

# the Sunshine fire protection district newsletter

## Change your Clock, Change your Battery

Smoke detectors save the lives of *thousands* of people each year, in addition to helping reduce property loss. Properly placed in your home, and with a good battery, smoke detectors are one of the best things that you can do to keep your family, property and pets safe. Smoke typically travels much faster than fire, so smoke detectors are like an early warning system. A correctly operating smoke detector can reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by fifty percent!

There are two kinds in common use: photoelectric and ionization. Both detector types have a sensing unit and a noise-making unit. A photoelectric detector is good for smoldering fires that produce a lot of smoke (e.g., a couch on fire). Ionization detectors are better at detecting the small amounts of smoke that are produced by hot,

flaming fires.

Where should smoke detectors be placed? At a minimum, you should install smoke detectors in the hallway outside each sleeping area. The detectors should be close enough so that the alarm can be heard with the bedroom doors closed. Ideally, detectors should be mounted as high as is possible, preferably on the ceiling. Dead air space should be avoided in detector placement.

The most common cause of smoke detector failure is a missing, dead or disconnected battery. Changing your detector's battery twice a year is good insurance against detector failure.

Change your clock; change your battery.

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### Community Fest

Saturday, Sept. 30th  
2:00 to 6:00  
at the Fire Station  
Live Auction  
Silent Auction (new!)  
Great Food & Drink

Support SFPD!



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## Calendar of events

Training and meeting schedules are also available at the Sunshine Fire Department website: [www.sunshinefire.com](http://www.sunshinefire.com)

### *Firefighter trainings:*

Trainings are scheduled for the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the fire station. Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9

### *Squad meetings:*

Squad meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the fire station. Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21

### *Medical trainings:*

Medical trainings are held from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. at either Gold Hill or Four Mile. Oct 12, Nov 15, Dec 14

### *Board meetings:*

Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the fire station. Meetings are open to the public. Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12

### *Special Events*

Community Fest, Sep 30th, 2-6pm, Fire Station

Sunshine Auxiliary Meeting, Oct 12, 7pm, Schulster-Tidball residence, 4795

Sunshine Canyon Dr, 303-443-6060

## Chief's Message (cont. from p. 3)

trucks will probably be blocking your driveway. If your home starts to burn and fire fighters must evacuate you'll have to wait for them to leave first. If you reposition your vehicle so you can get out fast, you'll be blocking their exit and this does not sit well with most fire fighters. In short, your presence adds to the difficulty of fighting the emergency.

What good will it really do to stay? A garden hose will be no match for a raging fire front. Why not leave the job to those who spend hundreds of hours per year training for these events. If there is time, pack up the stuff you need and leave. If a trained fire crew can't protect your home, the only thing you'd be able to do is watch it burn.

So that's the way the system works. Hopefully we won't be using it in Sunshine any time soon. And if we do, you should have a plan and be prepared to use it.

See you at the Community Fest!

**Steve Stratton**

Fire Chief

## Board Members

Pavel Bouska, Chairman

Don Dick, Treasurer

Bill Bender, Member

Frank McGuire, Member

Pat Noyes, Member

Board meetings are at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month at the fire station and are open to the public.

## District Officers

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## Chief's Message

Many of you have asked about the Reverse 911™ system in Boulder County and what happens when an emergency hits Sunshine. I suppose some of this concern is the result of the Lexmark/IBM debacle last year where two 911 call-backs were in progress at the same time and the messages got mistakenly switched. Chemical spill victims were being warned about an escaped convict. Hmm. The other thing is that in the past couple years some of our residents have received calls from the sheriff during an emergency, while others didn't. The Jamestown/Overland fire comes to mind. Which begs the question, "Will I get called or not?"

If we are hit with a significant emergency in Sunshine you may get an information call or maybe even be asked to evacuate. This could be a scary event and the more you understand about the process the better you will be able to cope with the stress.

Should the public need to be evacuated, the Incident Commander (IC) at the emergency scene will make that decision and write up a message that Boulder County Communications (dispatch) will enter into the Emergency Warning Evacuation™ (EWE) system. This is the computerized product Boulder County uses to call citizens when a message needs to be set to a large number of telephones. You may have heard people refer to

it as "Reverse 911™" but in Boulder County it is called EWE.

This EWE service works well but it has some issues that, at this time, are unavoidable. When the IC sends an EWE message to dispatch, he also specifies a distance from the center of the emergency. All telephones registered within that distance get called and a recording is played to the person who answers. If no one answers, that number is called repeatedly every ten minutes until someone does answer or for a specified number of attempts. If a recording device answers, the message is played for the recorder. A computer keeps track of what numbers get answered and what phones have recorded messages left on their voicemail.

But there's a rub. The system uses the billing address of the telephone to determine if it is in the prescribed area. If your phone bill gets sent somewhere other than your home, or if you use a post office box instead of a house address YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE 911 CALLS FOR YOUR AREA. It also means you might receive calls for another area that don't apply to you.

Here's another issue. If you don't use a regular "POTS" (plain old telephone service) telephone you won't get the calls either. If you use your computer for calls (voice over IP) or



only have a cell phone, you are also out of luck.

I know this seems quite lacking in this day of super communications, but keep in mind that the Sheriff will actually send an officer to each house. Fire fighters will check to see if you are home too. So there are several opportunities for you to find out about the emergency. Of course, if you are not home, haven't been listening to the media or checked your messages, you won't know about the problem until you look up the mountain and see smoke or try to go home. The roads will be blocked and you probably won't be allowed access to your house.

This brings up another important question. If you are told to evacuate, are you required to do so? The short answer is no. As forceful as a sheriff's officer or fire fighter can be, you always have the right to stay in your home. But let's think about this for a moment. If fire does reach your home, how will you get out? Fire

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Sunshine Auxiliary Meeting  
October 12 at 7 p.m.  
Ardie Sehulster's home 4795 Sunshine Canyon Drive  
303.443.6060

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## Volunteer Profile: Peter Beresford

Peter Beresford is one of our newest volunteers but also one of our most active, already having responded to several local fires as well as an out-of-district fire since being red card certified in May. Peter came to us by a round-about route: born in London, raised in Melbourne, worked on the U.S. east coast for fifteen years, then to Boulder.

“Melbourne is the best city in Australia,” Peter states, half out of conviction and half to tease his wife Ene who hails from a different part of the country. Melbourne, an ethnically diverse city with a population of 3.7 million, enjoys a reputation as the cultural and artistic center of Australia. So cast aside any images of Peter wrestling crocs or drinking Foster’s in the Outback, he grew up as a big city boy.

In fact Ene, who was raised on a farm, was dubious that Peter would adapt to mountain living away from urban amenities. Fortunately, they’re both completely happy with the change, Peter saying that it has resulted in a more relaxed state of mind and that he goes days without feeling any need to go to town.

That’s not to say that Peter, an admitted type A individual, is coasting. An entrepreneur, his current undertaking is managing a web portal named Fuzing.com that provides an introductory service for Asian exporters and importers. His business allows Peter to work from home for the most part. This, along with being one of the closest fire fighters to the station, has helped Peter be one of our most consistent first responders.

Peter also attributes Ene’s willingness to “man the fort” for his ability to respond to local calls so frequently as well as work on out-of-district fires. Their teamwork predates their romantic relationship to their jobs as partners in a telecom startup.

It was this business that brought them to the U.S., first to a “rather seedy” part of New Jersey, then to Virginia for a total of about seven years. Peter says that the transition from Australia to the U.S. was “pretty seamless” as Aussies and Americans have many commonalities. He cautions, though, that his typical Aussie blunt sense of humor and directness catch some people off guard.

After a short stint in Washington, D.C., the couple bought a manufacturing concern in the “east coast sprawl” of the Ft. Lauderdale area. Several years later the family—which now included twins Taisia and Anna—decided that they had had it with hurricanes and that the mountains were more their style. They sold their business and proceeded to investigate mountain areas, with Ene checking out the Appalachians and Peter the Rockies.

The Rockies won out and Boulder, with its amenities and access to a world-class airport, was a perfect fit. They moved here on July 4, 2005 just weeks before Hurricane Katrina blasted their former home, completely devastating the landscape. (Amazingly and happily, their buyer didn’t back out.)

Peter soon realized that the fire department is central to our community and made a point of getting involved as quickly as he could manage. He does his “fair share” helping on the truck check program and he tries to respond “to every call he can”. He’s even been spotted protecting wandering dogs on the main road.

According to Ene, whatever Peter chooses to tackle he does 100%. And so it is with his commitment to SFPD, with Peter studying a multitude of manuals voraciously.

Volunteering has fast tracked the family’s immersion into Sunshine, Peter says, helping them to meet a lot of like-minded people. He enjoys the esprit de corps of the department, the fact that everyone wants to share their knowledge and gets along well. This spirit of cooperation extends beyond our department, too. At a fire in Left Hand Canyon, he had the chance to observe our mutual aid arrangement in action, with crews from Gold Hill, Left Hand, Boulder Rural and our department all working together.

In his spare time, Peter can frequently be spotted cycling or with Ene walking their two Rottweilers Monza and Java who, despite their intimidating presence, are complete lambs. Peter is also taking up other regional sports including snowboarding, rock wall climbing, and hiking.

If Peter sounds too good to be true, he isn’t. According to his mum, “He was a rather naughty boy”.



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## A Week's Deployment

Fortunately, we haven't seen much in the way of serious fire in Sunshine in recent years, but this fact means that newer fire-fighters may not be seeing the kind of activity that may one day present itself here in the canyon. As a first year fire-fighter with only basic wild-land training under my belt, I figured that participating in an out-of-district deployment would give me some valuable early experience.

Fire departments that participate in this "out of district" program are given the opportunity to deploy in a "round robin" fashion with other departments. Sunshine FPD hit the top of the list in the third week of August and we were asked to provide a type 2 engine and crew for a major fire just outside Casper, Wyoming. By this time the "Jackson Canyon Fire" was reported to be around 10,000 acres in size and was burning in fairly rugged country on Casper Mountain. On Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> it was reported as 50% contained and was being staffed by a type 1 incident management team (the largest and most professional). As Eric Bader (our engine boss), Don Dick and I departed in Sunshine's 4502 engine that afternoon, we were expecting a large fire and plenty of action.

But as luck would have it the weather turned cool and the winds died down, and our fire changed its face in a matter of hours – the same hours that we spent driving to Casper. As we entered the check-in area of the Casper fairgrounds we caught sight of the latest bulletin "10,500 acres and 90% contained". The crews on the ground had had a great day and they no longer needed our services, all before we commenced our

first day on the job - ouch!

After sitting around for about 8 hours the following day we got word that we were needed, in South Dakota, on "Severity" (meaning there was no fire, but extreme conditions warranted bringing in resources just in case – alternate meaning, "hurry up and wait"). We tied in with a local forestry service crew at "Mystic" ranger station on the outskirts of Rapid City, SD, the following day.

Our first couple of days at the ranger station was spent patrolling the nearby forests (known collectively as the "Black Hills") and assisting with various projects – all the while waiting for that inevitable call.

On Tuesday morning we found ourselves scratching out a fire break for a controlled burn scheduled for late fall with our crew from the forestry service. It was very hot,

dry and quite windy and it occurred to us that we probably should not have been so deep in the forest on the very day that we may see action for the first time. At about 2pm we received a report of a small 1/10<sup>th</sup> acre fire. Within a half hour it had spread to 2 acres and a half hour thereafter it was reported at 5-7 acres. The fire was clearly becoming more problematic and the small crew currently on-scene was in danger of losing control.

At around 3:00 pm the commander at the incident began calling in more resources and it was shortly thereafter that we received the call for "Sunshine Engine 2" to report to the fire. Our ETA was about an hour out and when we arrived at what was then known as the "Schroeder" fire, it was about 50% contained and was estimated at around 20 acres.

The terrain was steep with short grass  
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## A Week's Deployment (cont. from p. 5)

and Ponderosa pine; perfect fodder for our fire that was burning up a very steep incline towards the top of a ridge – we were able to observe fully engulfed trees and some pretty intense fire behavior during this first stint. After a short briefing we were asked to lay hose down one flank and to provide water pumping support for the crews working the right side of the fire. As we deployed our hose lays I can remember the blinding smoke and intense heat that pushed me almost to gagging point.

On several occasions we were forced to retreat from the fire line momentarily to catch our breath.

After overseeing the deployment of our hose lays, Eric manned the pumps on our engine while crews down the flank, including Don and me, doused flames and turned coals in a bid to help bring the fire under control. Several times during the initial flurry of activity we were pulled back from our fire line to allow aircraft to dump retardant to slow the advance of the fire.

By 9 pm the fire was completely contained, so our attention switched to “mop-up” operations. At this point we are responsible for making sure that the fire is completely out. The last crew is never withdrawn from a fire until the final ember is extinguished – sometimes days after the flames are put down. We spent the next 3 hours pumping water and turning coals in a bid to accomplish this task before being relieved for the night.

The next day we returned to the fire and spent all day completing the mop-up with a high temperature of 106 degrees. As the hours wore on, Eric re-

lieved us so that Don and I could take turns manning the engine and acting as lookouts. At this point we were able to stand back and get a better view of the fire's path of destruction and the 35 acre scar that it had left on the landscape.

To sum up I would rate my first deployment experience as mixed –we didn't see the “big fire” that we'd anticipated, but I did learn a lot about one of our engines and its equipment - I learned a little more about fire – and I learned a little more about two of my colleagues from SFPD. It definitely gave me some added confidence for a next encounter.

At the end of the day we should be thankful for such programs because it gives our fire-fighters the opportunity to hone their skills in a “real fire” environment alongside people with vastly more (or at least different) experience. It also allows them to interoperate with different agencies, different commanders and ground crews, different equipment, and to reinforce the commitment that other districts have made to send trained personnel to Sunshine in the event that we need assistance on a large fire.

Peter Beresford  
Firefighter

## Hi from California

Alex and I have been here about three weeks and are finally settled into our new home. The house is a remodeled Victorian that's the second oldest in MenloPark. We're about 2 blocks from 'downtown' MP but the the area is really just one big city in my opinion. Alex has about a 10 minute bike ride to school and Joyce a 15 minute ride to the hospital. I'm mostly working from home on manuscripts and checking out the coffee shops. It's taking some getting used to living in a city after being in Sunshine for so long. When I set up my wireless router I found four other sites from the neighbors. Russell loves the squirrels, however. Joyce has been putting in long days (7 am - 6 pm) but loves the environment and is learning a lot of new MRI stuff. Alex decided to take up the baritone sax (he has been playing the tenor) and I've been the mule to move it back and forth (it must weigh 30 lbs., case and all) At least it's not a drum set.

That's about it. I hope that you are all well. Have a great Community Fest. We miss Sunshine.

Bruce Honeyman



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## In Memory of Audie Covey

On August 13th, Sunshine residents gathered at the Gold Hill Inn to celebrate the life of Audie Covey who, with husband Harry, had lived in Sunshine longer than any other resident.

We remembered her warm strong personality, community spirit, commitment to her family, and her fortitude even through the worst of her illness. But we also remembered her fun-loving side, her dressing up for Halloween, cutting up at parties, and playing bunko.

Audie was more than a beloved person, she was also a link to Sunshine history, with vivid stories passed down from Forrest Jones and memories of Sunshine almost fifty years old.

The large crowd at her celebration was testimony to our affection and respect for her, as well as for her family who have contributed so much and in so many ways to Sunshine.

### *Excerpt from Ardie's eulogy:*

In late 1956, Audie met Harry Covey while she was a waitress at a small café. He was smitten from the beginning and in two weeks asked Audie to marry him. They were married May 5, 1957.

They then moved to Colorado where Harry attended the University of Colorado. 1960 brought the family to Sunshine Canyon – Audie fell in love with the mountains and the quaint community – she just had to have the little house that was for rent! Little did she know that she would reside in this community for 46 years.

In 1962, the house above the rental house went up for sale – they grabbed

it up for \$2,000. It was late 1800's vintage – the old Sunshine jail. No electricity, no water, no gas. They hauled water until Harry dug their first well, by hand. There was a wood-burning cook stove in the kitchen, a potbelly stove for heat in the living room and an outhouse on the hill.

Thus began a 44-year project! Together, the couple dug out foundations, hauled rocks, mixed cement, poured foundations, built walls, raised roofs and kids. What a team – what a family! It was during these years that Audie met her dearest friends Beebe Doherty, Sherry King Whitney and Irene Gunn.

When her youngest child started kindergarten, Audie went back to work as a nursing assistant at Memorial Hospital. Immersed in the medical field, Audie decided that a career in nursing was calling her name. In the fall of 1972, Beebe Doherty and Audie enrolled in the one-year LPN course offered by the local community college. They worked hard and long hours both studying and raising their families.

Audie was employed by Memorial Hospital for many years. The politics of the medical profession soon began to weed out the LPNs and Audie began to look for other avenues of work. She became a printing press operator, then did technical assembly work.

In 1986, Harry and Audie purchased a home in Kearny, Arizona. They spent six months of every year

living in Arizona and the other six months in Colorado. She worked part-time until her family finally convinced her to retire in 2000.

With her retirement, she and Harry could finally travel – to Australia, New Zealand, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Canada and the Eastern U.S.

These were some of the best times of her life. Audie also found relaxation in crafts and was always creating something, much of which found its way to our Art & Craft Fair.

Audie was diagnosed with colon cancer on July 26, 2005. Her last year was spent fighting that cancer like a trooper. Through surgery, chemotherapy (and all that that brings), she never complained and never gave up. She lost the battle with cancer on July 29, 2006.

She loved life, her family and her friends. She left behind her husband Harry; children Mark, John, Janice, Martin, Dennis and Anita; sons-in-law David and Mike; daughters-in-law Donna, Terese, and Suzi; 15 fabulous grandchildren and one adorable great-grandchild. She will be missed by her sisters – Rosie, Lyn and Carol, her step-brothers Nick and Don, as well as her many relatives and friends.

She was a mother to all who needed one. For the last 20 years she also supported a total of six children and families through the "World Vision" organization. She will be greatly missed by all that had the honored privilege of knowing her.



## Sunshine Community Fest Saturday, September 30th, 2-6pm Fire Station

Sunshine Community Fest! Mark your calendar for September 30th. Our annual bash boasts good food, great beer, interesting mountain folk, volleyball for the kids, an auction for crafts and fresh baked goods, and too many other things to mention. And all supporting a good cause—the Sunshine Fire Protection District.

New! We're adding a silent auction full of fun & funky stuff from your neighbors. Contact Beth (see below) to contribute those oddball items from your home that you think someone else might want. Not quite a white elephant sale, not quite a garage sale, it's a Sunshine original!

Suggested donation is \$7 per person, with a \$20 maximum per family. Kids under 12 are free. Bring a side dish to share and a baked item to auction. Chili, beer (micro and macro) and soft drinks will be provided. Your donation gets you door prize tickets for some great items. Raffle tickets are also on sale for valuable goods and services. And our auction offers the best in locally baked foods and local handicrafts.

Please contact Beth Byerlein at 440-9559 or [byerlein@ionsky.com](mailto:byerlein@ionsky.com) to donate products/services or if you'd like to volunteer your time.



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## Amendment 38 on November Ballot

The September/October newsletter of the Special District Association of Colorado (SDA) included an alarming discussion by J. Evan Goulding, Executive Director of the SDA. His article described the incredibly negative impact of passing amendment on our ballot in November. In his words, "Presented under the beguiling catch phrase of *Petition Rights*, this amendment to the Colorado Constitution will go far to erode the concept of representative government, and to tie the hands of elected officials in making policy and administering the operation of government at all levels." This would affect every aspect of decision making in the SFPD and make it very difficult for us to continue operating.

Mr. Goulding observes "Drafted in much the same style as the TABOR Amendment, Amendment 38 is obtuse and difficult to digest. There are traps and pitfalls in nearly every sentence. It will present the potential of severe personal and financial liabilities for the elected officials of special districts (such as the SFPD)."

The major provisions of Amendment 38 include:

Delay the implementation of district board decisions and actions. "When a board of directors adopts a resolution, it will not take effect until 91 days after post-passage publication. If a sufficient petition challenging the resolution is filed within the 91 days, then the effective date of the resolution will be delayed until an election is held. Since a petition election is considered a 'TABOR' issue, and is limited to being held on the election

date in November, the election could take as long as eleven months to be held."

Clearly this provision would make it extremely difficult to continue normal operation and implement changes in a timely manner. Mitigating this provision slightly, "The Amendment allows [the SFPD] to pass up to 12 legislative referendum petitions. Such measures are exempt only if the board describes the 'emergency' in detail and passes the emergency declaration by a three-fourths vote."

Petitions preempt board power. Petitions can block the implementation of board decisions. "If a citizen's petition is filed against a board action, the action must either be rescinded or put to a vote of the citizens of the district. If the action is defeated in the election, then that action or any other 'mostly similar' measures may be passed in the future only by an election of the citizens."

Control resides in the hands of the few. In order to force an election, the petition would need signatures

equaling five percent of the number of votes cast within the district in the last full-term election." With our small district of 143 homes and small participation in elections, it would require very few signatures on petitions to bring all decisions to a halt.

Board would be gagged and liable. Upon request by any district resident, the SFPD would have to provide a complete list of all eligible voters in a very short time frame and only allowed to charge a few dollars for this service. Review of the petition is highly biased in favor of the petitioners. No SFPD funds could be spent explaining the issues targeted by the petition to district residents. No board member can discuss the issues, and if charged with such a violation, must use his own funds to defend himself and pay any penalties assessed (three times the amount of money involved or \$3,000, whichever is greater). These provisions would make it extremely difficult to find people willing to serve on the SFPD board.

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## Sunshine Trivia

1. *There must be something in the water. Match Sunshine residents with their recent acts of idiocy.*

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| a. Forgetting the dog in the car ... for 2 hours | 1. Steve Stratton  |
| b. Boiling eggs until they completely exploded   | 2. John Metzger    |
| c. Warming the car in the garage... for 3 hours  | 3. Hildegard Stowe |
| d. Brewing coffee without a pot to catch it      | 4. Pam Young       |

2. *Where's Elmo? and Joyce Schroeder, Alex & Bruce Honeyman?*

- a. Bruce is working an out-of-district fire in Menlo Park, CA  
b. Alex auditioned and won a spot in the Stanford marching band.  
c. After medical school, residency and boards, Joyce felt that private practice would be just too easy, so she elected another year of sleep deprivation at the Stanford Medical Center.  
d. Who cares, the important thing is that they've promised to return next year.

3. *Memories are long in Sunshine. Ever noticed how Sunshine homes are always identified by their original owners, never the current ones? Match current residents with their house names.*

- |                           |                                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| a. Tom Steven's old house | 1. Sandy Calvin & Jeff Richey          |
| b. The Elizers' old house | 2. Tracy & Tim Ferrell                 |
| c. The Berger house       | 3. Jennifer & Rich Nuzzi               |
| d. The Gunn house         | 4. Anna, Taisia, Ene & Peter Beresford |
| e. The Landens' old house | 5. Donovan, Lance & Holly Bender       |
| f. The Feirerabend house  | 6. Megan Meehan & Brian Joseph         |

4. *What prompted Steve Stratton to propose to Wanda Bennett?*

- a. It's the only way she would let him drive the Mini Cooper  
b. He felt forced to match Chris Voorhees' offer  
c. She qualified when she became red card-certified in May  
d. Anyone who knows Wanda doesn't have to ask

*Answers:* 1) none of these, the real perpetrators are too embarrassed to be named 2) Joyce accepted a prestigious fellowship at Stanford for this next year 3) a-3, b-4, c-6, d-2, e-1, f-5 4) we're guessing d

## Community News

*Passing* Audie Covey, long-time Sunshine resident

*New arrival* A daughter, born to Jennifer and Laurent Nicault

*New neighbors:*

- Brian Joseph and Megan Meehan, Misty Vale
- Sandy Calvin & Jeff Richey, Whispering Pines

*Congratulations:* Engaged! Wanda Bennett & Steve Stratton

## The Dear Chris Column

Advice from  
the Mountain  
Man Who Calls  
It like He  
Sees It



Dear Chris,  
Lately I've  
had awful  
facial hair  
sprouting out  
all over. Just last night in  
bed I scared my husband near  
to death-he thought I was a  
bear nuzzling him. What should  
I do?  
--Bearded Lady from Misty Vale

Okay, Bertie, hold your horses...or your chin hairs as it may be. That's just one of the many signs of a bad winter coming. Just look at me-bushier than ever. Notice how the pine trees are loaded with cones and how high the mullen is? Then there's the sign the Indians look for...the height of the white man's wood pile! Keep those whiskers and come February your old man will be cuddling closer than ever.--Chris

Dear Chris,  
I hear tell there's a mighty bad winter ahead of us. What with all the wood I'll be burning, what can I do to make sure I don't burn down my cabin?  
--Skeered a' Smoke

You can use my trick, Smoky. I used to tape a strip of aluminum foil on the wall behind my stovepipe. It insulates real well so your wall doesn't overheat. But then I thought if a little foil is a good thing, how about a lot of foil? Now I've got my whole place covered in Reynolds. Not only is it warm, but the snow doesn't stick on the roof anymore. Now all I need is a cord of wood and some porcupine livers and I'm good for the whole winter. Just one thing, Smoke. Don't even think about asking me to split your wood!--Chris

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## Sunshine Schoolhouse and Cemetery News



### Sense of Community Remains in Sunshine Cemetery

The western Boulder County mining camp of Sunshine was founded on gold. Eventually, the mines shut down and commercial establishments moved on, but a sense of community remains in its cemetery, still in use today.

More than a century of history is preserved in the gravestones spread out in a natural setting of wildflowers, lilac bushes and pine trees...

One of the gravestones marks the final resting place of longtime Sunshine resident Forrest Jones. Before he died in 1989 (at the age of 92), he had been the cemetery's unofficial caretaker for as long as anyone could remember. Jones set up the four cornerstones which mark the cemetery's boundaries, and he strung the barbed wire that stretches between them.

To make sure that no one was forgotten, Jones compiled a list of the cemetery's then-157 burials, dating back to the 1890s. Jones donated his records to the Carnegie Branch Library for Local History. He also wrote a booklet titled "The Back-History of

Sunshine as I Recollect It," stipulating that proceeds from its sales would go toward the upkeep of the cemetery. (Four printings later, they still do.)

In an interview in 1984, Jones recalled early-day burials, when the rocky and often frozen ground was barely penetrable. "Seven or eight men would take turns for one or two days," he said. "We'd drill by hand, blast and dig with a pick and shovel." In 1948, when 70-year-old Steven Pastore was ill, he dug his own grave. He wanted to make sure it was done correctly, even "rocking it in" with a border of 10-inch stones.

Not everyone lived a long life. The Morgan family's stone, with its carved white lamb, reveals the death of 7-year-old son William, who was playing with a knife, slipped on some ice and accidentally stabbed himself. His death was followed two years later by that of his little brother.

The Fuller family grave memorializes four siblings who all drowned together while on an outing at a lake. Other stones document men who were victims of mine accidents.

Today's Sunshine Cemetery Association regulates the current burials. The deceased must have family already buried in the graveyard or have lived in or owned property in the Sunshine Fire Protection District for at least 10 years.

*excerpted from Silvia Pettem's column  
in the Daily Camera*

### Art & Craft Fair

Thank you to June Howard and Janice Wheeler for organizing the annual Sunshine Schoolhouse Art & Craft Fair. Ten percent of the proceeds are donated by the artists to the Schoolhouse maintenance fund.

Thank you to the individuals who provided art and craft items.

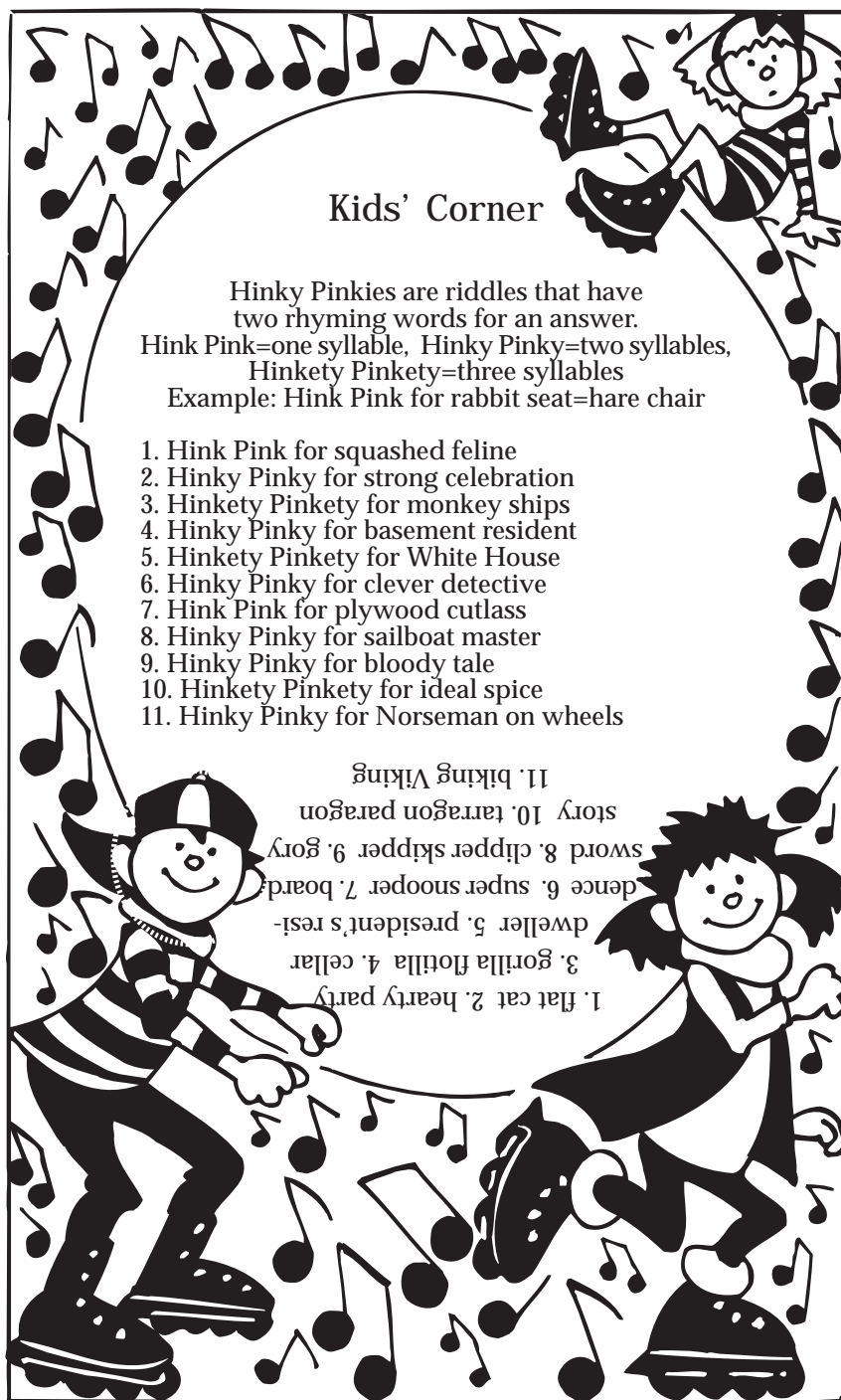
Jim Armitage  
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Harry (and Audie) Covey  
Vera Dobson  
Claiborne Espinosa  
Portia Hinshaw  
June Howard  
Susan Scheurer  
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Steve Spencer  
April Storrey  
Janice Wheeler  
Mike Wheeler  
Carol Whitney

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Amendment 38 (cont. from p. 9)  
Other provisions of the proposed Amendment further bias proceedings in favor of the petitioners.

This Amendment could cause a major negative impact on the SFPD. Residents should carefully consider the consequences of passing it.

*Don Dick*  
SFPD Resident



## Kids' Corner

Hinky Pinkies are riddles that have two rhyming words for an answer.  
Hink Pink=one syllable, Hinky Pinky=two syllables,  
Hinkety Pinkety=three syllables  
Example: Hink Pink for rabbit seat=hare chair

1. Hink Pink for squashed feline
2. Hinky Pinky for strong celebration
3. Hinkety Pinkety for monkey ships
4. Hinky Pinky for basement resident
5. Hinkety Pinkety for White House
6. Hinky Pinky for clever detective
7. Hink Pink for plywood cutlass
8. Hinky Pinky for sailboat master
9. Hinky Pinky for bloody tale
10. Hinkety Pinkety for ideal spice
11. Hinky Pinky for Norseman on wheels

1. flat cat 2. hearty party  
3. gorilla flotilla 4. cellar  
dweller 5. president's resi-  
dence 6. super snooper 7. board  
sword 8. clipper skipper 9. gory  
story 10. tarragon paragon  
11. bliking Viking

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## Yoga Classes!

\* Join us for an established,  
gentle yoga class that tones,  
strengthens, stretches, and  
relaxes  
\* Call for schedule. Limited  
space.

## Children's Art & Nature Classes!

\* Nature walks, water color  
painting, art projects, in a  
small setting, with a seasoned  
teacher of little children.  
\* Age group: 3- 6 yrs.  
\* Call for schedule.

## Flute Lessons!

\* Come learn to play the flute!  
Skills include reading music  
and developing an "ear".  
\* Beginner's welcome  
\* Youth or Adult students.

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## Fire Department Help Needed

You can help protect Sunshine without being a fire fighter. SFPD needs volunteers for these jobs:

**Maintenance Director:** to see that our trucks are serviced. John Clark formerly did this job but is now unavailable. This is an extremely important job that requires just a few hours a month.

**Metal work/Metal design:** to design, construct or have constructed metal doors for our outdoor cistern at 7000 SCD and locks on the cistern doors inside station #2. If you can do the construction, perfect. If not, we need someone to handle the details of having the work done professionally.

If you can help, please contact Steve Stratton, 303-786-8255 or steve@stevestratton.tv