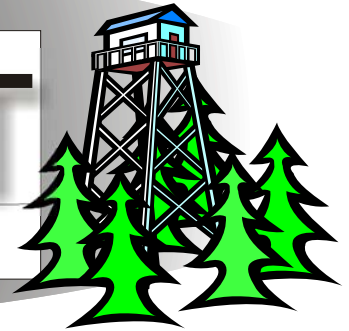


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Wildland/Urban Interface Code

The Groom Creek Fire District is pursuing the adoption of the 2006 International Wildland/Urban Interface Code. This code will allow the fire district to provide input for the future development of the Groom Creek area.

With water supply being the number one issue, the code will require new construction over 5000 square feet to install sprinkler systems and provide the water storage necessary. Any new subdivisions will need to provide defensible space and comply with the vegetation management guidelines outlined in the code.

This code will not affect any existing construction except for a remodel that requires the issuance of a building permit. Then, the portions of the structure to be modified will need to adhere to the construction materials requirements and defensible space.

The code covers:

- Ignition resistant building materials
- Ignition resistant building techniques
- Driveway access for fire apparatus
- Vegetation plans for new residences and subdivisions that provide defensible space
- Sprinkler systems on structures over 5000 sq. Ft.
- Proper address labels for emergency response
- Other restrictions on outdoor burning, outside storage, etc.

If you would like to review a copy of the code, one is available at the fire station for review. This is the same code adopted by the neighboring jurisdictions and we are attempting to provide a seamless set of requirements for all of us who live in the interface.

Amendments to the code and the adoption of the code will be discussed at the May 1st Board meeting with the hope of adopting the code by the July meeting. The amendments are posted on the website at www.groomcreek.org. Due to copyright restrictions, the code itself is not able to be posted. Please email Chief Bentley if you have any questions about the codes at gcfd@cablone.net

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The Groom Creek Fire District Board meets in regular session on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Station 41 on Friendly Pines Rd. and Spur Lane. Public attendance is encouraged and welcome.

Volunteers are always needed. For more information visit www.groomcreek.org

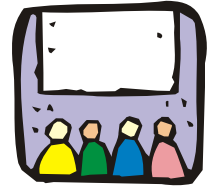
Park Committee Update

The Committee has had several meetings lately and is moving forward with improvements to the park. The County has approved the plan (which is posted at the park sign board) and trees are scheduled to be removed in the next few weeks to clear the way for the building of a ramada. The ramada plan was also approved and a picture of it is available in the sign board.

The hard work and generosity of the community has provided enough funds thus far to build the ramada and install a fence. We will be holding many more events so that the playground structure, picnic tables, benches and grills can be added in the near future. We will have a park work day to erect the ramada and pour the concrete after the building permit is issued. If you are interested in helping with this, please call Chris Starr at 776-7451.

The activities scheduled are the 2nd Annual Tostada Dinner and Dance (see page 4 for more information) and Firehouse Flicks. These are G-rated movies for the whole family and will begin the first Saturday night in

June and run until Labor Day weekend. The movie titles will be posted in the sign board at the park and all movies begin at 6:30 pm. Admission to the movies is free and the park committee will be selling popcorn, sodas and snacks to enjoy while you watch the show. Please bring your own lawn chairs (unless you like to sit on metal folding chairs).



The 3rd Groom Creek Community Classic 10k run is scheduled for September 17th and will benefit the Foundation for Burns and Trauma. This organization coordinates the Burn Camp at Pine Summit Camp each year. Proceeds from this event will also go to the Groom Creek Firefighter's Association to help our personnel in times of need.

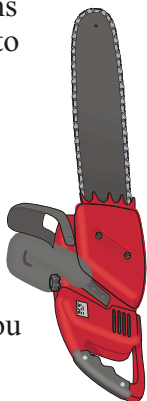
Other events are being discussed and will be posted in the park and throughout the community when dates are determined.

Fuels Projects

The dumpsters are here until June 27th for the disposal of pine needles and leaf litter. The Fire District encourages everyone to participate and utilize this valuable free resource as a means of becoming more Firewise.

The dumpsters are emptied every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you are doing cleanup work on your property, we need you to fill out a "Sweat Equity Form" available on the sign post by the dumpster and on our website at www.groomcreek.org. These forms provide us with the matching funds needed to continue this service without a cost to the residents.

If you have any questions about this program or any of our other fuels management programs stop by the fire station and speak with Colin Port or call 928-778-6519. We'll be happy to provide you with a free estimate and assessment of your Groom Creek property.



MATForce

The Groom Creekers will be holding their June meeting on June 4th at 10:00 am at the fire station. The special guest speaker will be Gail Stewart who is a member of the Methamphetamine Advisory Task Force (MATForce).

MATForce educates the community about the hazards associated with Crystal Meth and the problems it can cause. All members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.

You are encouraged to arrive at 9:45 am in order to allow the speaker time for the presentation and a question and answer period.

There is no May meeting of the Groom Creekers scheduled and the July 4th picnic will be hosted at the park again this year. The Groom Creekers will be holding elections after the presentation for the upcoming year's officers. If you have any questions, Please call Claudia Starr at 776-7451.

Season Outlook - From Firewise Day

This season is predicted to be a very dangerous year all across Arizona and southern California. The drought is predicted to persist and intensify with even high than normal fire activity. The trees and brush are lacking the much needed moisture that we did not see over the winter months. This will lead to increased fire behavior and increased fire intensity making control of fires more difficult.

This is a good time to utilize common sense when doing any outdoor burning, grilling or even warming fires. Please obtain a burn permit from the fire district for any open fires and follow the restrictions when they may become effective. They will be posted on our website. Usually only gas grills and gas fire pits will be acceptable during the restrictions.

It only takes a spark when the weather is hot and dry to become a uncontrollable fire. Please feel free to call the fire department or 911 if you see anything the you think we should investigate..

Groom Creek History - Camp Maripai

From 1929 through 1939, the Girls Friendly "Holiday House" in Hassayampa Mt. Club was used. The camp sessions, called Casa Fiesta, featured riding, swimming, and life saving, as well as a Pioneer Unit from 1935 on. The first camp folder and backpack trip to Big Pine Mine for the Pioneer Unit took place in 1936.

In 1940, there was a need for a permanent camp and a part time director Maxie Dunning was elected as camp chairman and camp was held at the Dunning Big Pine Mine site. This was available to seventy-four girls and eleven adults for three one-week sessions. Gold panning, the visit of a Mountain Lion, and the climb of Mt. Tritle were special events.

Kendall Mine, another deserted gold mine on Mt. Tritle, was the scene of the 1941 camp. In 1942, Maxie announced to the Board that the City of Prescott was willing to lease the CCC site in Groom Creek for two years at \$1.00 per year. Later eighty adjoining acres were obtained. This land was to be called Camp Maripai, created from the names of Maricopa and Yavapai Counties. The camp was filled to capacity, but tents and food were hard to come by. People were generous, particularly with garden products. The camp received many donations, especially carrots. The girls ate carrots morning, noon and night, they even found a recipe for carrot cookies and candy. It was a primitive camp, but for the city girl it was a wonderful outdoor experience.

Electricity did not come to Maripai until 1949.

Nan Kozdruy, who now lives in Prescott, was a camper in 1945 at Maripai. She remembers: "There were only two latrines in use, but new "two-seaters" were going in soon. The creek was our southern boundary as well as our water supply. Water was collected in huge cans and chlorine added. Ugh! Dishwashing was done in buckets, each girl doing her own. Showers were added a year later." Nan later went back as a staff member and went on to work for the Arizona Cactus-Pine Girl Scout Council in Phoenix. This council was formed in 1936. Yavapai County became a member in 1963.

The Goldwater family from Phoenix did a lot to make the camp possible with money from Goldwater's Fashion Shows. In 1951, the Prescott Girl Scout Association acquired 17 1/2 acres in Groom Creek through the City of Prescott, with the Prescott Kiwanis Club sponsoring the project. The first Prescott Girl Scout Camp was formed in 1958 under the leadership of Mary Fran (Mrs. Jack) Ogg. At the current time Bradshaw Pines is leased from the city by the Kiwanis Club and it is open to all youth in the community. A Girl Scout history was compiled by Mary Fran and Elsie Blanton in 1962. It is included in a time capsule, buried in Prescott, that will be opened in 2012.

Excerpt from Sharlot Hall Museum Website:
sharlot.org/archives/history/dayspast/text/2000_03_12.shtml



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CPR Classes

Thanks to all members of the community who have attended our CPR and First Aid classes. We will continue to offer these classes to all residents of the Fire District and their families at no cost. The curriculum includes CPR for adults, children and infants, environmental emergencies, basic first aid skills and use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Our next class is scheduled for Saturday, June 16th from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. and will include lunch. If you

are interested, please call the fire station at 778-6519 and speak with Todd Bentley. Leave a message if we are not available and we'll get back with you to confirm your attendance.

Class space is limited to 8 people, so reserve your place as soon as possible.



Tostada Dinner & Dance

May 19th from 4pm-6pm we will be having our 2nd annual Tostada dinner to raise money for the Groom Creek Park.

This year, the dinner will be followed by a Firehouse Dance with live music from the Prescott Playboys. The dance will take place from 6pm-9pm and will feature music for the whole family.

The cost for the entire evening is:

Adults - \$10.00

Children (ages 5-11) - \$5.00

There will be a ice cream sundae bar for dessert included in the price. The event will take place at the fire station - 1110 E Friendly Pines Rd. ----- See You There!