

NEXT MEETING
DECEMBER 13 - 7:30 P.M.

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Upcoming NR/DHCA Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 PM

Please join the New River/Desert Hills Community Association (NR/DHCA) at the Annual Holiday Social & Dessert Potluck with special guest, District 3 County Supervisor Andy Kunasek on Tuesday, December 13 starting at 7:30 PM. This special meeting will be held at Crossroads Christian Fellowship at 42425 N. New River Road.

Supervisor Kunasek will be giving us an informal update on the County's 2011 highlights and a sneak peak at 2012. This is also the evening we celebrate the season with our members, friends, and neighbors. Please join us for our Annual Holiday Social and Dessert Potluck. Beverages and tableware will be provided by the NR/DHCA. We ask that everyone attending bring a dessert or sweet treat to share.

This is a FREE event with FOOD and FUN. NR/DHCA invites everyone to attend. For more information, call 602-432-2800 or 602-525-0548. Visit www.nrdhca.org for more information.

Come and let NR/DHCA know what issues you want NR/DHCA to address for our community and how you can help. Help NR/DHCA remain a fresh, vital, and relevant part of the community in their effort to preserve your rural community.

Tuesday, January 10, 7:30 PM.

Speaker to be announced.

Future meetings

If you have any questions for any speaker or if you have a suggestion for a speaker for a future meeting, call Terry Marron at 602-525-0548.



NEW RIVER/DESERT HILLS
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

December 2011

PRESIDENT'S NOTEABLES

First, we look forward to our area Supervisor Andy Kunasek attending the December 13th NR/DHCA community meeting. Andy will be recapping this past year and what we can look forward to for 2012.

We welcome our new sponsor Hot Bagels and Deli. They will be the purveyor of coffee and bottled water for our 2nd Friday of the month State/County/City Delegates community meeting at the Tramonto Fire Station community room. NR/DHCA will be the sponsor of these monthly meetings.

The community meeting will have delegates from the State, County and City of Phoenix. We thank City of Phoenix Councilman Jim Waring for arranging the community room for the entire year of 2012.

You will find an announcement in our newsletter and local newspaper (including the Anthem newsletter) on a monthly basis prior to each meeting. NR/DHCA is very excited to sponsor this event and look forward to community participation.

I look forward to area residents attending our monthly meetings at the Crossroads Church on the second Tuesday of each month.

Please visit our website at www.nrdhca.org. We encourage you to join our association, by completing your information on the membership form. You can then print and mail it, along with your \$20 check to the address on the form. If you have an interest in sponsoring in our monthly newsletter, please contact me at AlaNRDHCA@MullerAZ.com or give me a call at 602-432-2800.

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Upcoming Community Events

December 3, Saturday, 12PM—Dutch Oven Cook-off at the Pioneer Village. See ad on this page for more details or visit <http://www.pioneeraz.org/>.

December 4, Sunday, 4PM-9PM at Peaks & Valleys Restaurant (Carefree Hwy & 7th Ave): Daisy Mountain Firefighters will be serving the customers in place of the staff. All tips and donations benefit the Daisy Mountain Firefighters Charities Association. It is a fun time! Please bring friends!!

December 9, Friday, 8AM—Andy Kunasek's December Breakfast (2nd Friday instead of 1st) will be held at a NEW LOCATION: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant (702 W. Deer Valley Rd in Phoenix). The speaker will be Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne.

December 17, Saturday, 5PM—Pioneer Village Christmas Appreciation Gala Extravaganza for Volunteers at the Opera House: Fellowship and social time will start at 5:00 p.m. with dinner following at 6:00 p.m. For more info visit our website at <http://www.pioneeraz.org/>.

December 17 & 18, Saturday and Sunday, History of Old Saint Nick Storytelling throughout the houses at Pioneer Living History Museum: See ad on this page for more info.

3rd Tuesday of each month, Noon to 3 PM: Chat with County Supervisor Andy Kunasek at Daisy Mountain Fire Dept, 43814 N New River Rd.

Every Tuesday after 5 to 9 PM, Kiwanis Larkin Arena: Time practice nights for barrel racing. \$10 per rider. **3rd Wednesday of each month, 6:30 PM:** Desert Hills Astronomy Club (DFAC) at North Valley Regional Library in Anthem. Meets September through May inclusive except December. See www.dfacaz.org for more.

1st Thursday of each month, 6:45- 8:15 PM: Daisy Mountain Rock Club, North Valley Regional Library, 40410 N. Gavilan Peak Parkway

Every Thursday, noon-1 PM: Toastmasters: Fish Tails Club: See <http://fishtalestm.org/>. Come to the Eagle Room of the Arizona Game and Fish at 5000 W. Carefree Highway (west of I-17 just past the Ben Avery Shooting Range entrance). Questions? Contact Mike Kaml 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.

Pioneer Village Dutch Oven Cook-Off!

We are having our 1st annual **Dutch Oven Cook-Off** on Saturday, December 3rd. Chefs, please arrive at 8:00 a.m. to set up. We have fire pits already dug and lined with rocks around the buildings throughout the village.

We have tripods (if needed) and we will supply wood and lump mesquite charcoal on site. You will need to supply your own dutch oven, ingredients for your favorite dish, and anything else you might need, to give it your *signature touch*.

Our goal is to have Dutch Oven Participants cooking their favorite dishes (the smells will permeate throughout the living history museum).

This is a friendly competition among friends and I would like to have everyone be ready to serve the public at noon.

"Taster Tickets" will be sold for **50 cents each at the Mercantile**. We will supply you with disposable spoons and 4 oz. cups. When the public gives you one pre-paid ticket, you will retain the ticket, and give them one sample of your culinary treat. The public's tickets will decide which cook will be given awards.

We will have a *People's Choice Award*, along with *Judges Award* and *Best Theme* and more.

Remember, **this is for fun**, and the fragrance will fill the air creating our walk-thru living history atmosphere. Call Tony, Director of Pioneer Living History Museum at 623-229-6820 so we can make sure we know where all our chefs will be cooking. Remember, you can choose whatever you want to cook, so be creative!

I truly feel this will be as much fun as our Haunted History has been, and if it goes over as well as I think it will, we will do it again during our Centennial Celebration.

History of Old St. Nick at the Pioneer Village

Join us on the weekend of December 17th and 18th where we will be telling the History of good old St. Nick throughout the houses in the village. At the Christmas Party, we will also have a special "something" going on.

We need volunteers for story telling and the children's crafts in the Opera House. Please contact Donna or Tony, so we can make this a *December to Remember*. Tamara will be serving food (Pioneer's way of saying thank you). I can not say thank you enough, for all that you do. We need to get a head count by the 15th of December. We will supply the beverages, but if you choose, *BYOB* at your discretion.

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. We all deserve a pat on the back and to share all the good things we enjoyed at the village throughout 2011. I will hand out information during the month to let you know what we have planned for our February 2012 Centennial celebration. We have a lot of visitors during the month of December, so please come out and join in the fun of making their visit a memorable one.

Planning & Zoning –

Nov. 17

TA2011019. Request to approve Text Amendment to the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance regarding Zoning Clearance and Drainage Clearance. The New River / Desert Hills Community Association had expressed concern that TA2011019 proceed forward addressing the required drainage clearance prior to adoption of TA2011012 which incorporated the county's drainage regulations into the zoning ordinance. TA2011012 was approved by the BOS on October 19, 2011 and is now effective.

TA2011021: Request to approve Text Amendment to the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance regarding Hillside. This amendment was not provided for public review as it was based on TA2011018. NR/DHCA was in favor of TA2011018 and will be studying this version.

See <http://maricopa.gov/planning/> for the latest Planning and Development Department news.

Board of Supervisors (BOS) - <http://maricopa.siretechnologies.com/sirepub/meetresults.aspx>

Nov. 16 – no news to share

Nov. 30

Appoint Jason Morris to the Board of Adjustment representing Supervisorial District 3. His term will be from November 16, 2011 to November 15, 2015. Note: This marks a significant change. Mary Beth Rowland was our previous representative for many years. Ms. Rowland was the former President of the Desert Hills Improvement Association (DHIA). DHIA merged with the New River Community Association to become NR/DHCA in 1999.

Approve the resolution describing Maricopa County's commitment to evaluate new innovative control measures and existing Maricopa County control measures and submit it as a revision to Arizona State Implementation Plan (SIP) for PM10.

Building Code Advisory Board

The Board is responsible for determining the suitability of alternate materials or construction methods under the provisions of the Maricopa County Comprehensive Building Safety Code. The Council reviews existing codes and recommends changes to existing codes. The Council hears and acts on appeals by any aggrieved party from any decision, finding or ruling by the Chief Building Official, except those matters under the authority of the Board of Adjustment. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October. For additional information, call 602-506-3301 or email pdcustomerservice@mail.maricopa.gov.

Air Quality Status

See if today is ok to burn wood, ride off highway vehicles and/or use leaf blowers, go to <http://www.maricopa.gov/air/>

Board of Drainage

No meetings posted.

Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

The next TAB meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2012 held at the MC Dept. of Transportation Maricopa Conference Room, 2901 West Durango Street, Phoenix, Arizona. See <http://www.mcdot.maricopa.gov/tab/tab.htm> for schedule and minutes.

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Board of Adjustment

Nov. 9

- ♦ **BA2011017** 226 Blue Wash Road, New River. Robin R and Martha L. Freeman requests approval of a two variances to allow an existing accessory structure (non living quarter garage) to setback 4 feet from the front (north) property line where 40 feet is the required minimum and 4 feet from the street side (west) property line where 20 feet is the minimum required in the Rural-43 zoning district. If denied, owner will not have to remove structure but will also not be permitted to add to structure.



Spots are starting to fill up for our winter classes and programs, but there's still plenty of time to find a class for you or your child. Several centers are offering full-day winter break programs to keep kids engaged and active during that long out-of-school time. Other exciting offerings include Junior Archaeology programs at Pueblo Grande Museum. These one-day, three hour classes give kids ages 7-12 a chance to get down in the dirt like a real archaeologist, while learning about the ancient Hohokam who lived in the Valley centuries ago.

There's also our usual collection of great dance, fitness and sports programs -- for youth and adults. All our programs offer nearly unbeatable prices, great instructors and convenient times and locations. Thousands of satisfied customers return to our classes season after season to have fun, be active and develop physical skills and abilities.

You can search our full class database online to see the full winter class and sports schedule. You can register online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with any major credit card. You also can register in person at any community center during normal operating hours. General information also is available by phone at 602-262-6862.

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Thank you NR/DHCA crew for picking up trash along 7th Street, starting at Carefree Highway and ending at Joy Ranch Road!! On Saturday, Nov. 12, Jerry Knorr (Chair), Terry Marron, Mark Struebel, Ann Hutchinson, Austyn Knorr and Jeremy Knorr cleaned our 2 mile stretch of adopted road and made our area a nicer place to live, work and travel.

Next Litter Pick-up is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 18th, 2012 at 9:00 AM. Call Jerry to volunteer or for more information at 602-571- 2073.

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Dues paid now are good until Dec. 31, 2012.

Holiday Shopping Tips

- If at all possible, never shop alone. There is safety in numbers.
- If shopping at night, always park in well lighted areas and park as close to the business as possible.
- When leaving the business and approaching the parking lot, have your car keys ready. Keep your hands clear and put your purchases away as soon as possible. Do not linger in the parking lot, drive away immediately.

Fourth Annual
Daisy Mountain Firefighters Charities Association

New Toy/Blanket/Clothing Drive

Outlets At Anthem 4250 W Anthem Way Anthem, AZ 85086	Walmart 3335 W. Anthem Way Anthem, AZ 85086
December 2011 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th	December 2011 3 rd , 4 th , 10 th , 11 th , 17 th , 18 th

Donations Benefiting Local Children In Need

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Please join the New River/Desert Hills Community Association (NR/DHCA) on the 2nd Friday of each month (starting January, 2012) at the Tramonto Fire Station Community Meeting Room, 3210 W. Canotia Place, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

Each 2nd Friday from 9 to 10 AM we will have guest speakers from the State of Arizona District 6, Maricopa County District 3 and the City of Phoenix District 2. Topics will vary depending on community suggestions.

On Friday, January 13, 2012:

- ◆ State of Arizona; Representative Amanda Reeve, Air Quality.
- ◆ Maricopa County; Darren Gerard and Valerie Beckett, Planning and Development Text Amendments
- ◆ City of Phoenix; Councilman Jim Waring, S.E. Corner of Carefree Hwy future development.

This is a FREE event with coffee and bottled water supplied by Hot Bagels and Deli, which is located across the street from the Fire Station. NR/DHCA invites everyone to attend. For more information, call 602-432-2800 or 602-525-0548. Visit www.nrdhca.org for more information.

Please attend and let us know what issues you want NR/DHCA to address for our community and how you can help. Let's keep NR/DHCA a fresh, vital, and relevant part of the New River Planning area in its effort to preserve your rural community.

GET YOUR OWN DAISY MOUNTAIN PHOTO CALENDAR

Want a 2012 calendar with photos of Daisy Mountain scenery? Missed seeing the winning photos from the 2011 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 has limited number of calendars left – they are going fast. Each month has 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 get your very own 2012 calendar, contact NCC at 623-742-6514 or info@daisymountain.orgor see Ann at the December 13 NR/DHCA meeting.



When: Sunday December 4th

Time: 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Where: Peaks and Valleys Restaurant, SE corner of 7th St. and Carefree Hwy.

What: For the Daisy Mountain Firefighters Charities Association.

How: Tips for service and additional donated money by YOU!

TEAM UP!!

A fundraising event to benefit the Daisy Mountain Fire Department communities of Anthem, New River and Desert Hills!

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