



NEW RIVER/DESERT HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

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January 12—7:30 PM

New River/Desert Hills Community Association

Enjoy Arizona's National Treasures at Crossroads Christian Fellowship

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

NR/DHCA Meetings

January 12, 7:30 PM—On January 11, 2000 President William J Clinton proclaimed lands in Arizona as National Monuments under the National Landscape Conservation System. Arizona has more National Monuments than any other state. Peggy Biegler, Executive Director of the Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument, will share photographs and information about these special places that are easily accessible in our state. Each one was preserved because of special characteristics, wildlife, plants, archaeological or cultural resources. No two monuments offer the same experience in the wonderful variety of climates and landscapes Arizona offers its residents. These will be preserved for future generations to enjoy in a way that national parks and other recreational areas will not. Come learn about these unique treasures of Arizona.

This meeting also marks the beginning of new year so NR/DHCA is seeking nominees for the Board of Director elections to be held in March. Anyone who is a member in good standing is eligible to run. Please let us know if you are interested or want to nominate someone; call Shareen at 623-742-0150 or email NR/DHCA at nrdhca@gmail.com

Future Meetings

February – TBA 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

Dec. 28 – Special Meeting

- RESET HEARING to January 27, to solicit comments on proposed amendments to the following Maricopa County Air Pollution Control Regulations: Rule 310-Fugitive Dust From Dust Generating Operations and Rule

310.01-Fugitive Dust From Non-Traditional Sources Of Fugitive Dust and to solicit comments on submitting the rules as a revision to the (Arizona) State Implementation Plan (SIP). If approved, these will become effective January 27, 2010. See http://www.maricopa.gov/aq/divisions/planning_analysis/rules/docs/draft/DNFR_R310_31001_2010-01-13.pdf

- RESET the public hearing on Road File No. 5076-R for January 12, 2010, to Open and Declare the said alignment also known as Irvine Road from 35th Avenue to 7th Avenue.

Planning & Development

- **Jan. 14 – No agenda posted**
- **Jan. 19 TAC. Z2009116.** 925 W. Desert Hills Drive. Mirian Weckerly request a Special Use Permit to construct wireless communication facility and co-locate antenna on APS replacement utility pole. NR/DHCA has no objections at this time.
- **Future – no date set -** TA2007006 - Proposed changes to the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance relating to signs. With a few exceptions, the NR/DHCA believes the changes are beneficial. Please see our opinion on www.nrdhca.org and let us know your thoughts on the matter.

Board of Adjustment/ Drainage Review Board

Jan. 20

- **BA2009068.** 47622 N. 25th Lane. Mark Held requests 2 approvals for existing violations. NR/DHCA recommends denial; zoning regulations requirements should be followed.
- **BA2009014.** 36506 N. 32nd Drive. Cook Michael Edward/Ada Catherine Trust requests 4 variances for work done without permission. NR/DHCA recommends denial; disturbance was not needed and will only leave a large scar in the hillside for the public to observe.



Community Events

- **Jan 7. 10 AM** – Maricopa County Board of Supervisor's Passing of the Gavel Ceremony, Supervisors' Auditorium, 205 W. Jefferson, Phoenix
- **Jan. 9, 10 AM – 4 PM,** **Horsheshoe Ranch** (I-17 to Bloody Basin Exit, East 5 miles). Aqua Fria National Monument 10th Year Anniversary. For more, go to <http://aguafreafriends.org>.
- **Jan 19 - 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.
- **Jan. 23, Saturday, 12:30 PM to 3 PM** – North Country Conservancy (save Daisy Mountain effort) Annual Meeting, Pioneer Living History Village (3901 W. Pioneer Rd). Speaker, dessert potluck, raffle, NCC updates, more. RSVP to ahutchinson@daisymountain.org or 623-742-6514.
- **Feb. 14, Bikers Soar for Wildlife.** Registration is \$25 for a rider or \$30 for a rider with a passenger. Contact 623-587-0139, www.azwildlifecenter.com, or bikerssoarforwildlife@hotmail.com. All proceeds to the care of animals at Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Auxiliary.
- **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 or 623-236-7256. Everyone invited.
- **1st & 3rd Thurs. each month, 7:00 PM – New River Kiwanis Club Meeting** at the Kiwanis Building in 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.

Want to be a NR/DHCA board member?

NR/DHCA needs highly community minded and participative board members. Is that you? Let us know why you want to join this board, what you hope to bring to the board, what you would like to get from your board membership and any questions you might have. We'll have election for 4 of the 7 positions this March; board members serve two year terms.

NR/DHCA is all-volunteer organization with a mission to promote, protect, and enhance the rural lifestyle of the New River-Desert Hills communities. The board is accountable to the local community and is continuously assessing conditions affecting the area.

Clean Our Air

Each January we start thinking about hitting the reset button and making resolutions for the year ahead. We have the opportunity to start over and make changes in our lives. Eating healthier, quitting smoking, reducing stress; but what about the air we breathe? Consider:

- Consolidate shopping trips to cut down on multiple trips in your car;
- Recycle holiday packages, paper and boxes;
- Learn more about air pollution by visiting www.CleanAirMakeMore.com
- Find a carpool or vanpool; visit www.ShareTheRide.com or call 602-262-RIDE (7433) to learn more.

More New River Road Proposals

MCDOT is considering more changes to New River Road. This time they are looking at one segment from Cline Creek Bridge to the Skunk Creek Bridge and another segment approximately 2,100 feet east of the 23rd Avenue intersection to approximately 1,100 feet west of the 23rd Avenue intersection. Note that these two segments are separated by the *S-Curve West of Fig Springs Road* (MCDOT plans to build a straight by-pass just south of the existing road). For the new proposal, the planned schedule is:

- **Public Meeting March 2010**
- **Draft Scoping Report & 40% Plans April 2010**
- **Final Scoping Report & 40% Plans May 2010**
- **Approval of Final Documents June 2010**

See NR/DHCA.org for more details

Get Your Own Daisy Mountain Photo Calendar

Want a 2010 calendar with photos of Daisy Mountain scenery? Missed seeing the winning photos from the 2009 North Country Conservancy (NCC) Photo Contest? Here's your chance to look at the winning photos plus other stellar contest photos all year long. NCC is having a limited number of calendars printed; each month will have a different photo. We just ask for a minimum donation of \$5.00 per calendar. Being a volunteer organization, all donations will go to support NCC's efforts to preserve the natural landscape and wildlife habitat in the Daisy Mountain/Anthem/New River/Desert Hills region. To reserve your very own 2010 calendar, contact NCC at 623-742-6514 or info@daisymountain.org.

Black Canyon National Recreational Trail Ribbon Cutting

Come to the BLM Ribbon Cutting ceremony of Jan. 8th at the Black Canyon National Recreational Trail (trail head just off I-17 at Black Canyon City) 10:00 am - in honor of the \$404,000 trails project paid by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act. Drive North on I-17 Exit 242 -Black Canyon City/Rock Springs. Turn west, drive to the stop sign. Turn north (right) on the frontage road, drive about 300 ft to the first road on the left, Warner Rd, and turn left. Just after Ceremony- Take a Guided Hike or Mountain Bike Ride—Bring Sack Lunch.

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

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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: _____
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