

The LMPOA Newsletter

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*Alan Spacone & Ron Melcher
At Holiday Fest*

2015 Board Members w/Assignments

Janet Aniol: President,
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Jim Bowser: Vice President,
BC Adult Center Liaison

Phil Edwards: Secretary, Flag
Superintendent

Alan Spacone: Treasurer

Ron Melcher: Membership,
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Board Postings

Lisa Taylor: Memory Stones

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Mike Nelson: Yavapai County
Sheriff's Office Media Posting

Mikki Weissinger: Holiday Fest
Funding

Serving our members from Rimrock, Lake Montezuma and around the country with Information, Rollins Park Maintenance, Community Projects and Representation

New Year's Greeting & Invitation

Dear Members,

2016 is almost here, so your board would like to wish you a Happy New Year and peaceful and prosperous months ahead! It's also time to put the annual association meeting on your calendars for **Saturday, January 23, at 2 PM in the Beaver Creek Adult Center** in the Village Square. David Williams, Land Use Planning Manager for Yavapai County, will be speaking about what are and are not land use violations and what happens after a complaint is made. Please bring your questions for our guest. There will be some good refreshments this year to enjoy before, during and afterward with neighbors.

In August two amendments to the by-laws were submitted after a year or more of discussion on the general topics. After additional discussion a membership vote on each will be taken at the annual meeting. The first is to make the organization more inclusive of residents and to make the association eligible to become a 501(c)3 nonprofit by including residents who do not own property. This would also make the organization more attractive for donations and grants should our members wish to do a project such as provide a dog park for the area. The second is a name change to the Montezuma Rimrock Community Association. In the past three years the association area has seen approximately 400 new families purchase homes and others move into rentals. Many now get their mail on the Rimrock rural delivery routes. That proposed amendment would change the name of this organization in order to recognize the names of both post offices, historic names, the fire district and the two national monuments that bookend our location.

Article I. Name.

The name of this corporation shall be Montezuma Rimrock Community Association, Inc. hereafter referred to in these By-Laws as "MRCA".

Article III. Membership.

Section I. Eligibility for membership shall be residence in or ownership of.....

Section II. Membership shall be on a unit basis: one (1) membership and one (1) vote for each household or corporate property whether owned or leased, and no distinction shall be made regarding the amount of property owned or leased.



We look forward to visiting with you in January in person or by email or phone call. Additional board members and volunteers would be appreciated. Please contact Secretary Phil Edwards via the LMPOA phone # or email address prior to the annual meeting if you would like to be on the board so that your name can be on the ballot.

Information about the school and fire districts, two of the projects that we support and some important dates follow.

Best Wishes for a very Happy New Year from all of us!

YAHOOOOOO, More Fire Hydrants and lower ISO

Hydrant Cap Colors

....from Captain Cory Ipson

The different colors that you see on each of the hydrants around town symbolize the amount of water that the particular hydrant can deliver. You likely see red, orange, and green. Red tells us that 500 gallons per minute or less is available at that location. Orange is 500-999 GPM (gallons per minute), and green is 1000-1499 GPM. There are also light blue hydrants that produce 1500 GPM or more, but we don't have any in our district. The amount of water that is available is usually dictated by the size of pipe that supplies the area and the capacity of the supply pump. Most of the system here in Lake Montezuma and Rimrock is managed by Arizona Water. However there are a few beyond the Rimrock post office in the Rimrock area that are owned and maintained by Montezuma Rimrock Water Company.

Insurance Service Office Ratings (ISO)

....from Chief Terry Keller

Our new MFRD rating as of September 1, 2014 is now a 4/4Y. (previously 6/8B) We have improved by two whole points! Those structures within 5 miles of a station and 1000 feet of a hydrant are rated at a 4, and those beyond the 1000 feet of a hydrant are a 4Y. The 4Y is what used to be the 8B, and is a change in the rating, which is designed to help property owners and more accurately reflect the risk in the community (water tender deployment). An improvement of two points should definitely provide some relief to property owners on their insurance premiums, and if I am understanding it right, the 4Y schedule will also help property owners considerably with their insurance premiums.



According to the report, there are only 5,216 departments/districts nationally rated at a class 4, 2,410 rated at a class 3, 770 at a 2, and only 60 class 1 departments. For comparison, there are 9,026 agencies that are a class 6, but we do not belong in that club anymore!

We are diligently trying to work with the water company to identify more locations to install hydrants to "close off" the 2000' gaps, and thus move as many as possible with the remaining Eddie Lodge funds to the lower classification. Once we get this accomplished, and add our reserves to our roster (and any other improvements we can muster), we will pursue a revised rating to see if we improve even more, or at least give those with new hydrants the lower classification.

Wahoo for us! Great work team!

Hydrants	TO BE LOCATED AT
#1	SW corner of N. JoAnn Drive and Millenium Way
#2	NW corner of N. JoAnn Drive and E. Beaver Creek Road
#3	East side of E. Beaver Creek Road adjacent to N. Mesa Drive
#4	NE corner of E. Beaver Creek Road and E. Red Baron Road
#5	NE corner of E. Beaver Creek Road and E. Mountain View Road
#6	SW corner of Montezuma Ave and E. Beaver Vista Road
#7	SE corner of Montezuma Ave and Third Fairway Drive
#8	SE side of Third Fairway Drive adjacent to Lots 9 & 10
#9	North side of Navajo Lane adjacent to lots 18 & 19
#10	SE corner of Montezuma Ave and Sioux Way
#11	NE corner of Seneca Lane and Pima Way
#12	SW corner of E. Cliffside Trail and N. Antigua Way
#13	NW corner of N. Antigua Way and E. Cedar Drive
#14	NW corner of Valley Lane and Montezuma Ave
#15	NW corner of Valley Lane and Yuma Drive
#16	North side of Montezuma Ave adjacent to Lot 11
#17	NE side of Rimrock Drive and Montezuma Ave adjacent to Lot 48
#18	SW corner of Rimrock Drive and Montezuma Ave
#19	NE corner of Sycamore Lane and Lakeview Drive
#20	South side of Fairway Drive adjacent to Lot 25

LMPOA Family Membership Dues (2016 calendar year)

Name(s) _____

_____ \$25 per household or
 _____ \$35 per household (which includes an additional \$10 donation toward repairs, maintenance and Beautification of Rollins Park)

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I'd like to serve as a board member. _____

I'd like to serve on a project. _____

Please mail in your annual dues or drop off at the BC Adult Center near the LM Post Office. Or go paper free by using the RENEW ONLINE button at www.LakeMontezuma.us with PayPal or a credit card!

New This Year at Beaver Creek School

...From Margee Cowan, College & Career Readiness

A new school year is always exciting and full of possibilities. Both Headstart and Preschool started earlier, while everyone else returned on August 5th. The students have settled in to a new schedule, Monday thru Thursday 7:45-3:15 and 21st Century is operating from 3:15-5:00 on Monday thru Thursday and on Fridays from 8:00-3:30. Cross-country is training and has already had two meets, working hard with Coach Jeff Clarke. The girls' volleyball team has been practicing and played two games coached by Jessica Kramme, a former Bobcat graduate.



Superintendent Karin Ward, with the School Board's support, has implemented a new concept in all classrooms. There is one "parapro", a professional trained to support both the teacher and students, in every classroom. The sixth, seventh and eighth grades electives have been expanded this year. They all have Art, Computer, PE, Study Skills and Career and College Readiness. The Career and College Readiness class explores high school options and curriculum and prepares the students for the complexities of selecting a college or career. All staff is active in modeling, explaining and coaching the importance of effort (a serious attempt of hard work of mind and body). There are posters about effort in every classroom.

Curriculum nights were held in each classroom to inform parents about their student's classes and the materials being used in each classroom, as well as, multiple ways to communicate. Flag ceremony is the first Thursday of every month, where Bobcats gather together to share successes, celebrate birthdays and create Bobcat unity. Breakfasts and lunches are served everyday Monday thru Friday. Free food baskets available to the community on the second Saturday of the month 7:30-9:00 AM.

Tax credit donations support the fine arts, sports, fieldtrips, science (STEAM), and character education. Up to \$400 per couple and \$200 per individual can be donated each year. Donations for 2015 can be made online at www.BCS.k12.az.us under the community link through PayPal or a credit card or mailed to BC School, 4810 E Beaver Creek Rd, Rimrock, AZ 86335. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Upcoming Events

Jan 2, Bird Walk at Montezuma Well, 9 to 11 AM

Jan 4, LMPOA meeting at BC Adult Center, 5 PM

Jan 16, Bird Walk at Montezuma Well, 9 to 11 AM

Jan 23, LMPOA Annual Mtg at BC Adult Center, 2 PM

Feb 1, LMPOA meeting at BC Adult Center, 5 PM

Feb 3, Community Mtg on Montezuma Well Outlet, time & place TBD

Feb 6, Bird Walk at Montezuma Well, 9 to 11 AM

Feb 11, Kiwanis Chili & Pie Dinner at MRFD, 5 to 7 PM

Committee Working to Improve Yavapai College Services to the Verde Area

Since November 2014 Janet Aniol has been representing Yavapai County District 2 on the Verde Valley Board Advisory Committee for the Yavapai College District Governing Board. The appointment came as the result of LMPOA's protest to the YCDGB about insufficient services to this area, especially since the community college tax rate is the highest one in Arizona. During this time, the committee has made recommendations to the Board to not increase the tax rate this year, to improve marketing, to halt the sale of the Sedona campus, and an additional 16 recommendations. The most recent recommendation, made this month in support of the Verde area school superintendents and school boards, is in regard to the intention of Yavapai College to begin charging per credit fees for high school student dual enrollment and states:

- The Yavapai College dual enrollment program is a critical component in serving the educational needs of students in the Verde Valley. It has a proven record of increasing access to college and assisting in the transition of high school students into post-secondary opportunities.
- The Verde Valley Board Advisory Committee recommends that there be no costs assessed to students or their schools who are participating in dual enrollment coursework through Yavapai College, and that the amount paid to the high school teachers by the College for teaching dual enrollment courses not be reduced.
- Further, we recommend that the college continues and expands the conversations with the Verde Valley school districts on how more and greater collaborations can occur with the dual enrollment program.

Please contact Janet at contact@LakeMontezuma.us or 928-592-2839 if you would like the complete list of recommendations or more information about the work of the VVBAC.

Beaver Creek Trails Coalition

Although our local planning area is entirely surrounded by Coconino National Forest, previously the only forest service designated hiking trail was the Bell Trail. As of September 2015 the 6 ½ miles of the Sunset Group Trails directly adjacent to the Wikiup Mesa area of Lake Montezuma became officially designated FS Trails. Concurrent to that time Stan Mish, BCTC vice president, authored a grant application proposal for work to improve and sign these trails.

This month the Yavapai Resource Advisory Committee recommended funding of \$37,000 for the project. Stan will be working with Dan Ritter, Red Rock Forest District Project Coordinator, to facilitate the implementation of work on the trails project. At a time yet to be determined volunteers will be needed for maintenance and reconstruction work on paths and trailheads. Please contact StanMish@BeaverCreekTrails.org for updates and progress information.

