



NEW RIVER/DESERT HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Dedicated to the preservation of our Community and its rural life style

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February 12 - 7:30 PM New River/Desert Hills Community Association State Rep. Doug Clark Speaks About State Legislative Issues at Crossroads Christian Fellowship 42425 N. New River Rd., New River, Arizona

NRDHCA Meetings

Feb 12, 7:30 PM – Doug Clark - Arizona House of Representative for District 6 (includes New River, Desert Hills, and Anthem). As a legislator Doug has served in six committees, among them Homeland Security & Property Rights, Education, Higher Education, Water & Agriculture, Appropriations and Sub-Appropriations: Education & Natural Resources. Some legislative issues that may affect our area are:

- How will the state bridge the current budget shortfall?
- What is the status of bills to reduce or eliminate our property taxes?
- How is Arizona meeting the federal clean air standards?
- What is the news on efforts to reform the how some state land can be saved for conservation?

If you have questions for the Doug, please submit in advance by emailing NRDHCA at nrdhca@gmail.com. Everyone is encouraged to attend this timely and important community meeting.

Future Meetings

Mar 10, 7:30 PM—MC Attorney Andrew Thomas

County Boards

Board meetings agendas are at: www.maricopa.gov/planning/agenda.asp

Board of Supervisors February 6

Continued from January 16 - S2006057 (Preliminary Plat) and Z2007107 (RUPD zone request). Location: Desert Hills Equestrian Estates at NE corner of Desert Hills Drive and 7th Avenue. 56 lots on a gross acreage of 74.23 acres. The NR/DHCA received updated information on this case that impacted our original position. NR/DHCA is still watching this case, but we have taken a neutral position. We like the concept and believe the developer and adjacent neighbors can work together to resolve their differences.

Planning and Development February 7

Agenda is not posted as of our print date but we did receive notice that case Z2007090 will be heard. Floyd Johnston requests a special use for cottage industry located at 204 E. Mano Drive for construction and storage of playground equipment and associated material. NR/DHCA recommended approval if there was screening of mechanical equipment, storage areas, and loading areas.

Board of Adjustment/Drainage Review Board January 9

BA2007115. Gary D. & Rose Ann Davis request approval of 2 setback variances & 2 building separation variances at 42923 N. 14th Street. NR/DHCA recommended approval of 1 setback request. By the time this went to

the Board, only the building separation variances were left. Maricopa County P & D staff recommended denial of both variances; they determined that there were other allowable options.

BA2007128 Ronald and Rose M. Werner request approval of 2 variances at 1032 E. Irvine Road, Desert Hills. NR/DHCA recommended denial. Maricopa County P & D staff recommended denial of both variances. A third variance requested was added after NR/DHCA review of the case; P & D staff recommended approval of that one.



Community Events

- Feb 1, 8 AM** - Andy Kunasek's monthly breakfast meeting. The speaker will be Constable Ron Myers. Ron is the constable for the Lake Pleasant District. He retired from the FBI as a Special Agent in 2000 with over 30 years service.
- Feb 6 & 20 7:00 PM** – New River Kiwanis Club at Kiwanis Bldg in the New River Community Park
- Feb 11 & 25, 6:30 PM** – Daisy Mountain Kiwanis, North Valley Regional Library, Anthem
- Feb 19 – 12 Noon-3 PM**, Dialog with Andy Kunasek, Daisy Mtn Fire Dept, 43814 N New River Rd.
- Feb 25, 7 PM** – Daisy Mtn Fire Board, 43814 N NR Road

CERT G-317 / IS-22: Basic Hands-on classroom CERT course. Starts Thursday April 3, 7 PM to 10 PM. Held 9 consecutive Thursdays. Ends May 29. Free!! Open to anyone over age 18. Gain the knowledge to take care of your family. Held at Fire Station 141 (43814 N New River Rd., New River, AZ). Register by calling 623-465-7400.

Scorpion Bay Marina Dock Dedication at Lake Pleasant

Skipper Marine Development and Lake Pleasant Regional Park are pleased to announce that construction on the new Scorpion Bay Marina has begun. "The County has worked hard to bring this project to realization. I am pleased that development has finally begun," stated Maricopa County Supervisor Andy Kunasek, Chairman, District 3. In addition to on-site boat storage, covered and uncovered marina slips, the full-service marina which contains a fuel dock, pump out system, store and food services, will have a new state-of-the-art floating dock system with a wave attenuator which will create a safe harbor for the boats. For additional information on Scorpion Bay Marina, contact Cris at (928) 501-2628 or visit www.ScorpionBayMarina.com.

January 30 Wednesday 9:00 – 11 am Plants of Spur Cross. Interpretive Ranger Kevin Smith leads an easy 2 hour hike on the Metate Trail of Spur Cross. This area boasts a rich diversity of plant habitats ranging from drought tolerant Saguaro-Palo Verde forests to water loving Mesquite bosques. This is an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with the wide variety of plants found in this nearby conservation area. All welcome. There is a \$3 fee but no reservations are required. Call 480-488-6623 or e-mail kevinsmith@mail.maricopa.gov

Presidential Preference Election

Only the Republicans and Democrats are holding Presidential Preference Elections. To vote in the Presidential Preference Election, **you must have registered your party preference as a Democrat or Republican (no other designation allowed) by January 7.** There are currently 24 Candidates on the Democratic ballot and 24 Candidates on the Republican ballot. To verify that you are an active registered voter in Maricopa County, Arizona, or to verify your party, voting precinct, etc., go to <https://recorder.maricopa.gov/earlyvoteballotnet/voterreglookup.aspx>.

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Name _____ New Renewal

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-Mail _____ Date: _____

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