

NEXT MEETING
JUNE 14, 7:30 P.M.

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ARIZONA RESTRICTIONS AND CLOSURES—May, 2011

Go to these links - <http://www.publiclands.org/firenews/AZ.php> and <http://www.publiclands.org/firenews/pressreleases/AZ.php> for information on Federal, State, and tribal agencies' Fire Restrictions and Closures, as well as prescribed burning. It can affect your camping, hiking, hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. **BE CAREFUL** with fire year round. And remember, though the sale of ground and hand-held fireworks and their use in some locations is now legal in Arizona, fireworks are not permitted on public lands at any time. This includes State Trust Land, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Parks, Fish & Wildlife Service Refuge lands, as well as lands owned or managed by Arizona State Parks and Arizona Game & Fish.

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Please note:

There will be no meetings for the community and the board during the months of July and August.

COMMUNITY CELL TOWER ISSUES

June 14 at 7:30 PM

Come learn and discuss community issues related to cell towers on New River-Desert Hills residential properties. NR/DHCA is hosting this public meeting at 42425 N. New River Rd., New River (location provided by Crossroads Christian Fellowship). Representing St. Charles Tower, the key speakers will be Attorney Mike Withey and Bill Bales (Director Site Development for SCT). St. Charles Tower constructs and installs wireless telecommunications tower facilities and equipment control cabinets.

Check out http://bit.ly/nrdhca_celltowers - NR/DHCA's position paper. Be part of a discussion about what issues you think the NR/DHCA should address and/or plan. Help NR/DHCA remain a fresh, vital and relevant part of the community in their effort to preserve your rural community.

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



NEW RIVER/DESERT HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

June 2011

President's Note

On behalf of the New River/Desert Hills Community Association, I would like to thank the new sponsors who joined us this past month. We appreciate the community support of Sweetheart Gourmet Donuts of Anthem and Brad Hill of Edward Jones.

We will also enjoy their membership in NRDHCA and visiting with them at our monthly community meetings.

I look forward to area residents attending our monthly meetings at the Crossroads Christian Church on the second Tuesday of each month (said meetings are generally not conducted in July and August).

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 Alan-NRDHCA@MullerAZ.com or give me a call at 602-432-2800.

Your Online Guide To Light Pollution

Light pollution is becoming an issue that more people are becoming aware of with growing concern.

Check out the website

**[http://www.elightspot.com/
your-online-guide-to-light-
pollution.aspx](http://www.elightspot.com/your-online-guide-to-light-pollution.aspx)**

to learn more about the adverse effects of excessive artificial light. It has a wealth of information and resources on the different facets of light pollution.

"We have to work together to raise awareness for this because I can't even tell you how often I talk to people who don't even know what "light" pollution is!"
~ Mary Jenkins

County Planning and Development

The mission of the Planning and Development Department is to provide planning and development services in a safe and timely fashion to constituents of unincorporated Maricopa County so they can responsibly develop and enjoy real property. To do this, they have Boards and Commissions comprised of County residents who advise the Board of Supervisors on a number of planning and building issues. Secondly, the voice of residents, either in support or opposition, to various development proposals at public meetings ensures the surrounding community is integral to the decision-making process. Finally, the department holds meetings with communities and/or key stakeholders to discuss various issues relating to long-term planning and various public policy decisions.

NR-DHCA provides citizen input regularly to the Maricopa County Planning and Development's Board of Adjustment, Board of Drainage, and the Planning and Zoning Commission on planning and development cases that involve zoning issues, variance requests, temporary use permits, draining requests, ordinance changes. We also monitor meeting agendas which can be viewed at:
www.maricopa.gov/planning/agenda.asp.

Upcoming Events

June 2, Thursday at 6:45- 8:15 PM - Daisy Mountain Rock Club, North Valley Regional Library, 40410 N. Gavilan Peak Parkway.

June 15 at 6:30 PM - Desert Hills Astronomy Club (DFAC) meets every 3rd Wednesday of each month at North Valley Regional Library in Anthem. September through May inclusive except December. See www.dfacaz.org for more.

June 22, Wednesday at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Public Meeting for Recreation Planning affecting the northern portion of Lake Pleasant Regional Park. Let your voice be heard. Held at Vistancia Elementary School, 30009 North Sunrise Point, Peoria. More information on this project can be found at http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/lake_pleasant/.

Now to July 1 NCC Calendar Photo Contest - A winner from the 18-years old or older group, a winner from the 13 to 17 year old group and a winner from the under-13-years old group will be selected to receive a framed copy of their photograph, public recognition, and gift certificate worth \$25 or more. See www.daisymountain.org for more details.

July 12 – No NR/DHCA meeting - Summer Break.

Summer Break - June, July and August - Roundtable breakfast meeting with Andy Kunasek (Maricopa County Supervisor for our area). Next meeting - FRIDAY, SEPT. 4, 2009 8:00 A.M.

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.

New River Kiwanis Club

Every Tuesday night after 5 p.m. we have Time Only Barrel racing for \$10.00 per person - includes multiple runs. For more information we are on Facebook as Larkyn Memorial Arena or visit our website at www.newriverkiwanis.org.

We meet at the New River Kiwanis clubhouse the first and third Thursday of every month and we are looking for new members. If you are interested in joining or supporting this great club we would love to have you.

The New River Kiwanis Community Park is totally maintained by New River Kiwanis and appreciate the community support. The New River Senior Center is also located there.

DVUSD Governing Board Releases Statement on Naming New Superintendent

The Deer Valley Unified School District's Governing Board President Ann Ordway read the following statement at the beginning of Tuesday's, May 10th Board Meeting:

"After completing the interview process, we the Governing Board, have decided to continue our search for the next superintendent. Although our candidates were qualified, we were not successful in finding the perfect match for the Deer Valley Unified School District.

We have confidence in the district leadership team to continue our systems approach to continuous improvement and performance excellence schools, our unique academic initiatives, and the implementation of Year 2 of the Strategic Plan."

Cindy Rudrud was approved as the Interim Superintendent for the district. Ms. Rudrud will serve as Interim Superintendent for 2011-12 effective July 1, 2011.

The Governing Board will renew their search for a superintendent in the fall.

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Maricopa County Parks and Recreation

IT'S FINALLY HERE... Parks on-line reservation system! Take a virtual tour of the campsites, view the specifications AND reserve your campsite at <http://www.maricopacountyparks.org/>.

Annual fire ban for Maricopa County parks begins Monday, May 16. It includes the use of campfires, fire pits and charcoal grills; however, it is still acceptable to use gas/propane grills in designated areas. Smoking in the parks is still permissible, but all park users are strongly encouraged to be responsible in their use and ensure that all cigarettes are properly extinguished and placed in trash receptacles. Violation may result in a citation. If you have any questions regarding the fire ban, call (602) 506-2930 or visit www.maricopa.gov/parks.

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Board of Adjustment/Drainage

May 18

BA2008081 (44316 N. 22nd Way) and **BA2008082** (44303 N. 22nd Way) - Applicant requests variance to allow hillside disturbance, structure height, retaining wall height, driveway fill in Rural-43 zoning beyond what the ordinances permit. NR/DHCA recommended denial since they do not meet the ordinances intent. Additionally, these residences would not be compatible with the area (if built) and would far exceed the value of the local residences and therefore have an unfavorable effect on their property taxes.

BA2010031 (42625 N 21st St.) - Postponed to June 15. NR/DHCA board and County staff recommends denial. The variances conflict with the intent of ordinances and most of the problems are due to the actions of the current owner ignoring earlier stipulations.

BA2011003 and **TU2011003** (36610 N. 15th Avenue) - Postponed to June 15. NR/DHCA board recommended approval. County staff recommends denial at least until the set back violations and the objection from Environmental Services Department (MCESD) have been addressed.

NR/DHCA Thank you

Thank you to Jerry Knorr (Chair), Pete, Priscilla and Kathy Lee, Teri Conrad and Terry Marron, our NR/DHCA volunteers, that did their part to take a stand against trash in our desert by organizing a litter clean-up. Jerry Knorr of NR/DHCA organized this group of 6 volunteers who were willing to pick up trash simply to make their community a better place! If you would like to be a volunteer and help pick up litter to help keep our community looking good, contact Jerry Knorr at 602-571-2073.

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For more local information and upcoming events, please refer to our website: www.nrdhca.org.

Planning and Zoning

May 12 – no cases for our area

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The New River/Desert Hills Community Association is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to protecting our community and preserving its rural lifestyle. We do this by keeping ourselves informed and providing broad input to a wide array of county, state, and federal agencies and elected officials.

These meetings are your opportunity to be part of the solution.

Come, enjoy and join! Call 602-432-2800 or visit www.nrdhca.org for more information.

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

May 11

Increase in the case management fee from \$10 to \$20 effective June 1, 2011. The fee increase is assessed upon the filing of the initial complaint and answer/response in all civil cases.

MCDOT Project #: TT 318

Low Volume Road Project

Roadwork Ahead!

11th Avenue: Maddock Road to Joy Ranch Road AND 11th Avenue: Irvine Road to Desert Hills Drive

The Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) contractor is grading in preparation for the placement of a two-inch layer of asphaltic concrete pavement on the existing dirt roadway surface on the streets listed above. Work is slated for completion in mid-June 2011, weather permitting.

Construction work hours will be 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Hours may vary with seasonal changes and weekend work may be needed.