

FIRE FLASH

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From the Desk of the Chairperson:

A lot has happened on the mountain since our last Fire Flash. The Tinder Fire impacted our entire community, especially those who lost homes and/or out buildings. What I have witnessed since the fire is an outpouring of support for each other from the entire community. It is a reminder of why many of us have chosen to make this area our home. My thoughts and prayers are with those who have suffered losses and are trying to move forward with their lives.

We had a good attendance at our May meeting. We were able to get volunteers to cover the vacant areas for the sale. It was decided to have the **annual appreciation dinner** on Saturday, **August 4th at 5:00 PM**. Please mark your calendars. The Fire Fighters have requested that we do steaks and chicken again.

Chief Paine signed a contract with AmeriGas for propane thru May 2019 at \$1.59 a gallon. This price is being extended to the auxiliary. For those members who are currently AmeriGas customers, you need to do nothing. For members wishing to switch to AmeriGas, you will need to call (928-474-3334) the Payson office to set up an account. They have our 2017 membership list. They would like our 2018 membership list by mid-July, so **please get your dues in by July 15th**, so I can get the updated list to them. Since we are a 501C-3 organization we can participate in the AmeriGas Community Cares program. AmeriGas will donate 2 cents per every gallon of propane we buy to the auxiliary. To get credit for this you will need to turn in your original delivery ticket or the second page of your bill which says Community/School Days Receipt. I am working with Chief Paine to identify a drop box at the station for these receipts. We will need to turn them in each September for the year. We will then receive a check in October for the year.

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From the Desk of the Chairperson, continued.....

The Starlight Pines Boutique was a huge success. We took in close to \$2,700.00. Of that about \$2,400.00 was from our Tinder Fire T shirt sales. We already have orders for shirts to be picked up at the July 7th sale. Community members attending voiced their appreciation for the Fire Department and all they had done to help keep their properties safe during the fire.

We received our first quarter check from the Amazon Smile Program for \$18.49. Thank you to all of you who have signed up. For those who need to sign up, go to smile.amazon.com and look for the Blue Ridge Fire District Auxiliary or just use our link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch86-0887083>. You can pass this on to family and friends also.

Our 4th of July sale is being held on Saturday, July 7th from 8 to 2. We always need people to help the day of the sale, but also to help set up on Friday the 6th. Plan to be at the station by 1200 noon on the 6th to help with set up.

Hope to see many of you at our **June meeting Saturday, June 2nd at 10:00AM** in the Auxiliary building.

Linda Hammer
Chairperson

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From The Treasurers Desk:

Wow! A lot has happened since our last Fire Flash Newsletter went out.

The Tinder Fire has made a big impact on our communities, both emotionally, and physical with the loss of property. But we are a strong bunch and will get through this. People are pulling to gather and helping each other, sometime with just simple things, but those simple things may mean a lot to someone who has lost everything.

Now, looking forward, we have another great year ahead of us. The Auxiliary participated in the Starlight Pines Boutique on May 26th and raised a whopping \$ 2,691.33 in support of our Fire Department. This is the most we have ever made at the Boutique and may be a good indicator of having our greatest sales year ever.

I know you all keep hearing this but we really do need your help. There are all kinds of things that need to be done: during the Sales, setting up and taking down; making baked goods for the bake sale; helping the Red Hot Mamas with craft projects and supplies; helping with food sales and supplies and at the cashier table during the Sales . Please contact one of the Coordinators listed on the front page and sign up to help.

Just a reminder: Get your dues paid for 2018/2019 fiscal year. This way you won't miss out on getting discounts offered to Members who are current on our Membership List. The Membership Form is attached to the Fire Flash and there are also copies at the Fire Station.

I guess that all for now. Hope to see many of you at the Auxiliary Board Meeting on Saturday, June 2nd.

Cindy Perelli
Treasurer and Membership Coordinator

Bakers Needed!

Brush off those pans and get out your recipes-the bake sale is coming.

We can use any and all baked goods. Pies always sell well. Cookies, brownies and breads are also in demand. There will be a cake walk so any cakes are greatly appreciated. Bring your goodies to the fire station from noon to 2:00 July 6th or 7:00 a.m. on the 7th. We can price them and re package if necessary but please label anything with nuts and tell us about specialty items.

Thanks for all your help. It makes a big difference.

Cindy Blodgett

Bake Sale Chairman

From the Red-Hot Mamas:

Hello, I feel I must apologize the month of May was a bit crazy for all of us. Leslie and I were not able to be at the shed as much as we would have liked. Leslie is building a new deck on her home and had company and I had some un-expected doctor appointments. But I was able to do the Starlighter Boutique and believe we started the season off very well.

Thank you to the community who supported the Blue Ridge Fire Department through the shirt sales and to the Red Hot Mamas for your purchases in the crafts. I do not know the final numbers, but it felt like a very successful sale. Thank you!

We will do a better job in coordinating attendance for the month of June, so please come join us on Wednesdays, 9:00 am at the shed behind the Fire Station.

Some of the crafts that individuals asked for at the Boutique:

- Matching hot pads
- Bibs

We sold out of the spring/summer dish towels that hang on the stove hanger. We also sold out of the peg game. I have my nephew working on some of the wood pieces, but we will need about 12-20 small bags created, that would hold about a dozen golf tees each. Fabric is available at the shed.

If you cannot join us on Wednesdays, materials are available to work on projects from home. But we do have a lot of fun on Wednesday mornings, so please join us and bring a friend.

Thank you to those of you who have donated supplies to us. At this time we do not need bowling balls or corks.

We continue to need donations of:

- *golf tees
- *24 oz. size glass jars: Kirkland (Costco) Sliced Peaches, Classico Spaghetti Sauce, Safeway Select Marinara Sauce (or similar)
- *Craft rings
- *Drawer knobs or pulls: antique, glass, ornate, wood
- *Glass baby food jars, large & small4

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From the Red Hot Mamas, continued.....

- *Lace/crocheted doilies, any size
 - *Thin pieces of metal, tin, copper; 4 inch squares or larger
 - *wood picture frames, 5x7 and larger
 - *Wood spindles, from tables or chairs
 - *Wooden chairs, as in kitchen (no upholstery)
 - *Zippered bags from linens, blankets, etc.
 - *Beads; wooden, glass of any shape or size
 - *14 Count counted cross stitch material, any color
- Donations may be left at the fire station.

Reminder: Please wash jars and remove labels before donating them to us.

Thank you again to everyone who helped make the Spring Boutique a success for the Blue Ridge Fire Department. The generosity from the community was noticed and very much appreciated. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you for the 4th of July Sale, which will be held on Saturday, July 7th.

Thank you,
Vicky Scott

Blue Ridge Fire District Auxiliary Membership Form

Name: _____

Local Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Local Phone # _____

Subdivision Name: _____

(Example: Starlight Pines, Blue Ridge Estates, Pine Canyon, CCP 8/9, CCP 3&7)

Alternate mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Alternate Phone # _____

E-mail address: _____

(Your e-mail address will be used to send you copies of the Fire Flash Newsletter unless you specify that you would like to receive the Newsletter by another method.)

- Dues are **\$20.00 per year**, and payable by September 1st of each year.[†]
- Please make checks payable to **Blue Ridge Fire District Auxiliary or BRFDA**.
- Mail to: **BRFDA, 5023 Enchanted Lane, Happy Jack AZ 86024** or place in BRFDA basket at the Station.

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