



# NEW RIVER/DESERT HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

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**June 9—7:30 PM**

New River/Desert Hills Community Association

## **Life in the Desert: Dealing with Floods & Garbage**

at *Crossroads Christian Fellowship*

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

### **NR/DHCA Meetings**

**June 9, 7:30 PM--** Maricopa County Solid Waste has great news about how it will be a lot easier to recycle in our community. The new center will help you keep your community clean and healthy by reducing the amount of waste going into landfills, as well as recovering more resources for new ones. It's time to "rethink" our waste - Reduce, Reuse & Recycle!!

Maricopa County Flood Control, represented by Chandra Lee Miller, Hydrologist, Flood Warning Branch, will give a short presentation about the proposed Upper New River/Skunk Creek Flood Response Plan (FRP). The purpose of this FRP is to ultimately reduce the potential for property damage and loss of life resulting from floods on identified hazardous watercourses in the Upper New River and Skunk Creek watersheds. Anyone who lives, works, or responds to emergencies within the community is encouraged to attend. For more on the Skunk Creek FRP go to [http://156.42.96.39/alert/Skunk\\_frp/skunk\\_frp.html](http://156.42.96.39/alert/Skunk_frp/skunk_frp.html).

### **Future Meetings**

**NO MEETING IN JULY --**  
**August 11 – TBA.** 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**

**June 3 and June 17 –** No agenda posted

### **Planning and Zoning**

**June 4 -** No agenda posted

### **Board of Adjustment/Drainage Review Board**

NR/DHCA is reviewing all these cases for the June 10 BOA meeting:

- **BA2009017.** Robert Jacobson is asking for 4 variances at 224 W. Galvin St. One is to allow a 50.5 feet height for a wind turbine; one is for a setback variance and two are for existing building separation distances.
- **BA2009020.** Ennis R. Bogardus is asking for a setback variance for an existing accessory structure (horse pens) at 35008 N. 16<sup>th</sup> St. has a related Violation Case – V200702366.
- **BA2009021.** Gary Davis is asking for a setback variance for an existing attached garage at 42923 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- **BA2009022.** Russ Stilson is asking for a setback variance for an existing detached accessory structure at 35812 N 14<sup>th</sup> St. has a related Violation Case - V200601618.



### **Community Events**

- **Now to October 1 –** Photo contest. Details at [www.daisymountain.org](http://www.daisymountain.org) or call 623-742-6514.
- **June 4 & 18, 7:00 PM –** New River Kiwanis Club at Kiwanis Bldg in the NR Community Park
- **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](mailto:mkaml@azgfd.gov) or call 623-236-7256.
- **June 13, Saturday, 8 - 10 AM,** Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area – come for a moderate 2.5 mile hike that will

introduce you to the rich archaeological history of the area. See evidence of prehistoric Hohokam dwellings and learn about their culture as we trek on up to one of their mesa compounds. No registration required; **there is a \$3 fee per person** **Contact:** Kevin Smith, Park Ranger at 480-488-6623 or e-mail [kevinsmith@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:kevinsmith@mail.maricopa.gov)

- **June, various dates and times** – Lake Pleasant Regional Park - tortoise watches, eagle watch, and more. Go to [http://maricopa.gov/parks/lake\\_pleasant/events.aspx](http://maricopa.gov/parks/lake_pleasant/events.aspx) or call Terry Gerber at 602-372-7460 x 202 for details.
- **June 29, 7 PM – Daisy Mtn Fire Board,** 43814 N NR Road.
- **June, July and August -** Roundtable Breakfast with Andy Kunasek – CANCELLED for the summer (will be back in September)
- **October 17, 7 AM—** NR/DHCA Road Cleanup



### **NRDHCA Connects Again**

Come be involved with NR/DHCA. We meet regularly with federal, state, and local officials to let them know our concerns and try to influence their decisions. Left to right in this picture is Terry Marron (VP of NR/DHCA), Andy Kunasek (our area's County Supervisor) and Capt. Ken Holmes (commander of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office for our area.)

## New River Road – Curves near Fig Spring Roads

Public Meeting SOON!! As soon as the meeting is set, we will post date/time/place at [www.nrdhca.org](http://www.nrdhca.org). The county is looking at 3 alternatives and will need your input.

### Sixth Annual Model Search

June 6, 7:30am, Outlets at Anthem. The Sixth Annual Model Search is now open to those aged 4-40, rather than aged 5-19 as was the case in previous searches. Interested participants of diverse backgrounds, shapes and sizes are encouraged to register. FORD/Robert Black Agency will offer a one-year modeling contract to six grand prize winners and those selected will be featured in Outlets at Anthem's year-round print ad campaigns and televised appearances. Registration is free.

### Code of the West

It is important for you to know that life in the country is different from life in the city. County governments are not able to provide the same level of service that city governments provide. To that end, we are providing you a link to help you make educated and informed decisions for living in the rural area. Go to <http://newriver-deserthillscommunityassociation.org/images/News/CODEOFTHEWEST.pdf>

### Fire Bans

Report all wildfires to 911!! Prevent fires – think before you act. A burning cigarette is a small fire ready to become a larger one – don't throw it out your vehicle window.

- Maricopa County Parks - Fire Bans began May 26! This includes banning the use of all campfires, fire pits, and charcoal grills. It is acceptable to use gas/propane grills in designated areas.
- City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department banned open and charcoal fires as well as smoking outside of enclosed vehicles in city mountain parks and desert preserves beginning May 11.
- State Trust Lands within Maricopa, Gila, Yuma, La Paz, Pinal and Yavapai Counties have Fire Restrictions as of May 14.
- Arizona Game and Fish Department has fire restrictions at 9 of their Wildlife Areas.
- Tonto National Forest posted restrictions beginning May 14.
- Prescott National Forest entered restrictions May 21.
- Coconino National Forest announced restrictions beginning May 21 for their lands "below The Rim."
- National Wildlife Refuges - open fires of any type are prohibited on these refuges year round.

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