

NEXT MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 7:30 P.M.

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If you have any guest speaker suggestions, call Terry Marron at 602-525-0548.

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Upcoming NR/DHCA Meetings

New River/Desert Hills Community Association (NR/DHCA) is hosting a public discussion featuring MCDOT's current New River Road Traffic Safety Study on Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 PM at 42425 N. New River Rd., New River (location provided by Crossroads Christian Fellowship).

MCDOT representatives will provide us with progress updates regarding the recently initiated safety study and upcoming installation of new traffic safety measures along a one-mile section of the existing two-lane "S-curve" portion of New River Road between County Road and Gibbons Road.

Much to the delight of NR/DHCA and thanks to Maricopa County Supervisor Andy Kunasek, MCDOT has withdrawn previous plans to widen New River Road between the I-17 Frontage Road and Desert Hills Drive along with plans to eliminate the "S-curve" portion of New River Road by constructing a straight three-lane bypass.

During the meeting, MCDOT staff will also provide an overview of the draft Fig Springs Road (New River Road to 7th Avenue) Scoping Report (conceptual design plans) which evaluated potential roadway paving and drainage options. It is currently an unpaved, non-engineered road constructed entirely on private lands (no public right-of-way currently exists). Study objectives included improving the substandard roadway geometry for safety and accessibility. Proposed drainage improvements are also supposed to create all weather access.

This is a FREE event. 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 our effort to preserve your rural lifestyle.



NEW RIVER/DESERT HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

October 2011

PRESIDENT'S NOTEABLES

Many thanks to all that have been working on the "S" curve realignment issues. I am aware that many members of our association and board have put in endless time to correct the misalignment. The county is working diligently to make it safe and right this time.

We have been working with Maricopa County's Planning and Zoning Department on several text amendments; most we agreed with and for others, we are submitting additional comments. Most have passed Planning & Zoning and are to be voted on at the next Supervisor's meeting in October (tentatively). When completed we will publish them on our website or give you a link to the County's website.

There are also text amendments for the wireless sites under review. A link to this site is on our website so you can view the changes before they are submitted to Planning & Zoning for approval.

An apparent hiccup happened at the Sep 20th meeting regarding the wireless site on 9th Ave South of Honda Bow due to the fact that the attorneys from American Tower were not prepared. If anyone reading this lives near the site, please contact me. I may be able to help the neighbors with any objections or comments in writing about this wireless facility to be presented to County officials.

Our next speaker on Tuesday, October 11th will be the P.I.O., Roberta Crowe with MCDOT. Roberta will give us updates on the "S" Curve. Congratulations to the community for their support in addressing this situation.

Included in this newsletter is a list of upcoming speakers that have been arranged by our Vice President, Terry Marron, for the upcoming months.

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

Alan Muller

Upcoming Events

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

October 7, Friday, 8 AM: Roundtable breakfast meeting with Andy Kunasek (Maricopa County Supervisor for our area) - Speaker will be Mark Fischione, M.D., Maricopa County Chief Medical Examiner. Come to Bill Johnson's Big Apple, 16810 N. 19th Ave (19th Ave & Bell). Everyone invited.

October 8, Saturday, 7 to 10 AM—Pancake Breakfast at the New River Senior Center - adults \$5.00; kids under 12 \$4.00. Everyone welcome!! All proceeds to benefit the New River Senior Center.

October 8, Saturday, 7 AM to 1 PM - Community Yard Sale at the New River Senior Center (48606 N 17th Ave, New River). Spaces available for \$20. For more details, call Barb Terwilliger at 623-465-0367.

October 15, Saturday, 4 to 8 PM—Wildcat Fall Round Up at New River Elementary. Bring your family to our annual, old fashioned celebration and socialize while enjoying...BBQ, homemade booths, pumpkin contest, dunk tank, bounce house, cake walk, auction

baskets and raffle prizes. For more information please contact New River PTSA on Facebook and/or check out our website, www.nrptsa.org.

October 15, Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM—Shopping Extravaganza at the Outlets of Anthem. For ticket information and more details, go to <http://daisymountain.org/shopping-extravaganza.html>.

October 18, noon to 3 PM (3rd Tuesday of each month) - Chat with County Supervisor Andy Kunasek at Daisy Mountain Fire Dept, 43814 N New River Rd.

October 19, Wednesday, 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

October 22 and 23, Saturday and Sunday, 10 AM to 5 PM—Autumnfest held in the Community Park of Anthem. This event, now in its fourth year, is a celebration of all things Fall. This year, event activities include: an Arts 'n' Crafts Fair; a Pumpkin Patch to purchase and decorate pumpkins; Kids Zone with inflatables, Eurobungee, pony, barrel and hay rides; live entertainment; the food court and Rotary Beer Garden; Frazier Shows Carnival; a Hot Chili Cook-Off and much more! Check out the CERT and North Country Conservancy Booth.

October 28, 29 and 30, Friday thru Sunday—Pioneer Living History Museum is hosting its 2nd Annual Haunted History. Tickets are \$11.00 and advance purchase is highly recommended. Call (623) 465-1052 for more information

Every Tuesday, 5 to 9 PM, Kiwanis Larkin Arena -Time practice nights for barrel racing. \$10 per rider.

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. Everyone invited.

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Community Yard Sale

New River Senior Center and the Kiwanis of New River invite you to come out and join the fun. Rent a space for \$20.00 and sell all those items sitting in the house we never really use. Located at 48606 N 17th Ave in New River - for more info call 623-465-0367 or 623-465-2641.

If you don't want to set up a table, please make item donations to the Senior Center tables. Pick up available - call 623-465-0367. No big furniture or big appliances. All proceeds to benefit the center.

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Planning & Zoning –

- **Oct. 15 – approved:** TA2011003, TA2011010, TA2011011, TA2011012, TA2011014, TA2011017, TA2011018; these now must be approved by the Board of Supervisors before going into effect. Tentatively, they will hear the cases in October.
- **Oct. 29 – no Text Amendments and no cases for our area**

General P& Z News - See <http://maricopa.gov/planning/> for the latest text amendments being considered.

Fire Restrictions Lifted

Beginning on Thursday, September 15th, all remaining fire restrictions imposed by the State Forester on state-owned lands in Arizona have been lifted due to lessening fire danger. Restrictions across much of the state were lifted several weeks ago, however fire danger remained high in western Arizona.

For the complete announcement, go to http://www.land.state.az.us/news/2011/Fire_Restrictions_Sept_2011.pdf.

Board of Adjustment

- ♦ Oct. 12 - Case BA2011017 (226 W. Blue Wash Road); NR/DHCA is reviewing this case area

Board of Drainage

- ♦ Sept. 7 - No Agenda posted

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

- **Sept. 14 - P & Z cases**
 - ♦ Approved TA2008004 Outdoor Light Control Provisions and TA2011003 Frame Signs and Light Pole Banner signs. NR/DHCA likes this decision and had recommended approval.
 - ♦ Continue to November 2, 2011 - TA2010012 Mobile and Manufactured Homes.
- **Sept. 28**
 - ♦ Request to approve kennel permit #12-004 for Lue Jeane Brooks, d.b.a. Springbrook Kennels, 36614 N. 23rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85086 the term of September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. The cost of a kennel permit is \$328.
 - ♦ Request to approve TA2011005 Subpoena Power For Hearing Officers. This was passed by the P&Z Commission. NR/DHCA opposes this amendment as we think this authority should be with the courts.
- **Oct. 18**
 - ♦ No agendas posted but we believe that the Text Amendments passed at the P & Z Sept. 15 meeting will go to the BOS for their opinion. NR/DHCA opposes only TA2011014 as we believe all livable structures should be located within principal building setbacks (not allowed 3" from the property line).

STATE PARKS

Anyone wanting more information on State Parks after Mary's presentation at our September meeting should go to <http://azstateparks.com/index.html> and <http://arizonastateparksfoundation.org>.

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Casino Night

Join Anthem Pets for a Casino Night party on Saturday, November 12th at the Anthem Country Club Ironwood Clubhouse. You can play craps, blackjack, and roulette, have your tarot cards read, win prizes and get great bargains in our Silent and Live Auctions. The cost is \$50 per person and includes passed hors d'oeuvres. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available by Paypal at www.anthempets.com or by calling Pat Marrs at 623-551-2982.

Anthem Pets is a nonprofit 501c3 all-volunteer animal welfare organization with a three fold mission: Jackass Acres award-winning dog park, placing lost and abandoned animals, and community education. Proceeds will go toward paying for medical bills of the animals we have under our care.

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Volunteer Opportunities

- ♦ Wild at Heart, a raptor rehabilitation center, are in need of volunteer help. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested, please contact Sam Fox sam@wildatheartowls.org.
- ♦ North Country Conservancy, a volunteer run organization to preserve Daisy Mountain as a preserve, need volunteers for Autumnfest, website maintenance, Facebook, and more. If you have time, expertise, and/or desire to help, contact Ann Hutchinson ahutchinson@daisymountain.org.

♦ **Treat Yourself**

Come shop, have fun, and win at the *7th Annual Shopping Extravaganza!* held October 15. With a Shopping Extravaganza ticket, you'll receive exclusive discounts to Outlets at Anthem stores and eateries, not to mention a chance to win over \$35,000 in gift cards and a FREE lunch (with wine). Help North Country Conservancy (NCC) save Daisy Mountain. Tickets are \$20 each and Outlets of Anthem contributes \$15 back to NCC for every ticket sold *IF* NCC sells at least 100 tickets. Talk about shopping for a good cause! To purchase a ticket, contact Ann Hutchinson at 623-742-6514 / ahutchinson@daisymountain.org. You can also purchase a ticket online (a small fee is added) at <http://shopx.eventbrite.com/>. Remember to select North Country Conservancy as your charity.

And more.... There is a Facebook contest going on from September 8th – October 7th where the charity with the most votes will win an additional \$250. Go to <http://on.fb.me/nBIKde> and then click on the Vote for Your Favorite Charity link on the left hand side of the page. Choose North Country Conservancy as your favorite charity.

NR/DHCA Thank you

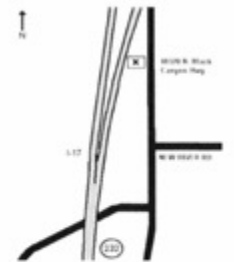
Thank you to Jerry Knorr (Chair), Pete and Priscilla Lee, Bob Biegler, Ann Hutchinson, Shareen and Jared Goodroad, and Austyn Knorr, our NR/DHCA volunteers, for taking time out of your day and helping to keep our community looking beautiful.

Our next scheduled litter pick-up is on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 8 a.m.

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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