



# Smoke Signals

Arrowhead Improvements Association  
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April 2010

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER Paul McDermott

It was snowing while driving up the Alpine for the March Board meetings, but the willows along Little Blue Creek were starting to color up for spring. This winter has been somewhat unusual, with very little snow accumulation in November and December. And a cold snap in early December, presented property owners with new challenges of frozen water meters and sewer lines. Even with good snow cover in late January, February and March, the frost had already gotten deeper than usual. A special thanks goes to Donnie Squirrel of the Arrowhead Ranch Water Company, for his efforts to get water running and leaks repaired for those whose meters and water lines were affected. It is not easy locating and digging up water meter pits by hand in the winter.

Ron Benson and his crew have done a great job this winter using the new Arrowhead Snowmobile Club groomer to maintain the subdivision roads, as well as grooming the Alpine and Willow Park snowmobile trails. Congratulations are due to Ron for being named Groomer of the Year by the Colorado Snowmobile Association. Will Hobson and his crew of volunteers have again done an exceptional job of keeping the Alpine Road and the winter parking lot open and passable. And no winter activities at Arrowhead would be possible without the efforts of our Security officers who patrol the subdivision daily, checking on houses and cabins, and making sure the snowmobile access trails are kept open. Without these people, winter at Arrowhead would not be nearly as enjoyable. When you see them, please say thank you.

As we move into spring, we will be seeing many of our summer residents returning for a weekend, week, or summer. Welcome back.

Last summer, the Board and our Security officers received numerous complaints about driving within the subdivision. Please remember that our Covenants and Regulations clearly state that the speed limit within the subdivision is 20 miles per hour, and operation of motorized and wheeled vehicles is restricted to designated roads and drive-ways. Property owners are responsible for assuring that family members and guests comply with these regulations. Violations can result in fines against the property owner. And as a reminder, ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles and snowmobiles on the Alpine Plateau Road outside of Arrowhead must have current Colorado registration. At any time, there may be county, state or federal law enforcement personnel on the road, and several people have made the expensive discovery that the numbered Arrowhead vehicle identification sticker is not a valid registration.

Finally, please remember that the land use permit for the winter parking lot requires that all snowmobiles, UTVs and trailers be removed by May 31.

Have a great spring, enjoy as the grasses peek through the snow banks, the wild life becomes more active, and Arrowhead gets ready for another wonderful summer.



# Fire Department News



Kevin Stilley and Mike Goddard *Photo by Rich Ostrom*

## Fire Chief's Letter Kevin Stilley



Chili Cook Off dinner *Photo by Linda Dysart*

Soon the roads will reopen and many of you will be returning to your Arrowhead homes. This is a good time to remind those of you who heat your homes with wood the precautions you should take with your wood burning stoves and fireplaces.

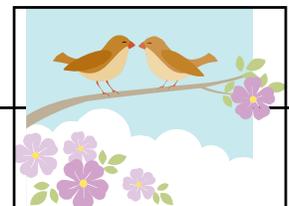
You can prevent fires in your chimney by preventing creosote build-up inside the chimney. Burning dry wood (not green), along with fast burning hot fires keeps the creosote from building in your chimney. Check your chimney monthly for creosote build-up. Clean your chimney annually with a stiff wire brush, or call a chimney sweep to do the cleaning for you. A catalytic stove burns the volatile gasses at a lower temperature which helps prevent build-up and they are 20% to 30% more efficient.

If you do experience a chimney fire we would recommend you call 911, close all dampers and throw a chimney fire extinguisher stick in the fire place to smother the fire.

On another note the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department had their annual Winter Firehouse Games and Chili Cook-Off at the beginning of March. Congratulations to the Boulter Team for taking first place in the games. The Boulter team was comprised of Assistant Fire Chief Bill Boulter, John Cook, Brent Mims and Paul Forbes. Congratulations also go out to Bob Rosenbaum for the best chili followed by Joyce Boulter and Lucia LeBon. We'd like to thank all the firefighters, the cooks and all who attended for a great day.

Lastly, my term as the fire chief is coming to an end in October. The Fire Protection District has decided to give a salary to the next chief. This is a part-time position and the salary will be based upon the applicant's qualifications. If you are interested in becoming the new fire chief please call, or email, Bob Rosenbaum at (970)862-8241 or [bobrose@fone.net](mailto:bobrose@fone.net).

Enjoy your spring!



**Think Spring! Think Spring! Think Spring!**

# Board Reports

## Open Positions on the AIA Board of Directors

There will be three openings on the AIA Board of Directors in 2011, and volunteers are encouraged to run for these positions. Board positions are open to all Arrowhead property owners. Part-time and summer residents are encouraged to apply. The election takes place in the fall, and the new board members will take office in January 2011. There are twelve workshops and eight AIA meetings per year. Terms of service are for 3 years.

If you are interested in using your talents to make Arrowhead a better community, please send a letter of "intent to run" for a Board position to Don Koeltzow. His address is 503 Crest Drive, Cimarron, CO 81220, or you can send it via email to [dkandkk@fone.net](mailto:dkandkk@fone.net). The letter of intent must be received before July 31, 2010. For further information, contact Don Koeltzow, Jan Touslee or Linda Dysart.

## Arrowhead Fire Protection District

Bob Rosenbaum

### SEARCH OPEN FOR PAID FIRE CHIEF

The Arrowhead Fire Protection District has begun the search process for a paid Fire Chief. It is a part time position that would begin in the Fall of 2010. Letters of interest should be sent to the Fire Protection District, 2069 Spruce Rd., Cimarron, CO 81220. For more information call Bob Rosenbaum, 970/862-8241 or email him at [bobrose@fone.net](mailto:bobrose@fone.net)

## FYI

### Mailing out the Smoke Signals

After the past year of people volunteering to be taken off the mailing list for the Smoke Signals newsletter we have found it is not cost effective to do this. We have had 56 property owners withdraw from the mailing list because they can view the newsletter on the website. The thinking was this would save on the general expenses of printing and mailing.

However, it turns out that the printing company gives us a rate for a certain amount of printed pages and a reduced amount would fall into a higher cost bracket. It should be said that the owner of the printing company is a property owner at Arrowhead and is very fair with us. It is also not cost effective in that the AIA office must take time to remove the labels of those that do not want Smoke Signals mailed to them and check them off a no-mail list.

In the future, we will begin mailing them out to all property owners again. If you do not wish to receive the mailed newsletter, please recycle.

# Board Reports

Security Manager Reinie Masanetz



**Snow markers:** Now that the snow is melting, it is likely that the markers will fall over. Security may pull the markers in early, to avoid them from getting damaged by snowmobiles, UTV's or the groomer.

**Opening of the Filing Roads:** Each year around this time, security starts receiving a lot of inquiries as to when the roads will open... We do not have a specific date at this time. It is up to "Mother Nature" to dictate the date. There may still be several spring snow storms ahead during the month of April. Our road department will make the determination to open the road based on upcoming weather conditions. If we have a scheduled date, it will be posted on the message board @ arrowhead1.org.

**Winter Parking Lot:** The Alpine Road probably will be dried up by the time you read this Smoke Signals entry, followed by the winter parking lot also. Property owners will most likely park their snowmobiles at the north end of the parking lot. Please leave ample room at the north exit to allow the snow groomer to pass through if needed.

Notice: This is a reminder that the winter parking lot will be closed to all vehicles, trailers, snowmobiles and UTV's by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 (Per our Gunnison County Conditional Use Permit). If you are planning to leave the mountain prior to that date and do not plan to return to Arrowhead until after May 31st, you need to make other arrangements to remove your vehicles by then. Any vehicles left after that date in the winter parking lot or on the west berm, will be impounded and you will be charged a \$100 fee to release your vehicle. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions at 862-8362 or send me an e-mail at reinie@fone.net.

## The Inn at Arrowhead Fine Dining, Lodging, and Spirits

The Inn is pleased to welcome Chef Tony Singer aboard. Chef Tony hails from Grand Junction, and has served as the Executive Chef at Dolce Vita Restaurant. He also has worked in dining rooms of corporate America, and has served as Executive Chef in a family owned restaurant in the Padre Island area of Texas. Chef Tony is developing a new menu.

**The Inn will be closed (for mud season) April 1st and open again May 6, 2010.**



The Inn at Arrowhead  
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# Community News

## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

“Max [Lucado] gave us humor and charm in *Hermie and Wormie*. Now he has given us faith and wisdom.” Tim Conway, Actor

Max Lucado's book *3:16 The Numbers of Hope*, forms the basis for our community summer Bible study this year. One of the most famous verses in the Bible (John 3:16, *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*), one would think it impossible to write a 214-page book on just this one verse, but Lucado again works his magic and gives remarkable insights into those 26 words. Bible Study begins in June. You may obtain a copy of the book from Amazon or your local Christian book store. For date and location call Doris and George Grosvenor, 862-8374, or Kathy and Don Koeltzow, 862-8243



## Update on Arrowhead Snowfall -

I have recorded 36" of snow for March, bringing our total for the winter to 171".

Linda Dysart

## Help needed picking up the winter trail poles.

If you would like to help gather the poles used to mark the winter trail up-country please give Eric Johnson a call 862-8399. Have some fun as well as being a volunteer!

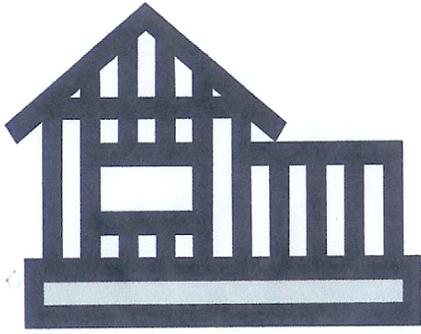
THANK YOU!



## A special Get Well Notice goes out to Jerry Ervin.

*From your friends and Neighbors at Arrowhead*

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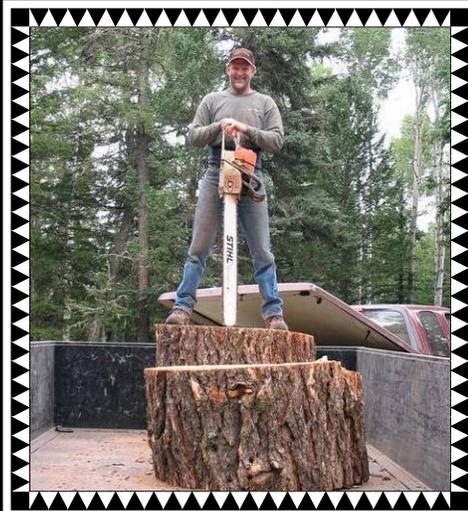
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## Featured Lot



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## Lot Owner Tip of the Month From Arrowhead Ranch Real Estate Getting Your Lot Ready For Sale

In July of 2007 the AIA board amended the regulations regarding trees and lot clean up. This section of the regulations now state: "A purchaser of a lot without a structure must remove conifer undergrowth, low conifer limbs, standing dead trees, and down dead trees within two years of purchase. (effective May 1, 2008)". Buyers are looking for lots where this work has already been done. Consider having your lot cleaned up before you sell!

Has your driveway been approved by design review and do you have the paperwork confirming the approval? If not contact Design Review to get approval and/or a copy of the approval form.

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### HAPPY RETIREMENT PARTY

**Becky Stilley** was caught off guard at a surprise retirement party at the Inn March 31st. The event and dinner was hosted by Billie Ellis and several others in the community. Becky was surprised *again* when her 4 week old baby grandson, Owen joined the festivities! Everyone enjoyed the food and evening while listening to Bill Misare sing.

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**Photography Club** known as “The Shutterbugs” is always open to new people. The group learns new techniques as they discuss their photos and take field trips to near by areas. Very *casual* with emphasis on improving their amateur photography. The group also does some fund raisers during the year. Contact person is Rich Ostrom



**Book Club** meets once a month for luncheon and discussion at the Inn. The group votes on 12 books and people take turns presenting the books on the second Friday of each month. It is a chance for you to get to know your neighbors better and enjoy a *casual* lunch with friends. Contact person is Diane Benson.

**Watercolor Class.** Discover your creativity with Pat Ostrom, instructor. It may not be as hard as you have thought to create an interesting picture. Pat holds a *casual* class twice a month, usually in her home. She is quoted saying “ The water is your friend” and “let the water do the work”. If you have ever wondered if you have this talent, this may be the perfect way to find out! Contact person is Pat Ostrom.

**Snowmobile Club.** Even though it is the end of the season, Arrowhead has a very active club and you are invited to join and enjoy local trips to the high country. Contact person Eric Johnson.

**The Volunteer Fire Dept.** Is very active at Arrowhead. People enjoy volunteering in many ways while learning important skills for aiding our community. Contact person Kevin Stilley.

**The A.I.A. Board.** Want to have a say in decisions made for the property owners? Do you have skills you can share to help improve our area? A great way to meet new people concerned about Arrowhead. Contact person Paul McDermott.

**Security.** Join the Security team and enjoy the camaraderie while you work to keep Arrowhead a great place to live! Contact person Reinie Masanetz.

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