
- The wood is extremely dry to the touch.

Do not put this examination off any longer, because optimal staining weather for cabins needs to be 55 degrees or above, and at a 7000 feet elevation, this sometimes occurs as early as March or April.

After finishing the inspection of the log cabin's exterior, there are several options to pursue. The following shows some of the options available for your home:

- If the stain and wood are in decent shape, but a new coat has not been applied for several years, the cabin may only need a couple coats of new stain.
- If the wood is dry, the stain flakes off, and the color of the logs is dark and grimy, the cabin may require a more detailed restoration.

Log cabin restoration maintains the value and appearance of the home, and provides the practical aspect of protecting the wood and providing damage prevention.

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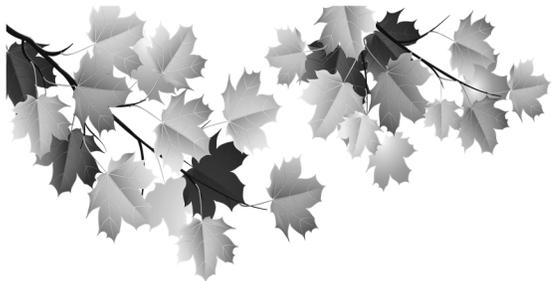
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Horses Allowed

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This is a rare delight!!!



**580 Kohners Ridge Drive
MLS# 82906 - \$899,000**

Quick Stats:
2.47 Acres
4,118 sqft
Mountain Views



Stunning 260 degree views of the mountain ranges on 2.47 acres of tall pines!!! This fabulous 4118 sqft. chalet has three custom stone fireplaces located in the Great Room, Family Room, and Master Bedroom. Open floor plan with high vaulted T&G wood ceiling, oak wood floors, wood wrapped windows and door trim with alder doors. Spectacular kitchen with custom birch cabinets, stainless steel appliances, two separate sinks, trash compactor, granite counter tops, and breakfast bar. Separate floor plan with master on the main with two guest bedrooms. Huge master suite with spacious walk in closet, walk in shower, double sinks, and awesome views from the deck. Specially crafted etched glass windows of wildlife above each bedroom door and on the window in the loft. Large finished walk out basement with Family room, Bonus room, bathroom, and third garage to store all your mountain toys. Separate utility room with washer and dryer, central vacuum, built in generator, 2 A/C units, 2 forced air units, and 2 hot water heaters. Low maintenance with metal roof, wrap around trex deck, and decorative metal railing. Horses allowed. This jewel is a **"must see"!!**



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**2720 Deer Path
MLS# 83195 - \$369,000**



**971 Kohners Ridge Drive
MLS# 83196 - \$499,000**



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Address	MLS#	Lot Size	Price	Notes
4403 Starlight Drive	82708	.83 Acre	\$22,500	SOLD
2863 Timber Ridge	82707	.83 Acre	\$26,000	SOLD
4639 Jeans Way	80311	2.00 Acres	\$59,900	SOLD
2646 Pine Valley Drive	81310	1.03 Acres	\$99,000	PENDING!
2306 Bridal Circle	83302	.99 Acre	\$39,000	NEW Listing!
2516 Kettle Way	83233	.76 Acre	\$44,900	NEW Listing!
2465 San Juan Drive	83272	.69 Acre	\$44,900	NEW Listing!
1551 Bear Track Trail	83271	1.05 Acres	\$79,000	NEW now PENDING!
4932 Bird of Prey Court	83186	5.02 Acres	\$89,000	NEW now PENDING!
6494 Mogollon Trail	83315	5.22 Acres	\$89,000	NEW now PENDING!



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4TH QUARTER FOR 2020 - HOLIDAY SEASON

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LINDA'S SOUTHERN CORNBREAD DRESSING

(Just in time for Thanksgiving & the other Holidays!)



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| 2 Pouches (or boxes) Cornbread/Muffin Mix* | 2 Tablespoons Granulated Garlic |
| 2 1-Lb. pkgs. regular bacon, diced | 2 ^{1/2} Tablespoons dried Sweet Basil (Do not use sage!) |
| 1 Bunch celery, including leaves, sliced | Morton's Nature's Seasons Seasoning Mix, to taste |
| 1 Large white onion, chopped | 4 Tablespoons Dried Parsley (or more, per preference) |
| 1 Large carton (32-oz.) Chicken Broth (low sodium) | 3 Large eggs, lightly beaten (add just before baking) |

2-3 days before making dressing, bake cornbread according to package directions. (*Milk, butter & eggs needed.) When done, remove from oven, run a knife through cornbread to break it up, then return to oven to brown cut-up cornbread. Remove & allow to cool & crisp up, uncovered, over next 2-3 days. To make dressing: Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Freeze bacon until mostly firm. (Easier to dice this way.) In large skillet, sauté bacon on medium-high heat, stirring constantly, until it becomes just crispy. Remove with slotted spoon & drain on paper towels, retaining bacon drippings. Into large bowl, crumble the cornbread & add bacon along with at least ½ cup bacon drippings + remaining ingredients in order, celery through parsley, mixing well. Then add eggs. (Don't add eggs until just ready to bake). Mixture will be very moist. Pour mixture into large, wide baking pan that has been sprayed generously with Pam. Bake at 425 for about 45 minutes (depending on depth of pan), until mixture is no longer "loose" & is browned & firm in center. Don't allow to become too dried out. If dressing is set and firm in the center but isn't really browning, turn the broiler on and WATCH CAREFULLY . . . just brown the top and remove. Allow dressing to sit uncovered for a bit. You don't want it to "sweat"!

This dressing is wonderful with turkey, roast pork or chicken. It really is a meal in itself. If you want to stuff a turkey with it, make it with less broth for a bit drier mixture. You can also buy very thick pork chops, cut a slit through horizontally, to the bone, and stuff the pork chop with this dressing, & then bake! Yummy! After Thanksgiving, the next day, try a bowl of this dressing with a little turkey gravy & cut up turkey on top with a little cranberry sauce on the side. Now that's a meal in itself! It's also great on a turkey sandwich. An old family tradition for me, my brothers, and sister, is to have turkey, dressing, a little gravy & cranberry sauce on a sandwich the day after Thanksgiving dinner! Try it. You'll be hooked! (Note: This is NOT low fat or low-calorie, but who cares, once in a great while!)

Please call or email me with any questions regarding this recipe. Hope your family enjoys it and let me know how it turns out for you! I wish you all a blessed Holiday Season with family and friends!

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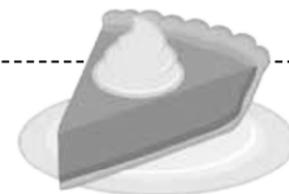
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LINDA "FAMOUS" PUMPKIN PIE

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 3/4 Cup granulated sugar | 4 Large eggs, lightly beaten |
| 1/2 Tsp. salt | 1 Can (12 oz) evaporated skim milk |
| 1 Tsp. ground cinnamon | 1/4 Cup regular brandy (not fruit-flavored) |
| 1/2 Tsp. ground ginger | 3/4 Cup Irish Crème liqueur (any brand) |
| 1/4 Tsp. each, ground cloves & nutmeg | 1 Unbaked pie pastry for 1-crust pie |
| 1 Can (15-oz) 100% pure pumpkin | (I use 10-inch deep-dish pie plate for this.) |
| 1 Tsp. pure Vanilla extract | |

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In small bowl, mix sugar, salt, cinnamon, ginger, cloves & nutmeg. In large bowl, beat eggs. (Note: Extra eggs in this recipe result in a wonderful, more-custard-like texture.) To the beaten eggs, add the pumpkin, vanilla & the sugar/spice mixture. Gradually whisk in evaporated milk, (I use fat-free . . . save calories where we can, right?), brandy and Irish Crème liqueur. Pour mixture into pie shell & bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce oven heat to 350 degrees & continue baking 40-50 minutes or until knife inserted near center of pie comes out clean. If crust starts to brown too quickly during baking, cover only crust with strips of foil (not entire pie). Remove foil last 10 minutes of baking. Cool pie on wire rack for at least 2 hours. Serve with freshly-whipped cream. Happy Thanksgiving!

(NOTE: I've learned that, instead of filling the pie shell & trying to transfer it to the oven without spilling, it works MUCH better to open the oven, slide the rack out a bit, put the pie plate with empty crust on the rack, & THEN fill the crust with the pumpkin mixture. Then gently slide the rack back into oven to bake.

Enjoy! (Refrigerate any leftovers, if you have any!) This makes 1 pie. Recipe can easily be doubled to make 2 pies. (Please note: Alcohol bakes out & just leaves fantastic flavors!) Hope this pie adds to your family's Holiday enjoyment this year! Hope your family enjoys this as much as most people do!

~ LINDA

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2020 4th Quarter Calendar

At this time there are no scheduled events open to the public at the Community Center.

October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Zoom Board Meeting 9am
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

November

SUN	MO	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 Zoom Board Meeting 9am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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