



# NEW RIVER/DESERT HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

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## NR/DHCA Meetings

### February 9, 7:30 PM—

Cristie Statler, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks Foundation, will discuss the status of the Arizona State Parks and the effects that the park budget cuts will have on you personally. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

In order to achieve about \$9 million in budget reductions, the state is destroying a \$290 million economic engine that supports local economies (taxes, rural economic development, JOBS!) throughout Arizona. This is simply economic suicide. Nearly half of the state's 30 parks are now either closed or scheduled to close by June 3rd. Unless something changes, it's likely that the whole system will shut down before the end of 2010.

Arizona State Parks attract, when open, 2.3 million visitors annually that produce \$266 million of direct and indirect economic impact in Arizona, PLUS \$22.7 million in STATE and LOCAL TAXES (Source: Northern Arizona University research). Arizona State University's Morrison Institute on Public Policy has provided an analysis estimating that it costs \$32 to \$34 million to operate our state parks - about 1/10th of their economic contribution - and none of the operating funds come from Arizona state general fund taxes.

If you have questions for Cristie Statler, you may submit them in advance by emailing NR/DHCA at [nrdhca@gmail.com](mailto:nrdhca@gmail.com).

## Future Meetings

**March 9** – The speaker will be Arizona State Treasurer, Dean Martin. Dean Martin was elected in 2006 as State Treasurer, Arizona's Chief Financial Officer, responsible for the prudent custody and management of state and local monies. The Treasurer also serves as the Chairman of the State Board of Investment, and State Loan Commission, as the State Surveyor

General and on the State Land Selection Board. Treasurer Martin is currently second in line of succession to the Governor.

## County Boards

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

## Board of Supervisors Jan. 27

- 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 were approved. Motion to approve by Supervisor Brock, seconded by Supervisor Wilcox and Ayes: Kunasek, Stapley, Brock, Wilcox, Wilson. See <http://bit.ly/baWtdE> and <http://bit.ly/dje6hP> for the new rules.

**Feb. 10** – no agenda posted yet.

## Planning & Development

- **Jan. 28** – No items for our area
- **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](http://www.nrdhca.org) and let us know your thoughts on the matter.

## Board of Adjustment/ Drainage Review Board January 20

- **BA2009068** was approved with stipulations. NR/DHCA originally opposed the request but the stipulations and negotiations that the owner has had with the county has answered some of our concerns. The County Staff believes the owner has made good faith effort to restore much of the damage done. See <http://bit.ly/ba1dH5> for Maricopa County Staff report.
- **BA2009014** was denied; denial

would not cause undue hardship and would damage the intent and purpose of the ordinance. NR/DHCA originally also opposed the request. See <http://bit.ly/dtY0Wm> for Maricopa County Staff report.



## Community Events

- **Feb. 5. 1st Friday of month, 7 AM** - Breakfast with Andy Kunasek- CANCELLED
- **Mar. 5, 1st Friday of month, 7 AM** - Breakfast with Andy Kunasek. Speaker and place to be announced.
- **Feb 16 - 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.
- **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](http://www.azwildlifecenter.com), or [bikerssoarforwildlife@hotmail.com](mailto: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](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.

**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.

**NR/DHCA ROAD CLEANUP CHAIRMAN NEEDED**

The New River Desert Hills Community Association has benefitted from the good work of Ed Grant organizing the road cleanups for over 20 years. He now is forced to resign from this position and we are looking for a volunteer to fill that role. Ed will share his good information and insights and get you started off on the foot and connected with the right people at MCDOT so that we can continue in the strong way he has led for these many years. Please contact Shareen Goodroad or Terry Marron if you would like to consider stepping up to volunteer in this role.

**More New River Road Proposals**

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.

**Office of the Maricopa County Public Fiduciary (MCPF).**

It is the responsibility of the Public Fiduciary to protect the legal rights and financial interests of vulnerable adults needing guardianship and conservatorship and to administer decedent estates where there is no one else able to do so. It is the Public Fiduciary's role to balance protection with autonomy so that people may live in a way they choose with the support of family and friends. For more information about the office, click on [About Us](#) and the [Services Profile](#) or call 602-506-5801.

*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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**Next meeting**  
**February 12, 7:30 PM**