

A Message from the Board



Welcome to the first edition of the Pine Strawberry Fuel Reduction Newsletter. Pine/Strawberry Fuel Reduction, Inc. (PSFR) is a completely volunteer, nonprofit community organization and is dependent entirely upon private donations and grants for its operation. The relative cost of funding fire prevention programs and activities is certainly small in comparison with all that we stand to lose here in the Rim Country. Community projects include operation of the brush pit (located several miles south of Pine, off the Control Road) where residents can dispose of leaves, branches and brush cuttings at no cost, though donations are appreciated. Volunteers from PSFR are building hiking/biking trails in the area and organize a number of community events to promote fire safety awareness and fuel reduction goals.



Are You Ready?

Have you signed up for Gila County's Emergency Alert System called Everbridge?

You can be notified via voice or text message if there is a public safety concern or evacuation notice for our area. And your info is confidential; not shared for other uses. [Click here](#) to enroll in Everbridge.

Pine Trail Run a Runaway Success

On May 4th, 156 runners took part in the second annual Pine Trail Run. This year a 3.1 mile run was added for those not quite ready for the 8.8 mile Trail Run. Scott Kehl, Race Director, thanks everyone who participated and volunteered, and says planning is already in gear for next year's Trail Run. And our thanks to Scott for his hard work and efforts in organizing this event. Next year's Trail Run will be held on May 2nd.



Registration is now open for this year's Fire on the Rim Mountain

Bike Race ([click here](#) to register.) Check out the map and other course [details here](#). Besides the Race, enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner, kids' races, silent auction, live music and beer garden.

Pine Fire Wise Day Bigger & Better

A beautiful cool May 18th brought a variety of exhibitors and speakers to Pine Fire Wise Day, along with hundreds of visitors. Was the highlight the two helicopters that landed in a nearby field, being up-close to a variety of raptors and reptiles, hearing presentations on fire safety and forest health, or digging into free BBQ sandwiches? Needless to say, there was something for everyone at this great annual event. Thanks to all the volunteers, and especially Katie Calderon and Sara Gerlach for being the event coordinators.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Join the fun and protect our towns!

There's a volunteer opportunity for everyone, ranging from raffle ticket sales, to event registration, to race course marshall, to trail building, and much more. Meet new friends and protect our homes and forests. To volunteer and join the fun [click here](#).

Protect Your Home!

[Click here](#) for 7 tips for the reducing fire risk for your home and property.



Words to Live By "Preparing to fight wild fires is only part of the solution, we must be more proactive and prevent the fires before they start, or reduce their intensity by removing forest waste and fuel build up."

Quote from Rick Renzi