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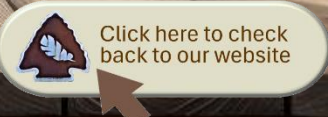
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THE SUMMER IS FOR HORSES

The AIA Horse Corrals are located behind the heavy equipment building, in the winter parking lot. The corrals are available for use by owners and their guests on a first come, first serve basis.

Before a horse can be left at the corrals, it is necessary for the owner to complete the **Boarding Facility Use Agreement** which is available on the website under **Forms** or **click here** to upload the form directly. This Agreement must be given to Patrol before a horse can be left at the corral.

Patrol can be reached at 970-209-6335 or at arrowheadpatrol@gmail.com

No reservations are taken but owners can check with Patrol for availability.

Each horse owner is responsible for the care of their horse and for cleaning of the corral. Water is available but feed must be provided by the owner and stored in a secure place, like inside a trailer. A horse trailer parked at the corral will need a vehicle sticker from Patrol. No trucks may be parked overnight at the corral area or in the winter parking lot. Please observe all of the posted rules.

It's a good idea to let Patrol know when you will be arriving with your horse.

Any questions, please contact Patrol. Happy trails!



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Spring/Summer Wildlife Advice



Living in Arrowhead can be compared to living in a wildlife refuge. Since no hunting is allowed, many animals roam freely in our woodlands. Mule deer, elk, marmots, chipmunks, squirrels, snowshoe rabbits, pine martens, fox, bobcats, grouse, porcupines, coyotes, western birds, mountain lions and black bears are most commonly seen.

FEEDING WILD ANIMALS AND BIRDS

Black bears are omnivores, eating plants, bugs and animals. In fact, bears will eat almost anything including fruit, birdseed, suet, hummingbird food, pet food and garbage. In late summer, bears may feed up to 20 hours per day in preparation for hibernation, which generally occurs in early November.

Summer bird feeding and birdbaths do not benefit birds because seeds, berries and water are abundant. Instead, these resources attract bears, and once bears find an easy food source, they will return daily. Therefore, DO NOT feed birds during the summer.

Winter bird feeding is safe since bears hibernate until green foliage breaks through the snow.

NOTICE! *It is illegal to feed bears and is punishable by a fine by the Division of Wildlife. If wildlife officials have to tag and remove a nuisance bear, the bear's next offense will result in it being killed*

HOW TO BEAR-PROOF YOUR HOME AND CAMPSITE



1. Do not keep garbage, pet food, birdseed, suet, fruit, grill racks and so forth outside, even briefly. Food items in tents (even toothpaste) can attract bears.
2. Keep all windows and doors closed while away. This includes homes, campers, garages, sheds and doggie doors.
3. Do not throw any type of garbage and food scraps outdoors.
4. If you put hummingbird feeders outside in the summer, bring them inside at dusk and anytime that you leave your home or campsite. However, be aware that these feeders are almost guaranteed to bring bears to your porch or camp site even during the daytime.
5. Do not feed birds or other wildlife food scraps. Household food attracts bears and can be deadly to other wildlife due to their sensitive digestive systems.

HIKING AND BIKING IN WILD ANIMAL COUNTRY

1. Walking at dawn or dusk increases the chances of meeting bears and other predators.
2. Make noise to reduce the likelihood of surprising bears and mountain lions. Talk, sing, whistle or wear a bell.
3. Do not carry food.
4. Leave dogs at home or keep them on a leash. Carry a walking stick.
5. Keep children close to an adult.
6. Bears, coyotes and mountain lions are not the only danger.
7. Female deer are especially protective of their babies and it is not uncommon for female deer to attack dogs that are not on a leash.



IF YOU MEET A BEAR



1. **Stay calm.** If the bear has not seen you, slowly retreat while speaking softly to make the bear aware of your presence and to reassure it that no harm is intended.
2. **Avoid direct eye contact.** Bears perceive this as a threat. Give the bear room to escape and slowly back away. If you are on a trail, step off on the downhill side.
3. **Do not run.** Bears can run in bursts up to 35 mph.
4. **It is dangerous to get between a female bear and her cub(s).** If you see one cub, there may be more. If you see cubs and no mother, do not approach the cubs; mama bear is probably close by and will rush to protect her babies!

IF YOU MEET A MOUNTAIN LION

1. **Do not run. Do not turn your back.** Stop, talk firmly and calmly. Back slowly away.
2. **Try to appear larger than you are.** Slowly raise and wave your arms to convince the mountain lion that you are not prey.
3. **Fight back if the lion becomes aggressive.** Throw stones, sticks, stand tall.



*Attacks by black bears and mountain lions are uncommon. However, with the increase of food sources their presence and the possibility of confrontations are increased. To keep the Arrowhead community safe, it is important that **everyone** practice appropriate preventative measures. For more information or to report a problem, contact Arrowhead Patrol or the Division of Wildlife in Gunnison at (970)641-7060*



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President's Message



In the Good Ole Summertime...

Spring is here! Wait! Not today. Oh, yes it is! Or, maybe not. Warm - then snow. Warm - then snow! Seems like a tease. I have seen it snow on the mountain, at one time or another, in every month of the year. Could this be a year when you might wake up to snow whenever? Still, it is the end of May, and it is springtime in the Rockies! School is out for summer and minds turn to some getting away with rest and relaxation.



Since you are reading this your R&R most likely includes travel to Arrowhead — visiting someone(s) here or just making this your destination. Great! Colorado is proud to announce that every road in the state has some construction happening. Joking aside, the Little Blue canyon project has started up for another year. This year it appears there will be piloted traffic (one lane at a time) until the end of June (weather permitting, of course!). BUT, if you are coming from the east of Arrowhead, you may want to consider an alternative route to US 50 since the middle bridge across the Blue Mesa Reservoir is closed. There is a detour route that works, but it will add time to your trip as you wait for your turn and travel 15 miles of gravel road. City folks traveling this way can finally brag about taking their AWD vehicle 'off road'! ([See page 15 all US 50 Middle Bridge Information and Resources](#))

Summer activities at Arrowhead are gearing up. The Annual Independence Day — 6th of July — picnic is generating a lot of work for fun and to raise funds for the fire department. I suppose one could call that 'fireworks'!

In conjunction with the busy time of late June and early July, your Association is working on making available a disposal bin for larger items that should not be disposed of in the normal trash compactor. For a short time and a small fee we will help you get rid of such items to clean up your lot or basement (you know, like the BBQ that the bear thrashed). Watch for details to be forthcoming.

Snow will probably stall till fall soon! Construction grinds on. What is guaranteed to be good is summer at Arrowhead in the Rockies! See it! Live it! Enjoy it! Be part of it! Make it better! It's beautiful! It's quiet. It's country, but community! It's yours, envied by many.

Spring has sprung! The grass is ris'.

Think I know where Arrowhead owners is!

Lowell Kindschy
President

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Board of Directors 2024 Schedule of Meetings

Regular Board Meetings, with the exception of November, are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month and will begin at 1:00pm. If an Executive Session is required, it will be held at 9:00AM on the same dates with a break for lunch between the morning Executive Session and afternoon Open Session.

Due to winter snow, the January & March meetings will be held at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge. The other meetings listed will be at the Arrowhead Firehouse.

<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
July 20	Arrowhead Firehouse
*August 17 - Annual Owners Mtg.	Arrowhead Firehouse
September 21	Arrowhead Firehouse
November 09	Arrowhead Firehouse

***2024 Annual Owners Meeting will follow the Saturday, August 17th Board Meeting.**

Please watch for posted agendas to confirm dates, times and locations:
<https://www.arrowhead1.org/agendas-minutes-meeting-info>

All meeting dates, times and locations may be subject to change.

DETERMINATION & APPOINTMENT OF 2024 BOARD LIAISONS & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Board members were assigned as liaisons for the listed programs, committees and responsibilities:

- a. **Communications** – Keith Dalton
- b. **Design Review Committee** – Rachel Grasmick
- c. **Election Committee** – Keith Dalton
- d. **Fish & Lakes** – Dennis Roberts
- e. **Forest Management** – Dennis Roberts & Rosanna Harris
- f. **Governance** – Keith Dalton
- g. **Horse Corrals** – Dennis Roberts
- h. **Insurance** – Rosanna Harris & Bill Brassfield
- i. **Maintenance/Improvements** – Brad Fowler
- j. **Patrol** – Brad Fowler
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- l. **Weed Control** – Dennis Roberts

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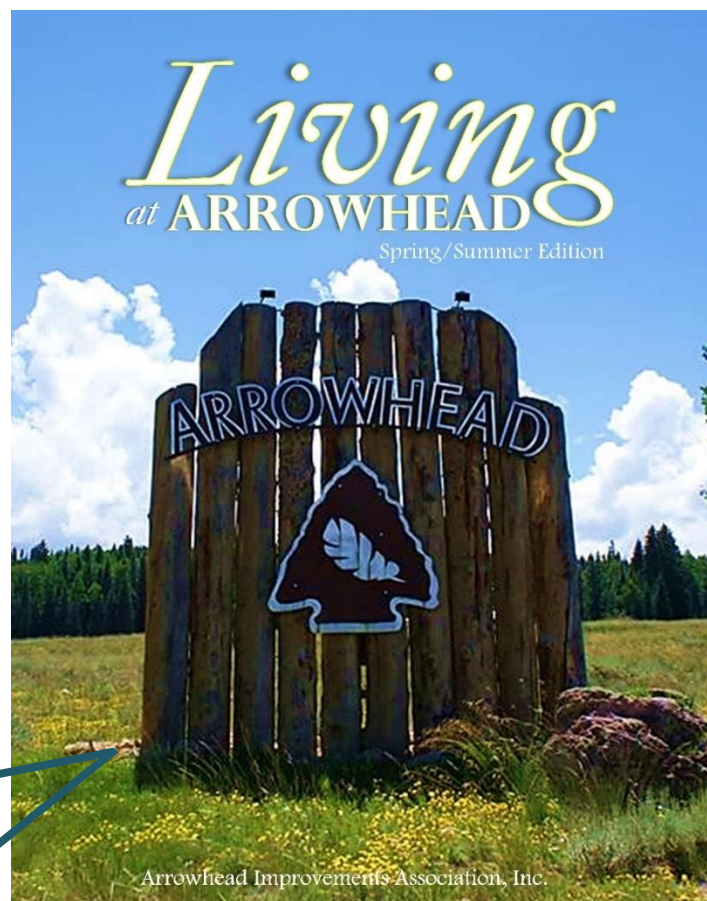
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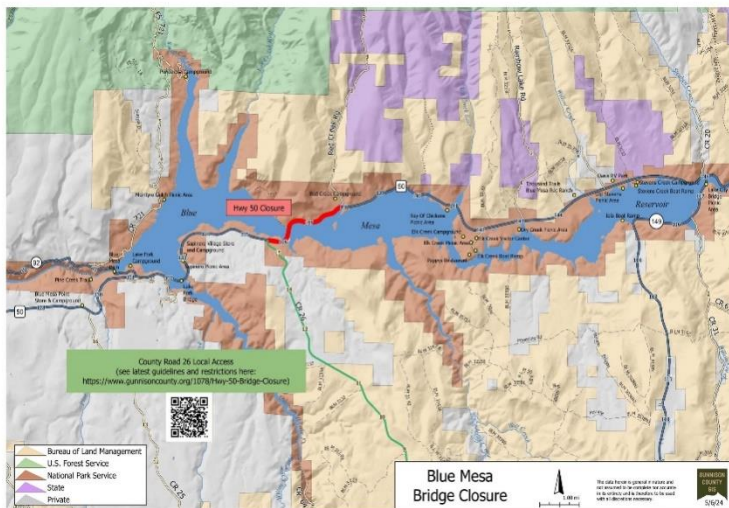


Arrowhead Improvements Association, Inc.

Message from Patrol

Spring/Summer is again slow to arrive to Arrowhead mountain with another 3 plus inches of snow in the end of the third week of May. It is slowing owners coming up for Memorial weekend and road conditions are a little muddy with our weather changes. (Filing roads opened officially April 22, 2024).

Just an FYI...Yes, Arrowhead is open!! Due to the Blue Mesa Bridge closure, Gunnison County has placed a traffic sign at Hwy 50 and the Alpine Plateau Rd., in an effort to prevent drive-thru traffic from driving the Alpine Loop to Lake City. At this time of printing, the Forestry Service has the three gates locked past Arrowhead, and we're not sure when and/or if they will be opened. They are concerned of big rigs trying to cross and not use County Rd. 26 with scheduled times to cross. At this time, Gunnison County has no plans to use Alpine Plateau road as a bypass for two-way traffic between Hwy 50 & 149 (These big rigs will not be able to cross the Alpine on the south end of mountain, for the road is too narrow and has one lane widths in many areas and steep slopes).



This is a very busy time for Patrol. Please contact Patrol (970-209-6335) for: Mandatory Annual fire pit inspections; Issuing "A&B" owner Stickers; Visitor Passes and Fishing Permits. Patrol members are here to help owners and answering your questions. Please keep in mind, we only have 4 patrol officers and there is only (1) on at a time. Please arrange times with them to meet you and please be patient. (Please make arrangements before 6 P.M. or for the following day. Patrol will still do 911 calls after hours). We will be patrolling the filing roads and please remember **the Speed Limit is 20 MPH.**

With spring wildlife is coming out, including bears. You should bring in any bird or dog food at night. Also, its fawning season and a doe will do her best to kill any animal that threatens her fawn and especially including the family dog. (If a doe approaches you being solo or with a dog while walking, turn around and leave watching the doe is not following you.) Please be careful and be alert and keep your pet leashed. [See page six for additional information on the wildlife at Arrowhead.](#)



It is the beginning of tick season, so take proper precautions for you and your pets. The last thing you want to come down with is tick fever and /or Lyme disease after getting through the after effects of COVID illnesses.

In regards to fire pits and defensible space, please contact Patrol if you have any questions (970-209-6335). Gunnison County has become quite stringent in the last years and they override any rules AIA implements. The defensive space around fire pits is 30' with no combustibile materials lying nearby and the grasses kept mowed around your building and the fire pit, please contact Patrol first and we will inspect the area before construction and the discuss the requirements.



****An Independence Day reminder for Arrowhead owners and their guests****



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Summer is here for the Arrowhead subdivision and I can't wait for the summer to begin. At the time of writing this article, the MCH packs and Ace Caps have been received. Orders will be available as scheduled (every Sunday from 10-2 through June 16) at the maintenance building. If you failed to make an order, there will be a limited supply available for purchase. The beetles have yet to fly, so please wait for the blast email before putting up the MCH packs. Ace Caps can be installed in trees as soon as possible.

This summer will be my last working at Arrowhead, as my Masters courses will be starting. I have enjoyed the work I do and all the friends I have met. The forest needs a great person to take over this position and to protect our beautiful forest. If anyone is interested or has questions please give me a call. The job description and employment application is available on the AIA website. I would love to train someone from the community on how to best maintain the Arrowhead forest.

I hope to see many of you during the summer season; and, as always get in contact with me with any questions or concerns about the forest around you.

MCH Packs and ACE Cap Pickup Dates

Meet at the Maintenance Building

Sundays:

June 2nd, 10-2

June 9th, 10-2

June 16th, 10-2



Now that the **Forest Refuse Site is OPEN**, **REMINDER---NO STUMPS or CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS OR METAL**. Last year someone dropped off sheet rock and some of it had nails and screws. Not good on your tires. If you see someone dropping off items like this, please either talk with them or call patrol.



NO STUMPS!

NO CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS OR METAL!!



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For more information, visit the Forest Management webpage at:
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FOREST REFUSE SITE

OPEN

IMPORTANT: RULES FOR USE OF THE FOREST REFUSE SITE:

Location: Left side of the Alpine Plateau Rd, 1/4 mile south of Upper Spruce Rd between the cattle guards.

For the Arrowhead Association to continue receiving a Burn Permit from the State of Colorado, it is required that everyone follow the guidelines as posted at the entrance gate into the Forest Refuse site!!

Please be mindful and respectful of these simple rules:

1. Forest Debris Only
2. **NO STUMPS** of any size!!
3. Place logs usable for firewood in separate signed area.
4. NO Construction Waste!
5. NO Household Trash!
6. NO Metal!
7. NO Paper Products!

Contact Arrowhead Patrol or Brad Fowler for the combination to the gate.

May 2024



Maintenance & Improvements

Well, we opened all the filing roads within the subdivision without too many problems. Most of the cabin sites have had their drives opened, as well.

Just like the past few years, it has snowed right after we officially opened the roads. Oh well, we survived. Our roads in the filings are still muddy in places but drying out, now if it stops snowing the roads would dry quicker. THANK YOU to Will and Denny for another great job!!

The Alpine Plateau Rd. is in fair shape, with the exception of a few potholes and ruts. The County is going to try and get up here in the early summer and grade the road clear to the cattle guard. They are fighting the same problems the rest of us are with the bridge and the road construction.

Our equipment is in good condition, we will be performing general maintenance during the summer. We need to do some repairs on our tire chains and a little work on the groomer. All and all the equipment held up well.

Denny just called and told me he is doing some minor repairs on our water truck. He hopes to have that done before we start watering the roads down.

We will be grading the filing roads and putting down some gravel where needed. Please watch out for the grader and water truck when driving thru the filing. Make sure they see you before trying to go around them.



**Move Over
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The Move Over Law
When approaching emergency vehicles, tow trucks, and TxDOT vehicles stopped with flashing lights, change lanes or slow to 20 mph below posted speed limit.



We still have a few owners that are still dumping the wrong items in the dumpster. PLEASE only house hold trash. NO appliances, cardboard, pallets, products made of steel, broken shovels etc. Please watch what you put in the dumpster; remember **YOU ARE ON CAMERA!**

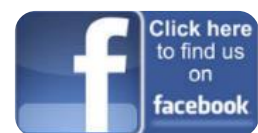


Last, but not least, have a great time with friends and family this Summer and please be safe!



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For more information, visit the Maintenance & Improvements webpage at:
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As many of you know, Arrowhead has been a leader in Gunnison County for its program for noxious weed eradication. As in the past, we all need to continue to preserve the grasses and wildlife in our community.

Please remember that it **is each property owner's responsibility to control noxious weeds on their own lot... it is Colorado law.** To help you learn about identifying noxious weeds on your property, [CLICK HERE!](#)

Herbicides can be purchased at Home Depot or the COOP. Depending on the weather, we will be spraying towards the end of July and a possible second spraying in September.

The AIA hires a commercial licensed company to spray the large areas of common ground. If you notice them spraying and have pets, you might want to keep them inside for a short time to allow the spray to dry.

If you have any questions, just email me and I will contact you. Thanks in advance for helping keep our community free of noxious weeds.

Dennis Roberts- BOD Liaison
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Fishing at Arrowhead!



Our **first stocking is being scheduled for the last week of June** and will take place in the Lower Flint Lake only. The **second stocking is tentatively scheduled for the second week of July** and will be for the Upper Flint Lake. **Remember, we close the Lakes to all fishing for three (3) days after stocking to give the fish time to acclimate.**



Here's a few important reminders when fishing at Flint Lakes...

1. **Only dogs of Owners will be allowed to be brought down to the Lakes and they must remain on leash at ALL TIMES!**
2. Also, remember that you need a fishing pass from Patrol to be able to fish Flint Lakes.
3. This year, you will be allowed to keep fish that are caught in both lakes. A reminder that the **daily limit for fish is three (3) per person.**

Please remember to remove any trash you find near or around the lake and park only in the designated parking area, with no motor vehicles allowed past that point. We have provided a disposal canister for any used fishing lines or hooks you might find or collect, so please let's keep the area clear of all such debris. If you do catch a sucker fish, please do not return it to the lake. Take it with you and dispose of it properly.

As in the past, fishing is allowed on Evergreen Lake, but please remember that **all pets must be always on a leash.** Also, since this is private property, please respect that and confine your walking and hiking to just the area within 20 feet around the lake. Thank you very much!

If you have any question, please contact Dennis Roberts by emailing him at: droberts.aia@gmail.com

US Hwy 50 Middle Bridge Information & Resources



Bridge cameras can be found here:

<https://www.cotrip.org/list/cameras?searchTerm=Blue>

CDOT Information Resources:

- Hotline: (970) 648-4423
- Website: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/us50bluemesa>
- Email: <mailto:us50bridge@gmail.com>

Gunnison County Hwy 50 Closure website:

www.gunnisoncounty.org/1078/Hwy-50-Bridge-Closure

Little Blue Creek Canyon between MP 123 and MP 127

PROJECT UPDATE:

US 50 Little Blue Creek Canyon will begin its final construction season on Monday, May 13, 2024. Project crews will finalize the last sections of roadway and guardrail work over the next two to three months to complete the project.

<https://www.us50info.com>



We will continue to post additional information and updates from CDOT and Gunnison Co. to our [Official AIA Facebook page](#).



Design Review Message

Spring is in the air!! The filing roads are open and the remaining snow is melting fast. If you are hoping to start a project this summer, you can do the planning early and have your documents ready for the June 10th meeting. To be added to the June 10th agenda, all documents and plans must be sent to me by Friday, June 7, 2024 at 5pm, this will allow time for the application/permit forms to be created. Anything delivered after this will be added to the July 8th agenda. It is important that you are familiar with our [Arrowhead Regulations](#) so you know the requirements for each type of improvement/project. This will make the process of getting approval so much easier. **After the snow melts**, a site visit(per AIA Regulations) can be conducted and your application finalized.

ALL documents ([plot plan](#), [construction agreement](#), and your detailed plans) are sent to: jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com. **Only the \$100 permit fee goes to the AIA Office.** *Sending documents to the AIA Office creates a middle man and will delay your plans getting approved.*

Please remember the planned construction in the canyon is still projected to continue into, at least part of, 2024, and now we have the hurdle of the Blue Mesa bridge. This can lead to difficulties with deliveries and frustration with wait times and/or detours.. Be sure you talk with your contractors about how this will impact your project. If you plan to have something large delivered it is best to let the workers in the canyon know. **If you are bringing up a shed, please call Patrol (970.209.6335), if the Alpine needs to be closed or monitored.** Your friends and neighbors will appreciate your help with this.

Gunnison County has adopted new [Wildfire Codes\(WUI\)](#). If you are planning to build in the future, it is recommended that you contact the county and let them educate you with the new codes. Each property is different and is treated as so. There is NO easy answer to what building on your property will require. Just remember our building season is much shorter than normal areas and most of our contractors have already started working their schedule for 2024. Click [here](#) for a link to a document to help you get started with your plans.

With that being said, a few reminders and links for your planning needs:

- When you are planning a property improvement, you need to have the [Construction Agreement](#) and [Plot Plan](#) sent to me (jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com) and the **\$100 permit fee needs to be mailed to the highlighted address on the Construction Agreement.** This address is:

**Arrowhead Improvements Association, Inc.
PO Box 68
Cimarron CO 81220**

*Please make sure to include (memo section) the: **DRC Permit: Arrowhead Street Address: Lot#- Blk#- Filing#***



- Send **all building plans with the Plot Plan and Construction Agreement** to jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com
- You need to locate your center pin(rebar and tag) and flag several points on the property boundary. **Property owners are responsible for the accuracy of the center pin.** A professional site survey is the best way to be positive of an accurate center pin, if it is in question or can't be found.

2024 DRC Meeting Dates

- ❖ June 10th
- ❖ July 8th
- ❖ August 12th
- ❖ September 9th
- ❖ October 14th

All meetings start at 9am and are at the firehouse, unless the filing roads are not open, and then we will meet at Arrowhead Mountain Lodge.

The deadline to turn in applications must be sent to Joanie Thompson by 5:00pm the Friday BEFORE the upcoming Monday meeting.

- Flag several points of the adjacent properties as well.
- Flag any site of improvements -- driveway, shed perimeter, trees you think need removed, etc.
- Once this is done, contact Joanie Thompson (jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com) and I or a committee member will come and do a site visit. It is requested that the property owner or contractor be present during the site visit.
- Please refer to this [document](#) for many of the different project types done in Arrowhead.
- Here is the link to the [DRC website](#) where you can find the [regulations](#) and more information.

Please remember that **all** property improvements need to go through the DRC. Most require a permit. Some just get the go ahead "OK" because they are considered maintenance. It is better to ask than be in violation of the [Arrowhead Regulations](#). We have a lot of new contractors up here and they do not know our Regulations. It is the **homeowner** who is responsible for educating themselves and their contractors about the rules.

**** Utilities**** - Many owners have been asking about putting in utilities. Please note that this **MUST** be approved by the Design Review Committee. You are not required to pay for a permit, but we must approve the location of your plans and issue a permit. Failure to notify the Design Review Committee could result in up to \$500 in fines.



****Shed Regulations**** -

- All Sheds MUST be approved by the Arrowhead Design Review Committee**
- If you have an approved Gunnison Co septic system**, you do not need a Gunnison Co building permit as long as your shed is **no larger than 200sf**. If the shed is larger than 200sf you are required to apply for a building permit through Gunnison Co.
- If you do not have an approved Gunnison Co septic system**, you are required to get a building permit from Gunnison Co **no matter what the size.**

Please continue to follow the requirements set forth for improvements in the [2020 AIA Regulations](#). This helps the committee move forward for you more quickly.

We look forward to helping the owners' of this great community.



Joanie Thompson
AIA Design Review Mgr.
jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com



Arrowhead's Online
Classified & Market Place



**BOOK
CLUB**

2024
Reading List



Date	Title	Author	Category	Presenter
June 1	The Ladies Mine	Francine Rivers	Historical Fiction	Sue Kindschy
July 13	The Labors of Hercules Beal	Gary D. Schmidt	Fiction	Sally Burcher
August 3	Beheld	Tarashea Nesbit	Historical Fiction	Sylvia Perea
September 7	The Sun Does Shine	Anthony Ray Hinton	Memoir	Carol Wike
October 5	Dial A for Aunties	Jesse Q. Sutanto	Comedy	Kathy Koeltzow
November 2	Winter Garden	Kristin Hannah	Mystery	Nicole Huff

Questions: Contact Sue Kindschy at smkindschy@gmail.com

We meet the first Saturday of the month unless noted. Join us at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge at 11:30 a.m. All welcome!

- *July postponed a week due to the 4th of July holiday
 - November will be held at Camp Robber, Montrose - 11:30am
- January through May read, read, read and share what you would like us to read next year!!



2024 AIA Board Member Election

At the May 18th, 2024 AIA Board meeting, the Election Committee BOD Liaison, Keith Dalton announced that it's time to seek candidates for the 2024 AIA Board of Directors' election. There are two (2) positions, each 3-year terms to be filled. The terms begin in January 2025.

If you are interested in serving your Arrowhead community as a Board Member, please send a Letter of Intent to the **AIA Elections Committee**, at: aia.electionscommittee@gmail.com

Your letter must be received no later than **Friday, August 16th, 2024 by 5:00PM MDT**. This is the day before the **Annual Owners Meeting on Saturday the 17th**. It is customary for the candidates to introduce themselves to the assembled owners at that meeting.

Ballots for the 2024 election **will be mailed Thursday, October 11th** and must be returned, **postmarked by Tuesday November 26th, 2024**.

Property owners' **dues and/or assessments must be current by Saturday September 28th, 2024** in order to receive a ballot. If you have moved or changed addresses, please make sure the AIA office has a current address on file.

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, the owners must designate, in writing, the individual who will exercise their vote. **The designated voter's name must be on file in the AIA office by Saturday September 28th, 2024**. Please include the lot, block and filing of the property as well as the designated voter's current address. If this designation is already on file, and no changes have been made, it is not necessary to send in one for this year.

If you have any questions, please email the AIA Election Committee at: aia.electionscommittee@gmail.com

The 2024 AIA Election Committee consists of Arrowhead owners Diana Soong, Bridget Isle and Millie Fowler. Any other owners interested in serving our Arrowhead community as an Election Committee member please contact Election Committee Board Liaison, Keith Dalton: kdalton.aia@gmail.com

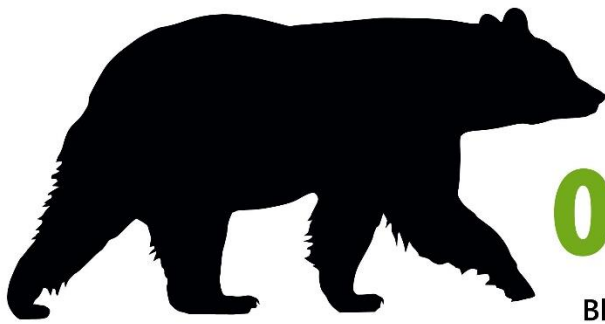


ARROWHEAD



Looking for a way to connect with our community and contribute in any way you can? For over 40 years, volunteers have been the lifeblood to the Arrowhead spirit, whether it's helping at public events, committees, forest maintenance or the Volunteer Fire Department. We could sure use your help! No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!





BearWise Outdoor Safety Tips

Black bears are seldom aggressive and rarely injure people. Follow these BearWise tips to avoid encounters.

Camping



- Keep a clean camp.
- Don't burn food scraps or trash in your fire ring or grill.
- **Do not store food, trash, clothes worn when cooking, or toiletries in your tent.** Store in approved bear-resistant containers OR out of sight in a locked vehicle OR suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 10 feet from any part of the tree. *Local storage regulations vary.*
- Cook downwind and as far from your tent as possible.
- Set up backcountry camps away from dense cover and natural food sources.



Precautions for Cycling, Jogging

If you travel quickly or quietly, you can easily surprise bears. **Stay alert;** music and phones are distracting. Be aware of your surroundings; make noise periodically.

Hiking, Walking



- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Try not to hike alone.
- Keep kids within sight and close by.
- Make noise periodically so bears in the area can avoid you.
- **Keep dogs leashed at all times, or leave them at home.** Don't force a bear to defend itself.
- Double bag your food and pack out all food and trash. *Leaving scraps, wrappers or "harmless" items like apple cores teaches bears to associate trails and campsites with food.*

Fishing, Hunting



- You are more likely to encounter bears when moving quietly and traveling early and late day when bears are most active.
- Follow tips for hiking and camping safely.
- Know that carcasses, gut piles, and bait may attract bears.
- If a bear beats you to your catch or kill, don't try to reclaim it; leave the area when it is safe to do so.



Carry Bear Spray & Know How To Use It

Keep bear spray accessible; it's proven to be the easiest and most effective way to deter a bear that threatens you. It doesn't work like bug repellent, so **never** spray your tent, campsite or belongings.

If You Encounter a Black Bear

- **If you see a bear before it notices you,** don't approach. Stand still, enjoy the moment, then quietly move away.
- **If a bear sees you,** back away slowly. Never run; running may trigger a chase response.
- **If a bear approaches,** hold your ground, wave your arms and yell "Hey Bear" until it leaves. Always stay with your group. **If the bear keeps approaching,** use bear spray.
- **If a black bear makes contact with you,** do NOT play dead; fight back aggressively.



Black bear is a species; colors include black, brown and cinnamon.

To Report bear sightings, contact Arrowhead Patrol (970) 209-6335 or the Division of Wildlife in Gunnison at (970) 641-7060

To learn more about bear proofing your home, visit the Colorado Parks & Wildlife website at:

<https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlifeBears2.aspx>



Learn More:
BearWise.org

Helping People Live Responsibly with Black Bears

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****An Independence Day reminder for Arrowhead owners and their guests****



ALL FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE ARROWHEAD SUBDIVISION

AIA REGULATIONS:

*ARTICLE 6. HEALTH, SAFETY AND PUBLIC WELFARE (pg. 16)
Section 3. FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES:*

No fireworks or explosive devices of any sort are allowed to be used at any time or for any reason within the boundaries of Arrowhead. Fireworks and explosives are dangerous devices and can start a house fire or a forest fire. However, this does not include explosives used by a licensed contractor who has a valid permit for construction purposes, issued by Gunnison County or other governmental agency.

**Setting off fireworks or explosive devices:
\$500.00 for First Violation**

(Schedule of Fines – pages 27 & 28)

NO FIREWORKS ON



PUBLIC & PRIVATE LANDS

GUNNISON COUNTY REGULATIONS:

Absolutely NO FIREWORKS of any type are permitted on Federal or State lands, including:

- BLM Lands
- Division of Wildlife Owned Lands
- National Forests & Parks
- State Forests & Parks
- State Wildlife Areas

In unincorporated Gunnison County, the towns of Crested Butte, Mt. Crested Butte, and the City of Gunnison, fireworks that leave the ground or explode are prohibited.
<https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/852/6280/Wildfire-Information>



ARROWHEAD
IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.



FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

4th of July Picnic

JULY 6th
10:00am-2:00pm

**COME CELEBRATE WITH FRIENDS
AND NEIGHBORS**

Pulled Pork Sandwiches/BBQ Beans/Potato Chips/Cookies
\$10 - Donation appreciated

Hot Dogs available for KIDS - \$2 Donation

LUNCH SERVED 11:00AM - 1:00PM

****Donations Accepted - FILL THE BOOT FOR OUR FIREFIGHTERS****

BAKE WALK Flea Market Silent Auction VENDORS
Arrowhead Merchandise & Gifts KIDS GAMES

For more info contact Skye at 970 209-6901 or Diana at 719 331-1090

Volunteers for picnic NEEDED!
Want to be a vendor? Contact Joanie at 970 209-9518



Motor home, camper, and recreational vehicle Safety

Motor homes, campers, and recreational vehicles are used for living and traveling. Each year, fires in them cause deaths, injuries, and millions of dollars in damages. Fires can start in the kitchen. They can start in the engine area. Sometimes the fires are electrical. With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent these fires from happening.

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms. Make sure they work.
- Stay in the kitchen while you cook. Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.
- Only use one heat-producing appliance plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time. Major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet.
- Refrigerators, furnaces, ovens and stovetops use propane. Check them for leaks. Keep an updated gas leak detector on board.
- Have your propane system inspected to make sure it still works properly.
- Know two ways out. Make sure windows open easily.
- Have everyone practice the home fire escape plan.
- Do not keep camping heaters and lanterns on while sleeping.
- Before setting up a campfire, make sure it is allowed.
- If campfires are allowed, they need to be at least 25 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Have your vehicle serviced by a qualified mechanic.
- Keep a portable fire extinguisher on board. Only adults who know how to operate it should use it. Only use it if the fire is small and can be contained. Make sure everyone else is leaving. Make sure someone is calling the fire department.



Carbon Monoxide Awareness

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas. You cannot see it. You cannot taste it. You cannot smell it. CO poisoning can result from leaks in the exhaust. It can happen because of improper use of appliances. Sometimes CO comes from another vehicle. Make sure you have a working CO alarm.

FACT

When the vehicle is used as a structure, the most common area for these fires to start is the kitchen or cooking area. This is followed by the engine area, running gear, or wheel area. Check for safety inside and outside of the vehicle.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

Arrowhead Fire Protection District

ARROWHEADFIRE.ORG

SIGN UP

ALERT EMAIL NOTIFICATION

Get the latest information and updates from the Arrowhead Fire Protection District. Go to the [AFPD website](http://ArrowheadFire.org) and/or join their [facebook page](#)



**Join the Arrowhead
Volunteer Fire Department Team**

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Volunteer Positions:

- * Firefighter
- * Medical First Responder
- * Dispatchers
- * Scene Support
- * Apparatus Upkeep

Training/Team Building:

Tuesdays at 9am - 11am
Location - Firehouse

**AVFD
NEEDS
YOU!**

**BE A PART
OF OUR
AMAZING
TEAM, AND
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

Come check it out and see if you would like to join!!

Community Announcements

Mag-Chloride is a non-sponsored AIA function and this year the contact person is Deb Hoven: 303-475-8404. For more information and the sign up form, Click on **2024 Arrowhead Dust Mitigation: Sign Up**



2024 Arrowhead Dust Mitigation: Sign Up

Thank you for signing up to participate in dust mitigation in our Arrowhead community! We have outlined the proposal details below including information on cost and product specifics.

Product: We have secured a proposal to use [DMC Custom Blend](#), which includes environmentally friendly ingredients (tree pulp, mag chloride, and other binding agents). The blend is non-toxic, and not harmful to humans, animals, or plants.

Cost: \$390* -- This includes \$340 per treated segment + a \$50 donation to Arrowhead Snowmobile Club (ASC). The \$50 donation to ASC will account for:

- Club arranging and paying one lump sum to vendor.
- Club will come measure and stake your property.
- Club will be with vendor on day of delivery to ensure adequate delivery and application.

**Note: There may be a possible fuel surcharge from our vendor at time of application.*

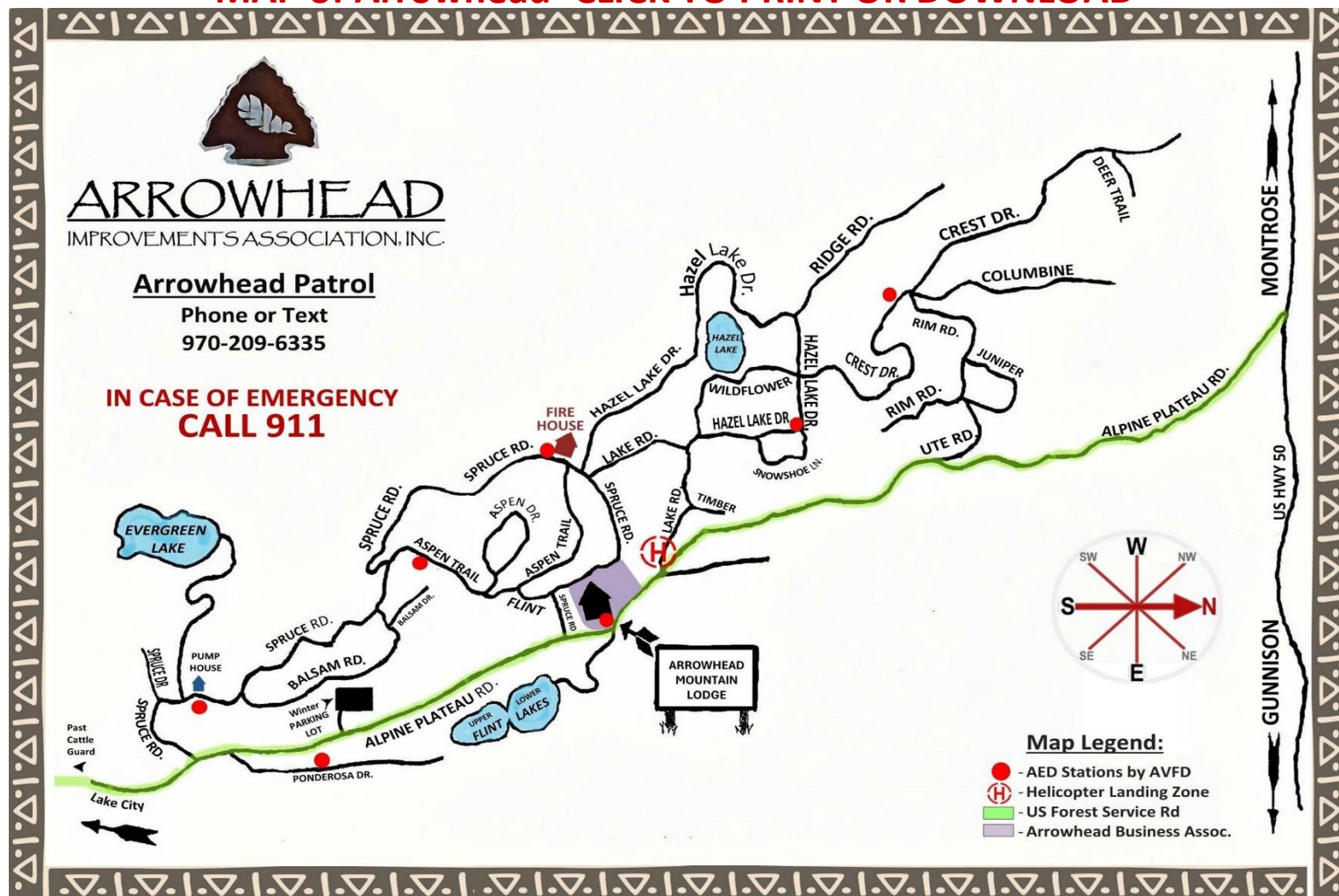


Employment Opportunities

The Arrowhead Improvements Association, Inc. (the AIA), is a HOA community (750+ members), located in the San Juan mountains range, between Montrose and Gunnison, CO. The AIA is seeking enthusiastic, dedicated and passionate individuals to help maintain this peaceful community. To learn more about our community, please visit our website at: www.arrowhead1.org Click on our open positions to review the job description and employment application:

- **Forest Manager**
- **Patrol Agent**

** MAP of Arrowhead -CLICK TO PRINT OR DOWNLOAD **





AIA Property Owner Information

Important Phone Numbers

- Emergency Fire and Medical - call **911 (Gunnison)**
- Arrowhead Patrol - call or text (970) 209-6335
- Arrowhead Firehouse - (970) 862-8330
- Arrowhead Ranch Water Company – Office 970-249-6197 (Emergency 970-209-2104)
- Gunnison County Electric Association – 970-641-3520 (including reporting power outages)
- Nuclia-Naturita Telephone and Internet – Arrowhead: 970-862-9101 or Primary: 970-864-7335

Steps to Take Before You Alter Your Property

- Please Read the Covenants and Regulations: www.arrowhead1.org/governing-documents-regulations
- To put in a driveway, Contact the Design Review Manager to apply for a permit.
- If you are installing utilities you MUST contact the Design Review.
- Before you build, read the **Design Review Guidelines** and call the Design Review Manager to schedule a driveway walk-in and apply for required permits: www.arrowhead1.org/design-review
- Before you cut trees, contact the AIA Forest Manager: www.arrowhead1.org/forest-management



All Arrowhead in Gunnison Country owners, their guest and residents, are encouraged to read our “**Living in Arrowhead**” publication. This publication is a handy reference guide designed to provide information about the community and nearby amenities. Please note, this booklet does NOT take the place of the Arrowhead Covenants, Regulations or any other official AIA governing documents. You can find this booklet on our website at www.arrowhead1.org

AIA Patrol:

CALL 970-209-6335

Email: arrowheadpatrol@gmail.com



- Patrol is your friend and neighbors!** Our agents handle so many details for the owners in Arrowhead. Here's just a few:
- Firepit Approval (annual inspection required)
 - Issue stickers and visitor passes that are REQUIRED for all vehicles using AIA filing roads.
 - Issue Fishing Passes for Flint Lakes, as REQUIRED.
 - Neighbor Concerns
 - Regulation Information
 - Inspect and tag driveways for winter months.

Design Review Committee:

DRC Manager: Joanie Thompson jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com



All property changes and/or exterior improvements **MUST** be sent to the Design Review Committee (DRC). There are procedures that must be followed per our Regulations. Failure to do so could result in \$500 fines. Some projects require a permit and some are just approved and updated in our files. Contact the Design Review Committee before starting ANY project. Visit the webpage: www.arrowhead1.org/design-review

Forestry:

Are you wanting to take out a few trees? You can only remove any tree on your property that is dead. All other trees over 2 inches in diameter at 4'6" above ground, must have approval from our Forest Mgr. Removal of live trees without a permit could result in a \$500 fine, per tree. The Forest Mgr. will also answer questions on mitigation and tree health. He can also help you identify for removal, trees that are a danger to existing or planned structures and parking areas. www.arrowhead1.org/forest-management



Forest Manager:

Arrowheadforestmanager@gmail.com

Forest Refuse Site:

Located: Left side of the Alpine Plateau Rd, 1/4 mile south of Upper Spruce Rd...before the cattle guard. Contact Forest Manager for further information. This site is **ONLY** for forest mitigation materials.



- **NO STUMPS!**
- **NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS** of any kind are allowed!



Trash Compactor: located in the Winter Parking Lot on the East end of the equipment building.

- Household trash only: **NO Cardboard!!** Do not leave bags of trash outside compactor. Be sure to fasten both locks due to BEARS!

- Visit webpage to read: **IMPORTANT: RULES FOR THE USE OF THE TRASH COMPACTOR:** www.arrowhead1.org/maintenance-improvements

Offsite Landfill and Recycling options are available in Montrose and Gunnison counties.

Other things to remember... www.arrowhead1.org



Arrowhead (AIA) Filing Roads Speed Limit is 20mph ALL YEAR round!

During the Winter months, the filing roads in Arrowhead are CLOSED to all vehicular traffic except for snowmobiles and other tracked vehicles.



Emergency Address Signs: The reflective signs with your property address are on the right side of the driveway to assist emergency access for the **Arrowhead Fire Protection District (AFPD)** and should not be moved, removed or altered!!



Lakes & Fishing: There are three (3) lakes available to AIA property owners and their guests: Flint Lakes, Evergreen Lake and Hazel Lake. Fishing is available at Flint Lakes and at Evergreen Lake only. The AIA, through its' board of directors, regulates stocking of the Lower Flint Lakes and has set a catch limit of three (3) fish per person per day. **Fishing Passes for Flint lakes is Required.**



Living with Wildlife: Feeding wildlife can be dangerous, if not illegal! To find more information about the wildlife in our neighborhood and fishing at our local lakes, please refer to the current Living in Arrowhead Booklet that can be found on our website at www.arrowhead1.org



Pets must be leashed or kept under owner control AT ALL TIMES!! Please DO NOT bag their droppings and leave them alongside a road or trail. If you do bag the dropping, take it with you.



Renting Your Property: Owners are responsible and accountable for their guests' noncompliance to the regulations. Renters must be given information about our community.



RV Campers & Visitors: as a property owner, you can camp all summer! One (1) guest RV can stay for 14 days each calendar month. If you plan to have more than the one guest RV, you must contact the Board of Directors for an exception.



Volunteering: Our community depends on volunteers for almost everything. Please look at the website for ways to get involved at www.arrowhead1.org



We are so happy to WELCOME you to the mountain. We hope that you will help us keep Arrowhead the beautiful community it has been for the last 40+ years.

You can find additional information on our AIA website at www.arrowhead1.org

To stay digitally connected to our community for important updates:

- Visit our Facebook page: [f Arrowhead Improvements Association – AIA](https://www.facebook.com/ArrowheadImprovementsAssociation)
- Join our Blast Email Listing

And Most Importantly . . .

Get to know your neighbors--they are a wealth of information!!