



NEW RIVER/DESERT HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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NR/DHCA Meetings

March 9--Arizona's government is running on empty. It is literally out of cash because state leaders ignored warnings, and failed to believe that the fuel gauge was dropping. Please come hear what our state Treasurer, Dean Martin, has to say about the situation.

As State Treasurer, Dean Martin serves as the Chief Financial Officer for Arizona, overseeing approximately \$10.3 billion in assets. He 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 previously served six years as a State Senator and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. He graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Small Business Management/Entrepreneurship.

If you have questions for Dean Martin, you may submit them in advance by emailing NR/DHCA at nrdhca@gmail.com.

At this meeting, NR/DHCA will also hold its elections for 4 positions on their Board of Directors. 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

April 13 –Maricopa County Flood Control (MCFC), represented by Chandra Lee Miller, Hydrologist, Flood Warning Branch, will be speaking about the Flood Response Plan for our area. This will be an update from what she presented at our June 2009 meeting.

County Boards

Board meetings agendas are at: www.maricopa.gov/planning/agenda.asp

Board of Supervisors

Feb. 27

- Approve the reappointment of

Supervisor Fulton Brock and Supervisor Andrew Kunasek to the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) Board of Directors

- Approve the reappointment of Supervisor Andrew Kunasek, District 3, to the Board of Health as the Board of Supervisors representative; term ends December 31, 2013.

- Road File # 5848 and #5847 to Open and Declare the following described alignments of Anthem into the County Transportation System. 1) General Vicinity: Gavilan Peak Parkway and Memorial Drive and 2) Gavilan Peak Parkway and West Rushmore Drive.

Mar. 17 – No agenda posted yet.

Planning & Development

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Zoning, Infrastructure, Policy, Procedure, and Ordinance Review (ZIPPOR) Committee

Feb. 25

- **TA2007006 – Sign Regulations (All Districts)** – Staff will present the third draft of this text amendment including a summary of a recent lighting demonstration as it relates to this amendment. This is a discussion item only. Generally, the NR/DHCA believes the changes are beneficial.

- **TA2009013 – Billboards as a Special Use Permit (All Districts)** – Staff will present an update to this text amendment. This is a discussion item only.

- **TA2009014 – By-Right Solar and Small Wind (All Districts)** – Staff will present a text amendment as it pertains to by-right solar and small wind electrical generating equipment. This is a discussion item with possible action for initiation.

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

Feb. 17

- BA2009068 continued from

January 20. The staff report for the January 20 meeting stated that the staff recommended approval but it turns out the case was continued indefinitely. 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; we are waiting to see a revised request.



Community Events

- **Mar. 5. 1st Friday of month, 7 AM** - Breakfast with Andy Kunasek- Speaker Senator David Braswell. Come meet Mr. Braswell as he has just started his job as Arizona State Senator for our District. He was appointed to finish Pam Gorman's term.
- **Mar. 4, 7-10 pm – First of eight consecutive Thursday sessions offered by Daisy Mountain Fire District CERT – Certified Emergency Response Team Training** held 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 workplace. You will also learn what steps to take that will prepare you for a disaster. Register now, space is limited. To register, or for more information, please visit www.dmfddc.org, email CERT@DaisyMountainFire.org or contact Paul Schickel at 623-695-1424.
- **Mar 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.
- **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 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.

Want to be a NR/DHCA board member?

In order to keep the NR/DHCA fresh, vital and relevant to our community, it's important for new people to get involved. If you're someone who wants to really make a difference in the fight to preserve our rural community, NR/DHCA needs you. Even during this downtime in terms of building and development, we need to be ever mindful of the changes in laws, statutes, zoning ordinances and regulations that impact our homes and neighborhoods. We need to be ready and willing to support and/or challenge anything that affects our lifestyle, families, property values, and investment in this area. We are looking for community-minded individuals over the age of 18 who are willing to serve a two year term as a member on the NR/DHCA Board of Directors. Openings are available and anyone who is a paid member may serve. If you - or someone you would like to nominate - is interested, please contact Shareen at 623-742-0150 or Terry at 623-587-7039.

New River Road Proposals - MCDOT Needs Your Input!

Wednesday, March 10. Stop by any time between 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the New River Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room (48827 N. Black Canyon Hwy, New River, AZ 85087 - North of New River Road). MCDOT is having an open house public meeting to gather your comments and input regarding recommendations for roadway and traffic safety improvements along New River Road at the following locations:

- Curve at Shangri-La Lane
- Curves North of Zorrillo Drive
- 23rd Avenue Intersection

This public input meeting will provide the public a chance to give Maricopa County Transportation Department input on the proposed alternatives and improvements. Project information, maps and exhibits will be available for viewing during the meeting. For more information, contact Bill Hahn (602) 506-4611 or write to Hahn at MCDOT, 2901 W. Durango Street, Phoenix, AZ 85009, or e-mail at Billhahn@mail.maricopa.gov or contact Roberta Crowe, Public Information Officer at (602) 506-8003.

See additional notes and maps on this issue at www.NR/DHCA.org.

Litter Pick-up March 13

Litter pick-up has been rescheduled: Saturday, March 13 at 8 AM at NE corner of Carefree Hwy & 7th Street. Bring own water, gloves, hat, closed toe shoes, and sun protection. Many hands make quick work of our 2 mile stretch of adopted road - please volunteer! NR/DHCA is also looking for a member who would be willing to take on the Adopt-A-Highway responsibility from previous chairperson, Ed Grant, who has resigned after 20+ years as the litter pick-up coordinator. Please consider helping us continue this important program that provides a vital county and community service and makes our area a nicer place to live, work and travel. Call Terry to volunteer or for more information 602-525-0548.

March 27-28, 9 AM – 5 PM Arizona Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo

You and your family won't want to miss this FREE Outdoor Expo at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in north Phoenix (Exit I-17 at Carefree Highway and then go west 1/2 mile to Expo signs). This crowd-pleasing event offers lots of exciting, hands-on outdoor recreational activities: archery, catch-and-release fishing tank, live wildlife demonstrations, target shooting with different firearms, climbing wall, shooting demonstration, informative workshops, off-highway vehicle and boating exhibits, and more. http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/showcase.shtml.

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: _____
 Phone: (_____) _____ E-Mail _____ Date: _____

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**Next meeting
March 9, 7:30 PM**