



NEW RIVER/DESERT HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

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September 8—7:30 PM

New River/Desert Hills Community Association

County Sheriff Captain Ken Holmes

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

NR/DHCA Meetings

August – NO MEETING

Sept. 8, 7:30 PM. County Sheriff Captain Ken Holmes will be the featured speaker. In preparation of the meeting, NR/DHCA needs to know what issues and concerns Captain Holmes should address. Please email nrdhca@gmail.com with your answers to the following community issues affecting our area:

- 1 What are the crime issues facing our predominantly rural community?
- 2 What do you expect from the Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies in our area?

Future Meetings

Oct. 13- 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 Aug. 19

- Declare the following roads into the county highway system:
 - Honda Bow Road from 11th Ave to 13th Ave.
 - 11th Avenue from Maddock Rd. to Joy Ranch Rd.
- **TA2008006** – proposes to allow some equestrian uses (boarding of 5 horses and some public, non commercial events) without an expensive Special Use Permit. At the July 23 P&Z Commission meeting, the Commission voted to recommend that the BOS approve this amendment with some minor changes. Go to www.nrdhca.org for all the text and more details.

Planning and Zoning Sept. 3

- **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 Current sign regulations, in addition to being somewhat cumbersome, are out of date with current needs of the community.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. When available, NR/DHCA will post this on www.nrdhca.org for comments.

Board of Adjustment/Drainage Review Board

August 12

- **BA2009020.** Ennis R. Bogardus requests variances at 35008 N. 16 St. He wants a variance to permit an existing detached accessory structure (horse pens) to setback 6' from the side (north) property line where 30 feet is the minimum required in the Rural-43 zoning district. NR/DHCA recommended denial thinking the owner had other options.
- **BA2009041.** D. Patterson asked for a second hearing related to his request for variances at 18 W. Perdido Way to permit an existing 18.1% coverage where 15% is allowed. The country staff recommends denial; NR/DHCA never had the chance to review this case.
- **DRB200900.** Desert Hills Ranch, LLC request a drainage waiver on the property at the NW corner of Paint Your Wagon Trail and 14th street to permit retention storage for the 100-year-2-hour storm event falling over portion of the adjacent right of way. This case was approved.

NR/DHCA did not see the case before the meeting.



Community Events

- **Now to October 1** – Photo contest. Details at www.daisymountain.org or call 623-742-6514.
- **Aug 20, Sept 3 & 17, 7:00 PM** – **New River Kiwanis Club** at Kiwanis Bldg in the NR Community Park
- **Aug 31, Sept 29, 7 PM** – **Daisy Mtn Fire Board**, 43814 N NR Road.
- **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.
- **Sept. 3rd – Community Emergency Preparedness Training (CERT) Class** starts. It will meet 8 weeks - every Thursday Sept. 3 to Oct. 15 from 7 PM to 10 PM at the Daisy Mountain Fire Station, 43814 N. New River Rd. To register, email cert@daisymountainfire.org or call Paul at 623-695-1424.
- **Sept 4, 8 AM— CANCELLED DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAY** Supervisor Kunasek's Roundtable meeting.
- **October 2, 8 AM--** Supervisor Kunasek's Roundtable meeting at the Hometown Buffet, 2730 W. Bell Road. His guest speaker will be Ken Bennett, Secretary of State.
- **October 17, 7 AM— NR/DHCA Road Cleanup**

Tell Your Friends to Join

As the urban pressure increase, **we need you to tell your friends and neighbors to join NR/DHCA**. The greater our numbers, the stronger voice we will have in impacting plans for our area and preserving our rural life style. The NR/DHCA is an all-volunteer organization devoted to protecting the rural lifestyle of the New River-Desert Hills communities. Over a span of two and half decades, the Association has successfully dedicated itself to this goal through a number of proactive initiatives; among them, supporting key community groups, undertaking civic actions on the community's behalf, and producing social events that strengthen the bonds between local residents. Membership annual dues (ONLY \$20 per family) are used for mailings, website, and meeting expenses – all for the benefit of our community.

New River Road – Curves near Fig Spring Roads

Support NR/DHCA. See www.nrdhca.org and email your opinion to RobertaCrowe@mail.maricopa.gov . Let's not have roundabouts or a speedway! Community support of the re-alignment of the S-curve is key to getting the County to finally address this hazardous stretch of roadway once and for all!

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. For current information and contact information go to <http://www.publiclands.org/firenews/AZ.php> or call the fire restrictions toll-free hotline at 1-877-864-6985

2009 NACo Achievement Award Recipient

The National Association of Counties announced that the Maricopa County Regional Development Services Agency (RDSA) Information Technology (IT) Division was selected to receive an Achievement Award for their program entitled, *IT Consolidation Project*.

August 22, Saturday, 6 AM to 11 AM: Pioneer Village Clean UP Volunteers Needed!!! Everyone invited. Clean-Up Day at Pioneer Village (I-17 and Pioneer Road). If you would like to come out and help, call 602-262-7444. When you come, please bring your own work gloves to protect your hands. For more.... see the <http://bit.ly/1DRx86>

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.

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Name _____ New Renewal
 Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
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