



# NEW RIVER/DESERT HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

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**November 10—7:30 PM**

**New River/Desert Hills Community Association**

**Informational Session with State Representative Sam Crump**

**at Crossroads Christian Fellowship**

**42425 N. New River Rd., New River, Arizona**

## NR/DHCA Meetings

**Nov 10, 7:30 PM--** NR/DHCA will host a public informational session on Tuesday, November 10 with Sam Crump, Arizona State Representative for District 6 (includes New River, Desert Hills, and Anthem). Rep. Crump is in his second term in the AZ House of Representatives. He is also part of the InfraGuard. InfraGuard, through its association of businesses, academic institutions, state and local law enforcement agencies, and other participants, is dedicated to sharing information and intelligence to prevent hostile acts against the United States. Rep. Crump is also exploring a run for Arizona Attorney General in 2010. If you have questions for Rep. Crump, you may submit them in advance by emailing NRDHCA at [nrdhca@gmail.com](mailto:nrdhca@gmail.com).

## Future Meetings

**December 8 – Holiday Social and Dessert Potluck with Supervisor Kunasek.** For more information or suggestions, please call 623-587-7039 or visit [www.nrdhca.org](http://www.nrdhca.org).

## County Boards

Board meetings agendas are at: [www.maricopa.gov/planning/agenda.asp](http://www.maricopa.gov/planning/agenda.asp)

## Board of Supervisors

**Oct. 21**

- Authorize an Agreement between Maricopa Association of Governments and Maricopa County through the Air Quality Department for grant funds, in the amount of \$98,552.46. The purpose of this grant is to purchase and install three continuous air quality monitors as replacements for older monitors which only sample 1 in every 6 days. This Agreement will be subject to review and approval by Legal.

**Nov. 4**

- No agenda posted at printing time

## Board of Adjustment/Drainage Review Board

**Oct. 14**

- **BA2009033 at 37907 N. 34 Avenue.** Charter Design for owners Bonnie Jean Hersheth requested 4 variances : 1) A proposed hillside disturbance of 24.98% where a maximum of 15% is allowed (2) proposed driveway construction on 100% fill where 1/3 (33.3%) is allowed (3) a proposed retaining height of 7.75 feet outside of the buildable area where 6 feet is the maximum allowed (4) a proposed average height of 6.66 feet in the hillside area where an average of 6 feet is the maximum allowed in Rural-43 zoning. NR/DHCA recommended denial since some request request too much disturbance of the land and other requests create a life/safety concern. The County staff also recommended denial based on the finding that denial would not create an unnecessary hardship on the owner.

**Nov. 12.**

- **BA2009053 at 1509 E. Maddock.** Mark Boyd (Boyd Construction) for owners John Segelbaum and Judith Larsen requests a variance to permit an existing single-family residence to setback 30 feet from the rear (west) property line where 40 feet is the minimum required. NR/DHCA is reviewing the case.

## Planning & Development

- **Oct. 8** -no issues for our area
- **Now – Comments needed.** **TA2007006** - Proposed changes to the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance relating to signs. Current sign regulations, in addition to being somewhat cumbersome, are out of date with current needs of the community. This amendment includes criteria and definitions for electronic message displays, menu boards, freeway pylon signs,

Business Park directory signs. The third draft Maricopa County Sign Ordinance Chapters 2 and 14 (TA2007006) is posted to <http://bit.ly/qgnj> . Return your written comments to [pattyZaricor@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:pattyZaricor@mail.maricopa.gov) by the end of November. The county would like to have time to address your comments and place this on a P&Z agenda by the first of January. We (NR/DHCA) are analyzing this and will post our opinion on [www.nrdhca.org](http://www.nrdhca.org) when completed.



## Community Events

- **Nov. 6, 1st Friday of month, 7 AM - Breakfast with Andy Kunasek- CANCELLED THIS MONTH**
- **Nov 7, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Ride Fundraiser for Larkyn Arena, 9 AM, Larkyn Arena**
- **Nov 17 - 3rd Tuesday of each month, Noon to 3 PM. Chat with Andy Kunasek** (Maricopa County Supervisor for our area) at Daisy Mountain Fire Dept, 43814 N New River Rd. Everyone invited.
- **Dec. 4, 1st Friday of month, 7 AM - Breakfast with Andy Kunasek** at the Hometown Buffet, 2730 W. Bell Road. Speaker to be announced as soon as possible.
- **Every Thursday, noon to 1: Toastmasters - Fishtales Club,** Eagle Room of the Arizona Game and Fish, 5000 W. Carefree Highway (west of I-17). Questions? Go to <http://fishtalestm.org/> or contact Mike at [mkaml@azgfd.gov](mailto:mkaml@azgfd.gov) or 623-236-7256. Everyone invited.
- **1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM – New River Kiwanis Club Meeting** at the Kiwanis Building at the New River Community Park. Everyone invited.
- **Anytime - Drop your cans off at the "Can Dumpster"** located at the Three Bars Feed & Tack (47027 N New River Rd.). The proceeds will go to help fund the Larkyn Arena of the NR Park.

## Tonto National Forest to hold series of Travel Management Planning open houses during November

The public is invited to come and share ideas about the forest's system of roads, trails, and/or areas, review the proposed system, and submit comments about the proposal. [More info ...](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/news/2009/091026.shtml)  
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### Do You Want Representation?

Numbers do count – the more members NR/DHCA has, the more influence and credibility we have when talking to county, state, and federal staff and officials about our community. **Tell your friends and neighbors to join NR/DHCA in 2010.** Our mission is to preserve its rural life style. The NR/DHCA is an all-volunteer organization devoted to promoting, protecting, and enhancing the rural lifestyle of the New River-Desert Hills communities. Membership annual dues (ONLY \$20 per residence) are used for mailings, website, and meeting expenses – all for the benefit of our community.

### Free Art Tour

NOVEMBER 20, 21 & 22 and 27, 28 & 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Come enjoy this FREE self-guided tour among 46 studios with 152 participating artists in the beautiful Sonoran Desert foothills. See tour details at <http://www.sonoranartsleague.org/hidden.php>. One of our favorites is photographer Kazu Okutomi Photography at the Tres Chicas Calientes y Dos Caballeros (6602 E. Military Rd). Kazu has been a strong supporter and volunteer for our efforts to save Daisy Mountain from development. He is also planning to have a work shop on using your camera; more details will be posted on [www.nrdhca.org](http://www.nrdhca.org) soon.

*If you change your email address, please send an email notice to [nrdhca@gmail.com](mailto:nrdhca@gmail.com) so that we can keep you in the know.*

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