



NEW RIVER/DESERT HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

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March 10—7:30 PM

New River/Desert Hills Community Association

What's Happening in the AZ Legislature

at Crossroads Christian Fellowship

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

NR/DHCA Meetings

March 10, 7:30 PM--

NR/DHCA is hosting our area's (Legislative District 6) State Representatives Sam Crump and Carl Seel. This meeting provides our community an opportunity to hear the latest on issues affecting our lives as well as a chance to provide input. The thoughts and insights of those who come to the meeting will be taken seriously. Go to <http://www.azleg.gov> to research bills these legislators have sponsored and/or what bills are being considered. NR/DHCA will provide light refreshments and a chance for socializing at the end of the meeting.

Future Meetings

April 14, 7:30 PM—Judges Gerald Williams and Clancy Jayne will share information on their courts related to area residents. For more information or 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

- **Mar. 18** – no agenda posted at time of printing
- **Feb. 25**
 - Decreased FY 2008-09 project and project budget for the New River Transfer Station(NRTS) project by \$295,000 from \$975,000 to \$680,000.
 - Zoning Code Violation Case V200700808 at 413 E Tanya Rd. related to construction with permits and drainage. On Jan. 28 the BOS upheld the Hearing Officer's judgment but this must be revisited since staff could not confirm proper notification.

Planning and Zoning

Feb. 26

- ZIPPOR** - Zoning, Infrastructure, Policy, Procedure & Ordinance Review Committee (ZIPPOR), will
- Decide if they want to move to the next step (public comment and P & Z Commission) with the text amendment TA2008086 that would allow some horse boarding and some horse events without a special use permit.
 - Discuss **TA2007006 – Sign Regulations (All Districts)** Text

Amendment clarify the Sign Definitions and updating the Sign Regulations.

- Discuss recent court decisions regarding the military airbase high noise and accident potential zones and Maricopa County zoning
- Discuss proposed Text Amendments to regulatory documents that would require all outstanding fines and fees against a property to be paid in full prior to scheduling of public meetings, hearings, or administrative approval.

Board of Adjustment/Drainage Review Board Feb 18

- **BA2008096.** Owner Mark E. Serna requests approval of variance application to construct access road on 100% fill in hillside area at 50815 N. 35th Avenue, (Stage Road) New River. NR/DHCA recommended denial because they thought there were other alternatives. The county staff recommended approval because their research shows that the situation was not caused by the owner and the variances seems to be the best solution.
- **BA2008030.** Applicant: Jenny Vitale for owner Mark and Palmer Rebecca Hild requests 5 variances (hillside disturbances and setback issues) at 47622 N. 25th Lane, New River. At the time NR/DHCA reviewed the case in April 2008 there were only 2 variance requests and they recommended denial since the problems were self-created. County staff agreed with that analysis. Another variance fell into the same conclusion. For the other two, the staff recommended approval since there was confusion over the property lines that were not the owners fault.
- **BA2009002.** Tim and Mary Thomas request 2 setback variances at 35808 N. 3rd Street, Desert Hills. NR/DHCA was not given the case to review. The county staff recommended denial because the owner has alternatives.

Mar. 11

- **BA2008106.** Jenny Vitale for Owner Victor Forman requests approval of 2 variances (proposed hillside disturbance over 15% and existing retaining wall height over 6 feet) at 36506 N. 33rd Ave. NR/DHCA is reviewing the case.

- **DBR2009002.** Owner Floyd Johnson is requesting that the Drainage Regulation, Policies, and Standards be revised in light of his circumstances at 204 E. Mano Drive (Sabrosa Subdivision), New River. NR/DHCA is reviewing the case.
- **BA2008067.** Owner Mark Heller is requesting approval of 5 variances related to a hillside area at 44801 N. 23. Street. NR/DHCA is reviewing the case.

Community Events

- **CANCELLED - Mar. 6: 1st Friday every month, 8 AM. Breakfast with Andy Kunasek.** this month. See you in April.
- **Mar 4 & 18, 7:00 PM – New River Kiwanis Club** at Kiwanis Bldg in the NR Community Park
- **Mar 9, 7:00 PM—Daisy Mountain Kiwanis,** NV Regional Library, Anthem
- **Mar 17, 3rd Tuesday every month, Noon to 3 PM.** Chat with County Supervisor Andy Kunasek at Daisy Mtn Fire Dept, 43814 N New River Rd.
- **Every Thursday, noon to 1: Toastmasters - Fish Tails Club:** See <http://fishtalestm.org/>. Meeting is at Arizona Game and Fish, Questions? Email mkaml@azgfd.gov or call 623-236-7256.
- **Mar 30, 7 PM – Daisy Mtn Fire Board,** 43814 N NR Road.
- **Mar. 5 – 1st of eight sessions** offered by Daisy Mountain Fire District CERT – Certified Emergency Response Team. **This class will be held for 8 Thursdays,** 7-10 pm at the Daisy Fire station located at 43814 N. New River Road. CERT training will enable you to identify and reduce potential fire hazards in your home and workplaces. You will also learn what steps to take that will prepare you for a disaster.
- **April 18, 7 AM—NR/DHCA Road Cleanup**
- **October 17, 7 AM—NR/DHCA Road Cleanup**

Want to be Involved?

NR/DHCA has an opportunity for you!! Three board positions are up for the election by members at the March 10 meeting. So far, two incumbents, Ed Grant and Jerry Knorr, and one member, Teri Conrad, are running. If you are a member, you could also run. If you wish to run, please let us know by calling 623-742-0150, emailing us at nrdhca@gmail.com, or telling us when you arrive at the March 10 meeting. NR/DHCA Board members are expected to attend most NR/DHCA community meetings (7:30 PM, 2nd Tuesday of the month) and board meetings (7 PM, 4th Tuesday of the month); everyone has some nights that are not doable. In between meetings, there is/are usually some document(s) to review related to a County case (zoning or board of adjustment), County action, or some other governmental action that may affect our area. It is also very welcomed if you can assist 3 times a year on the litter pick-up (starts at 8 AM and usually ends about 10 AM depending on how many volunteers we get -- Ed Grant does all the arranging of materials, etc. Above that, there are lots of opportunities for involvement but no obligations.

Capture the Beauty of Daisy Mountain

Starting March 1st, folks across the Valley will be able to capture the beauty of this landscape on film while also helping to preserve it for generations to enjoy. For the second year, North Country Conservancy is hosting its photo contest to promote the preservation of Daisy Mountain. The creative focus is to depict the serenity of Daisy Mountain or show Arizona flowers, cacti and other plants and animals that are native to the community. See www.daisymountain.org for details.

Recycle!!

The Maricopa County Waste Disposal and Recycling Center at 3955 E. Carefree Hwy is not only accepting trash (for a fee) but also, for no charge, they accept recyclables. More good news – you do not have to separate the glass, plastic 1-2, and tin; they go in the same container. You can also for no charge, get rid of batteries (all – including automobiles), light bulbs, and up to 5 gallons of oil, anti-freeze, or paint. As for that old refrigerator -first have the freon removed by a local technician. Once the Freon is removed you can discard it at the Center for a small fee. More information will be provided at our meeting and the March 18 NR Kiwanis meeting.

More recycling!!

Recycle your inkjets, laser/toner cartridges and cell phones today - **now also accepting ipods and laptops!! Bring your items to the New River / Desert Hills Community Association meeting March 10. All proceeds go to the North Country Conservancy (a 501(3)c public charity – see www.daisymountain.org).**

Table Mesa Recreation Area

The Bureau of Land Management is in the process of working with stakeholders and agencies in an effort to develop a functional, feasible recreation plan for the Table Mesa Road area. The Table Mesa Recreation Plan area consists of approximately 8,000 acres on the west side of I-17 beginning south of Table Mesa Road and continuing north to Black Canyon City. It includes the Black Canyon Trail. BLM hopes to have a plan ready for the next stage – the Environmental Assessment. To see how you can be involved – see <http://tablemesarecarea.com/>

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

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