

# Mountain Pines Estates HOA

## Summer 2011 Newsletter

Mountain Pine Estates Home Owners Association

### ***Summer is here:***

June 21, summer arrived (summer solstice) where the sun reached its furthest point north. That marked the longest day of the year. Each day now, the sun heads further south, each day getting shorter, working its way to the autumn equinox, where day and night are about equal hours. For those of you here in MPE Association, the day time temperatures certainly fare much better than the Phoenix and Tucson triple-digit temperatures and when the sun goes down on the mountain, the nights are presently cool. The summer monsoon arrived right on schedule, where much needed rain has been soaking a very dry forest. ☺

### ***Spring sprung:***

Wind, arid conditions, and smoke were the main ingredients witnessed on the mountain this spring season. It was exceptionally windy, very dry, and several morning wake-ups found the air filled with smoke from the Wallow fire. Speaking of the Wallow fire, yes, we were lucky the winds were blowing the other direction. The Board has had many homeowners' inquiries concerning the HOA insurance policy, so attached to this newsletter is a letter from Farmers Insurance relating to coverage.

### ***Continued commitment!***

Your elected HOA Board continues to be committed to keeping MPE that great and wonderful place to spend time. The Board's plans and operations (in sync with the budget) continue to address:

- Roofs being converted from shake to asphalt (57-58, 59-60, 61-62)
- Buildings being repainted (71-72, 73-74, 75-76, 81-82)
- Entry beautification projects (Spruce Circle this year).

- Spruce Circle will be re-asphalted in August

Note - each year, fewer decks require costly major repairs (testimonial to homeowners converting their decks to composite materials, making changes to their decks, thereby assuming responsibility for upkeep). Please visit our website for the policy on making changes to decks.

### ***Annual meeting:***

The 2011 annual MPE homeowners meeting was held May 28<sup>th</sup> at Pinetop CC. The minutes of that annual meeting are published on the website. The Board will continue its practice of "open" monthly Board meetings. Time and place will be posted on outdoor bulletin boards.

### ***Current happenings:***

Kudos to Gale (#54) & Patty (#43) for conducting a very successful 'block' garage sale on July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. To view the Board's recommended policy for garage sales, please visit the website.

### ***Refreshers:***

Positive Change assists in MPE HOA matters; they are *not* a conduit for service/maintenance services. Positive Change (928) 367-2591 MPE website ([www.mpehoa.com](http://www.mpehoa.com))

### ***Reminders:***

If renting, owners must provide renters with current Rules & Regulations.

Jack Wagner – President (unit #36)  
Joe Kush – Vice President (unit #85)  
Doug Doyle – Treasurer (unit #50)  
Peter Sorenson – Secretary (unit #76)  
Wes Nielsen – Director (unit #9)