



President's Report December 2017

Semi-Annual Meeting on July 16th, 2017

We had another great meeting this summer and began by discussing several of the topics covered in the June 2017 Newsletter. Please go to our website at sfidivide.org to review the topics discussed. This was a great opportunity to get community feedback. There were no questions or concerns about the Newsletter. Julie Nelson, our 5K fundraiser coordinator, reviewed information about donations and course adjustments. Julie also asked for volunteers to help with all aspects of our event, and many people volunteered. It was agreed to have an orientation meeting for all volunteers. Billie Kilman suggested we have another silent auction, and all agreed this was a good idea. Another community member suggested we have an archery event for the kids, which was also greeted as a good idea. It was very rewarding to see so many people take an interest in our fundraising event. You will be able to access the detailed minutes of our meeting when they are posted on the website after approval at our January 21st 2018 semi-annual meeting.

Robin Hood Dash-n-Dine 5K, Kids Fun Run and Pancake Breakfast on August 6th, 2017

It was a wonderful turnout for this fun event. Please see the article Julie Nelson wrote included in this Newsletter. I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help us and also the many businesses and community members who donated funds and resources that so helped to make this a success for our Sherwood Forest community.

New Bike Rack at the Bus Stop

Because we were unable to secure any donated items for our kids projects, the Board decided to purchase a new bike rack online. I researched three different bike racks and presented the options to the Board at our Nov. 2nd Board Session Meeting. We all agreed on the mid-range priced bike rack. I want to thank Jerry Joslin and Julio Trausch for helping me to dig the holes and anchor our brand new bike rack that is just south of the bench at the school bus stop. Please take a look as you drive by. We will also post a picture on the website.

Reconfigured Access to Community Well Head Pipe

Our community well had an antiquated and awkward well head pipe hose access that has been damaged several times. To prevent this from occurring again and to prevent more future repair bills, I designed a reconfiguration that lowers and protects the well head pipe access. Our community well is located adjacent to the school kids bench and bike rack near

Please Come to Our Next Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at the Pikes Peak Community Center at 1:00 p.m.

An agenda of the meeting will be posted on the website, and we encourage you to come and participate in your community. All are welcome!

the school bus stop. Please contact Catherine DiMauro the S.F.I.A. treasurer via the website if you need to access our community well.

Post Office Request for Additional Mail Receptacles

The Post Master recently requested a meeting with me and Lavender F. to discuss the need for another bank of mail slots due to increased development of new residential properties in Sherwood Forest. The Post Master cited Postal Operations Manual 632.11 which reads that the purchase, installation and maintenance of mail receptacles are the responsibility of the Customer (Common Interest Community/HOA/Property Management Company). We are negotiating with the Divide Post Office for the most efficient and economical solution to these requirements and should be able to provide more details at our January semi-annual meeting.

Did You Know?

That your S.F.I.A. is a dedicated advocate for all property owners in Sherwood Forest?
That your S.F.I.A. has a comprehensive website (sfidivide.org) that is updated regularly?
That your S.F.I.A. provided the spectacular designer Sherwood Forest entry sign and also pays for the light that illumines the entry at night?
That your S.F.I.A. provides a community well available to any member who is in need of water for a nominal yearly fee?
That your S.F.I.A. is now responsible for the mail box slots that help provide mail service to all community members? That your S.F.I.A. advocates with Teller County Road and Bridge to keep our roads and culverts in excellent condition? That your S.F.I.A. has been working hard to raise funds to help with neighborhood school kids projects while at the same time promoting fun summer events?
That your S.F.I.A. pays the taxes on several community properties in Sherwood Forest including the Community Hall and Community Park and Ski Run at the corner of Huntingdon and Will Scarlet?

Corry Somerville, President S.F.I.A.

Second Annual Robin Hood Dash-n-Dine 5K, Kids Fun Run and Pancake Breakfast is a Huge Success

Sherwood Forest's annual fundraiser is a great event for young and old alike



Runners prepare for the start of the chip timed 5K



And they're off!



(above) Congratulations to Emily Brown and Chris Brown - overall female and male runners from Colorado Springs.

(below) Volunteers Janet Waldron and ? are busy flipping pancakes.



On August 6, 2017 SFIA hosted the community's annual fundraiser - the Second Annual Robin Hood Dash-n-Dine 5K in Sherwood Forest - a 5K run/walk, kids fun run and pancake breakfast. The event kicked off at 8:30 a.m. with a chip timed 5k run/walk starting at the Sir Gerald Clark Hall in Sherwood Forest. The number of participants nearly doubled from 2016 and drew many locals as well as folks from Colorado Springs, Arvada and as far away as New York.

"How amazing to see the roads of Sherwood Forest filled with energized runners and walkers who came from near and far to conquer the hills of Sherwood Forest," said SFIA Board President Corry Somerville. "SFIA is proud of this small community's achievement and could not have made it possible without the support and sponsorships from CCR Timing, Newmont Mining, ENT Federal Credit Union, Park State Bank and all the volunteers and SFIA Board Members who helped contribute to the event's success." Somerville added, "Volunteers marshalled the 5K course, prepared the SFIA hall, flipped pancakes and made sure the event ran smoothly. In addition to the sponsorships, SFIA also received several inkind donations from City of Cripple Creek, Venture Foods, City Market, Pizza Hut, Trader Joes and Costco. Shipping Plus in Divide hosted this year's walk-in registration site. A sincere thank you to each and everyone for their generosity, time and devotion."

Registered participants received a commemorative t-shirt and enjoyed a pancake breakfast. Awards were given to the overall male and female as well as to those who placed in the top 3 of their age division. The Kids Fun Run was for children 2-12 years of age and was free of charge. The pancake breakfast was also open to the public for those who preferred to "dine" than "dash." The event ended with a cake walk and a raffle that included a McGinty's gift card, wine, and much more. SFIA is pleased to announce the event brought in over \$1,000 and will be allocated to improving the school bus stop and plans for a future playground.

The purpose of the annual fundraiser is to bring the community and public together for a fun, entertaining and safe activity in order to raise money to make improvements for the community's school children.

Results from the 2016 and 2017 5K event can be viewed on the SFIA website at www.sfiadivide.org. Mark your calendar for next year's event - August 5, 2018. We need volunteers as preparations have already begun. To volunteer, please sign up at the next member meeting on January 21st at 1 p.m. (see SFIA website for details about the meeting at www.sfiadivide.org).





Summary of Board Session Meeting

Please Join Us and Support Our Community

Twenty years ago this past summer my husband and I moved to Sherwood Forest. I remember so clearly how excited we were to have the opportunity to live in such a quiet and peaceful country community. Never once in all the years we have lived here have we regretted our decision even though both of us have had to commute to Colorado Springs for work. Now that we are both retired, we value more than ever the serenity and beauty of our neighborhood. When I retired two and a half years ago, I decided to give something back to our community and joined the S.F.I.A. Board when Corry asked for more volunteers. It has been a wonderful and rewarding experience to get to know more community members and work together to support and enhance our common interests. I would like to encourage all of our neighbors in Sherwood Forest, and especially those of you who are new community members, to join us in supporting the S.F.I.A. Please come to our semi-annual meetings and get to know your neighbors. Please consider becoming a member by paying the annual dues. And, it is my sincerest hope that some of you will also think about "paying it forward" like I did and join us on the S.F.I.A. Board. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please email me via the website with your name, phone number and area of interest. I would be so happy to talk with you.

Lavender Foot, S.F.I.A. Vice President

Financial Report Jan.2018

Checking Account Balance as of 11/22/2017	18525.05
Well Account Balance as of 9/29/2017	2798.19
Income	
85 Memberships	4236
Well Users (2)	200
Donations	347
Hall Rentals (1)	100
TOTAL	4883

November 2nd, 2017 Board Session

This was the first meeting of the Board since the July semi-annual meeting and after the August Robin Hood Dash-n-Dine 5K. The first topic was a discussion with regard to the Post Office request to add another bank of mail box slots to accommodate newly developed residential properties in Sherwood Forest. The Post Office will provide S.F.I.A. the official documents detailing the responsibilities of Common Interest Communities and mail receptacles. The Board agreed that Corry S., Lavender F. and Catherine D. can make the appropriate arrangements with the Post Office that will both satisfy S.F.I.A. responsibilities and also be the most economical solution for us. Corry S. then reported on his work for the reconfiguration of access to the community well head pipe to prevent future damages from careless handling of the hose or from kids swinging on it. The next topic was a presentation of three different bike racks Corry S. found on the Internet. The Board decided on the middle range priced one, and Corry S. and Jerry J. will try to get it installed at the bus stop soon after it is delivered. Next, the Board discussed the summer fundraiser article by Julie N. and agreed it should be in the December Newsletter. There was a discussion about needing more community help both with the planning of any future fundraising events and also with actually accomplishing projects with the funds if we are to continue to host these annual events. Lisa J. agreed to format our December Newsletter and coordinate the mailing with Shipping Plus. The Board agreed to include another invoice for dues to encourage community members to support S.F.I.A., and also to offer new community members an opportunity to join our organization. Finally, Corry S., Jerry J., and Garen F. all helped to winterize the Hall. Please visit the S.F.I.A. website at www.sfiadivide.org for the detailed Board Session Agenda/Minutes of 11-2-17.

Important Notice

In an effort to make our communications more efficient and cost effective, beginning in 2018 the S.F.I.A. would like to provide our semi-annual Newsletters through our website or electronically via email. We will still mail a postcard with notification of the semi-annual meetings along with a dues invoice. If you would like us to email you our Newsletters, please notify the Vice President via the website with your current email address. A "hard copy" is also available if you do not have access via the website or email. Simply make your request to: S.F.I.A. 269 Knighthood Lane, Divide, CO 80814

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SFIA Vision: To bring people together as a community dedicated to participation and cooperation for the common good of all.

SFIA Mission Statement: To encourage and support each other by working together to accomplish community goals.



Remember that the speed limit in Sherwood Forest is 20 mph!

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!

REMINDER INVOICE FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF SFIA

Name: _____

Physical/Property Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Do you want to go paperless and receive all correspondence by email? Yes ☐ No ☐

Annual amount due in July: \$50.00, but payments gladly accepted now!
Please place this and your dues in an envelope, put a stamp on it and mail to:
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