



BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

THE BMCA e-BULLETIN

Mission Statement: *To promote the exchange of resources and information that deters crime and secures our communities through the development of partnerships with fellow neighborhood organizations and city/county agencies and departments.*

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BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT NEWS

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The **BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE** is an all-volunteer network of neighbors helping neighbors serving their community. We are an alliance of Block Watch Groups, Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Members, Neighborhood Groups, HOA's, Businesses, Schools, City/County Agencies and Departments and Individuals in the **BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT**. Our goal is to prevent crime and improve the quality of life within our neighborhoods.



www.bmcainfo.com

**WELCOME NEW BLACK MOUNTAIN
PRECINCT CMDR. MYKEL MOLLER!**



I've been on the Department for over 23 years in various assignments to include Patrol, Walking Beat, Neighborhood Enforcement Team, Air Support Unit, Downtown Operations Unit, Homeland Defense Bureau, and effective February 2, 2026, Commander of the Black Mountain Precinct. I've been heavily involved in numerous community groups as well as working closely with our Office of Homeless Solutions (Phoenix C.A.R.E.S.). I look forward to working with all of you!

NEXT BMCA & PNP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 at 6:30pm

at the DEER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
2001 W. Wahalla Ln., Phoenix, AZ 85027

BMCA BOARD ELECTIONS for Chair & Treasurer

UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT UPDATES
by Commander Mykel Moller

Meet with your AREA 21, 22, & 23
Community Action Officers during the Breakout Session!

PNP NEWS AND UPDATES

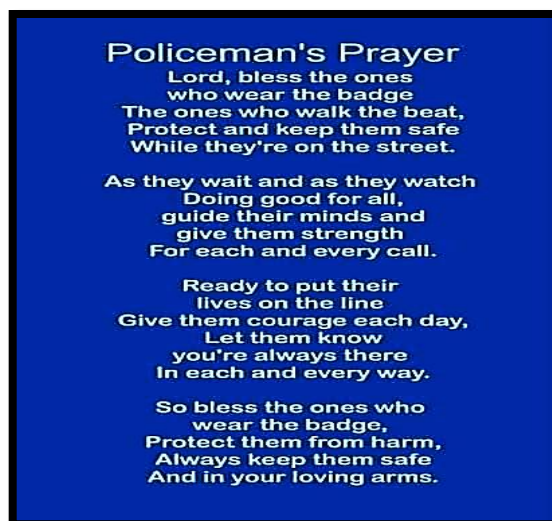
To all Black Mountain PNP Members, this is your
Black Mountain Precinct monthly PNP Meeting!

PRESENTATIONS:

REAL TIME OPERATIONS
with Sgt. Jeffrey Tobey

PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL
with Det. Erin Sayegh

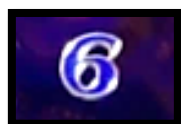
Crime Prevention Materials Distributed!
Refreshments



Wear BLUE on the 6th day of each month to show support of PHOENIX POLICE OFFICERS!

We can all show it on the same day. No need to gather at one place, we will be everywhere for all Officers to see!

WE'VE GOT YOUR SIX!

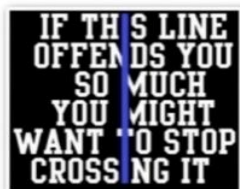


Wear the "6" pin to show support for our police!
Available at our Coffee with Cops and the BMCA General Meetings.



PHOENIX POLICE FOUNDATION

DONATE TODAY



Phoenix Police Department Officer-Involved Shootings Information

<https://www.phoenix.gov/police/oisinfo>

PPD USE OF FORCE DASHBOARD

<https://stories.opengov.com/phoenixaz/published/6EtqIY5qQ>

Phoenix Police Department's "Use of Force" Policy

You can read about the changes to the

[Use of Force Policy here.](#)

PHOENIX PD APP

The Phoenix Police Department has a mobile APP, bringing a variety of resources and information to one place. Users can use the app to access online reporting, crime statistics, precinct locations, phone numbers, career opportunities, virtual block watch, victims' rights information, and more. Users can also turn on notifications from the precinct they live in to receive news updates and information on events in their area.

The APP is now available both in the Apple Store for iOS and in the Google Play Store for Android.

Report graffiti on the Phoenix PD app! Graffiti can now be reported on the Police Department APP released in January 2021. Studies show that if graffiti is removed within 24 hours, there is a 90% likelihood that the graffiti reporter will not have to use the app to have it removed! #GraffitiFreePHX
City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department.

WHEN YOU CALL 911 - KNOW THE 10 W'S

- **What** - is your location? GIVE EXACT LOCATION
- **What** - happened? WHAT TYPE OF CRIME?
- **When** - did this happen?

These questions will determine if it is a priority call. Give as much of this necessary information as you can.

- **Was** - anyone hurt?
- **Weapons** - are there weapons involved?
- **What** - manner did they leave or arrive – foot, vehicle, bicycle...?
- **Who** - did it? –Suspect description
- **Where** - did the suspect go? – What direction
- **What** - did the suspect obtain? – type and amount
- **Who** - is calling? – Give your name, location, and phone number. (You can remain anonymous. If you do give your name, the info is redacted from the public record access.)

TEXT 9-1-1 "Call if you can. Text if you can't." After months of collaboration between numerous public agencies and advocates for the disabled community (or advocates for the disabled) if you are in imminent danger and are unable to talk to a 911 operator, you now have for the first time in Phoenix the ability to text to 9-1-1.

PHOENIX POLICE RESERVE

Protect and Serve, Become a Reserve!

www.phoenixpolicereserve.org

602-534-9000

Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct NEWS



Black Mountain Precinct

33355 North Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek, AZ 85331

Precinct: 602.495.5002

E-BIKE REGULATIONS

With the ongoing concerns and questions regarding E-bikes, I wanted to take the time to provide the community with information on the new regulations. These concerns are not limited to the Black Mountain Precinct but are shared across the City of Phoenix. Prior to these regulations going into effect, patrol officers and community action officers from the Black Mountain Precinct conducted educational contacts within the community, informing community members of the new regulations. Along with the educational contacts, community action officers provided information related to the topic during community meetings, events, and school visits.

Since going into effect, the Department has provided a brochure with guidelines outlining traffic statutes that apply and when citations can be issued. The statute also addresses illegal modifications to e-bikes, ensuring that unlawfully altered devices are removed from the streets. The goal of these regulations is to promote safety and responsible use of e-bikes while discouraging unsafe practices and risks. A copy of the brochure is below for distribution to the community. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to a member of the community action team.

- Black Mountain Precinct CAO Sgt. Henry Trevino

E-Bike, E-Scooter, Motor-Driven Cycle

ELECTRIC BICYCLES (PCC 36-500-514)
Fully operable pedals and an electric motor.

ENFORCEMENT
Phoenix City Code 36-504
Electric bicycles are prohibited on sidewalks.
Phoenix City Code 36-510
Electric bicycle age - 16 years old minimum.
DUI AND FELONY FLIGHT NOT APPLICABLE.

ELECTRIC SCOOTERS (PCC 36-300-313)
2 or 3 wheels, handlebars, floorboard, electric motor.

ENFORCEMENT
Phoenix City Code 36-304
Electric scooters are prohibited on sidewalks.
Phoenix City Code 36-308
Electric scooter age - 16 years old minimum.
DUI AND FELONY FLIGHT NOT APPLICABLE.

MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLE (ARS 28-101.48)
Treated the same as motorcycle per Title 28.

ENFORCEMENT
All traffic laws apply - License, Registration, Insurance
Subject to 28-3511 Tow with Supervisor approval.
28-904. Driving on sidewalk
A person shall not drive a vehicle on a sidewalk.
28-3151.A Driver License Endorsements.
Motorcycle License requirement.
28-964.A Motorcycles; equipment
Eye protection required / Helmets Under 18.

CONGRATULATIONS
CMDR. CHRISTINE CALDERON-TANGUMA
ON YOUR NEW SOUTH MOUNTAIN PRECINCT
COMMANDER POSITION!



WE WILL MISS YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS
CAO JON MCQUILLAN ON YOUR NEW
HOMELAND DEFENSE BUREAU POSITION!



WE WILL MISS YOU!

PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT

Property crimes are crimes of opportunity. Remove that opportunity with

Take it

Take it with you

Lock it

Lock your vehicle

Conceal it

Conceal valuables

In case of emergency, Call 9-1-1. If you can't call, you can text! To report a crime, suspicious behavior or file a police report call CrimeStop (602) 262-6151. For more tips on safety visit www.phoenix.gov/police. Follow us on social media. @phoenixpolice

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT
COFFEE WITH COPS

NO FEBRUARY COFFEE WITH COPS!
Next Coffee with Cops is on
Thursday, March 26, 2026
8:30 am at TBD

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! GET TO KNOW YOUR CAO!

“IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING !”
AND CALL 911, CRIME STOP 602-262-6151
OR SILENT WITNESS 480-WITNESS

BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER SQUAD:



21 Area North/South (Beats 212 & 213)
(W 7th Street to E Scottsdale Rd. & S SR101 to N Carefree Hwy..)
21 Area North (Beat 214)
(W 83rd Ave to E 7th Street & S Dynamite Blvd. to N Mingus Rd.)
21 Area South (Beat 211)
(W I-17 to E 7th St. & S SR101 to N Dynamite Blvd.)
CA Officer Kelsie Sanborn #10649
602-495-5213 kelsie.sanborn@phoenix.gov



22 Area North (Beats 223 & 224)
(W I-17 to E 7th/16th Sts. & S Bell Rd. to N SR101)
22 Area South (Beats 221 & 222)
(W I-17 to E 7th/16th Sts. & S T-Bird/Cactus Rd. to N Bell Rd.)
CA Officer Jeffrey Blair #7966
at 602-495-5481 jeffrey.blair@phoenix.gov



23 Area North (Beats 233 & 234)
(W 7th/16th Sts. To E SR51 & S Bell Rd. to N SR101)
23 Area South (Beats 231 & 232)
(W 7th/16th Sts. To E SR51 & S Cactus Rd. to N Bell Rd.)
CA Officer Jeremy Campbell #9021
at 602-495-5276 or 602-904-9983
jeremy.campbell@phoenix.gov



Black Mountain Precinct CAO Sgt. Henry Trevino
602-495-5112
henry.trevino.miramontes@phoenix.gov



**Black Mountain Precinct Community
Programs Lt. TJ Denny**
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timothy.denny@phoenix.gov

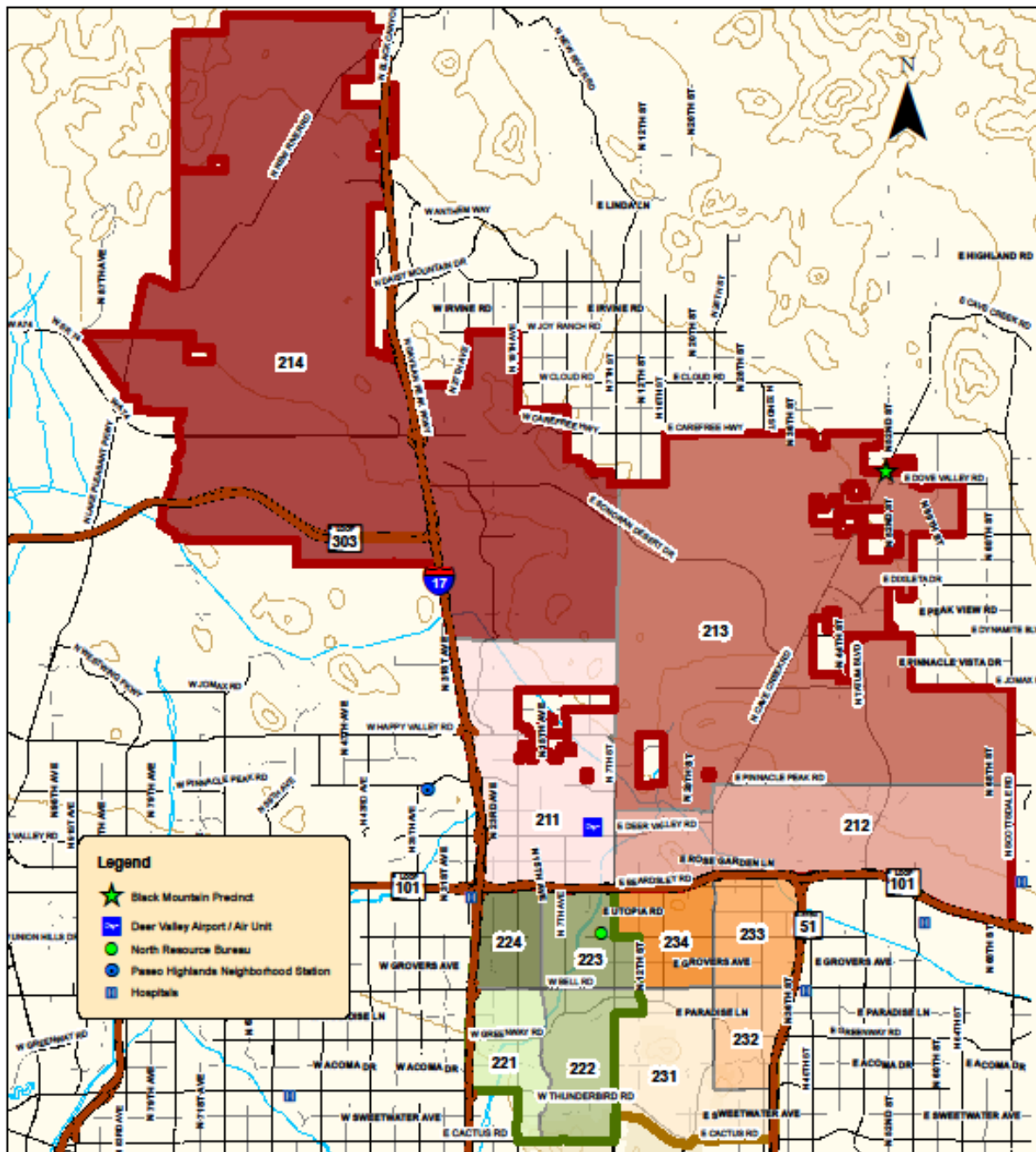
WELCOME NEW BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMANDER MYKEL MOLLER!



**Black Mountain Precinct
Commander Mykel Moller**
602-495-5566
mykel.moller@phoenix.gov



City of Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct (200) Squad and Beat Boundaries



Boundaries Effective October 20, 2014

Phoenix Police Department
Crime Analysis and Research Unit (GARU)
Updated: 10/1/2014
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CITYWIDE PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL



PNP Coordinator Detective Erin Sayegh!
pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov
 602-256-4303

WE'RE MOVING!

I am confirming the rumors that we are moving from 620 W. Washington St. on February 4th, 2026, to our new building 100 W. Washington St. The Community Employee Resource Bureau will be on the 13th floor. Other bureaus will be moving to the new building in stages with hopes that everyone will be in the new building by April 1, 2026. We have not been informed about what parking will be like for volunteers. What I can tell you is the PNP volunteer program will no longer be at 620 W. Washington. For most of you, this will have little to no effect aside from picking up the occasional items at the front desk. For now, I will likely have to mail things or make other arrangements on a case-by-case basis. We ask you to be patient as there will be some obstacles which we will overcome in due time. Please know you may reach out to me by email, pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov should you have any questions or concerns.

I look forward to seeing you at the next PNP meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, from 6-8pm, to be held at our regular location, 2075 E Maryland Ave.

Please visit [PNP Members – The Official PNP Members website](http://www.pnpmembers.com)
 Erin Sayegh - Citywide PNP Coordinator



JOIN THE PNP GROUP!

5 Mile Walk/Run OR 1 Mile Walk
 FEBRUARY 22, 2026

[Event Info](#) [Race Info](#) [Sign Up](#)

Monthly Citywide PNP Meetings Third Tuesday of each month, 6 to 8 pm

We have in-person meetings at Mountain View Precinct, 2075 E. Maryland Ave, from 6pm to 8pm. Technology willing, we have a virtual component so people can still attend online.



The login information is below. For most people, simply click the green box (hyperlink) below that says "Join PNP Meeting" and that will take you to the meeting. If not, open webex.com and select Join Meeting, when prompted, enter the below meeting number and password in the appropriate fields

[Join PNP Meeting](#)

Join by meeting number: (access code): 2460 133 9355
 Meeting password: ceb2024

PNP/PVSA hours

I am working on a QR code to make logging hours quicker for some, but it is still under construction.

What are "Admin hours:" Going to a PNP class, meetings, working on newsletters, website design, coffee with a cop, shop with a cop, First Fridays, Indian Market, going to a meeting where PNP is a topic, stuffing GAIN bags, monthly meetings, anything that benefits PNP but is not patrol, etc.
 Please reach out to me with other examples – it's probably Admin Time!

IRS Mileage Rate Current Rate

If you have Mileage Reimbursement funds in your current BW Grant this is important info for you. **The mileage reimbursement rate increased to 72.5 cents per mile as of January 1, 2026.**

PNP Merchandise Order Forms and Cost:

PNP equipment, like clothing, street signs and/or vehicle signs are expected to increase in 2026. If any of you have bought groceries or filled up your gas tank, you know there has been an increase in the cost of just about everything recently. The updated order forms are now online at www.phoenix.gov



Block Watch and Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol TRAINING

Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol / Block Watch 4-hour Training

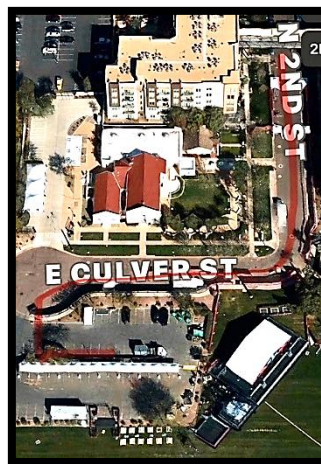
- Helps neighbors to be better eyes and ears for the Phoenix Police Department.
- Know when to call 911 or Crime Stop [602.262.6151](tel:602.262.6151)
- Understand the process of why the operator asks the questions and what information to be prepared with.
- Be an observer without being confrontational.

**NEXT TRAINING CLASS IS ON WEBEX
 MARCH 11 & 12**

PNP GROUP PATROL

Contact Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or
 at 602-799-0143

**Next First Friday's Group Patrol is on
 Friday, February 6**



There is a new meeting place with a better entrance/ exit. The parking lot is between the Burton Barr library and Margaret T. Hance Park. The address is 1218 N. 2nd St.

Spots do fill up fast, but Rick will save you a spot if you let him know you are coming! The new meeting time will be 6:30pm. Patrol will start at 7:00pm and end at 10:00pm. If you have trouble finding us, please call Rick's cell at **602-853-2271**. If you have any radios, please bring them. If not, Rick will have some extra.

PLEASE LET RICK KNOW IF YOU CAN MAKE IT.

Text or email Rick with your cellphone number if you would like to go. This also helps in case something comes up last minute

and he needs to cancel for that night.

Rick's email is ussyorktown25@hotmail.com

Thanks. Rick



Mayor Gallego, City Council Approve Light Rail Extension That Will Bring New Jobs, Opportunity to Maryvale



On January 27, 2026, Mayor Kate Gallego and the City Council approved a new expansion of its class-leading light rail system to west Phoenix, delivering a tremendous opportunity to the Maryvale community.

The City Council voted by a 7 to 2 vote to expedite light rail along Indian School Road. This action aims to provide west Phoenix with its fair share of transit and development opportunities and will connect Valley Metro and west Phoenix's residents, businesses, and neighborhoods.

"We've seen it again and again – when light rail expands, communities benefit with better access to jobs, education, housing, and more parts of our city," Mayor Gallego said. "Last night, the City Council and I voted to keep the dream alive and connect light rail to the West Valley. Light rail expansion has been, and will continue to be, a key priority for me."

The City of Phoenix and Valley Metro have been working to extend light rail to our state's Capitol and west down the middle of Interstate 10. However, the Arizona State Legislature has specific legal authority to block stations within a certain part of the state Capitol Mall, via legislation previously signed by then-Governor Ducey.

The new path will serve Maryvale, as well as the Encanto and Alhambra villages. It will allow residents to more easily access jobs, education, entertainment, and a host of other amenities across the Valley. Equally important, it will provide a whole new opportunity to showcase Maryvale's community spirit, culture, and warmth.

A Note from the Mayor's Office:

I want to offer ourselves both as a contact and as a resource for you and your association. Please don't hesitate to keep us aware of events, meetings, or anything else that you think is important for our office to know.

The best way to reach me is at michael.pissos@phoenix.gov or on my direct line at (602) 534-9527. Ynez can be reached at ynez.chacon@phoenix.gov or on her direct line at (602) 534-1665.

We look forward to getting to know you and working together!

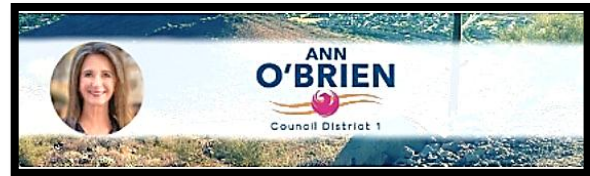
Respectfully,

Michael Pissos

Community Relations Coordinator
o: (602) 262-7111
c: (440) 667-8856

Ynez Chacon

Community Relations Coordinator
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ynez.chacon@phoenix.gov



District 1 Community Breakfast/Dinner with Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

Next Breakfast will be on Friday, February 27 at 7:30 am at the Doubletree in the Metropolitan

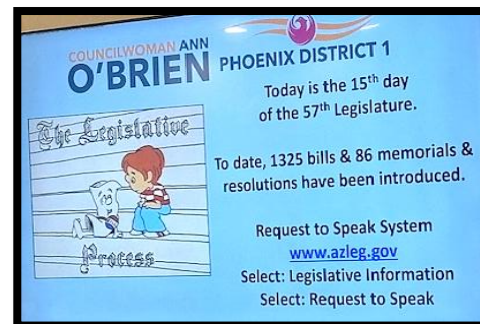
602-262-7444 council.district.1@phoenix.gov

Message from Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

I was honored to take part in Phoenix's MLK March honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The annual event reminds us that, as Dr. King said, "The time is always right to do right." Some of you may not be aware that in July 1984 the City Council unanimously approved an MLK holiday and in 1985, Phoenix became the first Arizona city to host an MLK prayer breakfast, march and festival. Following Monday's march, I attended the festival at Hance Park, which featured local vendors, community groups, and much laughter and fellowship. As I told the crowd, progress doesn't always announce itself loudly. Sometimes it sounds like conversation. Sometimes it looks like people who didn't know each other an hour ago sharing purpose. Dr. King reminded us that lasting change is shaped by ordinary people making intentional choices.

If you know an outstanding young person, please consider nominating them for special recognition. The Outstanding Phoenix Youth Leader of The Year award honors students in 9-12 grade who've made positive contributions to their communities. The City holds a special event to honor the winners, along with the teachers or mentors who inspired them the most. Council district winners will receive \$1,000 each, and two overall winners will earn an additional \$2,000! [Applications must be received by March 1](#), and applicants need to be available for in-person interviews on Saturday, April 11. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the amazing young people who call Phoenix home! Water conservation is critical in Phoenix and, thanks to a partnership with Salt River Project (SRP) and the nonprofit Water—Use It Wisely, we're making it easier than ever! Households can receive a free, customizable AZ Water—Wise Kit. [This link](#) outlines the various tools you can choose from, including lead detection strips, WaterSense certified showerhead and a hose timer. Here's what to do to receive your free kit: [Click on this link](#) and Under "Water Providers," select "Not Listed—Get a FREE AZ Water-Wise Kit". Thank you for doing your part to protect our most precious resource!

All my best, **Ann** Councilwoman, District 1



[Learn more about Councilwoman O'Brien](#), her priorities and focus for District 1 on the [district's webpage](#).

Take the MindCrowd Memory Test – let's help them get to their 1 million participant goal!

MindCrowd is an innovative, free online study designed to engage users in cognitive research while providing them with valuable insights into their own mental abilities. By participating in simple, fun tasks, you help TGen scientists better understand how the human brain works—while learning more about your own cognitive strengths.

MindCrowd isn't just another survey—it's a citizen-scientist opportunity to contribute to meaningful research while having fun. They are close to their 1 million participant goal – help them get to their goal by the end of 2025. Take the test at mindcrowd.org and watch the BBC StoryWorks Film on the City of Phoenix and [MindCrowd here](#).



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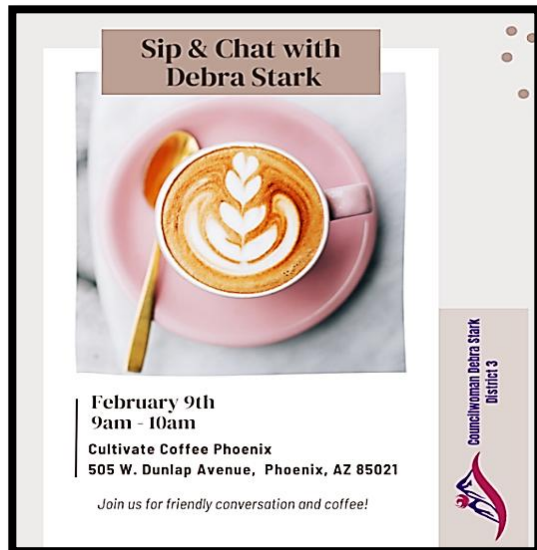
Upcoming City Council Meetings
Next City Council Formal Meetings: FEB 4 & 18
Next City Council Policy Meetings: FEB 10 & 24

Subcommittee Schedule

Public Safety and Justice (PSJ) – 10:00 a.m., first Wednesday of the month
Economic Development and Housing (EDH) – 10:00 a.m., second Wednesday of the month
Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning (TIP) – 10:00 a.m., third Wednesday of the month



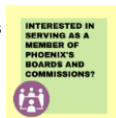
District 3 Councilwoman Debra Stark
602-262-7441 [council.district.3@phoenix.gov](#)



**DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD
QUARTERLY IN 2026:
MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER & DECEMBER**

Interested in serving on Phoenix's Boards and Commissions?

District 1 is seeking community leaders interested in serving as the District's representative for various boards and commissions, such as the Village Planning Committee. To start the application process, please visit the [Boards and Commissions webpage](#).



City Community Survey

The survey is served up to residents on various websites and social media platforms. Residents can also respond to the survey directly with [this link](#). We've also created a [survey landing page](#) on Phoenix.gov to answer questions, including the security and privacy of the survey.



**District 3 | Chair Kate Brophy McGee's
Message**

**Kate Brophy McGee Elected Chair of
Maricopa County Board of Supervisors**



Kate Brophy McGee is the first female chair of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors in nearly a quarter century. Attending the "passing of the gavel" were Jan Brewer, Betsy Bayless and Helen Purcell.

IMPORTANT LINKS

1. [Animal Care & Control](#)
2. [County Contacts & Resources](#)
3. [County Library](#)
1. [County Parks](#)
2. [Find your District](#)
3. [Public Health](#)
1. [Register to Vote](#)
2. [Strategic Plan](#)
3. [Watch Board Meetings](#)

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LinkedIn: [Kate Brophy McGee](#)

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Instagram: [@katebrophymcgee_3](#)

Kate Brophy McGee, Maricopa County Supervisor, District 3

District 3

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[Email Supervisor Kate Brophy McGee](#)

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Sarah Griffith, Deputy Admin. at (602) 506-4758
or [sarah.griffith@maricopa.gov](#)

INFO OF THE MONTH

Share a tip, recipe, info, or some humor, e-mail it to
bmca200@gmail.com

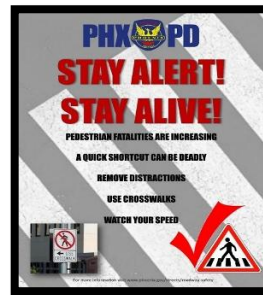


Appointment-Based Bulk Trash Program

Appointments are now available for bulk trash pickups! You can use the online form, or call us at 602-262-6251 to schedule your appointment.

1. Review the bulk trash guidelines & placement procedures online at phoenix.gov/publicworks.
2. Schedule a collection online through myPHX311 or by phone at 602-262-6251.
3. Once the request has been submitted, a confirmation email will arrive in your inbox with the appointment details.
4. Place your bulk items out for collection by 5:30 a.m. on your appointment date. You can place your items out up to 7 days prior to the appointment.

JANUARY 22 HONOR WALL DEDICATION AT THE NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS

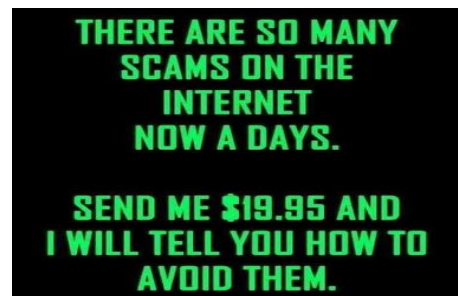


PEDESTRIAN SAFETY KITS

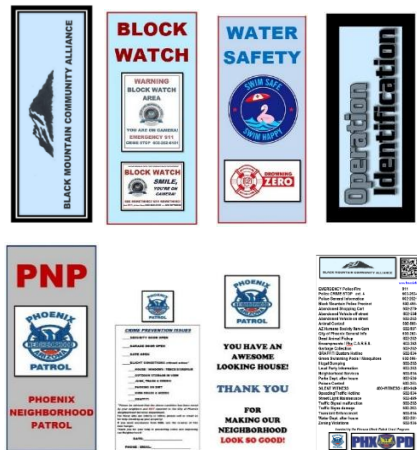
are available at the BMCA General Meetings
and at all our Events.



The kits include Flashing Bracelets, Rings, or Scrunchies.



BMCA PDFs AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:
www.bmcainfo.com



PNP DOOR HANGERS



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January 10th, 2026 - Christown Spectrum Mall
 Enter off Montebello Avenue, East of Target

I RECYCLE PHX' is here!

All 'I Recycle PHX' events will be from **7 am to 12 pm.**

Early arrival is highly encouraged to help minimize wait times. Please plan to arrive before **11:30 am** to secure your place in line.

March 14th, 2026 - Happy Valley Towne Center
 Enter off Happy Valley Road, West of Walmart

April 4th, 2026 - Desert Ridge Marketplace
 Enter off Deer Valley Road, East of AMC Theatre

[Click here to find out more](#)

Get Paid \$500 to go Grass Free



Phoenix residents can cash in by removing non-functional grass. The City of Phoenix Water Services Department is offering financial incentives to homeowners who remove non-functional grass. Homeowners are eligible to receive \$2 per square foot of grass removed. This program helps residents save money on their bills and strengthens the City's commitment to sustainable urban living.

Website: [Water Services Residential Grass Incentives](#)

AZ Water-Wise Kit



Smart water use starts with small changes. The City of Phoenix Water Services Department invites residents to get a free, customizable AZ Water-Wise Kit to fit your needs in 2026. From efficient showerheads to leak detectors and hose timers, each item is designed to make water conservation easy. The kits are made possible through a partnership with [Water - Use It Wisely \(WUIW\)](#) and [Salt River Project \(SRP\)](#).

To order, visit wuiw.com/kit and select "Not listed - Get your AZ Water-Wise Kit" from the drop-down menu.

MAKE A DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION BY APRIL 15, 2026, FOR YOUR 2025 TAX FILING!

2025 Tax Credit Donation

Contribute up to \$200 or \$400 to any DVUSD school or program.

You do not need to have a child enrolled to take advantage of this annual tax credit!

CONTRIBUTE TO A DVUSD SCHOOL TODAY! VISIT DVUSD.ORG/TAXCREDIT.

Single taxpayers can contribute up to \$200, and married households filing jointly can contribute up to \$400 to the school or program of your choice. You do not need to have a student enrolled in school to contribute!

Visit DVUSD.org/taxcredit,

<https://www.wesdschools.org/about-wesd/tax-credit> or

www.GUHSDAZ.org/taxcredit



I'd love to formally **invite the local community** to come into the store, get to know us, learn some new games, and enjoy their favorite classics in a **welcoming, low-pressure space**. One of my main goals is to increase daytime attendance so we can open the restaurant earlier during the week and create more opportunities for people to **gather, connect, and relax**.



Some information about our space: Our gaming space is always **free to use**. We have a large library of board games available for anyone to check out and play in the store, whether you're brand new to tabletop games or have been playing for years. We're always happy to help people find something that fits their interests and comfort level.



We also host **Learn 2 Play Fest** on the **First Saturday of each month**, with the next few being on **February 7 and March 7, and April 4**. These are **open community days** where anyone can drop in and **learn how to play new games** with guidance from staff and our volunteer game Ambassadors. This event is designed to be **approachable, social, and beginner friendly**.



Another big part of what we do is our **Ambassador Program**. If there are community members who enjoy teaching games or hosting regular meetups, **we actively support them**. We help provide space, structure, and promotion, and we focus on nurturing the community that grows around those games or recurring events.

We also offer **quiet workspace, free Wi-Fi, and food and drink service after 3 PM** at Forks & Boards, which makes the space flexible for many different needs.

FORKS & BOARDS

Restaurant and Bar are attached to Gamer's Guild



In addition to our open, free-use space, we currently host a variety of guided events and casual meetups:

- **Craft Connection** on **Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings**. Bring your own crafts and enjoy working alongside like-minded community members.
- **LEGO Build Night** every **Thursday at 5 PM**. Bring your own sets or pick something up in-store.
- **Hobby Night** every **Wednesday at 5 PM**, focused on miniature painting and model building.
- **Chef's Movie Night** every **Wednesday evening** at **Forks & Boards**. This is a ticketed event with a themed 3- or 5-course meal paired with an AAA movie, crafted by Chef Gil. Tickets sell out fast.
- **Gamers Guild Book Club** meets in person on the **third Sunday of each month**, with additional independent book clubs meeting on **Sundays at Forks & Boards**.
- **Jigsaw Puzzle Meetup** on **Tuesday evenings at 5 PM** and **Thursday mornings at 10 AM**.
- **Mahjong Night** every **Tuesday at 5 PM**.

If your community already has a book club, Bridge, Gin, Pinochle, or other card group, craft circle, or social club and is interested in trying a new place to meet and have fun, we'd love to host you. Gamers Guild is always excited to welcome existing groups and help them feel at home here.

Kage Kral,
Events and Community Engagement Mgr.
Gamers Guild, 1818 W. Bell Road
communitymanager@gamersguildusa.com
602-486-3872

JANUARY 14, 2026

BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE & BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMUNITY BW / PNP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

With 68 in attendance at the DVCC

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm



Cmdr. Christie and
BMCA Chair Candice Fremouw



BMCA Vice-Chair Betty and
BMCA Treasurer Deb



CITY COUNCIL:

Council District 3 Aide Haleigh announced the upcoming District 3 Coffee Chat at Sunnyslope CC on Thursday, January 22 at 8:30 am



NSD:



Mari Herrera-Daniels talked about the Abandoned Shopping Cart Retrieval Program Ordinance that goes into effect tomorrow, January 15. Every store that has shopping carts must complete an annual certification ensuring compliance with Phoenix City Code, Chapter 3, Article 10. The stores will be liable to retrieve their carts or be fined. To report abandoned carts, call 602-534-4444, email shopping.carts.nsd@phoenix.gov or go online

at myPHX311 If the cart is filled with someone's stuff, submit a report through PHXC.A.R.E.S. For more information go to www.phoenix.gov/shoppingcarts To report problems at the Bus Stops, email Transit at ppd.comm.eng@phoenix.gov

DVCC:

DVCC Director Noreena said that there are several events upcoming: The city's first Lunar New Year Celebration in partnership with Sister Cities is on Saturday, February 28. On Saturday, March 28, from 9 am to 1 pm is our Eggcellent Adventure and on June 27 is our After Dark in the Park Event and it will be a Drone Show again!



Black Mountain Precinct Updates



Candice presented Cmdr. Christie with a beautiful Blue Line Glass Art Sculpture by Monte.



Cmdr. Christie talked about the outstanding work of the Black Mountain patrol officers. They responded to 5 separate gunshot incidents in the Square and tracked down a suspect with the kind of gun they were looking for. Lt. TJ is out on industrial incident leave for a few months.

Cmdr. introduced the new CAO Sgt. Henry Trevino at his first BMCA Meeting.



Sgt. Henry has been on the force for 8 years. Welcome Sgt. Henry!

PNP UPDATES:

Candice commented that there were several in attendance wearing PNP Shirts and encouraged everyone to go to the PNP/BW Training Classes. For PNP Members who patrolled the Indian Market, there is a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at S'edav Va'aki Museum on Friday, January 16. The next PNP Citywide Meeting is on Tuesday, January 20 at 6 pm at Mt. View Precinct and on Webex. Next PNP/BW Training is in person on January 31 from 7:30 am – noon at Mt. View Precinct. Email pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov or call 602-256-4303 to register.

BW/PNP SIGN & FIRST AID KIT PRESENTATIONS:

Two VBW Signs to Larry Schwartz and Dawn Jeffery-Nelson with The Retreat Block Watch and Two VBW Signs to Arroyo Rojo Block Watch.



CAO Jeremy, Dawn & Larry



CAO Jon and Arroyo Rojo



BREAK OUT SESSION

to meet with Area 21, 22 & 23 CAOs



Areas 21 & 22 met with CAOs Jon McQuillan and Jeffrey Blair

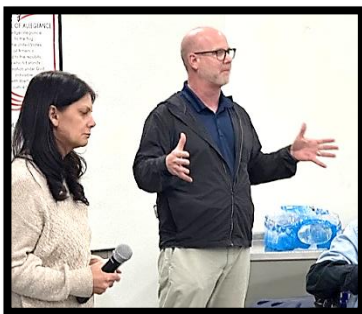


Area 23 met with CAO Jeremy Campbell

PRESENTATION:

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS UPDATES

with OHS Deputy Director Scott Hall and Jackie Breidt

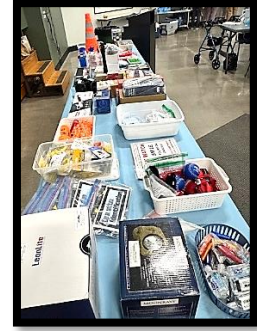


Candice introduced Jackie, who works in our area as a Homeless Liaison and the Deputy Director, Scott Hall. They oversee Shelters, Outreach, Phx C.A.R.E.S. and the homeless property storage. After many attempts to help homeless individuals, the refusals are tracked

and they are eventually held in accountability. They impound abandoned property for 45 days and if no one claims it, it is disposed of. It is rarely claimed. There are 40,000 unsheltered. Homelessness is a symptom of many issues; addiction, mental health, physical disabilities and job loss are some of them. Children and families are the ultimate priority for help. They now have several shelters that house pets and there is a senior shelter for those with dementia.

Laura handed out Homeless Help Kits to everyone in attendance. It includes a clear garbage bag, mylar rescue blanket, hot-hands packets, and Narcan.

CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY ITEM DISTRIBUTION:



Everyone always receives something!

50/50 DRAWING: Deb P. won \$74.00!



50/50 Host Bud and Deb P.



SRO Tim, Deb & Bud



REFRESHMENTS: YUM!



Thank you to everyone who brought goodies!



BMCA ATTENDS & SUPPORTS. . .

*Meetings and Events all over Black Mountain
Precinct and beyond each month!*

JANUARY 5, 2026

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at THE PASSING OF THE GAVEL**



County Supervisor Chair Kate Brophy McGee



John Pokorski, Debbie Lesko, Thomas Galvin,
Kate Brophy McGee & Mark Stewart



JANUARY 8, 2026

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the BW Grant Oversight Meeting**



JANUARY 9, 2026

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the Moon Mountain Kindergarten
HATS 4 TOTS**



JANUARY 11, 2026

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the Home & Garden Show PHOENIX
NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL Booth**



Det. Erin Sayegh

JANUARY 16, 2026

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER
for the Indian Market Volunteers**



PNP VOLUNTEERS: Rick, Dave, Judy, Candice and Arianna



Ed, Rick, Candice and Laura



JANUARY 17, 2026

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the SUREHERO SATURDAY EVENT**

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUPERHEROS LOIS AND ROXANNE!



Lois and Councilwoman Ann O'Brien Roxanne, Deb, Ann, and Lois



Roxanne, Councilwoman Deb Stark



Lt. Mark Schweikert



BRBA MISSION STATEMENT

**"We are an alliance
of Businesses and Stakeholders
for Crime Prevention and Safety
along the Bell Road Corridor."**

**JANUARY 20, 2026, at 11 am
BELL ROAD BUSINESS ALLIANCE
Meeting at GAMER'S GUILD**



BRBA Chair Greg Freeman



Liz, Roxanne, Susan, and Greg



Amber



Lois



Roxanne

District 3 Council Aide Amber congratulated Lois and Roxanne on their Superhero Awards!



Cmdr. Christie and the new Black Mountain Precinct Commander Mykel Moller



CAO Jon



CAOs Jeremy, Jon, and Jeffrey

**PRESENTATION
on the new SHOPPING CART RETRIEVAL ORDINANCE**

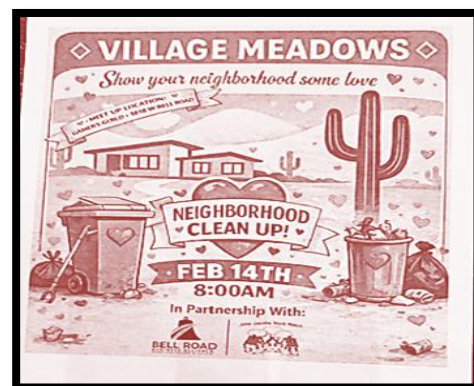


by Jason Cole



**Next Bell Road Business Alliance Meeting is on
Tuesday, February 17 at 11:00 am
at GAMER'S GUILD, 1818 W. Bell Road**

For more information contact bellroadbusinessalliance@gmail.com



FEB 14 VILLAGE MEADOWS CLEAN UP

For information on the next Thrive Bell Road Community Clean up visit Thrivephoenix.org or email at info@thrivephoenix.org

JANUARY 20, 2026

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the CITYWIDE PNP Meeting**

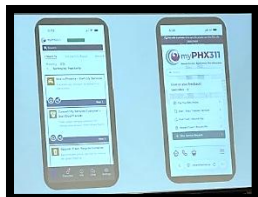


JANUARY 22, 2026

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the DISTRICT 3 COFFEE CHAT**



Councilwoman Deb Stark Nyah & Amber



PRESENTATION ON THE NEW 311 APP



JANUARY 22, 2026

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the REACH COALITION MEETING**



Kelly did a great presentation on the overuse of Social Media



JANUARY 26, 2026

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the DISTRICT 1 DINNER**



Our Councilwoman Ann always lends a helping hand!
Derrick and Welcome, new Council Aide Ruben Hernandez!

PRESENTATION on HOMELESS SOLUTIONS



Office of Homeless Solutions Deputy Director Scott Hall



Thank you, Councilwoman Ann, for the delicious Macayo's dinner!



Soon to be Black Mtn Cmdr. Moller Cactus Pk Lt. Michaud



JANUARY 27, 2026

Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the PBWAB Meeting



Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board



Lt. Scott Cain Ofc. Brian Authement, K-9 Dag & Grappler



JANUARY 28, 2026

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the Blk Mtn Precinct Coffee with Cops



Cmdr. Christine Calderone and Candice and Laura



Councilwoman Deb Stark and Candice



Cmdr. Moller Welcome Song with Lois



Cmdr. Christine Thank You Song with Lois



CAO Sgt. Henry Trevino



Bud, Richard and Sylvia Beautiful Quilt by Bonnie Decker!



CAO Jeffrey Blair

JANUARY 28, 2026

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the T-Bird Business Alliance Meeting



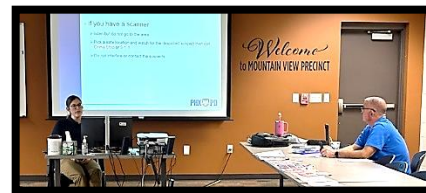
JANUARY 28, 2026

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the CPCA Meeting



JANUARY 31, 2026

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the Citywide Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol & Block Watch Training



Det. Erin Sayegh



Det. Chris Abril



City of Phoenix

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

General Information 602-534-4444



NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALISTS

District 1 – JOHNNY MENDOZA 602-463-6776
Johnny.mendoza@phoenix.gov

District 2 – E. MARI HERRERA-DANIELS 602-261-8587
e.mari.herrera-daniels@phoenix.gov

District 3 – KRISTA ROY
krista.roy@phoenix.gov

BLIGHT AND ZONING LAWS

STRUCTURES: The maintenance of a home is the responsibility of the property owner. Any wood, siding, shingles, roof covering, railings, fences, walls, ceilings, porches, doors, windows, screens, and other exterior parts of any structure on the property must be maintained in weather tight, sound condition and in good repair. The property owner is responsible for making sure there are no doors or windows left open and not secure to the outside. *FOR HELP call the Preservation Division of the Neighborhood Services Dept. at 602-495-0700 to see if you qualify for a free Grant!*

OUTDOOR STORAGE: All outside storage that can be seen from the street should be inside sheds or cabinets. Items should not be set in car ports in view of the street. Please use enclosed areas or backyards.

JUNK, TRASH & DEBRIS: Junk, trash and debris cannot be left in the yard or car port and must be properly disposed of. This includes junk auto parts, appliances, furniture, building and/or landscaping material, trash such as discarded papers, cardboard, plastics, etc. including tree trimmings and fallen limbs or any other items that appear to have been discarded. The only exception is during the dates you can request four times a year for Bulk Trash pickup.

PARKING: Parking is only permitted for passenger cars and motorcycles on residential streets, on driveways or in garages. A driveway or parking area must be constructed with an approved dust-free parking surface. The stone must be 1/4 - 3/4 in size with a permanent border holding it in. 1/4 minus size stone is not allowed for parking. There are limits to the amount of front yard area that can be used for parking. Only 50% of the front yard may be converted to driveway or dust free parking.

GRASS AND WEEDS: Grass and weeds must not be allowed to grow over 6 inches high due to fire hazard, allowing the weeds to go to seed and spreading throughout the neighborhood and insect infestation.

ELIMINATE GRAFFITI: Keeping the neighborhood graffiti free is something we can all do. If there is graffiti on your property, please remove it as soon as possible. The Graffiti Busters Program provides paint, supplies and training to assist groups with eliminating graffiti. The City will also remove the graffiti from private property with written permission from the property owner. Call 602-495-7014.

ABANDONED SHOPPING CART RETRIEVAL PROGRAM

The City of Phoenix Abandoned Shopping Cart Retrieval Program strives to remove empty, abandoned shopping carts found off-premises city-wide, from public right of way, sidewalks, and City streets within 2 business days of the complaint.

To report an empty and abandoned shopping cart, not on private property, you may call [602-534-4444](tel:602-534-4444), email shopping.carts.nsd@phoenix.gov, or go online at myPHX311.

To report a filled shopping cart, [submit a report through PHX C.A.R.E.S.](http://submit.a.report.through.PHX.C.A.R.E.S)
www.phoenix.gov/shoppingcarts



Neighborhood College is a one-of-a-kind collaboration of workshops and hands-on learning experiences brought to you by multiple city departments. The intent of the program is to provide each participant with knowledge about the city's programs, services and resources; the tools to access those resources; and the skills and ideas with which to build positive, sustainable communities. Everyone is welcome! Regardless of whether you're a seasoned community leader or a new resident just looking to get to know your new home better, Neighborhood College is flexible enough to meet the needs of all Phoenix residents! We hope to see you at one of our many free workshops – and encourage your neighbors to do the same. **To sign up, call us at 602-534-4444. Online registration:** We've partnered with the Parks and Recreation Department to use their online enrollment process. You will be taken to "Parks and Recreation Online" where you will need to sign up for a free account. This is a one-time process that will only take a few moments. You will then be able to use the site in the future to sign up for any additional workshops.

CHECK THE www.phoenix.gov website for info...



Did you know that NSD operates a Tool Lending Program? The goals of the program are to support homeownership and maintenance while assisting in the revitalization of neighborhoods. The Tool Lending Program currently offers 16 different types of tools available for loan. Tools can be borrowed by neighborhood associations and block watches registered on Neighborhood Link, and recognized non-profit organizations for valid community projects.

Learn more about the program at phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/cleanups-and-tool-lending or email ToolLend.nsd@phoenix.gov or call 602-534-4444.

NSD PROGRAMS

Code Compliance

[Private Property Code Compliance](#)

[Graffiti](#)

[Shopping Cart Removal](#)

[Abandoned and Neglected Private Properties](#)

Community Engagement

[Get Involved in Your Neighborhood](#)
[Neighborhood Cleanups and Tool Lending](#)
[Volunteer](#)
[Neighborhood College](#)

Neighborhood Revitalization

[Energy Efficiency Improvements](#)
[Housing Repairs](#)
[Lead Removal](#)

[Multi-Family Rental Property Repairs](#)
[Infill Housing Development](#)
[Neighborhood Business Assistance](#)



BLOCK WATCH IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN NEIGHBORHOODS

Block Watches come in all sizes. They can be a few houses in a cul-de-sac to a whole square mile neighborhood. They help to develop a "sense of community" and strengthen and sustain neighborhoods by bringing residents/neighbors together with a common interest.

Every Block Watch starts with one person and their concern for the safety and well-being of themselves and their families. Their motivation may be to meet or get to know their neighbors to protect the children, to keep property values up by eliminating blight and graffiti, to stop speeding on the streets by installing speed humps to protect the children, to have peace of mind by discouraging barking dogs and loud parties, and to be safe from crimes like burglary, theft, and assault.

We all want to live in a safe and secure environment. Our homes should be safe havens. By rights, there should be several layers of protection from the national level to our own neighborhoods. National and state governments provide control of our borders; state and city governments provide police and fire protection, education, and other resources; community member groups provide Phoenix Neighborhood Patrollers and posting of PNP signs on neighborhood streets; Block Watch provides neighbors watching out for neighbors; and we provide our own home security alarms, lighting, and burglary prevention measures.

HELP STOP CRIME IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BY STARTING A BLOCK WATCH GROUP ON YOUR STREET TODAY!

Distribute this announcement to invite people to the Block Watch Meeting:

You're Invited to an Important Meeting!

If you are as interested as I am about maintaining and improving the quality of life on our street and in our neighborhood, please attend an important meeting to be held:

DAY _____ DATE _____ TIME _____

LOCATION _____

A representative of the Phoenix Police Department will be there to discuss a way we can impact and improve our community. It is called **BLOCK WATCH**, and we will be informed how to combine our efforts to make our homes and our neighborhood a safer place to live.

Please Plan to Attend and RSVP to:

NAME _____

PHONE _____

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT Block Watch / PNP LISTINGS

List your Block Watch / PNP, Meeting Dates and Events HERE
Send your info to the Black Mountain Community Alliance at
info@bmcainfo.com or bmca200@gmail.com

LIST YOUR BLOCK WATCH AND INFO HERE...

ANTHEM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH for info call 509-670-5237 or e-mail Chairman Christine Perry at
AnthemNeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com or
www.OnLineAtAnthem.com/ANW

ARROYO GRANDE-ANTHEM BLOCK WATCH for info call Diane Lee at 623-251-6612

BELCANTO BLOCK WATCH gloriapink12@gmail.com

CACTUS SWEETWATER BLOCK WATCH Coleen Hager
chagercpa@cox.net, or essmott@cox.net

CAREFREE MANOR BLOCK WATCH for info e-mail
carefreepnp@gmail.com

CINNABAR BLOCK WATCH for info call 623-869-8118 or e-mail
budpamdeb@yahoo.com

CRYSTAL TERRACE BLOCK WATCH for info e-mail:
crystalterracecommunity@gmail.com

DEER VALLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH ORGANIZATION / PNP (DVPNBWO) MEETINGS with the BMCA at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of most months at the DVCC! Check Website for info www.dvpnbwo.com. 623-533-0847 / dvpnbwo@aol.com

DESERT WIND BLOCK WATCH for info e-mail Bill Christian
whchristian@msn.com

HILLCREST EAST BLOCK WATCH Linda Nixon
nixonlinda62@gmail.com

INVERNESS COMMUNITY WATCH PARTNERSHIP
community.watch.85023@gmail.com

JOHN JACOBS BLOCK WATCH Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the John Jacobs Elementary School cafeteria located at 14421 N. 23rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85023. For info contact johniacobsbw1@outlook.com or Fred at 505-514-1439

MINI MOON II BLOCK WATCH (in Moon Valley along Interlachen)
Primary Contact: Myra Ridder myraridder@cox.net Contact us for meeting info.

MOON VALLEY GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH ZOOM meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of February, May, September and November. The other months they are with the BMCA Meetings. mvge@cox.net Candice 602-402-7914

MONTE CRISTO BLOCK WATCH
LECADDSERVICES@yahoo.com

NORTHTOWN COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH / PNP FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS e-mail nkcourtinaz@hotmail.com or call Nora Curtin at 602-689-9696

PALM LAKES VILLAGE BLOCK WATCH Meetings held on the first Fridays at 11:00 am at the Club House at 16415 N. 33rd Way. For info contact mmellenbrook@cox.net

RIDGE RUNNERS II PNP GROUP Jim Rogers 602-471-2201 co/chair with Phil Carlisle 480-519-3087

SEVEN PALMS BLOCK WATCH / PNP Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm in the Clubhouse. Call 602-471-5861 or e-mail sevenpalmsblockwatchpnp@yahoo.com for info.

VILLAGE MEADOWS BLOCK WATCH meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm www.villagemeadows.org

CRIME TIPS:

FAKE JOBS, REAL LOSSES

If your New Year's resolutions include finding a new job, work-from-home opportunities may sound especially appealing. While many remote positions are legitimate, some aren't what they appear to be. Business and job opportunity scams have surged since 2020. According to the [Federal Trade Commission \(FTC\)](#), reports nearly tripled, and losses soared from \$90 million to \$501 million between 2020 and 2024.

Even if you're not job hunting, chances are someone you know is. Please share this information to help protect them against [fake employer scams](#).

HOW IT WORKS

You come across a listing on a job board, social media, or receive a text message offering a work-from-home opportunity—like processing paperwork, data entry, or clicking “like” buttons on videos or posts to boost a company's online presence.

The job often promises remote work with high pay for little to no experience.

You may be asked to pay upfront for training and specialized equipment, or you may [receive a check](#) to “cover” these expenses.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Criminals advertise jobs the same way real companies do, often impersonating well-known businesses or inventing fake ones. Their listing might look professional and include “testimonials” and personal success stories to make the offer seem real.

The goal of the scam could be straight-up identity theft, or it could be to steal money or to use you to launder money.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

To ensure a job listing is legitimate, contact the company directly through its verified website or phone number.

Research the employer by searching the company's name alongside words like *scam*, *review*, or *complaint* to see what other people are saying.

Ask detailed questions before accepting any work-from-home offer. Clarify how and when you'll be paid and whether there are any up-front costs.

Protect your personal information. Never share personal or financial details until you know a job offer is legitimate.

IDENTITY THEFT AWARENESS

Each year, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) leads Identity Theft Awareness Week, a national initiative held in late January on how to avoid [identity theft](#), recover if it happens, and spot these scams before they occur.

American adults lost \$47 billion to identity fraud and scams in 2024, according to an AARP-sponsored [report](#) from by Javelin Strategy & Research. The problem is huge, and our personal information can be compromised through everything from sophisticated data breaches to simple mail theft. Below are some key steps to help protect you and your loved ones.

Reduce Your Paper Trail

Set up online access to your bank and credit card accounts and enroll in paperless billing to reduce the risk of physical theft of your personal information.

Shred sensitive documents—such as bank statements, tax forms, and medical bills—before discarding them.

Keep your Social Security card stored securely at home, and avoid leaving any personal information in your car, even if it's locked.

Strengthen Your Security Measures

Use [strong and unique passwords](#) for each account, enable multifactor authentication whenever it's offered, avoid public Wi-Fi for sensitive transactions, and install reputable security software on your devices.

[Monitor your credit report](#) for suspicious activity and consider freezing your credit with all three major credit bureaus to help prevent criminals from opening accounts in your name.

File your tax return as early as you can—tax identity thieves who have obtained personal information often try to file first. You can go to [irs.gov](#) to request a personal identification number to associate with your return each year; IRS won't process your return without it, adding an important layer of protection.

Protect Your Privacy

Make sure your social media accounts are set to private and avoid oversharing information such as your birthday, hometown, family members, or education history.

It's risky to enter personal information into AI programs or chat tools; chat logs are not a confidential resource.

Knowledge gives you power over scams. The [AARP Fraud Watch Network™](#) equips you with reliable, up-to-date insights and connects you to our free fraud helpline so you can better protect yourself and loved ones. We also advocate at the state, federal and local levels to enact policy changes that protect consumers and enforce laws.

MORE FROM AARP

[How to Recover After Your Identity Has Been Stolen >](#)

[15 Worst Things to Carry In Your Wallet >](#)

[Learn More About Work-From-Home Job Scams >](#)

[10 Common Government Impostor Scams >](#)

[Understanding and Avoiding Tariff Scams >](#)

[15 Ways to Protect Yourself From Fraud >](#)

[Criminals Are Stealing More Money Through Text Scams Than Ever Before >](#)

[Learn More about the Latest Medicare Scams >](#)

[Government Impostor Scams Are on the Rise >](#)

Do you think you have been targeted or have fallen victim to a scam?

Contact [AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline](#). Call 877-908-3360.

[How to Spot a Phone Scam >](#)

[Stay Safe From Scams: Pause. Reflect. Protect. >](#)

Do you think you have been targeted or have fallen victim to a scam? Contact [AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline](#). Call [877-908-3360](#)

And one more thing...

AARP Fraud Watch Network™ offers free [emotional support sessions](#) for people affected by fraud. Trained peer facilitators conduct hour-long small group online sessions. Experiencing fraud can be devastating, but it doesn't have to define you.

[Learn more](#)



FIRE PREVENTION PUBLIC INFORMATION



Fire Department's New Fire Data Link Map

This new online data map shows all the emergency incidents dispatched in the Phoenix Fire Department service area, which is the City of Phoenix, Town of Paradise Valley and Laveen.

The map has a 30-day rolling window and has filters for the Neighborhood and Council District. Incident locations are displayed based on their Category and all incidents are geocoded down to the street level, so that there should not be any incidents shown on someone's home. [Launch the Map.](#)

Department Data



Active Incidents

Incident History

Valley Watch



Brought to you by Phoenix Fire's good friends at Bonneville Broadcasting, **Valley Watch** airs every Sunday at 5:15 AM on KTAR News 92.3 FM. The radio show is dedicated to sharing news and stories involving

public safety and other related information from the City of Phoenix. Valley Watch is hosted by the Phoenix Fire Department's Deputy Communications Director, Ali Pardi. Dedicated to both proactive and reactive messaging, Ali has a background in broadcast journalism. Prior to joining the Phoenix Fire Department, she was formerly known as Ali Vetnar from KTAR News 92.3 FM.

Contact Fire Prevention 602-262-6771

pfd.prevention@phoenix.gov

Sign-up for Fire Prevention News & Information

Find It Fast

Arizona Task Force 1 (AZ-TF1)

Baby Shots / Vaccinations Program

Community Assistance Program Survey Summary 2022

Fire Station Map

Info For Life (Español)

Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Phoenix Fire Foundation

SENIOR CITIZENS

The city has a number of services available for our Senior Citizens.

[How do I find programs for Seniors?](#)

[Download a Medical Information Form.](#)

CHILD IMMUNIZATIONS / VACCINATIONS

The Phoenix Fire Department members discovered that the percentage of children appropriately immunized in Arizona was extremely low. Having always been proactive in meeting the needs of the community, a free childhood immunization program was developed and implemented. Vaccines are provided through "Vaccine for Children" which is a federally funded program for the uninsured.

[Visit the Child/Immunizations/ Vaccinations webpage here.](#)

YOUTH FIRESETTER INTERVENTION PROGRAM

A youth fire setter is a child under the age of 18, who accidentally or purposely starts a fire. Each year youth set fires cause hundreds of injuries and deaths and destroy millions of dollars worth of property. Since 1979, the Phoenix Fire Department's [Youth Firesetter Intervention Program](#) has been dedicated to assisting youth and their families with the issues related to fire curiosity, fire experimentation, and fire setting.

TEEN DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

The purpose of the Teen Driver Safety Program is to educate new drivers and parents on the dangers of distracted and impaired driving. This class was previously held only in high schools and is now being expanded and open to the public. This program is taught by iPAP, the Injury Prevention Alliance of Phoenix, which is a collaboration of Phoenix Fire Department and valley hospitals.

[Teen Driver Safety Program Sign Up](#)

Trauma Bleeding Control Training (STOP THE BLEED®)

If you would like to request a Trauma Bleeding Control Training (STOP THE BLEED®) for you and your organization, please submit your request by following the link below:

[Presentation and Training Request Form](#)

If you would like to attend a Trauma Bleeding Control Training (STOP THE BLEED®), please click the link below to find a training near you:

[Trauma Bleeding Control](#)

FIRE DEPARTMENT EVENT REQUEST

Did you ever wonder how you might be able to get a fire truck at your event? Not all events can be attended, fire trucks attend on-duty and may have to leave suddenly. Please allow 4 weeks in advance for scheduling.

[Submit an event request here.](#)

SCHEDULE A FIRE COMMUNITY ROOM

Did you know you can reserve a picnic area or ball field with [City Of Phoenix Parks](#) for your personal use? To request the use of a fire station community room for a community related event contact Debbie Keating via email: debbie.keating@phoenix.gov

THE CITY OF PHOENIX CITYWIDE LOCKBOX PROGRAM

This program allows firefighters to gain entry to your home in case of emergency without causing any damage to your residence. This is done by utilizing a key that you provide in a secure lockbox attached to your entryway. This program not only provides free lockboxes to those vulnerable Phoenix residents, it also allows those who already have their own lockbox in place to register their lockbox code with the fire department.

Free lockboxes are donated by the Phoenix Area Association of Realtors and are distributed on a first come, first served basis to vulnerable Phoenix residents who are 55+, have special needs or mobility issues.

Your information and the code to the lockbox is provided only to firefighters in the event there is an emergency call to your home. You will need to provide the appropriate key or keys to put in the lockbox at the time of the delivery.

If you have any questions about the City of Phoenix Lockbox Program or would like to be removed from the program, please email pfd.lockbox@phoenix.gov.

[Lockbox Request Form](#)



MANDATORY REPORTING

Do you work closely with children? You are a "Mandatory Reporter" under Arizona Law.*

That means if a child tells you about abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect, you are required to call a law enforcement (police) agency, the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) or a Tribal police or social services agency.

Parents are mandatory reporters. So are teachers, school janitors, and medical practitioners. Read the list below – there is a good chance YOU are on it.

Here's Maricopa County Attorney Rachel Mitchell on mandatory reporting and why you must do it exactly the right way:



Who is a Mandated Reporter?

- School Personnel (even if the victim does not attend the same school)
- Medical Professionals
- Religious Leaders
- Law Enforcement
- Parent, Stepparent, Guardian
- Any other person who is responsible for the care of the minor

As a mandated reporter, you must:

- Report directly to Law Enforcement or DCS
- Report must be made immediately
- Mentioning it to your boss is not enough
- It is not up to the child's parents
- Failure to report is a crime

Resources

- Arizona Laws:
 - [A.R.S. § 13-3620 - Duty to report abuse, physical injury, neglect and...](#)
 - [A.R.S. § 15-514 - Immoral or unprofessional conduct; duty to report; immunity; definition](#)
- [Multidisciplinary Protocol for the Investigation of Child Abuse - Revised March 2016 \(PDF\)](#)
- Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS):
 - Statewide Toll-free Child Abuse Hotline: 1-888-767-2445
 - TDD and secondary line: 1-800-SOS-CHILD (1-888-530-1831)
- [List of law enforcement agencies in Maricopa County.](#)

2025 CITIZENS ACADEMY



[Register Here](#)

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

The commitment of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office is to help provide a safe and well-governed community that extends far beyond the courtroom. We use our talent and experience to help people and businesses throughout Maricopa County improve their neighborhoods and quality of life.

1. [Adoptions](#)

Learn how the Maricopa County Attorney's Office handles uncontested adoptions.

2. [Advisory Boards](#)

The Maricopa County Attorney values input from community and business leaders. Learn more here.

3. [Community Education](#)

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office provides experts to speak to students, civic organizations, business groups and parents on a wide range of criminal justice issues.

4. [Community Programs](#)

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office is actively involved in a number of outreach efforts to protect and strengthen local communities.

5. [Organized Retail Crime \(ORC\)](#)

6. [Events Calendar](#)

View the events calendar for the Maricopa County Attorney community programs.

7. [K9 Victim Support Program](#)

Learn more about the K9 Victim Support Program, whose service dogs provide calming, comforting support for these victims throughout the often-stressful criminal justice process.

<https://www.facebook.com/MCAOK9/>

8. [Monthly Newsletters](#)

Each month, our newsletter will include brief, useful updates on the projects, programs and developments that are helping the people of Maricopa County live safer lives.

9. [RICO Community Grants](#)

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office funds community programs using funds recovered from criminals or criminal activity under the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) by our Asset Recovery Bureau.

MCAO Community Outreach

FREE PRESENTATIONS FOR YOUR MEETINGS BY MCAO

Download our informational Community Education card to share with others. **Schedule a FREE educational presentation for your business or organization!**

Community Education

A free service to Maricopa County residents, the MCAO Community Education provides informative sessions presented by deputy county attorneys, paralegals, and staff members on a range of criminal justice issues. Presentation topics include:

- Fraud, Scams & Identity Theft
- Online Safety
- Neighborhood Safety & Residential Burglary Prevention
- Online Safety
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Healthy Habits and Safety for Kids
- Bullying Prevention

To request a speaker, simply fill out the Community Education Presentation Request Form



SPUR CROSS RANCH CONSERVATION AREA 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



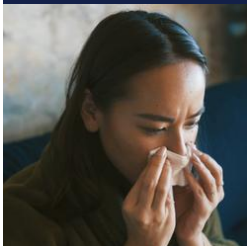
Community leaders celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area this month. On January 9, 2001, a visionary partnership among the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, and the Town of Cave Creek permanently protected Spur Cross Ranch. Then-Governor Jane Hull, Supervisor Jan Brewer, and Mayor Vincent Francia signed agreements safeguarding 2,154 acres of rugged Sonoran Desert, riparian corridors, and archaeological treasures.

This collaboration ensured that Spur Cross would remain a limited-use public recreation and conservation area, protecting the flora, fauna, and ancient Hohokam petroglyphs for generations to come.

Just a couple of years ago, the Desert Foothills Land Trust partnered with Maricopa County and the Town of Cave Creek to acquire and protect an additional 30 acres near the trailhead. This land was once slated for development, but thanks to this partnership, it now serves hikers and wildlife instead of a developed landscape.

Looking ahead, Spur Cross is part of a three-year Master Plan initiative by Maricopa County Parks. The project focuses on improving trails, enhancing visitor experiences, and protecting the natural resources found in our open spaces across nine regional parks, including Spur Cross.

RESPIRATORY VIRUS SEASON IS UNDERWAY



The Maricopa County Department of Public Health's updated respiratory virus dashboards let you track weekly COVID-19, flu, and RSV activity across Maricopa County, helping you stay prepared and make informed choices.

Visit [Maricopa.gov/RespiratoryData](https://maricopa.gov/RespiratoryData) to learn more.



NEWS BITES

2025 ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL ANNUAL REPORT



Maricopa County Animal Care & Control (MCACC) continued to grow in countless ways throughout 2025. Despite taking in 1,000 more dogs in 2025 than in 2024,

MCACC saw their average length of stay decrease and their save rate remain above 90% thanks to new initiatives and the continued support of volunteers and rescue partners. From reorganizing the structure of staff and launching a dedicated Adoption Center in Scottsdale, MCACC remained committed to continually improving service for the people and pets of Maricopa County.

[Read Full Report](#)

[View All Adoptable Pets](#)

Know What to Do if Your Dog Gets Lost?
1 in 3 pets will go missing in their lifetime
[Report Lost Pet](#)



HERE WE GO AGAIN: ADOT IS NOT AFTER YOU FOR UNPAID TOLLS

Visit azdot.gov/scams to learn how to spot the red flags

PHOENIX – There is absolutely no chance that you owe unpaid tolls to the Arizona Department of Transportation or that ADOT would send a threatening text ordering you to pay up.

Scammers are at it again, claiming

unpaid tolls by residents of a state **THAT HAS NO TOLL ROADS.**

Some Arizonans are understandably concerned about a text message claiming to be “a final notice regarding an unpaid toll violation linked to your account” or something close to that. It threatens all manner of bad things, including suspension of vehicle registration, driver license suspension, collection fees and legal proceedings.

Our advice: Just ignore these texts. And please, please do NOT follow any links in them or hand over personal or financial information.

You also can check your Motor Vehicle Division account at azmvdnow.gov to see any outstanding payments or visit an MVD office to inquire about any fees you may have. Average wait times are only 12 minutes.

If you need more information, please visit azdot.gov/scams for information in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to help you identify these texts for the scams they are. And here’s a link to [an ADOT podcast episode](#) in which a detective with

ADOT’s Fraud Hotline discusses this scam and others like it.

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS CENTER DISPATCHER HELPS REUNITE LOST DOG, FAMILY

Teamwork between ADOT and the Arizona Department of Public Safety reunited a lost dog with its family on New Year’s Eve.

On Wednesday, Dec. 31, Traffic Operations Center supervisor Scott Stenbakken spotted a large white dog on a freeway camera. After making DPS aware so a trooper could respond to the scene at Interstate 10 and 83rd Avenue, Stenbakken checked a Facebook page for lost pets. He saw a photo of a dog named Nala, who looked awfully similar to the dog he saw on camera, and sent a message to Nala’s owners.

Meanwhile a DPS trooper at the scene in Phoenix’s West Valley was able to get a leash on Nala with help from a bystander and kept her from going down the ramp and onto mainline I-10.

By then, Stenbakken learned that this dog was, in fact, Nala. He notified the trooper, who called her owner and a relative was able to retrieve Nala.

This isn’t the first time dispatchers at our Traffic Operations Center have [helped return a lost dog to its family](#).

“I’ve been monitoring the page since last year, when another dispatcher spotted a dog on a freeway that had been missing for over a month,” Stenbakken said. “That’s how we found that dog’s owner.”



While this story has a happy ending, we want to ensure safety for all – pets and people. If you see pets in travel lanes or near freeways, call 911 and don’t attempt to capture the pet on your own. It’s not safe to be in traffic and law enforcement and ADOT crews will respond quickly.

TAKE A TRIP INTO THE PAST WITH OUR NOSTALGIC FEBRUARY ISSUE

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From the February Issue

We’re taking a deep dive into Arizona history with this spectacular issue:

- **[Two Can Play at This Game:](#)** Photographers rarely work in pairs, but Herb and Dorothy McLaughlin made a career of it on the pages of *Arizona Highways*.
- **[The Path of Most Resistance:](#)** Before the Arizona Trail existed, two intrepid brothers decided to make the pioneering trek across the state from north to south.
- **[On the Third Day She Rose Again:](#)** When a famous evangelist turned up near Douglas weeks after her mysterious disappearance, the whole world took notice.



You can subscribe to episodes of On the Road with ADOT through [Apple Podcasts](#) and [Spotify](#). You also can find episodes at azdot.gov/Podcast and featured in [ADOT Blog posts](#).

Explore Arizona

- **[Lodging:](#)** Modern amenities and Old West history come together at Prescott’s Grand Highland Hotel.
- **[Local Favorite:](#)** FreeForm Coffee Roasters, in Sedona, specializes in small-batch beans from around the world.
- **[Around Arizona:](#)** The Flagstaff area is home to the country’s first forest research experiment station.
- **[Drive:](#)** Head out to Eastern Arizona for a scenic, shady drive along Upper Eagle Creek Road.
- **[Hike:](#)** The road to the Kinder Crossing Trail is challenging, but this lovely hike is well worth the effort.

Photography

- **[Photo Editor Forum:](#)** Joel Hazelton talks about how he drove all night to get a sunrise shot in the Kofa Mountains.
- **[Photo Contest:](#)** There’s still time to submit your images for our wildlife photo contest. Upload your shots today!
- **[Photo of the Day:](#)** A new photo is posted daily! Share your images, and one of them just might pop up on our website.



Juniper Branch Phoenix Public Library 1825 W. Union Hills Dr.

Cassandra Hamilton, Asst. Branch Mgr. Adult Services Librarian
Phoenix Public Library Juniper Branch 602-534-2348

Phoenix Public Library Juniper Branch, 1825 W. Union Hills Dr.
phoenixpubliclibrary.org

Please check the Calendar at phoenixpubliclibrary.org for additional program details. Storytime limited, tickets available 30 minutes before programs.

Closed, Monday, February 16, 2026, President's Day

STORYTIMES RESUME THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12

Babytime—Tuesdays, 9:30 am & 10:30 am, for babies 0 to 2 years and their favorite grownup

Toddler Time— Wednesdays, 9:30 am, Toddlers ages 24-36 months and their favorite grownup.

Tools for School— Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Children 3 to 5 years and their favorite grownup.

Music & Movement—Thursdays, 9:30 & 10:30 am, Wiggle worms age 0 to 6 years and their favorite grownup.

Family Storytime—Saturdays, 10:30 am, Children 0 to 5 years and their favorite grownup.

KIDS

Kids Create-Creative Time for Young Artists Thursdays 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Brick Builders—Fridays 3:30 pm-4:30 pm

Movie at Juniper Library: Disney's *Princess and the Frog*, Wednesday, February 4, 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

ALL AGES

Special Valentine's Day Craft Saturday, February 14, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Gee's Bend/Motown Kraftioke-ALL AGES-Saturday, February 28, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

TEENS

Rock the Tabletop: D&D for Teens, Tuesday, February 3 & 17, 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

ADULTS

Saturday Book Club Saturday, February 7, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Juniper Book Discussion Group, Wednesday, February 11, 1:30 pm-3:00 pm

Medicare Review: How Do You Know What to Do? Wednesday, February 11, 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Adult Crafternoon, Saturday, February 21, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Movie at Juniper Library: *Red Tails*, Monday, February 23, 1:30pm-3:30 pm

The Amazing Library Card

Know someone who needs a Phoenix Public Library card? Help them get one!

A Phoenix Public Library card is an all-access pass to complimentary resources to promote learning and literacy at every age.

Access a wide spectrum of informative and entertaining films, listen to music, check out physical and virtual materials, or learn a language with the help of Phoenix Public Library's eResources.

[Learn how to get every member of your family their very own Phoenix Public Library card](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org)



DEER VALLEY PARK 2001 W. Wahalla Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85027

UPCOMING EVENTS



FEB 28 LUNAR NEW YEAR EVENT 5-8 pm

**MAR 28 EGGCELLENT ADVENTURE
9 AM – 1 PM IN THE DVCC COURTYARD**

For DVP information, contact Deer Valley Community Center

DIRECTOR Noreena M. Ortega Office: 602.495.3734

Email: noreena.ortega@phoenix.gov

NORTH PHOENIX PARK RANGERS!

For information call the North Mountain Preserve Park Ranger
Office at 602-262-7901



<https://ability360.org/sports/tpp/> [\[ability360.org\]](http://ability360.org)

YARD SIGN PILOT PROGRAM



The Yard Sign Pilot Program aims to influence safer driver behavior on neighborhood streets where children and other pedestrians are likely to be walking, jogging or bicycling. Residents and businesses are encouraged to plant a free sign on their property.

You can pick up your sign in person at any one of five designated Parks and Recreation Department community centers:

- Goelet A.C. Beuf - 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd.
- Maryvale - 4420 N. 51st Ave.
- Longview - 4040 N. 14th St.
- Pecos - 17010 S. 48th St.
- Cesar Chavez - 7858 S. 35th Ave.
- Residents can also pick up a sign in person at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St, 5th Floor.

The signs are free to the public and include a yard stake. Funding for the signs comes from money the Mayor and Council specifically set aside for road safety education and infrastructure improvements.

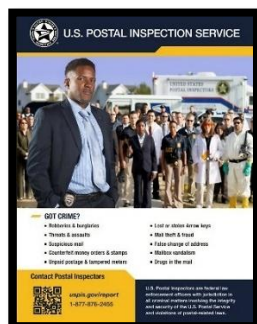
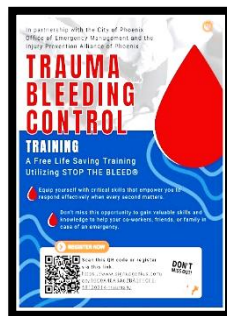
Trauma Bleeding Control Training

The Office of Emergency Management would like to share information about ongoing efforts to educate the public on trauma bleeding control. Throughout coming months, OEM will be hosting "Stop the Bleed" trainings across all Council Districts.

Over the past year, OEM has successfully trained more than 500 City of Phoenix employees and installed several trauma bleeding control stations across the city. Now, we are proud to bring this initiative to the broader community.

Individuals will be able to register from this link or by going to our website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COA48A9A62BA3FFCF8-58120714-trauma#/>



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988 988 988

People experiencing a mental health crisis have a new way to reach out for help in the U.S.

They can simply call or text the numbers 9-8-8.

Modeled after 911, the new three-digit [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#) is designed to be a memorable and quick number that connects people who are suicidal or in any other mental health crisis to a trained mental health professional.

"If you are willing to turn to someone in your moment of crisis, 988 will be there," said Xavier Becerra, the secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services, at a recent press briefing. "988 won't be a busy signal, and 988 won't put you on hold. You will get help."

The primary goal of the new number is to make it easier for people to call for help. Lawmakers and mental health advocates also see this launch as an opportunity to transform the mental health care system and make care easily accessible everywhere in the United States.

Suicide Warning Signs

These signs may mean someone is at risk for suicide. Risk is greater if a behavior is new or has increased and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change.

♦ Talking about wanting to die or to kill oneself.	♦ Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.
♦ Looking for a way to kill oneself, such as searching online or buying a gun.	♦ Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.
♦ Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.	♦ Sleeping too little or too much.
♦ Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.	♦ Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
♦ Talking about being a burden to others.	♦ Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.
	♦ Displaying extreme mood swings.

Suicide Is Preventable.
Call the Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).
With Help Comes Hope

Crisis Response NETWORK *Inspiring Hope*

The **CRISIS LINE** is available 24/7/365 to anyone experiencing a mental health crisis.
In an emergency, always call 911.

CENTRAL ARIZONA CRISIS LINE 602.222.9444 TOLL FREE: 800.631.1314 TTY/TDD: 800.327.9254	WARM LINE (Peer-to-Peer) 602.347.1100 CrisisNetwork.org
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

24 – HOUR HOTLINES

FOR LOCAL SHELTER CALL:
602-263-8900 OR 1-800-799-7739

Autumn House, Chrysalis, DeColores, Faith House, My Sister's Place, New Life Shelter, Sojourner Center

NATIONAL HOTLINE: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
LEGAL ADVOCACY HOTLINE: 602-279-2900
OLDER ADULTS: 602-264-HELP (4357)



Office of Homeless Solutions

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) provides support for people experiencing homelessness and is committed to ending homelessness through a comprehensive, regional approach to shelter and heat relief, outreach, supportive and behavioral health services, homelessness prevention, and supportive housing. This monthly report does not encompass the totality of the City's efforts to address homelessness but rather provides a review of the key highlights from the preceding month and an update on major upcoming projects.

[View the latest report.](#)

[View the Phoenix Homeless Solutions Data Dashboard.](#)

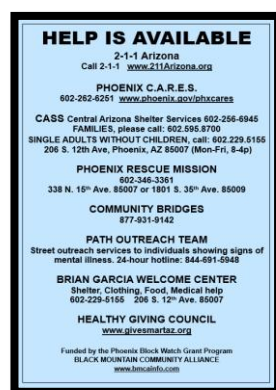
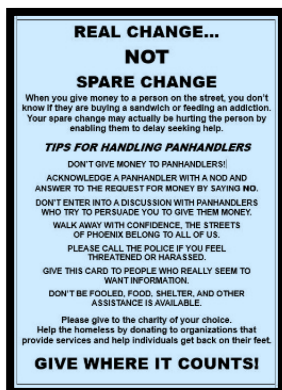
DON'T GIVE TO INDIVIDUALS, GIVE TO SHELTERS



To end panhandling, we must end directly giving to people panhandling. Phoenix is full of compassionate and charitable citizens. They want to help those in need. However, giving money to people panhandling doesn't fix problems. In order to truly help those in need, stop giving money to panhandlers and instead, support organizations and services that provide long-lasting care. – Central Arizona Shelter Services – Andre House –

Salvation Army – St. Joseph The Worker – UOM New Day Centers – The Phoenix Rescue Mission – St. Mary's Food Bank. For more organizations and information that can provide housing, or other services, please visit the Homeless Shelter Directory at:

<https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ>
www.givesmartaz.org



This two-sided card is available at our Black Mountain Community Alliance Meetings!

Help Address Homelessness in Our Community



If you have concerns about encampments in your neighborhood or frequently see individuals in the same general area who need resources or services, we encourage you to contact [PHX C.A.R.E.S.](#) PHX C.A.R.E.S is the City's reporting system for residents to request

encampment cleanups and to provide resources for people experiencing homelessness through a coordinated, multi-departmental response.

When Should You Report to PHX C.A.R.E.S? When a crime is NOT in progress and:

- You see an encampment.
- You regularly see the same people in the same area experiencing homelessness and in need of services.
- You see homelessness-related debris.
- You see unattended personal belongings.

You can submit a report online 24/7 by visiting myPHX311: phoenix.gov/myphx311 or by calling: 602-262-6251 Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Download our Homelessness Resource Guide to find additional resources to connect someone in need with help: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)



PLEASE DONATE TO STARFISH PLACE!



WHAT WE NEED!

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mustard, Mayo, Ketchup, Pancake Syrup, Pasta and Sauce, Meal Sides in a box: Mashed Potatoes, etc., Seasonings, Olive Oil, Cooking Oil, Pancake and Waffle Mix, Kid's Cereal, Granola/Protein Bars, Juice Packs, Apple Sauce, Graham Crackers, Fruit Snacks, Fruit Cups, Mac & Cheese, Canned Tuna and Chicken, Ramen Soup, Snack size Chips for lunches, Honey, Olives, Pickles, Dried Fruit, Trail Mix, Herbal Teas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stefanie Calens at stefanie.calens@asu.edu 623-570-4339

**JOIN BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE ON
FACEBOOK!**



WHERE WE SHARE INFORMATION!

**Graffiti Free
PHOENIX**



As we all know, graffiti is a form of blight that may decrease property values in neighborhoods and attract other forms of criminal activity if it is not promptly removed. We encourage residents to be aware of their surroundings and report any graffiti they notice or observe in progress. To report graffiti, residents can use any of these three methods:

- Go online to phoenix.gov/myphx311 or the app myPHX311.
- Email blight@phoenix.gov.
- Or call 602-534-4444.

If you see graffiti in progress, please dial 911.

Not only do we encourage neighborhoods to take an active role in reporting graffiti, but we challenge them to learn how to remove graffiti and be a partner in combating it. If you and your neighbors are interested in learning how to remove graffiti in your neighborhood, please contact Betsy.Cable@phoenix.gov. We can coordinate a free class for your neighborhood group.

Did you know that Neighborhood Services' Graffiti Busters work seven days a week removing graffiti all over the city?

Download Phoenix's mobile app now!



In addition to launching this new mobile app, the city of Phoenix has recently upgraded the "At Your Service" web portal (now Phoenix.gov/myPHX311). Now you are in full control of getting help with a wide range of services including:

- Requesting water / trash services
- Viewing / paying city services bill
- Reporting issues in the community (streetlights, potholes, water main breaks, etc.)
- Accessing city calendars and public meetings.



You're invited to join **REACH North Phoenix** for a relaxed and engaging coalition meeting! Come connect with community members, enjoy some pizza, and take part in a fun **stress card game** led by our Coalition Coordinator, **Kelly Gonzalez**. It's a great way to unwind, build connections, and learn more about how you can get involved. All are welcome – we'd love to see you there!

Community Public Service Announcement: As a parent, it's our job to keep our children safe. Providing or allowing young people to use alcohol is violating this rule and is also against the law. Protect, don't provide. A message brought to you by the Substance Abuse Coalition Leaders of Arizona.

**BMCA AND
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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO STARBUCKS



**FOR DONATING COFFEE AT OUR MONTHLY
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETINGS!**



**LET US HELP PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST
SCHEDULE YOUR LIVE
DEMO TODAY!**



**PROTECTING PEOPLE AND PROPERTY BY MAKING YOUR
EXISTING WINDOWS BULLET AND IMPACT RESISTANT!**



**SAFE HAVEN DEFENSE LAMINATES ARE INDEPENDENTLY LAB
TESTED AND INSTALLED WITH OUR PROPRIETARY
APPLICATION PROCESS.**

**OUR LAMINATE IS APPLIED ONSITE TO EXISTING
WINDOWS IN YOUR BUILDING WITH NO DISRUPTION DUE
TO OUR FLEXIBLE INSTALLATION HOURS, TAILORED TO YOUR
SPECIFIC NEEDS.**

EMAIL - BEAU.ROBINS@SAFEHAVENDEFENSE.COM



BMCA RESOURCE LIST



www.bmcainfo.com

ARIZONA ANGEL INITIATIVE

Help with substance abuse

www.substanceabuse.az.gov/angelinitiative

ARIZONA 211

Get connected/Get answers

JUST DIAL 211 or 877-211-8661

www.211arizona.org

BLIGHT BUSTERS

Join the Blight Buster Program!

www.phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/blight

CARING CIRCLES

Volunteer to help neighbors in need

www.aaaphx.org

COMMUNITY CANOPY GRANT PROGRAM

Residents can check their [eligibility requirements](#) and apply [here](#).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24/7 HOTLINES

FOR LOCAL SHELTER CALL: 602-263-8900

OLDER ADULTS: 602-264-HELP (4357)

FAMILY SERVICES CENTERS

Social services for low-income households

www.phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/emergency

FOLLOW POLICE CALLS ONLINE

See what's going on in your neighborhood

www.radioreference.com

HEADS UP!

TO KEEP PHOENIX ROADS SAFE!

www.phoenix.gov/HeadsUp

HOMELESS SHELTER DIRECTORY

<https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/Id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ>

IDENTITY THEFT / FEDERAL TRADE COMM.

Recovery and information

www.IdentityTheft.gov

KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25

Post signs and stickers to slow traffic

www.KeepKidsAliveDrive25.org

LIVE ANOTHER DAY

Mental health and substance abuse resources

www.liveanotherday.org

MOTORIST ASSIST PROGRAM

 [Join Cops](#)

MY COMMUNITY MAP

Neighborhood map and information

<https://phoenix.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=13428321a9f84e95a634be1beab5fe96>

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

24/7 Helpline 1-844-991-2962 Since 1953

www.Arizona-na.org

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME STATS

www.communitycrimemap.com

or check out: www.spotcrime.com

PHOENIX C.A.R.E.S.

Help the homeless! 602-262-6251

www.phoenix.gov/phxcare

PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT SMART NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

[You can sign up and learn more about this program by clicking here.](#)

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

[online Public Records Request](#)

Call [602-506-1974](tel:602-506-1974)

SENIOR LOCK BOXES Citywide

In partnership with Phoenix Fire

[Lockbox Request Form](#)

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

In and around your neighborhood

www.azdps.gov/services/public/sex-offender

www.offenderwatch.com

www.missingkids.org www.nsopw.gov

VIRTUAL BLOCK WATCH

Sign up now!

[Police Virtual Block Watch](#) www.phoenix.gov

WATCH YOUR CAR PROGRAM

ARIZONA AUTO THEFT AUTHORITY

www.AZWatchYourCar.com

WRIC WASHINGTON School District

FAMILY RESOURCE INFORMATION CENTER

www.wesdschools.org/wric

BMCA MEETING and EVENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2026

Wednesday, FEB 4 BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, FEB 5 NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.

6:00 pm - e-mail nicole.costanza@phoenix.gov for link info

Friday, FEB 6 WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Friday, FEB 6 PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL

e-mail Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or at 602-799-0143 Good training for PNP Members!

Monday, FEB 9 DISTRICT 3 SIP & CHAT

9 - 10 am at Cultivate Coffee, 505 W. Dunlap Avenue

Wednesday, FEB 11

BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC REAL TIME OPERATIONS & PNP

Saturday, FEB 14 VILLAGE MEADOWS CLEAN UP

8 - 10 am Meet at Gamer's Guild, 1818 W. Bell Road

Tuesday, FEB 17 BELL RD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.

11:00 am at Gamer's Guild, 1818 W. Bell Road

Tuesday, FEB 17 CITYWIDE PNP MEETING

6:00 pm in person at Mt. View Precinct and on WebEx

Sunday, FEB 22 HONOR WALK/RUN

7:00 am at the new Police Headquarters

Register at <https://www.phoenixhonorrun.org/>

Tuesday, FEB 24 PBWAB MEETING

6:30 pm Location TBD

Wednesday, FEB 25 T-BIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.

10 am TBHS at the Thunderdome

Wednesday, FEB 25 CPCA MEETING

6:30 pm at Cortez High School

Thursday, FEB 26 REACH MEETING

5:00 pm at Sardella's Pizza, 19th Ave. & Union Hills Dr.

Friday, FEB 27 DISTRICT 1 BREAKFAST

7:30 am at the Doubletree in the Metropolitan

Saturday, FEB 28 LUNAR NEW YEAR EVENT

5 - 8 pm at the Deer Valley Community Center

MARCH 2026

Wednesday, MAR 4 BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, MAR 5 NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.

6:00 pm - e-mail nicole.costanza@phoenix.gov or link info

Friday, MAR 6 WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Friday, MAR 6 PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL

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Wednesday, MAR 11

BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC SILENT WITNESS

Wednesday & Thursday, MAR 11 & 12 CITYWIDE BW / PNP

TRAINING 5 pm - 7 pm both nights. Attendees must pre-register at pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov

Tuesday, MAR 17 BELL RD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.

11:00 am at Gamer's Guild, 1818 W. Bell Road

Tuesday, MAR 17 CITYWIDE PNP MEETING

6:00 pm in person at Mt. View Precinct and on WebEx

Tuesday, MAR 24 PBWAB MEETING

6:30 pm Location TBD

Wednesday, MAR 25 T-BIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.

10 am at the TBHS Thunderdome

Wednesday, MAR 25 CPCA MEETING

6:30 pm at Cortez High School

Thursday, MAR 26 BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS

8:30 am at TBD

APRIL 2026

Wednesday, APR 1 BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, APR 2 NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.

6:00 pm - e-mail nicole.costanza@phoenix.gov or link info

Friday, APR 3 PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL

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Monday, APR 6 WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Wednesday, APR 8

BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC

Wednesday, APR 15 T-BIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.

10 am Location TBD

Tuesday, APR 21 BELL RD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.

11:00 am at Gamer's Guild, 1818 W. Bell Road

Tuesday, APR 21 CITYWIDE PNP MEETING

6:00 pm in person at Mt. View Precinct and on WebEx

Wednesday, APR 22 T-BIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.

10 am at the TBHS Thunderdome

Wednesday, APR 22 CPCA MEETING

6:30 pm at Cortez High School

Tuesday, APR 28 PBWAB MEETING

6:30 pm Location TBD

MAY 2026

Friday, MAY 1 PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL

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Wednesday, MAY 6 WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Wednesday, MAY 6 BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, MAY 7 NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.

6:00 pm - e-mail nicole.costanza@phoenix.gov or link info

Wednesday, MAY 13

BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC

Saturday MAY 16 CITYWIDE BW / PNP TRAINING

7:30 am at Mt. View Precinct Attendees must pre-register at pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov

Tuesday, MAY 19 BELL RD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.

11:00 am at Gamer's Guild, 1818 W. Bell Road

Tuesday, MAY 19 CITYWIDE PNP MEETING

6:00 pm in person at Mt. View Precinct and on WebEx

Tuesday, MAY 26 PBWAB MEETING

6:30 pm Location TBD

Wednesday, MAY 27 T-BIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.

10 am at the TBHS Thunderdome

Wednesday, MAY 27 CPCA MEETING

6:30 pm at Cortez High School

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY Police/Fire	911
Police CRIME STOP	602-262-6151
Police General Information	602-262-7626
Black Mountain Police Precinct	602-495-5002
Mayor Kate Gallego	602-262-7111
D1 Vice Mayor Ann O'Brien	602-262-7444
D2 Councilmember Jim Waring	602-262-7445
D3 Councilmember Deb Stark	602-262-7441
Abandoned Shopping Cart	602-CRT-PKUP
Abandoned Vehicle off street	602-534-4444
Abandoned Vehicle on street	602-262-6151
Alcoholics Anonymous	602-264-1341
Animal Control	602-506-7387
AZ Humane Society 8am-6pm	602-997-7585
Barking Dogs	602-262-6466
City Bus Service	602-253-5000
City Elections	602-262-6837
City of Phoenix General Info	602-262-6011
Complaints on Mosquitoes	602-506-6616
Construction Noise	602-262-6538
Construction Permits	602-262-7884
Dead Animal Pickup	602-262-6791
Dial-A-Ride	602-253-5300
Gang Hotline	602-534-4264
Garbage Collection	602-262-7251
General Investigations	602-262-6141
GRAFFITI Busters Hotline	602-534-4444
Graffiti Cell Phone Hotline	602 #4663
Graffiti Reward Hotline	602-262-7327
Green Swimming Pools	602-506-6616
Illegal Dumping	602-262-7251
Impounded Property	602-262-8371
Liquor Complaints	602-438-6625
Loud Party Information	602-262-7821
Loud Party Reporting	602-262-6151
Narcotics Anonymous	480-897-4636
Narcotic Complaints	602-275-5886
Neighborhood Enforcement	602-534-4444
Parking Complaints	602-262-6151
Parks Dept. after hours	602-534-9440
Poison Control	602-253-3334
Prostitution (Vice) Hotline	602-426-1231
SILENT WITNESS	480-WITNESS / 480-948-6377
Spay Neuter Hotline	602-265-7729
Speeding/Traffic Hotline	602-534-7733
Street Light Maintenance	602-495-5125
Street Repairs	602-262-6441
Traffic Signal malfunction	602-262-6021
Traffic Signs damage	602-262-4659
Transient Enforcement	602-534-4444
Transit Bus Stop reporting:	ppd.comm.eng@phoenix.gov
Underage Drinking Hotline	1-877-NOT-LEGL
Water Dept. after hours	602-261-8000
Zoning Violations	602-534-4444

If you suspect a vehicle is stolen, check the license plate number at www.theftaz.azag.gov

BLACK MOUNTAIN PNP'ers:

REMINDER!

ONLINE REPORTING OF PNP HOURS

volunteer@phoenix.gov

WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT AND DONATIONS FOR OUR CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY PROJECTS FROM OUR

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BUSINESSES: If you are interested in partnering with the BMCA, please call Candice Fremouw at 480-467-7399.

e-mail to: info@bmcainfo.com

Mail to: BMCA, P. O. Box 41306, Phoenix, AZ 85080

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