



# Cherry Volunteer Fire Association 2015 Newsletter

## Letter from the Cherry Volunteer Fire Association President

Early Spring

What with the respectable rainfall in January and February and the unseasonable warm days now in March it's been a relatively mild winter here in the hills.

Two of our CVFA members have taken courses at the recent Arizona Wildfire Academy - which is always good news because we can always use a bit more proficiency on the end of the hoses when necessary.

There has been some real estate activity - also good news since new neighbors so often bring with them a eager sense of community and their youth and energy certainly helps to buttress our local firefighting efforts.

We've scheduled the annual meeting and pot luck for the first Saturday in May - a bit later than usual this year - to accommodate various schedules. We should have some interesting guests this time around - and always look forward to seeing both familiar - and new faces.

With any luck at all - between the various brush crushing and prescriptive burn projects over the past few years - and the efficient maintenance of our trucks - this should be a safe and wildfire-free summer season here in the Hamlet. At least that's the plan. See ya in May!

***Bud Gindhart, President  
Cherry Volunteer Fire Association***

## Dues Time

CVFA Treasurer Bob Kennedy will be available at our meeting to collect your tax deductible annual dues of \$200. Due to the maintenance costs for our small fleet of trucks, it is important that you contribute what you can to assist our volunteer community.

You can also **mail your dues to Bob Kennedy at 10725 W. Cherry Creek Road, Dewey, AZ. 86327.**

[robertkcherry@gmail.com](mailto:robertkcherry@gmail.com) Please do your part in helping keep the Cherry Volunteer Fire Association in operation.

We also have a paypal link on the Cherry Website so that you can conveniently pay your dues online.

## Mark Your Calendar



This year's Annual General Membership Meeting will be held **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am. with a potluck lunch! The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m.**

As always, we are indebted to the Melluzzo family for their generosity in letting us use their marvelous barn as a community-gathering place.

Forest Service folks have been invited for updated fire information. See you there -and bring a dish! You can pay your dues at the meeting!

**CFVA shirts and hats will be available for sale at the meeting for just \$20 each!**

# Brush Pile Threatened



One of the many prescribed burns last fall in the ponderosas near the Powell Springs area.

## **New High Tec. Tools for Cherry**

Because of the continued support and annual donations from the Cherry Community, the Cherry Volunteer Fire Association now has its own Web Site and Phone Notification System.

**Find the Cherry Website at:**

***Cherryfire.org***

***Be sure to visit our very own web site for:***

- Recent News, Events & Updates
  - Cherry Community Directory
  - Cherry History
  - Current Weather & Fire Conditions
  - Fire Wise Information
  - Cherry Fire Association Meeting Minutes
- And so much more!*

**PLEASE REVIEW THE CURRENT PHONE DIRECTORY. IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, CELL NUMBER OR EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT KAREN BRUNO AT KAREN.BRUNO.AZ@GMAIL OR FAREN WATTIE AT FWATTIE@AOL.COM SO THAT WE MAY KEEP THE DIRECTORY CURRENT ONLINE.**

As you may not know - the brush pile the Forest Service allows us up on the Federal Mine Road is unique - the only one in a National Forest in the entire country.

The FS is now reconsidering the facility thanks to some clots who think it's their own private landfill and have dumped construction lumber, sheetrock, nails, roofing tiles and other debris that makes burning the pile dangerous to wildfire fighters not to mention anyone dumping the stuff that it was designed for - namely tree branches and cleared brush - scrub oak and manzanita.

If you're having someone do a remodeling job and they've got a trailer full of trash point them to the Gray Wolf landfill on highway 69 - not the brush pile - or it will be closed and we'll ALL be forced to drive to - and PAY at - the county landfill.

Furthermore if you see anyone dumping stuff that shouldn't be there get a license number and call the Forest Service law enforcement number - 928-777-5650.

## **Cherry's Phone Notification System**

The phone notification system contacts everyone in the Cherry Phone Directory in just a few minutes. We can use it in case of an Emergency or for general community notifications.



## **CVFA Officers**

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