



NEW RIVER/DESERT HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

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October 13 —7:30 PM

New River/Desert Hills Community Association

Saving \$ - Going Green

**at Crossroads Christian Fellowship
42425 N. New River Rd., New River, Arizona**

NR/DHCA Meetings

Oct. 13, 7:30 PM. This New River-Desert Hills Community meeting will be featuring noted author and speaker **Chris Prelitz**, who has been passionately involved with high performance green building and sustainability for over 25 years.

Chris has successfully green renovated and remodeled hundreds of homes and buildings. A recent 'green flip' was featured on the premier episode of "Greenovate" on the Discovery channel. In his new book, "Green Made Easy", Chris offers simple-to-use tips on how to save money and transition toward a healthier green lifestyle with very small investments. Teaming up with New Leaf America (<http://newleafamerica.com>), he has formed a valuable partnership in the financial and management sector in order to bring the knowledge of how to go green within easy reach of every homeowner and renter.

Chris will share personal experiences, lessons learned and reflections that humorously touch the heart and inspire the spirit. His way of busting green myths will sway even the most cynical person toward making better eco-choices while saving money in the process.

Go to www.nrdhca.org for more details. You can also call Shareen at 623-742-0150 or Terry at 623-587-7039 with questions or comments you have for this speaker.

Future Meetings

Nov. 10- For more information or speaker and/or topic suggestions, please call 623-587-7039 or visit www.nrdhca.org.

County Boards

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

Board of Supervisors

- **Oct. 7** – no agenda yet.

Planning and Zoning Sept. 3

- **TA2009010 Text Amendment** to the County Zoning Ordinance (MCZO) for off-site advertising as a special use. NRDHCA and MC Staff recommended denial.

- **TA2009011 Text Amendment** to the County Zoning Ordinance (MCZO) to be consistent with State Statute ARS – 11-807 along with some other housekeeping adjustments. These will not result in any significant change in operation.

Board of Adjustment/Drainage Review Board

- Oct. 14 – No agenda yet.

Spay/Neuter & Shots Assistance Program

- <http://www.unoporuno.org/> for information on **free spay/neuter surgeries and low cost** low-cost rabies vaccinations and dog license services for your pet(s)..
- <http://maricopa.gov/Pets/SpayNeuter/Voucher.aspx> for **free spay/neuter surgeries** dog(s) and cat(s) at participating veterinarians throughout the valley.

Property Taxes

Property taxes are due Oct. 1; it may be paid in full or in two installments:

- 1st half due Oct. 1 and is delinquent Nov. 1 after 5 PM
 - 2nd half due Mar. 1, 2010 and is delinquent after May 1, 5 PM
 - May be paid in full by Dec. 31 without 1st half interest if amount due is over \$100.
 - If amount due is \$100 or less, you must pay full amount by Nov. 1.
- Always check the property description and parcel number on the tax statement with your records. If you are responsible for paying the taxes (i.e. no mortgage) and have not received a tax statement by October 15, please contact the Treasurer's Office at (602) 506-8511.

Did You Know?

- www.nrdhca.org has a link to find cheap gas.
- www.daisymountain.org has information on reduced State Trust Land recreation permits
- http://pioneeraz.org/family_fun.html#harvest has information on Pioneer Harvest Dinner Ball and Afternoon at the Race's on **October 10 at Turf Paradise.** 2 Events – daytime races and evening dinner/dance with State Historian Marshal Trimble.



Community Events

- **NCC Photo contest ends Oct. 1** – call 623-742-6514 for details or www.daisymountain.org.
- **Sept. 26, 6 to 10 AM – Pioneer Village.** Bring work gloves, hat, sunscreen and sunglasses. You can also bring yard work tools marked with your name. Call 602-262-7444 or just show up. Sign-in at the Opera House. Water provided. Free Lunch for volunteers 10 AM.
- **Sept 29, 7 PM – Daisy Mtn. Fire Board,** 43814 N New River Rd.
- **Oct. 1 and 15, 7:00 PM – New River Kiwanis Club** at Kiwanis Bldg in the NR Community Park
- **Oct. 2, 8 AM-- County Supervisor Kunasek,** Hometown Buffet, 2730 W. Bell R. **Speaker: Ken Bennett, Secretary of State.**
- **Oct 2, 7:30 PM, Sounds of Broadway** at Desert View Bible Church 105 W. Carefree Hwy. A evening of favorite classics performed by guest singers John and Kate Campbell Stevenson. Buy tickets online at www.promusicaaz.org or by phone 623-465-4650.
- **Oct. 11, 3 PM - "Hearts in Harmony"** Cabaret and Cake Show at the Pioneer Living History Village Opera House. Advance purchase of tickets recommended. \$12/Adults, \$8/Seniors, Students and Members. Go to www.ACNV.org, call 623-516-2264 x 4 or at Deer Valley Credit Union in Anthem.
- **October 17, 7 AM – NR/DHCA Road Cleanup;** meet at NE corner of 7th St. & Carefree Hwy.
- **Oct. 20, Noon to 3 PM –** Dialog with County Supervisor Kunasek, Daisy Mtn. Fire Dept, 43814 N New River Rd.
- **Oct. 20, 7 PM, Deer Valley Marching Band Exhibition,** Free. Performances by all Deer Valley High Schools (Barry Goldwater, Boulder Creek, Deer Valley, Mountain Ridge, Sandra Day O'Connor). For more information, contact Glenn Hart, Director of Bands, Boulder Creek HSI. Anthem. Phone: 623-445-8705
- **Every Thursday, noon to 1 PM Toastmasters - Fish Tails Club,** AZ Game & Fish, 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. All invited. 623-236-7256 or mkaml@azgfd.gov

New River-Desert Hills Community Association (NR/DHCA) Needs Your HELP!

Your community needs you! Members are the key to any volunteer community effort. Successful community groups are generally those with **an active and engaged membership** and Board of Directors. There's more to do than the Board members can do alone. We need volunteers to help. The time investment can be minimal, but the outcome is tremendous. Your help would be a great asset to us in whatever capacity you can offer. Our needs include: attending P & Z meetings when an issue affects us (no more than once a month), Membership recruiting (1 hour per month minimum), monitoring ADOT projects (1 hour per month), 2012 Statehood Celebration Event planning, attending Board of Adjustment meetings when an issue affects us (no more than once a month), other suggestions and ideas approved by the NR/DHCA board.

Residents should be motivated to join and participate in our community association which exists solely for their benefit. We are the only community association representing the entire unincorporated area of New River-Desert Hills. We are as unique as the residents who reside within our boundaries and sensitive to the particular needs of those residents. The positions, projects, and services provided by the association are a direct reflection of the needs and wants of the residents in our area.

If you or the community is faced with a planning or zoning issue, we can and do help! We're here to protect and enhance our area and preserve its rural lifestyle. You will enjoy a healthier community through the efforts of a well supported community association; which means more memberships and volunteer efforts. Let your voice be heard in determining programs, development, and spending priorities.

Get your friends and neighbors to join. Membership annual dues (ONLY \$20 per residence) are used for mailings, website, and meeting expenses – all for the benefit of our community. Together we can make a difference!

New River Road – Curves near Fig Spring Roads

We did not succeed in convincing MC Department of Transportation (MCDOT) that we had the support of the community to select Alternative 1 - the alternative that flattened the S-curve within its the current alignment along New River Road. While MCDOT is mandated to bring the roadway up to minimum design standards and code, the majority of the public input indicated no alternative. "No change" is not an option that the County will consider; the road must be fixed to meet safety standards and growth projections. Based on engineering analysis and stakeholder and community input, MCDOT has selected Alternative 3; which creates a new New River Road bypass road from Fig Springs to Cholla Patch. See the "Issues, Roads & Events" page at www.nrdhca.org for more information

Green Government

Check out www.mygreengovernment.com – Maricopa County's Green Government Program approved in June, 2008. It supports the County's commitment to sustainability.

If you change your email address, please send an email notice to nrdhca@gmail.com so that we can keep you in the know.

NR/DHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS					
President	Shareen Goodroad	623-742-0150	Member at large	Ed Grant	623-465-7667
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	Ann Hutchinson, Planning & Development	623-742-6514			

NR/DHCA ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20. To join, please complete the following, write a \$20 check made out to NR/DHCA and mail both to NR/DHCA, 515 E. Carefree Hwy., # 300, Phoenix, AZ 85085-8839. **Annual Dues are payable in January. If you haven't submitted yours yet, please do so soon. We depend on your support!**

Name _____ New Renewal
 Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: (_____) _____ E-Mail _____ Date: _____

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