



NEW RIVER/DESERT HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

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May 13 - 7:30 PM New River/Desert Hills Community Association Annual Ice Cream Social & Wildlife Presentation at Crossroads Christian Fellowship 42425 N. New River Rd., New River, Arizona

NRDHCA Meetings

May 13, 7:30 PM –Back by popular demand, Mark Paulat of Sonoran Wildlife Services will be doing a special presentation on the important benefits of some of our less appealing wildlife “neighbors.” Additionally, area resident Carol Zimmerman will bring rescued Desert Tortoises for you to see close up.

The warmer weather is the signal that reptile season is upon us. Higher temperatures bring out our unique native creatures like rattlesnakes, tarantulas, and scorpions - each having an important role to play in our desert environment. Mark will also be bringing some very interesting live critters for show & tell and will be taking questions from the audience.

While enjoying Mark’s presentation, you can also enjoy NR/DHCA’s annual “Ice Cream Social” offered to show appreciation for the support and volunteer efforts of our members. Shangri La Ranch will be generously providing the ice cream for this event. NR/DHCA will provide the fixings, bowls, and utensils.

Future Meetings

June 10, 7:30 PM—Ken Shaver, fire prevention officer from the Phoenix BLM office will be our featured speaker. Also speaking with by Judge Gerald Williams of the Northwest Justice Court on the upcoming changes to our judicial precinct boundaries.

County Boards

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

Board of Supervisors

- April 23 - Set a public hearing for May 21, 2008 to adopt revisions to Chapters I, II, VI, and VIII of the Maricopa County Ordinance P-14 Environmental Health Code (MCEHC). Proposed amendments clarify bathing place, solid waste and food processor text, incorporate state and federal regulatory updates and add One-Stop-Shop plan review fees.
- Next meeting May 7 (no agenda posted at time of printing.)

Planning and Development

The Maricopa County Zoning, Infrastructure, Policy, Procedure, and Ordinance Review (ZIPPOR) Committee met April 24. On the agenda, they were to discuss “Outdoor Light Pollution Standards”(possible text amendment to be considered) and “Arizona Department of Water Resources Assured / Adequate Water Supply Programs”

Board of Adjustment/Drainage Review Board April 16

- **BA2005148.** Location: 37106 N. 31st Avenue, Desert Hills. Thomas J. & Diana B. Everitt requests the approval of (4) variances. NRDHCA Recommendation: **Deny.**
- **BA2008007.** 317 W. Olesen Road, Desert Hills. Timothy and Jamie Opic requests for the approval of 2 variances. NRDHCA recommendation: **Deny.**
- **BA2006086.** 42428 N. 7th Street. Douglas & Nancy Ritter requests variance to permit a proposed hillside area disturbance of 46.73% where 15% is the maximum hillside area disturbance allowed in the Rural-43 zoning

district, NRDHCA did not receive or review this case.

- **BA2008023.** Violation V200800041. 1402 E. Cloud Road, Desert Hills. Paul Allen & Teri Lea Womack request for the approval of (2) variances. NRDHCA recommendation: **Deny.**

Next Meeting May 14 (no agenda posted)



Community Events

- **May 2, 8 AM –** Monthly Breakfast Meeting. Hometown Buffet (North West corner of Bell & I-17). Kris Mayes, AZ Corporation Commissioner will discuss renewable energy. Everyone is welcomed.
- **June, July, and August –** No Andy Kunasek's Monthly Breakfast Meeting. Next breakfast will be on Friday, September 5, 2008.
- **May 7 & 21, 7:00 PM –** New River Kiwanis Club at Kiwanis Bldg in the New River Community Park
- **May 10, 5-8 PM—**New River Kiwanis Lobsterfest at the Roadrunner.
- **May 20, 12 Noon-3 PM,** Dialog with Andy Kunasek, Daisy Mtn Fire Dept, 43814 N New River Rd. No meetings in June, July, and August.
- **May 15, 7:00 PM –** Daisy Mountain Kiwanis, North Valley Regional Library, Anthem
- **May 19, 7 PM –** Daisy Mtn Fire Board, 43814 N NR Road
- **Aug 12, Candidates Forum**
- **Oct 14—NRDHCA Road Cleanup.** Mark your calendars now.

THANK YOU to Ed Grant, Terry Marron, Bob & Peggy Biegler, Shareen, Joseph, AJ & Jared Goodroad, Pete & Priscilla Lee. A special Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 431, for doing a great job on the NE corner of 7th Street & Carefree Highway at our April 12 road cleanup.

Do you want development on Daisy Mountain?

Assuming you don't want development on Daisy Mountain, we need your help to get signatures on an initiative that would preserve some of Daisy Mountain and about 57,000 acres of other state land throughout Arizona. This initiative would also preserve some state lands between the New River Preserve and Table Mesa. Other preservation land could be purchased. Our schools would potentially receive more dollars since the value of the land surrounding preserved land would be increased. Call 623-742-6514 or see <http://daisymountain.org/newsandevents.htm> for more details.

LOBSTERFEST, May 10, 5-8 PM

Annual New River Kiwanis Lobsterfest at the Roadrunner Café. This is the main fundraiser for New River Kiwanis that keeps the Kiwanis Community Park open and available to members of the New River and Desert Hills communities. Call 623-465-5959 to buy tickets or talk to any member of the New River Kiwanis.

Lake Pleasant Regional Park

The north entry and access to the 4-lane boat ramp will be closed to the public from 5:00 pm on Friday, June 6, 2008 and will re-open at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2008. The main park entrance and access to the 10-lane boat launch remain open.

LEGISLATOR CONTACT— Go to <http://www.azleg.gov/> and check out the bills that our legislators are considering. If you have an opinion or question to share, contact your legislators Rep. Sam Crump (at SCrump@azleg.gov), Rep. Doug Clark (at dclark@azleg.gov), and Sen. Pam Gorman (at pgorman@azleg.gov).

Rocks & Streams Walk

May 10 Saturday 8:00 am – 10 am. Moderate hike. Learn about the geology and streams of the Spur Cross region on a 2-hour walk with nationally-known earth science author, Thomas McGuire. Visit an abandoned gold mine, Nutcracker Rock and a Hohokam rock art site along Cottonwood Wash. Bring water and your natural curiosity. Meet in the Spur Cross parking area. No Registration Required; Fee: \$3 per person. Questions - contact: **Kevin** Smith, Park Ranger at 480-488-6623 or e-mail kevinsmith@mail.maricopa.gov

Deer Valley Road I-17 Northbound Exit CLOSED

Beginning Saturday, April 26, the northbound I-17 exit ramp at Deer Valley Road closed permanently. This closure is necessary to improve traffic flow on I-17 near the interchange with the Loop 101 but will not eliminate access to Deer Valley Road. Signs and message boards will direct drivers to exit northbound I-17 at Rose Garden Lane and use the freeway's frontage road to reach Deer Valley Road.

Please send an email notice to nrdhca@gmail.com if you change your email address so that we can keep you in the loop.

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