



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, PNP Groups / 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

BMCA BOARD ELECTIONS FOR V-CHAIR AND SECRETARY WILL BE HELD AT THE MARCH 15th BMCA GENERAL MEETING



NEXT BMCA & PNP MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th at 6:30pm

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

UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT UPDATES
by Commander Matt Siekmann

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!

PRESENTATION:

ENGAGING WITH MAYOR'S OFFICE
Michael Pissos, Community Relations Coord.

Crime Prevention Materials Distributed!

Refreshments

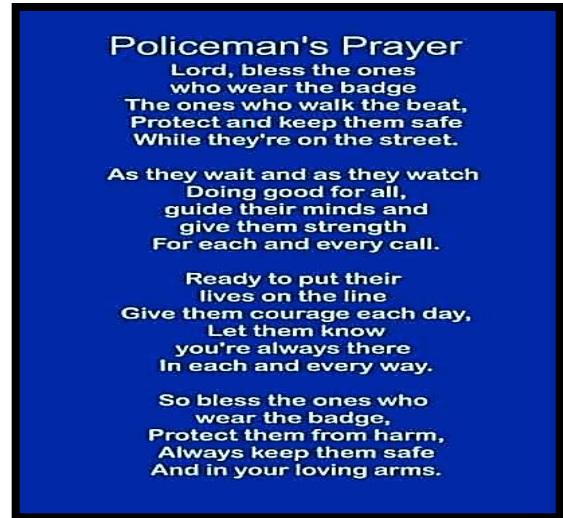
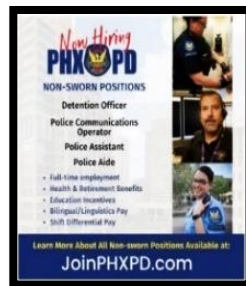
NEXT BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COFFEE WITH COPS



Next Coffee is Thursday, February 27, 2025
8:30 am at Biscuits Café, 310 E. Bell Rd.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

GET TO KNOW YOUR CAO!



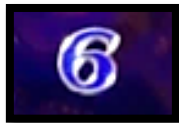
Wear **BLUE** on

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.



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

Phoenix Police Department Officer-Involved Shootings Information

The information on this page is intended to inform and educate the public about the use of deadly force, specifically Officer-Involved Shootings (OIS), and related topics from Phoenix Police. www.phoenix.gov

PPD USE OF FORCE DASHBOARD

<https://stories.opengov.com/phoenixaz/published/6EtqLY5qQ>

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 will not 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 disability 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

CHILD SAFETY SEATS

I know everyone has heard the saying “children are the future of our country.” The safety of our children is paramount for creating a great future. As our population grows the days of bouncing around in the back seat of the car while dad drives to church are long gone. It is not a surprise as our community grows, so does the number of vehicles on the road. Statistics show that vehicle collisions are the number one killer of children ages 1-12. This is an alarming statistic that can be greatly reduced by knowing how to properly place a car seat and laws regarding age requirements for child safety restraints.

The placement of a car seat can be quite a challenge. According to studies approximately 80% of child seats and restraints are installed incorrectly. Car seats should never be placed in the front seat with an airbag, as the airbag can cause additional injury to a child during a crash. The safest placement for a car seat is the middle position in the back seat if possible as the majority of collisions are front impact in nature. Most newer vehicles and car seats are equipped with posts and latches to help secure the restraint. My recommendation would be to purchase a car seat which can be latched into the posts and tethered with a seatbelt. The more levels of safety the better. All seats will have some sort of angle indicator like a sticker with a line or a bubble with a specific range. Some seats have different levels to choose from depending on the age of the child. There are two must-reads when installing your car seat. First, read your vehicle owner’s manual and second, read your child restraint manual regarding seat placement. This will help with properly installing the seat in your vehicle. Properly installed child restraints reduce the risk of injury during a collision by 54% if installed correctly. The Traffic Bureau with the Phoenix Police Department has Officers who are trained to install car seats. They can be reached at Northern Command Station, located at 302 E. Union Hills Dr., (602)495-5001.

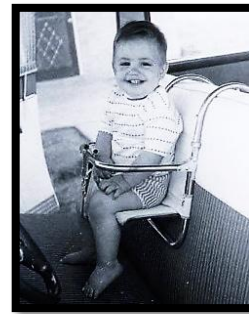
As our children grow, they are given more responsibility, and they want to be treated like “big kids.” Studies show that 40% of children who should be in some type of child restraint are not. Arizona State law requires all children under 8 years old and under 4’9” tall be properly secured in a child safety seat. Child safety seats include infant seats, forward facing seats, boosters, and any federally approved safety device for children. It is also recommended that anyone under the age of 13 should be properly seated

in the back seat of the vehicle. Anyone 16 years old or younger must be properly seat belted while in a vehicle. The Arizona State law for child safety restraints can be found in Arizona Revised Statute 28-907.

The safety of our children is a huge responsibility. Protecting them while in a vehicle can greatly help with this responsibility. Education on seat placement and child restraint laws can help to protect our future.



CA Officer Tim Tewers #8698
at 602-495-5213 or 480-506-6454 tim.tewers@phoenix.gov



1960’s Child Car Seat! It’s a wonder we survived!

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



- Make sure you fill up your gas tank before sunset.
- Always keep an extra phone charger with you.
 - Park in well lit areas.
 - Always look in your backseat
- After parking don’t just sit, lock your door as soon as you get in and leave.
- Do not park next to big vans. If you have to, enter your car from your passenger door.
- If a man is sitting in the car next to your parked car. Go back inside, have someone walk you out
- Always use the elevator. No stairways.
- Heads up and phones down. Be aware.

**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 Jeffrey Blair #7966

at 602-495-5481 or 480-506-6993 jeffrey.blair@phoenix.gov



22 Area North (Beats 223 & 224)

(W I-17 to E 7th/16th Sts. & S Bell Rd. to N SR101)

CA Officer Tim Tewers #8698

at 602-495-5213 or 480-506-6454 tim.tewers@phoenix.gov



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 Jon McQuillan #8926

at 602-495-5238 or 602-904-9985 jon.mcquillan@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

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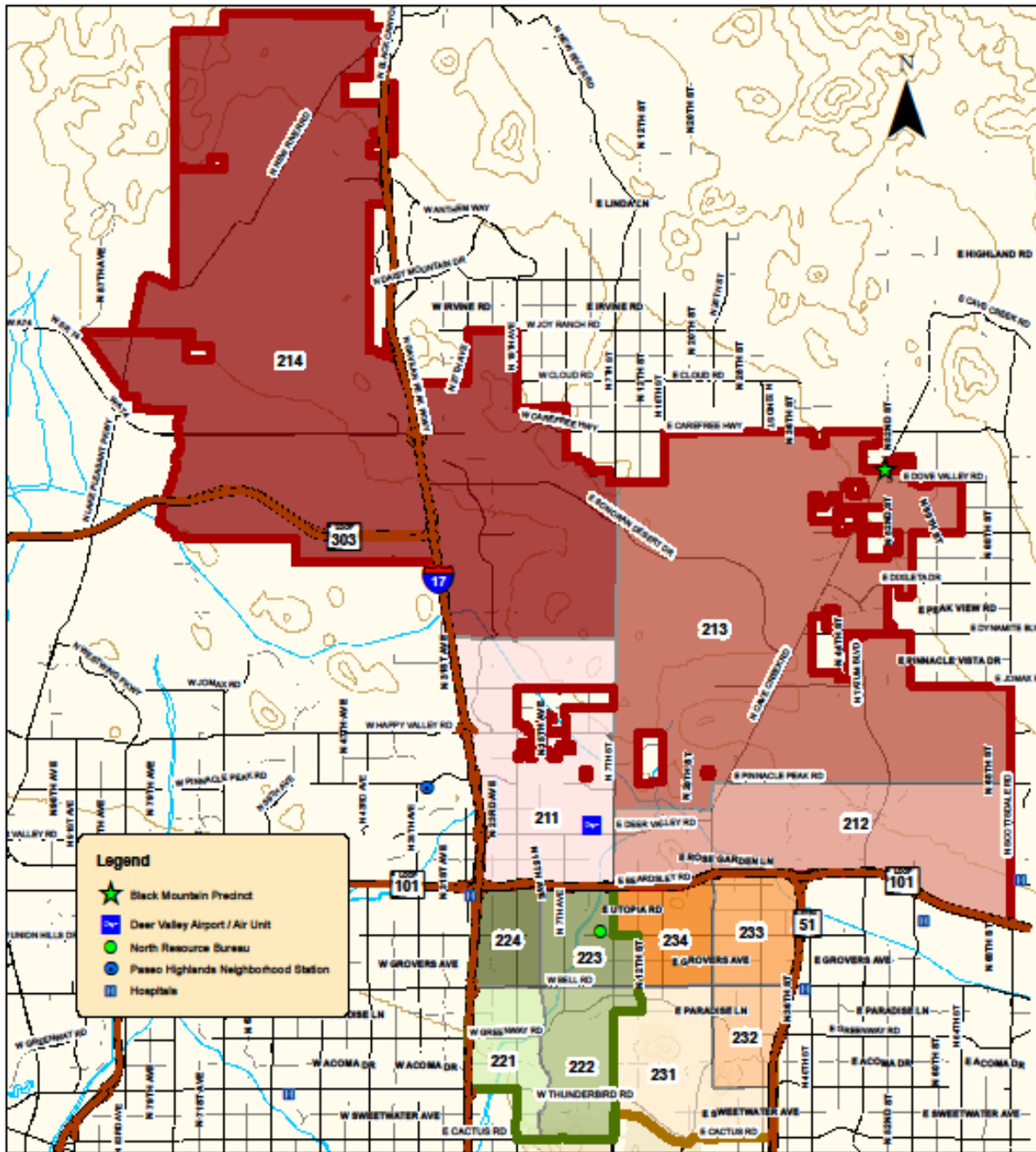
**Black Mountain Precinct
Commander Matt Siekmann**

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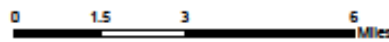


City of Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct (200) Squad and Beat Boundaries



Boundaries Effective October 20, 2014

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



Detective Brian Kornegay

Monthly Citywide PNP Meetings 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6pm to 8pm

We have returned to 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:

Meeting number (access code): 2460 133 9355

Meeting password: ceb2024

(This is the same meeting number for all of 2024 to make it easier for everyone)

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 was increased as of January 1, 2025. It is now 70 cents a mile.

PNP merchandise order forms and cost:

As you are writing your grants, you might be budgeting for PNP equipment, like clothing, street signs and/or vehicle signs and are curious about expected prices for 2024. 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

PNP LUNCHEON: Tentative date: April 12, 2025



Brian Kornegay #5132, Detective,
Phoenix Police Department
Community & Employee Resource Bureau
Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol,
Criminal Nuisance Abatement
& Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Coordinator.
602-256-4303 Desk / 602-534-2346 Fax
Brian.kornegay@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 IN PERSON
MARCH 22nd**



**Sunday, February 23, 2025,
7am – 10am**

TO REGISTER:

<https://www.phoenixhonorrun.org/Race/Info/AZ/Phoenix/PhoenixPhoenixFoundationHonorRun>

On February 23rd at 0700 hours is the Phoenix Police Foundations Honor Run. This year's Honor Run will support the Phoenix Police Foundation's efforts to send the squad of Fallen Officer Zane Coolidge to Police Week in Washington, D.C., in May 2025. At this powerful event, Officer Coolidge's name will be forever engraved on the National Memorial Wall, honoring his service and dedication. On September 3, 2024, Officer Zane Coolidge, Badge #10914, responded to a burglary call with courage and commitment. Tragically, during a pursuit, Officer Coolidge was fatally struck, leaving our community with a profound loss and heavy hearts. Your participation in this Run/Walk event directly contributes to commemorating Officer Coolidge's legacy and all those Phoenix Police Officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Sgt. Lynch will be carrying the Cactus Park Precinct flag and completing the run in full uniform. Any donation to **Team Cactus Park** would be greatly appreciated.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/AZ/Phoenix/PhoenixPhoenixFoundationHonorRun?raceRefCode=8M2XZK2h>

I'm running in the 5K Honor Run to send Officer Zane Coolidge's squad to Police Week in DC. They will be etching Zane's name onto the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Please consider donating if possible!! Please consider supporting Matt Siekmann! <https://www.phoenixhonorrun.org/Race/106021/FundraiserDonation/Wefjt0VE4xJk1zfm>

PNP GROUP PATROL

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

**Next First Friday's Group Patrol is on
Friday, February 7th**

We have a new meeting place, the address is 1202 N. 3rd St, next to the Phoenix Center for the Arts. It is a big parking lot, and it does fill up fast. I am changing the meeting and start time. We will start to meet at 6:00pm, and start our patrol at 6:30pm, and we will get done between 9:45pm- 10pm.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN MAKE IT. This way, I can try and block off some parking spaces for us. And I can also contact you if anything should happen. I do not have some of your cell phone numbers, so if you plan on going, please send me your number. If you can't find us on Friday night, my cell number is 602-799-0143.
Thanks. Rick



**District 1 Community Breakfast/Dinner
with Vice Mayor Ann O'Brien**

**Next Breakfast will be on Friday, February 28th at 7:30 am
at the Doubletree in Metrocenter**

Please RSVP at 602-262-7444 council.district.1@phoenix.gov

Message from Vice Mayor Ann O'Brien

Well, I hope everyone is settling into the New Year nicely and is staying warm! This past week has been incredibly busy with a lot to celebrate!

To start, during the Wednesday Formal Council Meeting this week, we said thank you to Councilwoman Debra Stark for serving this past year as Phoenix's Vice Mayor and elected a new Vice Mayor for the upcoming calendar year. I am excited to say that I was elected to be the new Phoenix Vice Mayor! I want to thank my council colleagues for nominating and electing me as the incoming Vice Mayor.

Over the next year, I will be focusing on efforts to increase housing attainability by reducing barriers to homeownership, cutting red tape on bureaucracy, and reducing the time it takes for the private sector to go from shovels in the ground to keys in the door. While Phoenix continues to lead the region in housing approval and construction, we must do more to make Phoenix the shining star for housing developments. I will be working directly with our legislative counterparts through the Home Ownership Act to do just that.

I will also continue to support our Police and work towards meaningful reform with actual results that are easily digestible so we can know for certain we are making a difference.

A year and a half ago, I released a list of 52 proposed solutions for dealing with homelessness and am happy to say more than 60% of these proposals are completed or in the process of being completed. Over the next year, I am committed to working toward creating a legal clinic where our residents can receive assistance and representation in eviction cases. Recently, the Arizona Republic reported Phoenix eviction filings hit a record high throughout 2024. We must work towards keeping people in their homes and off the streets.

Again, I want to thank my colleagues for their trust in me in this role and I promise to work with anyone to continue making Phoenix the best place in the country to live, work, and play. I've always said, Republicans don't make sure your potholes are filled, and Democrats don't make sure the grass in your parks is mowed – your nonpartisan City Council and Mayor do.

Something else exciting, in my capacity as Vice Mayor, I attended the official ribbon cutting for Project Haven located just outside the boundaries of our district. Project Haven, located just north of Northern, along the I-17 frontage road, will serve over 170 homeless and transitioning seniors aged 55+. As the Baby Boomer generation continues to age, we have seen a significant rise in the senior homeless population. Oftentimes, they turn down traditional shelter services for a myriad of reasons. Research and policies have proven when we provide shelters that reduce barriers or are dedicated to specific populations, the number of people accepting services significantly increases.

As mentioned above, one of my proposed solutions to homelessness was to open more shelters with reduced barriers and targeted populations. This marks the largest senior-only shelter in the state. This facility will also afford couples who would like to stay together or individuals with pets the ability to accept shelter without limitations. I'm so proud to have this facility be opening and am looking forward to the near future when we can celebrate the official opening of US Vets just a little further up the road!

Lastly, tomorrow at Metrocenter, the Phoenix Police Sergeants and Lieutenants Association will be hosting Superhero Saturday starting at 10am. Be sure to come down, dressed as your favorite superhero, and meet with real life superheroes – our first responders! Hope to see you there!

I participated in **SUPERHERO SATURDAY** on January 13th at Metrocenter, put on by the Phoenix Police Sergeants and Lieutenants Association. For the past couple of years, Metrocenter has played homebase for this thrilling event, giving us a mix of Comicon and artisan market while paying homage to our everyday, real-life superheroes – our first responders. I want to thank Lieutenant Mark Schweikert for always putting on an incredible event that just keeps getting better and better every year! This year had live wrestling! I also want to thank QT for their sponsorship and advertisement for the event at all QT locations in the Valley.

As part of the event, council offices are asked to nominate someone in their community to be honored as a community superhero. This year, I nominated Doubletree General Manager, Ron Lindblad. For those of you who regularly come to my community meetings or are actively engaged in the Metro region, then you need no explanation why I chose to honor Ron this year.

For those of you who don't know, Ron has been a fixture of the D1 community and has always been a strong supporter of our police officers. At Ron's hotel, the Metrocenter DoubleTree, he reserves one of the smaller conference rooms specifically for officers to take a break and do their paperwork somewhere other than their car. He's the first to offer a meeting location when the community needs to come together to solve a problem and has been a leader in creating a business coalition in the area and a founding member of the Metro District Community Collaboration. Ron also serves as the D1 representative for the Tourism Board and is a strong voice and ally for incorporating the new Thelda Williams Transit Center and lightrail station into his business model. For these reasons, I nominated Ron Lindblad as the 2025 D1 Superhero!



I joined the Mayor and Councilwoman Stark at Starfish Place to celebrate an amazing donation from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona (BCBS). Starfish Place is a facility within the Phoenix Housing Department's ownership which provides housing and stability to women who have experienced sex trafficking. This facility gives them the ability to come with their children and receive a safe, fresh start. I had the opportunity to tour Starfish a little over a year ago when they made their change into transitional housing. The sense of anonymity and safety this place provides women and their children during times of crisis cannot be matched.



BCBS donated over \$100,000 to help fully furnish every unit within the community so these

women and children feel comfortably at home. Starfish Place is not just a housing facility but also provides an opportunity for healing and changing generations of women. Starfish Place provides monthly programming options like survivor mentoring, an acupuncture clinic, cooking classes with a chef, financial literacy, employment skills, goal setting, and art therapy – just to name a few! This facility, thanks to generous donations, provides the wrap-around services and safety net to help keep women and children safe and has been a beacon of interest for international communities to replicate.

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

City Launches 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 2 NEWS
 Councilmember Jim Waring
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 602-262-7445

Twitter: [JimWaring](https://twitter.com/JimWaring)
 Facebook: facebook.com/waringjim

Upcoming City Council Meetings
Next City Council Formal Meetings: FEB. 5th
Next City Council Policy Meeting: FEB 11th

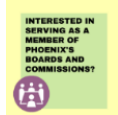
Subcommittee Schedule

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

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](#).




DISTRICT 3 NEWS
 A Message from Phoenix City Councilwoman Debra Stark

District 3 Councilwoman Debra Stark
 602-262-7441 council.district.3@phoenix.gov

COMMUNITY MEETING

Please join us for a joint community meeting with City Council offices District 3 and District 6 and the County Board of Supervisors - District 3 to present on the national and local Emergency Management response.




FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21

09:00-10:30 AM

DEVONSHIRE SENIOR CENTER
 2602 E Devonshire Ave,
 Phoenix, AZ 85016

HOSTED BY:



Vice Chair, Board of Supervisor
 Kate Brophy McGee
 District 3



Councilman Robinson
 District 6



Councilwoman Stark - District 3

**REAL CHANGE...
 NOT
 SPARE CHANGE**

When you give money to a person on the street, you don't know if it's buying a sandwich or feeding an addiction. Your spare change may actually be hurting the person, by enabling him or her to delay seeking help.

TIPS FOR HANDLING PANHANDLERS

- Don't give money to panhandlers.
- Acknowledge a panhandler with a nod, and answer the request for money by saying NO. Then walk away.
- Don't enter into a discussion with panhandlers who try to persuade you to give money. Give this card to people who really seem to want information.
- Walk with confidence - the streets of Phoenix belong to all of us.
- Please call the police if you feel threatened or harassed.
- Don't be fooled - food, shelter, and other assistance is available.

Please give to the charity of your choice. Help the homeless by donating to organizations that provide services and help individuals to get back on their feet.

GIVE WHERE IT COUNTS!

ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

The Accessibility Compliance Enforcement aide is a volunteer who has committed to serve a minimum of four hours each week to assist the community and the Phoenix Police Department. Volunteers patrol the city of Phoenix, writing disabled parking citations. The mission of the ACE Program is to provide safe and accessible parking spaces for the disabled community through enforcement and education. Directed patrol is accomplished by responding to locations identified through the disabled parking violation hotline, **602-534-SPACE**.

The City of Phoenix has created the Save Our Space Campaign to educate the public about the importance of saving disabled parking spaces for those people who really need them. Recently, the City of Phoenix has more than doubled the fine for illegal use of designated accessible parking spaces. The fine for this violation is \$296/\$565.

The authority granted to accessibility compliance Volunteers is limited to non-law- enforcement functions. ACE volunteers will not engage in any activities that would place them in the role of a sworn law enforcement officer, and/or subject them to unreasonable and unnecessary hazards.

MOTORIST ASSIST PROGRAM

The Motorist Assist aide is a volunteer who has committed to serve a minimum of four hours each week to assist members of the community and the Phoenix Police Department. Serving as a uniformed civilian, the volunteer assists motorists who have encountered vehicular problems while using city streets. Assistance provided may include, but is not limited to, pushing vehicles; starting vehicles; opening vehicle doors; providing fuel, air, or water; assisting with changing a tire/s; arranging transportation; or other assistance reasonably required to aid the temporarily stranded motorist.

Volunteers also work closely with sworn police personnel and may be called upon to assist at vehicular accident scenes for traffic control or other duties. In addition, the volunteer may be requested to assist at special events. The philosophy of the Motorist Assist Program is service as opposed to enforcement. The authority granted to Motorist Assist aides is limited to non-law-enforcement functions. Motorist assist aides will not engage in any activities that would place them in the role of a sworn law enforcement officer, and/or subject them to unreasonable hazards.

If you would like to join the MAP team of volunteers contact:
 City of Phoenix Police Department
 Community Relations Bureau
 C.O.P.S. Volunteer Coordinator
 desk: 602-262-7218
 fax: 602-534-2346

[Join Cops](#)

INFO OF THE MONTH

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

TACTILE PAVING: THE SIDEWALK BUMPS THAT SERVE AN IMPORTANT PURPOSE

WHAT IS TACTILE PAVING?

If you've ever used public transit or walked around a pedestrian-friendly city, chances are you've stepped on a variety of sidewalk "bumps" or "patterns" along the way. You may have also seen them on train platforms or just before stepping onto a crosswalk.



These bumps are part of a special style of pavement called tactile paving. They provide a safer, more accessible environment for people who are [visually impaired](#). Here's how:

Tactile paving, or tactile pavement, is a group of patterns, raised lines, domes and other various textures that are used to alert those with a visual impairment, such as [low vision](#) or [blindness](#), of a change in the area.

During a stroll through a city or public space, you may have noticed yellow bumps on the sidewalk as it transitions from a crosswalk to a roadway. Maybe you've stepped over a group of ridged patterns before or after a flight of stairs. Both of these are examples of tactile paving.

Oftentimes, the bumps are painted in different colors such as yellow or dark red. This is to help provide a color contrast between the pavement and the bumps themselves. The color contrast is particularly helpful for those with low vision, who don't use a cane or walking stick to help them navigate.

ORIGIN OF TACTILE PAVING

Japanese inventor Seiichi Miyake invented tactile surfaces for the blind in 1965, and they were officially introduced in Okayama City in March 1967. From there, the concept quickly spread across Japan and was used in Japan National Railway stations and other places with heavy foot traffic.



Tactile paving is sometimes referred to as detectable warning plates or ground surface indicators. Originally, it was known as Tenji bricks.

When it was first developed, tactile pavement was made of precast concrete. It's now made out of materials such as ceramic, concrete

and stainless steel.

Although tactile paving has been around since the 1960s, it didn't make its way to the United States until the '90s, when the [Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990](#) was passed. Additional countries adopted the textured pavement at the same time, including Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom. It's now used all over the world.

SEE RELATED: [Resource guide for the legally blind](#)

TYPES OF TACTILE PAVING (AND THEIR PURPOSES)

There are three types of tactile paving that are designed in different ways to serve individual purposes. They are:

- Attention or "blister" paving patterns — Raised, flat-top dome patterns that warn of an upcoming drop-off from a curb or platform. There are two types of attention patterns: *grid* and *offset*. These patterns are sometimes called "blisters" because the flat dome shape is similar to a blister.
 - Gridpaving has two rows of raised domes to assist visually impaired people cross a road. It also helps warn of any upcoming curbs.
 - Offsetpaving is similar to the grid pattern, except that the raised domes are in a staggered assortment. Offset paving is normally used on the edges of train platforms.
- Guiding or "corduroy" paving patterns — Rounded, rod-shaped lines that run *across* or *alongside* pavement. These patterns are sometimes called corduroy patterns because they resemble the lines found in corduroy fabric.

- Rods that run *across* pavement alert visually impaired pedestrians of an upcoming trip hazard, such as the top or bottom of a ramp or staircase.
- Rods that run *alongside* pavement guide visually impaired pedestrians safely along a route. You may find this type of tactile paving along the side of a cycleway.

- Lozenge paving patterns — Lozenge-shaped tiles that warn of high-speed transportation ahead, such as trains.

WHERE IS TACTILE PAVING USED?

There are several different locations where you may find tactile paving, including:

- Crosswalks
- Public sidewalks
- Airports
- Train platforms
- At the tops and bottoms of staircases and ramps
- Around the perimeter of emergency exits

The next time you are in one of these areas, be on the lookout for the special patterned paving!

WHY IS TACTILE PAVING SO IMPORTANT?

Those who are visually impaired rely on tactile paving to help them get across town, whether they're going to work, running errands, traveling or participating in other activities. In 2018, [BBC](#) contributor and London resident Amy Kavanagh, who is visually impaired, wrote about her experience with tactile paving.

"Those bumps, lumps and stripes give me so much information, especially on days when my vision is more limited," she said of attention-type paving patterns.

And when it comes to guiding patterns, she remarked, "The stripy corduroys tell me when a set of stairs is going to start and stop, meaning I can then use my cane to feel my way up or down."

But as far as the most beneficial part of tactile paving, Kavanagh says, "The best thing about tactile paving is that it gives me clues about my environment on an unfamiliar route. It tells me when to be aware of potential hazards, like platform edges or cycle lanes."

Without tactile paving, Kavanagh and other people with visual impairment could face greater risks as they navigate cities and transportation systems.

SEE RELATED: [Yes, you can travel if you're blind or have low vision](#)

Comments made in the year 1957

- "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."
- "Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."
- "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."
- "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either 'hell' or 'damn' in it."
- "Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."
- "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."
- "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."
- "I've never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."
- "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."
- "I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."
- "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."
- "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."
- "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."
- "No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

JANUARY 8, 2025

BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE & BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMUNITY BW / PNP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS With 51 in attendance at the DVCC

Meeting called to order at 6:41 pm



BMCA Chair Candice Fremouw



Aurora did check in



DVCC:



Noreena introduced Jordan as the new Recreation Coordinator! The T Ball program at Telephone Pioneer Park was very successful.

NSD:

Mari asked that if there are any neighborhood clean ups scheduled, please let NSD know.



Black Mountain Precinct Updates



Lt. Ben said that not a lot has been going on. Violent crimes are down 8% and Property crimes are down 20%, the highest in the city! There were 64,000 calls for service in 2024. There are 101 Officers in the Black Mountain Precinct. Coming up is the T-Bird Business Alliance Clean Up on January 20th 9-11 am at Zia Records, Coffee with Cops is on Thursday, January 23rd 8:30 am at Biscuits Café, and Palomino Neighborhood is doing a Clean up on January 25th 8-11 am at Palomino Park.

SIGN PRESENTATIONS:



Two Virtual BW Signs to Loretta with Turtle Creek Block Watch

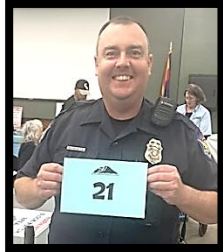


One Virtual BW Sign to Lee Reynolds with Colena Del Norte Block Watch



BREAK OUT SESSION

to meet with Area 21, 22 & 23 CAOs



Area 21 met with CAO Jeffrey Blair



Area 22 met with CAO Tim Tewers & CAO Jon McQuillan



Area 23 met with CAO Jeremy Campbell



PRESENTATION: PHOENIX PARKS with NW Div. Deputy Director Bob Adams



Candice introduced Bob Adams, the new NW Division Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation. He is from Colorado and has 30 years' experience in large scale municipal programs in Fort Collins and Greeley. I started on June 3rd and will talk about the new projects we have done such as community center renovations, pickle ball courts and resurfacing, new led lighting, new playgrounds, fitness pads, added more trees, new basketball court at Telephone Pioneer Park, a new park by Deem Hills, and a new security system at DVP. We have been doing night security at Cave Creek Park to help with the transients. We are trying to put padding up to quiet the pickle ball courts near homes. The new courts must be at least 500 feet from houses. There are six park rangers who cover 187 parks.

CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY ITEM DISTRIBUTION:



Everyone always receives something!

50/50 DRAWING: Aurora won \$39.50 and donated it back!
Thank you, Aurora!

REFRESHMENTS: YUM!



Thank you to everyone who brought delicious goodies!

BMCA ATTENDS & SUPPORTS...

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

JANUARY 18, 2025

Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the THUNDERBIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE
CLEAN UP on Thunderbird Road





BRBA MISSION STATEMENT

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

JANUARY 21, 2025

BELL ROAD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEETING at 11 am at GAMER’S GUILD



BRBA Chair Greg Freeman,



Gamer's Guild Manager

Next Bell Road Business Alliance meeting is on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 11 am.

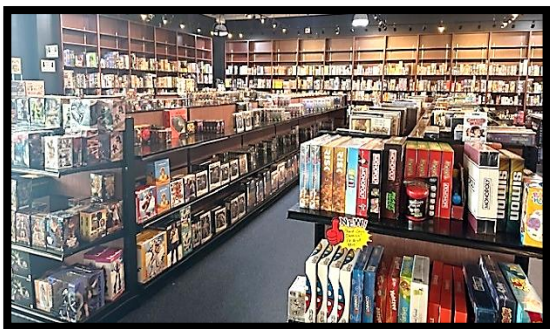
at GAMER’S GUILD, 1818 W. Bell Road

For more information contact bellroadbusinessalliance@gmail.com



The next Thrive Phoenix community clean-up on Bell Road is Saturday, February 1st from 9 am to 11 am. For more information visit Thrivephoenix.org or email at info@thrivephoenix.org

GAMER'S GUILD
1818 W. Bell Road



FORKS & BOARDS
Restaurant and Bar is attached to Gamer's Guild



JANUARY 21, 2025

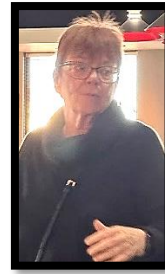
**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the CITYWIDE PNP MEETING
at Mt. View Precinct & Webex**



County Attorney Rachel Mitchell



Det. Brian Kornegay



Councilwoman Deb Stark



Michael Pissos, Mayor's Office



BMCA Table



CAO Tim



JANUARY 23, 2025

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT
COFFEE WITH COPS at Biscuits Cafe**



Lt. Ben, Bud, Cmdr. Matt and CAO Jeremy



CAO Pin



CAO Jeffrey



Cmdr. Matt Siekmann



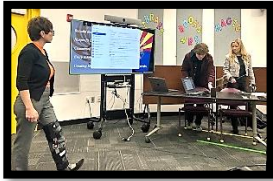
Lt. Ben



CAO Jon

JANUARY 23, 2025

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the REACH Meeting
at Juniper Branch Library**



Lisa Magarelli, Director 480-306-3297



Stephanie Siete, Educational Consultant 602-377-4591

JANUARY 27, 2025

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



Vice Mayor Ann O'Brien
Amber Williamson on the Phoenix City Budget



Cmdr. Matt Siekmann

Lt. Ben

Sgt. Timothy Lynch



Deb, Bud, Monte and Candice

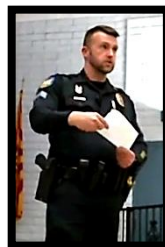


Delicious Macayo's Dinner! Thank you, Ann!



JANUARY 28, 2025

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the PBWAB MEETING**



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 Bulk Trash Collection weeks four times a year.

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 35% 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.



Did you know that NSD operates a Tool Lending Program? The goals of the program are to support homeownership and maintenance and assist 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.



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...

Help keep your neighborhood Graffiti free! February 2025 marks the 10th annual Graffiti-Free Phoenix Awareness month, and the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) is looking for volunteers to help remove graffiti in the community. Let us know when, and where your group wants to work, and NSD will supply the paint and brushes you need! Scan the QR code or register [here](https://na2.documents.adobe.com/public/esignWidget?wid=CBFC1BAA3AAABLbqZhDE2HZfNr0o6NMwOH0CsKO7FYRkoDnlV94yKXmAdL-S1_PO_SinLUnA9SY9ofwWaSu*)



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Send us photos of your removals, so we may highlight the great work, to keep Phoenix Graffiti Free on the city's social media pages.



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 the 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

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

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 johnjacobsbw1@outlook.com or Fred at 505-514-1439

MINI MOON II BLOCK WATCH (in Moon Valley along Interlacken) 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. mvqe@cox.net Candice 602-402-7914

MONTE CRISTO BLOCK WATCH LECADDSERVICES@Yahoo.com

NORTHTOWN COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH / PNP FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS e-mail nkcurtinaz@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:

THIS YEAR, NEW FOCUS ON PROTECTING YOUR IDENTITY

The new year is a time for fresh starts and resolutions, so why not make protecting your identity a top priority? In 2023, [identity fraud cost Americans a reported \\$43 billion](#), with criminals exploiting data breaches, phishing scams, and even stolen mail to access personal information. Once obtained, your identity can be used to take over existing accounts, open fraudulent ones, access medical care, file for government benefits, submit false tax returns, and more. The good news? There are things you can do to protect your personal information and minimize its value to criminals even when your data has been exposed. Throughout the year, we'll share actionable steps to take—starting with these three.

Create Stronger Passwords

A [recent AARP report](#) revealed that 64% of Americans do not use distinctly different passwords on all their accounts. That means when one account is compromised others are at risk. Use [strong and unique passwords or passphrases](#) that are at least 12 characters long and combine uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols. Memorizing multiple passwords can be tough, so consider using a [password manager](#), such as Dashlane, Bitwarden, and 1Password, to securely store and generate strong passwords.

Use Multi-factor Authentication

In addition to strong passwords, adding a second layer of defense to your accounts makes it harder for cybercriminals to gain access. [Multi-factor authentication](#) requires a one-time code—sent by text, email or phone message, or through an installed app on your device—in addition to your password. More sites and apps offer this, but not always by default. To turn it on, check your account settings for terms like two-factor authentication, two-step verification, or multi-factor authentication, and follow the setup steps.

Review Your Credit Report & Freeze Credit

Monitoring your credit report is key for tracking your financial health and spotting errors or fraud. Request [free credit reports](#) from each of the three credit reporting agencies—Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion—at [annualcreditreport.com](#) to check for suspicious activity. If you are not anticipating taking out a loan or applying for credit in the near term, [freeze your credit](#) to prevent unauthorized accounts from being opened in your name. You are able to freeze and unfreeze your credit for free.

UTILITY SCAMS HEAT UP DURING COLDER MONTHS

With temperatures dropping in many states, scammers are turning up the heat on their deceptive tactics. While [utility scams](#) happen year-round, criminals are especially active when customers rely on these services to stay safe and warm during colder months. Anyone who pays a utility bill can be a target, so here are some things to look for.

HOW IT WORKS

You receive an unexpected visit, call, text, or email from someone claiming to be your power or water company.

They might offer a free energy audit or help signing up for government programs to reduce energy bills. Or they could threaten to cut off service unless you pay an overdue bill or maintenance cost immediately. They may even claim you've overpaid and ask for your bank or credit card information to issue a "refund."

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Utility impostors aim to convince you to make a payment to them or supply personal or financial data that they can use to steal or sell your identity. They may open new accounts and run up charges in your name. Legitimate utility companies don't request personal information by email or phone and provide advance warning before disconnecting services. If anyone ever tells you to pay a bill by purchasing gift cards and sharing the numbers off the back, or to go to a bitcoin ATM to send payment that way, it is a scam.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

It is a sad state of affairs to say not to answer your door when someone unexpectedly knocks and not to trust email messages, text messages, or phone calls, but this is the world we are in. If a message by any channel immediately puts you into a heightened emotional state — say, fear or panic — let that be your sign to disengage. Contact your utility company at a number you know to be correct from a paper bill (or log in to their website or app if that's an option). Don't do a web search; the results often contain ads bought by criminals to direct customer service calls to them. If you or a loved one has experienced a utility scam, report it to your actual utility company and to law enforcement. You can also share the information with the Federal Trade Commission [online](#) or by calling [877-382-4357](#).

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.

**IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER!
FEBRUARY IS A PRIME MONTH FOR MAIL
THEFT! MANY IMPORTANT TAX
DOCUMENTS ARE IN THE MAIL PLEASE
BE VIGILANT IN GETTING YOUR MAIL IN
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

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 Valley and Laveen.

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 Neighborhood and Council District. Incident locations are displayed based on their Category and all incidents are geo-coded 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 \(Español\)](#)


[Lockbox Information Form](#) (District 1 Pilot Program)

[Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management](#)

[Phoenix Fire Foundation](#)

Brush Fire Readiness: Ready, Set, Go!

Prepare now to ensure you and your home has a fighting chance should a brush fire break out

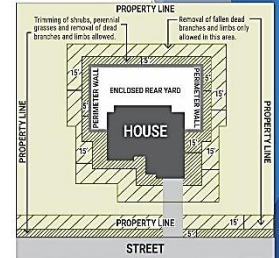
 Ready <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain defensible space around your home. • Keep grass mowed short. • Trim trees and bushes. • Consider defensible space zones in your landscape plans. 	 Set <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan your escape route before an emergency. • Plan two ways out of your neighborhood, city and region. • Set safety meeting locations and share them with your family. 	 Go <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay informed and if you feel threatened, get out and go! • Monitor news and social media during an emergency to know if, and when, it is time to act.
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Brush Fire Readiness: Create a 30-Foot Defensible Space

Creating and maintaining Defensible Space is essential for increasing your home's chance of surviving a brush fire.

 Maintain a 15-foot zone around your home. Remove perennial grasses and thick overgrown bushes. Remove dead branches or branches touching the ground.	  Remove dead vegetation that is down on the ground from an additional 15-foot zone for maximum protection.
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*Your backyard is considered 10 feet of the 30-foot defensible space.



Be Alert!

Please follow [this link](#) to an excellent resource on Brush Fire Preparedness created by the International Association of Fire Chiefs. It is a brochure called, [Ready - Set - Go!](#)



Call for Smoke Alarm Services. Smoke Alarm Medic specializes in Smoke Alarm / Smoke Detector installation, Smoke Alarm / Smoke Detector battery changes, Carbon Monoxide Alarm / Carbon Monoxide

Detector installation and residential Fire Extinguisher installation & dryer vent cleaning.

We also offer a **premier Home Watch service** for part-time residents or people on extended leave from their property.

Did you know that three of every house fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms per NFPA? Don't let you or your family be part of this statistic.

Call us for all your fire alarm and fire safety needs! We are a Firefighter owned and operated company!

(623) 221-8434

<https://smokealarmmedic.com>



LET'S PREVENT CRIME TOGETHER

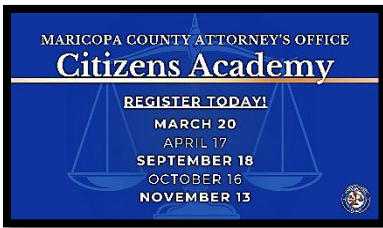


Last year, MCAO's community outreach team made a remarkable impact on our community. This year, we're ready to do even more! **So, how can we support you in the New Year?**

- **Free Education on Crime Trends:** Get useful tips to improve your quality of life and family safety.
- **Careers in Criminal Justice:** Invite a prosecutor to your classroom to inspire and inform your students about careers in criminal justice.
- **Partnership Opportunities:** Hosting a community event? Send us an invitation and we'll do our best to be a part of it.

Why It Matters: We want to protect the community in the courtroom and beyond. Through outreach and education, we're here to keep Maricopa County residents informed and engaged all year long.

[Community Requests](#)



2025 Citizens Academy Dates!

The Wait is Over! (Drumroll, please...) Registration for our 2025 Citizens Academy is now open!

MCAO's Citizen's Academy is a great way for community members to get involved and learn more about one of the nation's largest prosecutorial agencies. As part of the program you'll learn about:

- The criminal justice process from arrest to sentencing,
- How charging decisions are made,
- MCAO services and more!

Why do we host Citizens Academy programs?

- Our goal is to help the community gain a deeper understanding of how the criminal justice system operates and the vital role MCAO plays in ensuring public safety.

The bottom line: If any of that sound interesting to you, sign up for a program!

[Register Here](#)



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

The commitment of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office to a safe and well-governed community 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.
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](#)

Public Records Requests

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office has records related to many felony and misdemeanor criminal matters within the County. Please read below for more information on our public records process and other local resources for related records.

How Do I Make a Public Records Request?

You may...

- Submit an [online Public Records Request](#).
- [Email the Public Records team](#) detailing your request.
- Fax your request to: [602-594-7171](tel:602-594-7171)
- Call [602-506-1974](tel:602-506-1974) to speak with a member of the Public Records team.
- Mail us a written request or drop off a written request at:
Maricopa County Attorney's Office
Custodian of Records
[225 West Madison Street, 1st Floor](#)
[Phoenix, AZ 85003](#)
*Drop off can only be done during office hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. Closed on most major holidays.

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](#)



New Board Members



Newly-elected supervisors Mark Stewart (District 1), Kate Brophy McGee (District 3), and Debbie Lesko (District 4) were sworn into office during today's meeting. They join Chairman Galvin and returning Supervisor Steve Gallardo (District 5). Pages outlining the backgrounds and priorities of all board members can be found at Maricopa.gov/BOS.

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MCACC SERVICES MISSION MICROCHIP

MCACC is offering [free microchipping services](#) for dogs in Maricopa County through the end of the year. For now, the free service is only available at the West shelter at 2500 S 27th Avenue in Phoenix. Registration is required ahead of time. To receive a microchip through the Mission Microchip event, please register for an appointment. Times open up two weeks in advance. Please check back daily if no appointments are available. If you would like more information on microchips and the benefits of chipping your pet, [take a look at this article on didyouknowpets.com](#). [Schedule Microchip Appointment](#)



COMMUNITY CATS

Helpful Information and Tips for the Community

A Community Cat is a catch-all term often used to describe any outdoor cat that may appear to not have an owner. Feral cats, which are under- or not socialized, fall under this umbrella, as do free-roaming, friendly cats.

In Maricopa County, cats are not subject to the same licensing and leash laws as dogs. Because of this, Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC) cannot pick up stray or feral cats or take action against those feeding cats in their neighborhoods.

Many times, members of the community act as colony managers to ensure that a feral cat colony is a managed colony. Cats in these communities are usually fed, watered, vaccinated, spayed, or neutered, and monitored for overall health. Other times, the cats are self-reliant and can survive in the neighborhood on their own, without any direct assistance.

TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) is a long-proven and effective method for humanely addressing community cat populations across the world.

Trap: The cats are humanely trapped and brought to a clinic.

Neuter: The cats are fixed, vaccinated, and their left ear is "tipped" to indicate they have been fixed.

Return: The fixed cats are safely returned to their colony.

Benefits of TNR

- Cats become better neighbors as it reduces or eliminates unwanted mating behaviors (e.g., yowling, fighting, spraying).
- Cats will be healthier when treated with this humane solution and typically are less likely to wander from their food source.
- Halts the breeding cycle which allows community cat populations to stabilize and eventually decline.
- Protects and respects cats' lives.

How to Help Keep Community Cats Away from Your Property

- Remove or secure all potential food and water sources from your property, including dog food.
- Spray concentrated orange juice or hang orange or lemon peels in areas where cats are spraying — cats do not like the citrus scent.
- Keep all trash and recycle bins tightly closed as cats are considered opportunistic feeders/hunters.
- Use a motion-detecting device that turns on a sprinkler or bright light in response to motion on your property, such as ScareCrow™.
- Remove or secure potential shelter areas — secure access under houses, sheds, decks, porches, and buildings with wire fencing.
- Use plastic carpet runners spike-side up and covered lightly in soil to prevent cats from digging in your garden.
- Keep landscaping trimmed to avoid creating hiding/nesting spots.
- Spread dried wild animal manure in the areas you notice feral cats in your yard; wild animal urine also may work to deter the cats.
- There are also many commercial cat repellants (chemical and non-chemical options) available in garden stores, pet shops, and online.

For more information about TNR, please call the Spay Neuter Hotline at 602-265-7729 or complete the online form: <https://adlazz.org/spay-neuter-hotline/outdoor-cats/newrequest-for-tnr-services/>.

Additional Resources

- Alley Cat Allies: <https://www.alleycat.org/>
- Altered Tails: <https://www.alteredtails.org/stray-outdoor-cats>
ALTERED TAILS at Phoenix: 602-943-7729
- Fix.Adopt.Save.: <https://www.fixadoptsave.org/trap-neuter-return-program>
- Foundation for Homeless Cats:
<http://www.thefoundationforhomelesscats.org/faqs/>
- Spay Neuter Clinic: <https://www.spayaz.com/>

Spay Neuter Hotline (ADLA): 602-265-7729
Injured or Sick Animals (AHS): 602-997-7585
2500 S. 27th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009 : 602-506-7387 : Maricopa.gov

Meet the cat ladies tackling Phoenix's stray problem all by themselves There may be a million outdoor cats on the Phoenix streets. A small band of women catches them and gets them fixed.

<https://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/news/phoenix-stray-cat-problem-meet-women-committed-to-fixing-it-20432448>



GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE BUDGET INVESTS IN HIGHWAY SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Proposal helps with increased materials costs, supports rural communities

PHOENIX – Governor Hobbs' Executive Budget proposal supports the Arizona Department of Transportation's vision of safely connecting Arizonans and empowering the economy. Strategic investments will safeguard Arizona's state highways and help rural Arizona communities compete for federal transportation grants while also supporting ADOT's efforts to lay the groundwork for the transportation system of the future.

"High-quality transportation improves the quality of life across our state not just by accommodating growth, but also by making Arizona a more desirable place to live, to start a business, to raise a family, to visit and so much more," ADOT Director Jennifer Toth said, "Governor Hobbs' budget protects our resources and infrastructure, while updating crucial technology to improve safety and efficiency."

The executive budget proposal includes an additional \$15.8 million in ongoing funding to address the effect rising materials costs have had on ADOT's critical mission of maintaining state highways. This consists of \$11.4 million for highway maintenance activities and \$4.4 million for surface treatments that extend the life of pavement. The cost of materials needed to perform highway maintenance increased 63.7% from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2023, according to the National Highway Construction Cost Index.

Among other proposed maintenance investments, the executive budget includes \$797,000 to help ADOT maintain 38 newly constructed lane miles across the state highway system.

The Executive Budget also includes a one-time deposit of \$13 million from the General Fund to the State Match Advantage for Rural Transportation (SMART) Fund administered by ADOT. This program helps ensure that municipalities and counties in Greater Arizona are competitive when seeking federal transportation grants. It helps cover the cost of developing and submitting grant proposals and reimburses matching funds required for grants, as well as design and engineering services expenses associated with grant proposals.

Since the SMART Fund's creation in fiscal year 2023, the State Transportation Board has awarded \$48.8 million through the program. Rural areas have leveraged an additional \$138.6 million in competitive federal transportation grants by using these awards. More than 30 agencies have received funding through the SMART Fund.

Among other transportation investments, Governor Hobbs' Executive Budget includes the following:

- An additional \$200,000 to support ADOT's continuing study of potential passenger rail service between the Phoenix area and Tucson. This adds to \$3.5 million in one-time funding the Governor secured previously to support development of a service plan for this transformative project.
- To support tourism and economic development, \$850,000 from the State Aviation Fund will cover state matching funds required to renovate and expand the terminal at Grand Canyon National Park Airport, which ADOT operates. Renovations will include a new airline gate that can accommodate 737-class aircraft. This is contingent on

ADOT receiving an Airport Terminal Program grant from the Federal Aviation Administration.

- \$6.9 million to replace aging modular facilities housing ADOT's Little Antelope and Gray Mountain maintenance operations in northern Arizona while also providing space for use by the Arizona Department of Public Safety. This will enhance the state's ability to address hazardous weather and road conditions during winter storms.
- A one-time investment of \$7 million from the State Highway Fund to modernize and reopen an Avondale vehicle repair shop servicing not just ADOT vehicles and heavy equipment but vehicles used by other agencies.

ADOT is responsible for planning, designing, constructing, maintaining and operating the state's highway transportation system, which includes more than 7,000 miles of interstates, freeways and principal arterial roadways and more than 8,500 bridges. The Department also provides driver license and registration services, is responsible for commercial vehicle enforcement and registration compliance, operates the Grand Canyon National Park Airport and maintains the state fleet.

For more information on ADOT, please visit azdot.gov



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 space limited, tickets available 30 minutes before programs.

- BABY TIME 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 CREATE: Thursdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Creative time for young artists
- BRICK BUILDERS: Fridays 3:30 – 4:30 pm

FOR CHILDREN!

Mini Tales: Read to a Miniature Horse
Saturday, March 1, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm
This program is specifically designed for beginner and Chapter book readers, please!

***REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

FOR TEENS!

ROCK THE TABLE: D&D FOR TEENS
First Tuesday of the month, 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

FOR ADULTS!

- SATURDAY BOOK CLUB Saturday, February 1, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
- JUNIPER BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Wednesday, February 12, 1:30 pm-3:00 pm
- MEDICARE REVIEW: HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?
Wednesday, February 12, 4:30 pm-5:30 pm
- HUMANA PRESENTS: THE TRUTH ABOUT CARBS
Monday, February 10, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
- CRAFTERNOON
Saturday, February 15, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
- *REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**
- WHISPERS AND WORDS BOOK CLUB
Monday, February 24, 1:00pm-2:00 pm
- TAI CHI EASY
Monday, February 10, March 10, & April 7, 10:00 am-11:00 am

The Amazing Library Card

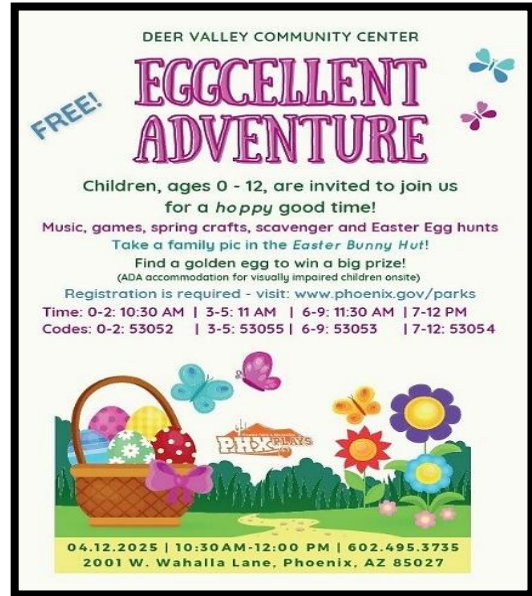
Know someone who needs a Phoenix Public Library card? Help them get one!

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](#)



MOVIE IN THE PARK
Friday, March 14th at 6:30 pm
EGGCELLENT ADVENTURE
Saturday, April 12th



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


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



602-534-9919



FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long will it take for a Park Ranger to respond?

A: Calls will be assessed by a Park Ranger who will prioritize them based on other calls and needs for all 167 City of Phoenix parks.

Q: Will the public be able to talk to a Park Ranger?

A: Park Rangers are typically occupied serving the parks. The 24/7 Code of Conduct Answering Service is the most efficient method to relay concerns to Park Rangers.

Q: Will I receive a callback?

A: A callback will not be made unless additional information is needed from the caller. We will record the caller's name and email address in case we have any follow-up questions.

Q: What rules can Park Rangers enforce?

A: Park Rangers have the authority to enforce the Parks Code of Conduct and any violations of Phoenix City Code they have observed. Their jurisdiction is only within park boundaries.

Q: What is the Parks Code of Conduct and what are the trespassing policies?


A: You can read the Parks and Recreation Department Code of Conduct here: <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/code-of-conduct>

Q: What is the Phoenix City Code regarding...?

A: <https://phoenix.municipal.codes/CC>

Find the code of conduct online at phoenix.gov/parks/code-of-conduct

Scan me!



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. The Biden administration has invested more than \$400 million in beefing up crisis centers and other mental health services to support the 988 system.




Ability360 is now at Telephone Pioneer Park daily!

<https://ability360.org/sports/tp/ability360.org>



PHOENIX.GOV/PUBLICWORKS/BULKTRASH

Public Works Announces Switch to Appointment-Based Bulk Trash Collection

For more information on the program, visit the Bulk Trash [homepage](#).

Related Social Media Hashtags and Handles:

#bulktrash @PHXpublicworks @talkingtrashphx

Keywords: [bulk trash](#), [garbage collection](#)

[Public Works \(Trash and Recycling\) Home Page](#)
[Public Works \(Trash and Recycling\) NewsMedia Contact Directory](#)



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



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)



Barry Goldwater Reopens Student Run Restaurant
Barry Goldwater High School is excited to announce the re-opening of Avenue 27 with all newly trained student-staff and management.

This year the restaurant is open for dining on Thursday evenings instead of Fridays and service will run from 4-7 p.m. to give the students an opportunity to reflect and continuously learn from each experience.

Reservations can be made via Avenue27@dvusd.org

Avenue 27 Restaurant dates are as follows:

February 06 & 20,
March 13 & 27, April 03, 17, & 24
Thursday Evenings (4 pm - 7 pm)
We look forward to serving you!

JOIN BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE ON FACEBOOK!



WHERE WE SHARE INFORMATION!



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.](#)

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



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?

DON'T GIVE TO INDIVIDUALS GIVE TO SHELTERS



To end panhandling, we have to 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 – UMOM 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.homelesshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ>
www.givesmartaz.org



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.

BMCA AND BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO STARBUCKS



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

THANK YOU TO DEER VALLEY II SELF STORAGE FOR SUPPORTING THE BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE!



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

SAFE HAVEN DEFENSE

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

SAFE HAVEN DEFENSE LAMINATE IS INDEPENDENTLY LAB TESTED AND INSTALLED WITH OUR PROPRIETARY APPLICATION PROCESS.

OUR LAMINATE IS APPLIED QUIETLY 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

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 use resources

www.liveanotherday.org

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/phxcares

SENIOR LOCK BOXES

In partnership with Phoenix Fire

www.knoxbox.com

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](http://PoliceVirtualBlockWatch)

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 2025

Wednesday, FEB. 5th BMCA BOARD MEETING
6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, FEB. 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Thursday, FEB. 6th NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.
6:00 pm - e-mail george.martin@phoenix.gov for link info

Friday, FEB. 7th PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL
e-mail Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or at 602-799-0143 Good training for PNP Members!.

Wednesday, FEB. 12th
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING
6:30 pm at the DVCC Engaging Phoenix Mayor's Office

Tuesday, FEB. 18th BELL RD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.
11:00 am at Bell Ford

Tuesday, FEB. 18th CITYWIDE PNP MEETING
6:00 pm in person at Mt. View Precinct and on Webex

Wednesday, FEB. 19th T-BIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.
10 am Location TBD

Friday, FEB. 21st DISTRICT 3 MEETING
9 – 10:30 AM Devonshire Senior Center

Sunday, FEB. 23th 5th ANNUAL HONOR RUN / WALK
7 am at City Hall

Tuesday, FEB. 25th PBWAB Meeting
6:30 pm Location TBD

Wednesday, FEB. 26th CPCA Meeting
6:30 pm at Cortez High School

Thursday, FEB. 27th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS
8:30 am at Biscuits Café, 310 E. Bell Road

Friday, FEB. 28st DISTRICT 1 BREAKFAST
7:30 am at the Doubletree in Metrocenter

MARCH 2025

Wednesday, MAR. 5th BMCA BOARD MEETING
6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, MAR. 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Thursday, MAR. 6th NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.
6:00 pm - e-mail george.martin@phoenix.gov for link info

Friday, MAR. 7th PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL
e-mail Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or at 602-799-0143 Good training for PNP Members!.

Wednesday, MAR. 12th
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING
6:30 pm at the DVCC BOARD ELECTIONS

Tuesday, MAR. 18th BELL RD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.
11:00 am at Bell Ford

Tuesday, MAR. 19th CITYWIDE PNP MEETING
6:00 pm in person at Mt. View Precinct and on WebEx

Wednesday, MAR. 19th T-BIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.
10 am Location TBD

Saturday, MAR. 22nd CITYWIDE BW / PNP TRAINING
8 - noon In person at Mt. View Precinct Attendees must pre-register at pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov

Tuesday, MAR. 25th PBWAB Meeting
6:30 pm Location TBD

Wednesday, MAR. 26th CPCA Meeting
6:30 pm at Cortez High School

Thursday, MAR. 27th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS
8:30 am at Biscuits Café, 310 E. Bell Road

APRIL 2025

Wednesday, APR. 2nd BMCA BOARD MEETING
6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, APR. 3rd NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.
6:00 pm - e-mail george.martin@phoenix.gov for link info

Friday, APR. 4th PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL
e-mail Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or at 602-799-0143 Good training for PNP Members!.

Sunday, APR. 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Wednesday, APR. 9th
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING
6:30 pm at the DVCC

Tuesday, APR. 15th BELL RD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.
11:00 am at Bell Ford

Tuesday, APR. 15th CITYWIDE PNP MEETING
6:00 pm in person at Mt. View Precinct and on WebEx

Wednesday, APR. 16th T-BIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.
10 am Location TBD

Tuesday, APR. 22nd PBWAB Meeting
6:30 pm Location TBD

Wednesday, APR. 23rd CPCA Meeting
6:30 pm at Cortez High School

Thursday, APR. 24th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS
8:30 am at Biscuits Café, 310 E. Bell Road

MAY 2025

Thursday, MAY 1st NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.
6:00 pm - e-mail george.martin@phoenix.gov for link info

Friday, MAY 2nd PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL
e-mail Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or at 602-799-0143 Good training for PNP Members!.

Tuesday, MAY 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Wednesday, MAY 7th BMCA BOARD MEETING
6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Wednesday, MAY 14th
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING
6:30 pm at the DVCC

Tuesday, MAY 20th BELL RD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.
11:00 am at Bell Ford

Tuesday, MAY 20th CITYWIDE PNP MEETING
6:00 pm in person at Mt. View Precinct and on WebEx

Wednesday, MAY 21st T-BIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.
10 am Location TBD

Wednesday & Thursday, MAY 21st & 22nd
CITYWIDE BW / PNP TRAINING
5 – 7 pm both days on Webex. Attendees must pre-register at pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov

Thursday, MAY 22nd BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS
8:30 am at Biscuits Café, 310 E. Bell Road

Tuesday, MAY 27th PBWAB Meeting
6:30 pm Location TBD

Wednesday, MAY 28th CPCA Meeting
6:30 pm at Cortez High School

JUNE 2025

NO JUNE FIRST FRIDAY PNP PATROL – Summer Break

NO JUNE PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MTG – Summer Break

NO JUNE CPCA MEETING – Summer Break

NO JUNE BLK MTN Coffee with Cops – Summer Break

Wednesday, JUN. 4th BMCA BOARD MEETING
6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

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 Councilmember Ann O'Brien	602-262-7444
D 2 Councilmember Jim Waring	602-262-7445
D 3 Vice Mayorr 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
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 PATROLERS:

REMINDER!

ONLINE REPORTING OF PNP HOURS

volunteer@phoenix.gov

PNP online Patrol Log entry

To get a username and password email

Brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov

The following information:

Your name

PNP Badge number

Assigned precinct

Preferred Email address



For questions call 602-256-4303

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e-mail to: info@bmcainfo.com

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

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