



# 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.



Our best wishes to a great lady, Thelda Williams, on her retirement from an amazing political career with the City of Phoenix! Thelda was on the frontlines championing the Block Watch Grant Program and Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol in the early 1990's. We can't thank her enough for all the years she has been there for the Black Mountain Community Alliance. We will truly miss you, Thelda! We will always have a place for you on our BMCA Board!

### NEXT BMCA & PNP MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

We are once again doing a BMCA ZOOM MEETING to see your smiling faces and touch base during these trying times.

BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE  
ZOOM MEETING April 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm

**(check connection and social time at 6:00 pm)**

**PRESENTATION: POLICING REFORM**  
with Asst. Chief Steve Martos

**JOIN ZOOM MEETING LINK**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82152670830?pwd=cDZIL3daLzVvQ3k0VkJORHFVYWJtdz09>

Or, if you have a problem with the link, you can enter ZOOM in your browser, choose MEETINGS, then, JOIN A MEETING.

Meeting ID **821 5267 0830** Passcode: **BMCA2021**

Please call 480-467-7399 if you have trouble connecting.



### BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT **COFFEE WITH COPS**



Asst. Chief Charley, Commander Ahleeya  
and Commander Darren Viner

***COFFEES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE***

# Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain



## Precinct NEWS



### Black Mountain Precinct

33355 North Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek, AZ 85331  
Precinct: 602.495.5002

## DRONE REGULATIONS

The Christmas rush is gone, winter is coming to a close, and we are all still obeying restrictions regarding the current pandemic. Since we are spending a lot of time outside, or at home, many of us may have picked up some new hobbies. One that is somewhat fascinating and quickly growing, is flying a drone, and drone operations. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) calls this, unmanned aircraft systems, or UAS.

Because this is becoming so popular, let's just review some basic regulations regarding flying drones. They come in so many shapes and sizes. For a full breakdown on UAS, please review the FAA website at [FAA.GOV/UAS/](http://FAA.GOV/UAS/). They have divided drone usage into several categories. My focus here, is simply aimed at those who want to fly them for fun. They are fun!

Drones need to be registered with the FAA, regardless of size. There are two categories, 55 lbs. and under, and 55 lbs. and over. Once registered, your registration number needs to be on the actual drone itself. A drone operator must also indicate why they are flying a drone; for fun, for educational purposes, for business, or for government use.

Listed here are some basic rules for flying Drones. Be cautious as a violation of some of these rules, can result in a ticket or even an arrest. Violations may vary from civil, to misdemeanor charges all the way up to felony charges. (Although Phoenix Police Department officers are capable of enforcing the state laws on unlawful/unsafe drone flights, they are encouraged to educate the public on proper drone use when possible.)

1. Drones cannot be flown out of the line of sight. Some can be pre-programmed to fly a certain flight path, however, that is not an exception to this rule.
2. A drone cannot be flown higher than 400 feet above the ground.
3. You cannot fly a drone within a 5-mile radius of and airport or tower, or after sunset, without the approval of the tower, or a waiver from the FAA.
4. Drones cannot be flown over crowds of people or over vehicle traffic.

Both the city of Phoenix, as well as the State of Arizona have laws regarding drone use, too. The city code, PCC 24-49 addresses the use of drones in public parks.

This also includes using remote control planes as well. Under the city code, users must operate the drone in an area of the park that is unobstructed by objects within 400 feet on all sides, and children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult while operating one. Under ARS 13-3729 a person cannot fly a drone where it is prohibited by federal regulations, it cannot interfere with any law enforcement, fire department or other emergency service operation, and a person cannot use drones to intentionally photograph or loiter over or near a critical facility in furtherance of any criminal offense. Critical facilities include jails, police stations, power facilities, water facilities, and military installations to name a few. There is a full list of some of these locations on the FAA UAS section of their website.

The bottom line is, enjoy using your drone and educate yourself on what the rules are. These rules and laws are designed so that operators can use the drones safely, and not interfere with the community either. We want to protect our public, but at the same time, we want you to enjoy your new hobby! For further details and a more in depth review of drone regulations, please review the FAA website, then read up on local regulations as well.



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Black Mountain Precinct is still continuing to postpone hosting/attending upcoming community events at this time.

Events affected in Black Mountain Precinct Include:  
**BMCA General Block Watch / PNP Meetings**  
**Coffee with a Cop - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
Information will be sent out as these events get rescheduled.

In addition, Black Mountain Precinct's Community Room will be temporarily unavailable for community meetings until further notice.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

-Lt. Brian Rimsza

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

Now Hiring  
**PHX PD**  
EARN \$47,798 to \$85,514  
JoinPHXPD.com  
602-534-2677



**Wear BLUE on  
the 6<sup>th</sup> 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!***

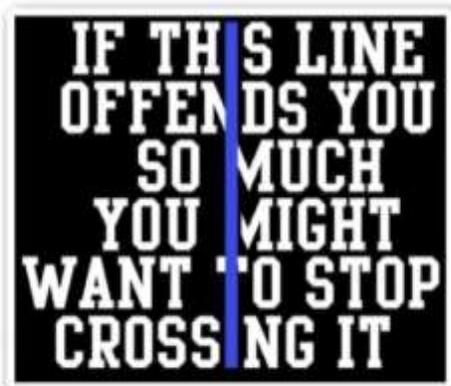
**WE'VE GOT YOUR SIX!**

<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](http://www.phoenix.gov)



## Policeman's Prayer

Lord, bless the ones  
who wear the badge  
The ones who walk the beat,  
Protect and keep them safe  
While they're on the street.

As they wait and as they watch  
Doing good for all,  
guide their minds and  
give them strength  
For each and every call.

Ready to put their  
lives on the line  
Give them courage each day,  
Let them know  
you're always there  
In each and every way.

So bless the ones who  
wear the badge,  
Protect them from harm,  
Always keep them safe  
And in your loving arms.

## PHOENIX PD APP



The Phoenix Police Department now 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. To watch the video released, please click here.

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 return to the same area. If you see graffiti in progress, call 911 immediately, or use the app to have it removed! Click here to watch the video on how to report graffiti through the app. #GraffitiFreePHX City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department

# BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER SQUAD:



**21 Area North (Beat 214)**  
(W 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave to E Scottsdale Rd. & S SR101 to N Mingus Rd.)  
**21 Area South (Beat 211)**  
(W I-17 to E 7<sup>th</sup> St. & S SR101 to N Dynamite Blvd.)  
& Liquor Licenses  
CA Officer Jennifer Zak #9170 at 602-495-5274  
[jennifer.zak@phoenix.gov](mailto:jennifer.zak@phoenix.gov)



**21 Area North (Beats 212 & 213)**  
(W 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave to E Scottsdale Rd. & S SR101 to N Mingus Rd.)  
CA Officer Tim Tewers #8698 at 602-495-5213  
[tim.tewers@phoenix.gov](mailto:tim.tewers@phoenix.gov)



**22 Area North (Beats 223 & 224)**  
(W I-17 to E 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Sts. & S Bell Rd. to N SR101)  
CA Officer Tom Owsley #8047 at 602-495-5192 or  
[thomas.owsley@phoenix.gov](mailto:thomas.owsley@phoenix.gov)



**22 Area South (Beats 221 & 222)**  
(W I-17 to E 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Sts. & S T-Bird/Cactus Rd. to N Bell Rd.)  
CA Officer Tony Cuciti #6907 at 602-495-5481 or  
[anthony.cuciti@phoenix.gov](mailto:anthony.cuciti@phoenix.gov)



**23 Area South (Beats 231 & 232)**  
(W 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Sts. to E SR51 & S Cactus Rd. to N Bell Rd.)  
**23 Area North (Beats 233 & 234)**  
(W 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Sts. to E SR51 & S Bell Rd. to N SR101)  
CAO Thomas McKee #9214 at 602-495-5227  
[thomas.mckee@phoenix.gov](mailto:thomas.mckee@phoenix.gov)



**Abatement Officer David Hurt #7109**  
602-495-5228 or [david.hurt@phoenix.gov](mailto:david.hurt@phoenix.gov)



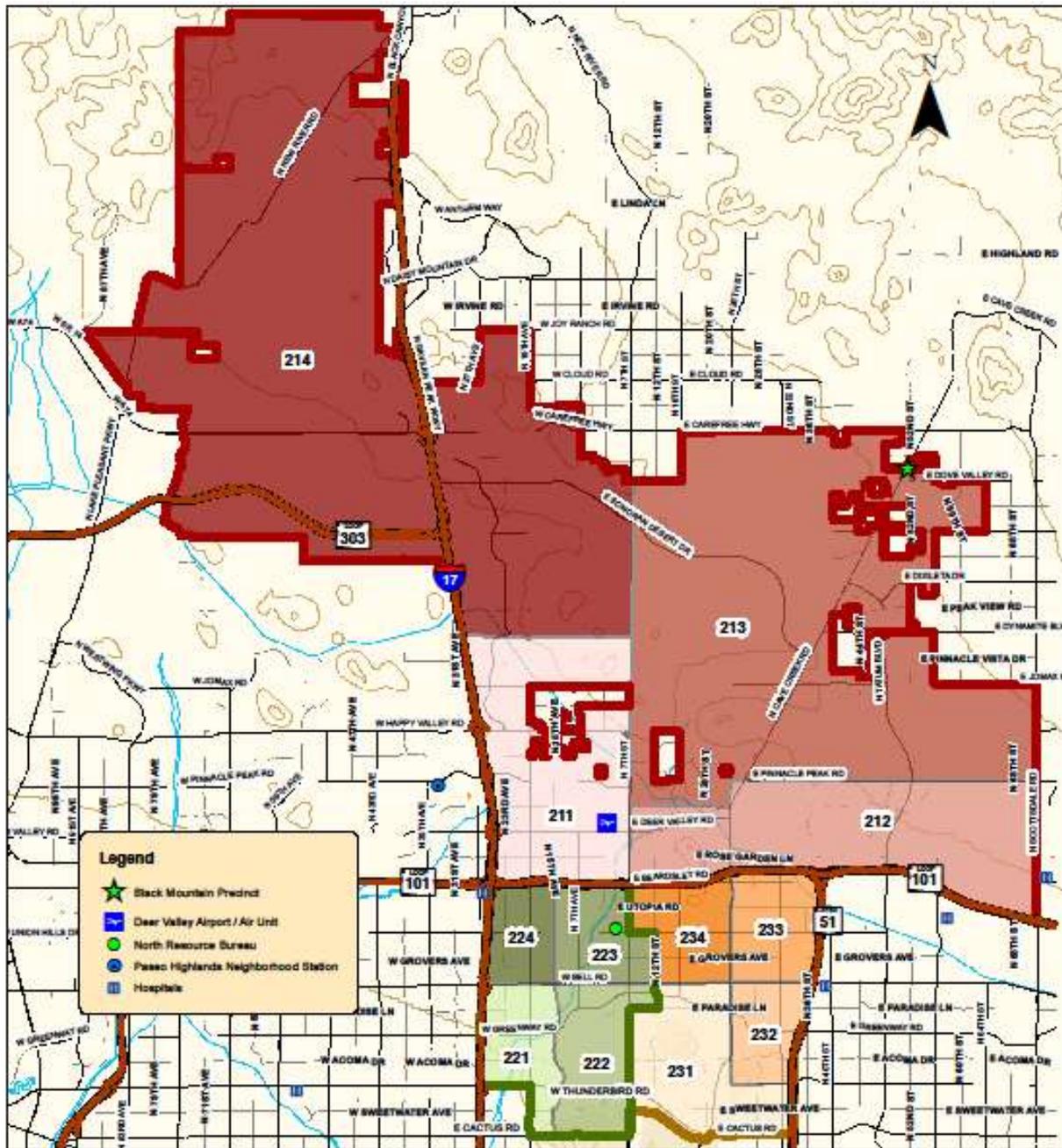
**Black Mountain Precinct CAO Sgt. Linda Miller**  
602-495-5112 or [linda.m.miller@phoenix.gov](mailto:linda.m.miller@phoenix.gov)



**Black Mountain Precinct Community Programs Lt. Brian Rimsza**  
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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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## District 1 Vice Mayor Thelda Williams

602-262-7444

[council.district1@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.district1@phoenix.gov)

No April District One Breakfast...

Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

## IF YOU LIKE LIFE IN PHOENIX, YOU SHOULD KNOW (AND THANK) THELDA WILLIAMS

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*Opinion: Thelda Williams is a name everyone in Phoenix should know, because her city council career has touched virtually everyone in Arizona.* Bryan Jeffries



When Arizonans think of political leaders who define the Valley or the state, our minds rightly gravitate to names like Barry Goldwater and John McCain. As someone who has spent his life in Arizona, I also think of names like Morris Udall, Dennis DeConcini, Calvin Goode and Gabrielle Giffords.

There's another name that should be on that list, a city of Phoenix icon about to leave the city council after serving across parts of the past five decades:

Vice Mayor Thelda Williams, who at 79 has decided to step down from public service.

### Williams led with her head and heart

As a former member of the city council and someone who had the privilege of serving as Williams' chief of staff, I could not let her retirement happen without fanfare. From her first stint on the council beginning in 1989 up to her final days, Williams has been a force for efficiency in government, improved public safety, greater transparency and more robust transportation infrastructure.

She has done all of this with humility and without thirsting after headlines.

During my time working for her, I spent hours listening in admiration as she talked about water and roads like an engineer, spoke about the future like a professional planner and addressed the needs of the residents of Phoenix like a mother or a compassionate friend.

Williams' style always has been to lead with her head and her heart — to listen first, then speak, and to prioritize solving problems over playing politics.

Williams is also the answer to a cool trivia question: No other person in the 140-year history of the city has been named mayor on three separate occasions. Williams was appointed as the city's interim mayor in 1994, 2011 and 2018. That makes her the city's 54th, 59th and 61st mayors.

### She made progress, without the ego

Of course, Williams has always been about far more than titles. During her time in office, she tackled and effectively moved the needle on big issues like the expansion of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, the planning and construction of light rail, preserving water resources and ushering in hundreds of street and infrastructure projects.

While tension has long existed between "the great state of Maricopa" and other communities, Williams has always bridged the divide and focused on the far-reaching Arizona benefits of the Phoenix economic machine.

Away from her council service, she found ways to improve quality of life in the region by serving on the Phoenix Aviation Advisory Board, the city's Transit Commission and Planning and Zoning Committee, the Maricopa Association of Governments board, the Women in Local Government Association, the Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women and the Maricopa County Adult Probation advisory board.

She did so with good cheer and grace and without ego. I've never met anyone engaged in political life in Arizona with a bad word to say about Thelda Williams.

Her name is one every resident should know, because her career has touched virtually every resident of this city and state. Thelda Williams for decades has planted seeds of positive impact, from which millions of Arizonans will benefit for generations to come.

*Bryan Jeffries served as a Phoenix city council member in District 2 and Williams' co-chief of staff. A lifelong Arizonan, he is president of the Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona. Reach him at [bryj@icloud.com](mailto:bryj@icloud.com).*

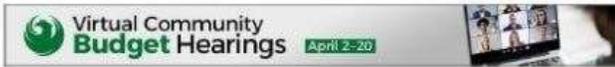
## FRIENDS OF TRANSIT PRESENTS VICE MAYOR THELDA WILLIAMS WITH FRIEND OF TRANSIT AWARD

On Friday Feb. 26, at the Friends of Transit's 19th Annual (Virtual) Conference, Vice Mayor Thelda Williams was presented with the organization's Friend of Transit Award. A \$500 donation to the charity of Vice Mayor Williams' choice - The Arizona Humane Society - was also made as part of the award.

For 19 years, Friends of Transit has presented its Friend of Transit Award to a Champion of Public Transit. The list of the prior 21 recipients is prestigious - the first Friend of Transit award went to the late Congressman Ed Pastor. Other recipients include Neil Giuliano, former Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, Congressman Greg Stanton, former Tempe Councilmember Shana Ellis, the Safe Place Program and 19 North to name just a few.

Like past honorees, Vice Mayor Williams has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life in the region by working to plan and build the Greater Phoenix transportation systems we enjoy today. She has served on numerous boards and commissions, including acting chair of the Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee and previously serving on the Phoenix Transit Commission. Vice Mayor Williams has logged hundreds of hours, over many years, to ensure a transportation system that will continue to grow to support the future of the Phoenix Metro Area. -- Founded in 2001, Friends of Transit's mission is to educate the public on the benefits and importance to the Greater Phoenix community of a well-designed and accessible mass transit system. Read more about Friends of Transit at [www.friendsoftransit.org](http://www.friendsoftransit.org).

## BUDGET AND RESEARCH



Date	Time	Type
April 2, 2021	8:30 a.m.	District 2
April 5, 2021	8:30 a.m.	District 6
April 5, 2021	5:30 p.m.	District 1
April 6, 2021	8:30 a.m.	Spanish, community-wide
April 6, 2021	5:30 p.m.	Youth
April 8, 2021	8:30 a.m.	District 3
April 8, 2021	5:30 p.m.	District 8
April 9, 2021	8:30 a.m.	Senior
April 10, 2021	10 a.m.	Spanish, community-wide
April 12, 2021	5:30 p.m.	District 5
April 14, 2021	5:30 p.m.	District 4
April 15, 2021	5:30 p.m.	District 5, bilingual
April 17, 2021	10 a.m.	Community-wide
April 20, 2021	5:30 p.m.	Community-wide

Community input is a valuable part of the annual budget process. In April, the city of Phoenix will be hosting several Virtual Community Budget Hearings online to gather feedback on the City Manager's Trial Budget which will be presented to City Council on March 16.

- Email [Budget.Research@Phoenix.gov](mailto:Budget.Research@Phoenix.gov).
- Call and leave a message at 602-262-4800.
- Provide your funding priorities using FundPHX.
- Follow #PhoenixBudget hashtag on social media.
- Watch videos of the meetings the next day online at [CityofPhoenixAZ.com](http://CityofPhoenixAZ.com).

## PHOENIX COVID-19 RESOURCES

We're in this together! Looking for help? Find information at Testing, Resources and Impacts and Phoenix Impacted City Services. Phoenix small businesses needing help can call the Phoenix Community and Economic Development hotline to speak to the Small Business Support team at 602-262-5040. You can also find information at [www.Phoenix.gov/SmallBusiness](http://www.Phoenix.gov/SmallBusiness) the new Small Business COVID Support website.

Additional City of Phoenix resources information can be found by visiting [www.Phoenix.gov/resources](http://www.Phoenix.gov/resources)

Residents in need of emergency assistance can contact any of the participating agencies listed in the Phoenix CARES Act (PDF).

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofphoenixaz>

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on [www.phoenix.gov](http://www.phoenix.gov) and [facebook.com/cityofphoenix](https://www.facebook.com/cityofphoenix).

Past City Council meetings are posted to YouTube at

<http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz>

Phoenix makes it easier to participate in City Council Meetings The city of Phoenix has launched a new eComment System! This new system gives residents one more option to participate in City Council Meetings from a remote location.

By using eComments, residents can either register to speak during a meeting or just post a public comment online.

Start participating today by visiting

<https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings>.

Here is a quick step-by-step on how to participate in a meeting up to one hour before the start of a meeting:

1. Go to [phoenix.gov](http://phoenix.gov) and click on City Council Meetings
2. Find the meeting you want to participate in and click on the Comment icon for that meeting
3. Arrive at [phoenix.granicusideas.com](http://phoenix.granicusideas.com) and sign-in and review the agenda items
4. To speak at the meeting, click on Register to Speak on the agenda item(s) you want to speak on

5. On the day and time of the meeting, go to [phoenix.gov](http://phoenix.gov) and click on City Council Meetings

6. Open the agenda for the meeting and find the weblink at the top of the agenda (only persons that registered to speak will be called upon to speak during the meeting)

If you don't want to speak but just want to submit a comment on an item, follow steps 1 – 4, but click on the Comment icon instead of register to speak.

To view a demonstration video please visit <https://youtu.be/sDzB5kZd2x8>

Per the most recent federal guidelines, no residents will be allowed in the Council Chambers.

Questions? Want to participate by phone?

¿Necesita ayuda en español? 602-262-6001

**DISTRICT 2 NEWS**  
**Councilmember Jim Waring**  
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 602-262-7445

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

**DISTRICT 3 NEWS**  
 A Message from Phoenix City Councilwoman Debra Stark.

**District 3 Councilmember Debra Stark**

602-262-7441 [council.district.3@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.district.3@phoenix.gov)

Greetings and thank you, District 3 voters!

I am honored and humbled to be re-elected as your District 3 councilwoman! I hope I can continue to serve the district and City in a thoughtful manner. There is so much work to do to ensure Phoenix thrives into the future. I am committed to supporting our small businesses that make Phoenix special, continuing efforts to protect our water supply, improving safety on our streets for pedestrians and vehicles, encouraging economic development and job growth, addressing homelessness, ensuring good response times and protection for all, and helping our neighborhoods thrive.

I have spent my life in public service, and I am thrilled to be re-elected by the voters to continue to represent them. Let us continue the good work we started together!

Election results: [phoenix.gov/results](http://phoenix.gov/results)

We are excited to be able to share a newsletter with you again, as our office was not able to distribute one during the election period. In this newsletter you will find the latest news, announcements, and event details that I want to share with you:

- park amenities reopening
- virtual community budget hearings
- emergency rental and utility assistance
- city's investment toward comprehensive roadway safety
- and much more!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with questions, comments or concerns at (602) 262-7441 or [council.district.3@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.district.3@phoenix.gov).

To open the newsletter, click [HERE](#).

Respectfully,

Debra Stark

# CITYWIDE PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL



Detective Brian Kornegay

## Monthly Citywide PNP Meetings

For the foreseeable future we will continue to meet virtually and will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month from 6pm to 8pm. I am making a new reoccurring meeting in Webex for the upcoming year, so it will be the same meeting number each time.

If at some point, we are given the ok to meet in-person again, I plan on continuing to offer the virtual platform for people who want to join that way.

The next meeting is April 20, 2021 from 6pm to 8pm. Login details will be e-mailed out.

## PNP Basic Classes for 2021

The 2021 flyers are on the webpages, [phoenix.gov/police](http://phoenix.gov/police) and [pnpmembers.com](http://pnpmembers.com). If you manage your own web page, please update them with this info.

The classes will continue to be virtual for the foreseeable future, and we will continue with the 2-day 2-hours each day format. The dates are as follows:

May 19 & 20  
July 21 & 22  
September 22 & 23  
November 17 & 18

Anyone wishing to attend must register at [pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov](mailto:pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov) to receive the login information and other needed documents.

## Updates on [Volunteer.phoenix.gov](http://Volunteer.phoenix.gov)

### PNP Log Sheet Entry Problems Have Been **FIXED!**

The old log sheet was not compatible with the updated program, so we built a new one that is. The new log sheet has been uploaded and has replaced the old log sheet. You access it the same way. It actually looks similar to the old sheet but with a few new fields. Please log in and catch up on your log sheets.

I uploaded a new video to the PNP YouTube channel, it explains the new log sheet and the couple of changes you need to be aware of. The changes are minor and should be self-explanatory, but the video is available just in case. A link to the video has already been placed on PNPMember.com and at the bottom of this email for your convenience.

### Overview of the changes

- There is now a single Date field instead of a start date and end date.
  - If entering a log sheet for a span of time use the start date of the span of time. Explain the time span in Notes area

- There is now a single "Hours" field instead of separate Patrol Hours & Admin Hours fields.
- There is now a "Type of Hours" field where you select either "Patrol Time" or "Admin Time" to designate what type of time this is
  - It defaults to "Patrol Time" but to change to "Admin Time", click the drop-down and selecting "Admin Time" from the list
- Notes field, for time span log sheets please put a simple description of the time in the "Notes" field. i.e. "for the month of March" "Week of March 22" etc.

I will have to re-do some of the other videos too since they have references to the old log sheets and the system prior to the latest updates.

**Thanks for your patience on this**, please let me know if you have any issues with it.

Links:

[Volunteer.phoenix.gov](http://Volunteer.phoenix.gov)

[PNPMembers.com](http://PNPMembers.com)

[New Log Sheet Video](#)

[PNP YouTube Channel-Members Playlist](#)

Brian Kornegay #5132, Detective, Phoenix Police Department Community Relations Bureau, Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol, Criminal Nuisance Abatement, & Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Coordinator.

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***"Policing with a Purpose"***

## Block Watch and Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol TRAINING

### Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol / Block Watch 4 hour Training

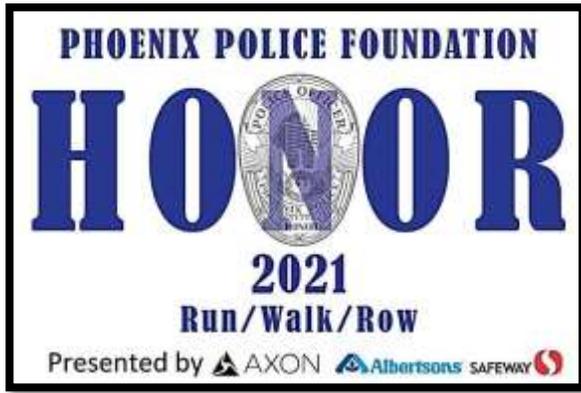
- Helps neighbors to be better eyes and ears for the Phoenix Police Department.
- Know when to call 911 or Crime Stop [602 262 6151](tel:6022626151)
- Understand the process of why the operator asks the questions and what information to be prepared with.
- Be an observer without being confrontational.

**NEXT TRAINING CLASS:  
May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

### ***PNP PATROL OPPORTUNITY!***

**First Friday's Art Walk PNP Patrols have been suspended until further notice...**

Rick Sain at [ussyorktown25@hotmail.com](mailto:ussyorktown25@hotmail.com) or at 602-799-0143



**EVENTS**

**5K Run / Walk**

**\$40** Registration ends April 16, 2021 at 5:00pm MST

**1 Mile Run / Walk**

**\$40** Registration ends April 16, 2021 at 5:00pm MST

**5000M Row**

**\$40** Registration ends April 16, 2021 at 5:00pm MST

**RACE WEBSITE**

Additional race information can be found at <https://www.phoenixhonorrn.org/>.

**PLACE**

You Pick the Place  
Phoenix, AZ US 85003

**DESCRIPTION**

This is your chance to show your support for the Phoenix Police Department's dedicated officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Show your gratitude for those who protect and serve our city and register today!

The 2021 Phoenix Police Foundation Honor Run/Walk/Row will honor the forty Phoenix Police Officers lost in the line of duty. You can complete your 5K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Walk, or 5000M Row at any location and any pace between Friday, April 16th, and Sunday, April 25th.

We offer this suggestion when planning your Run/Walk route. Each Phoenix fallen officer has a **Memorial Marker** in the area close to where the incident occurred. We encourage you to map a run/walk route that will take you by a memorial marker. While there, honor the fallen by taking a photo and sharing it in this site's photo section. A link to a map of the forty locations is posted below. The cost is \$40, and everyone who registers will be mailed an Honor Run shirt.

**Purpose of the Event:**

1) The Honor Run/Walk/Run is a fund-raiser for the Phoenix Police Foundation and a **Fun or Competitive** 5-mile run/walk, 1 Mile Walk, or 5000M Row experience for all participants. To learn about the important work of the Foundation, visit here::

**Phoenix Police Foundation**

2) A portion of the proceeds of this year's Honor Run will allow the Phoenix Police Foundation to fund a memorial wall in Phoenix Police Headquarters' lobby.

3) Awareness vehicle for the work of the Phoenix Police Foundation.

**Location:**

You can run/walk/row when you want and where you want between April 16th - April. 25th. We recommend you map your run/walk route by a **Memorial Marker**.

**Become a Sponsor:**

Contact: Phoenix Police Foundation - 602-500-4117 or ContactPPF@PhxPoliceFoundation.org for available sponsor levels.

**Groups/Teams:**

Create your own group or team to show your support. During registration, you can create or join a team.

**Become a Fundraiser:**

Enlist five participants, and your entry fee will be waived. Enroll as a fundraiser during registration.

**Questions:**

Contact: Phoenix Police Foundation - 602-500-4117 or ContactPPF@PhxPoliceFoundation.org

**Our Mission:**

The Phoenix Police Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that addresses the unmet capital needs of the City of Phoenix Police Department, provides financial assistance in crisis situations, and recognizes those who protect our communities. Fund, Assist, Honor.

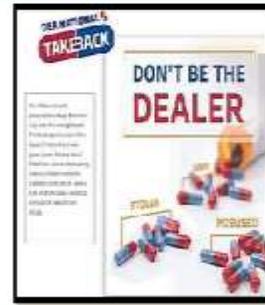


**IMPORTANT  
CITY-WIDE EVENT**



**2021 DEA PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24<sup>th</sup> 10am - 2pm**



**Locations:**

- 200 **Black Mountain substation** - 302 E. Union Hills Dr. Phoenix, AZ 85024  
**Walgreens** - 28660 N. Tatum Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85331
- 400 **Walgreens** - 3434 W. Southern Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85041  
**Walgreens** - 3945 E. Southern Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85040
- 500 **Central City Precinct** - 1902 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St. Phoenix, AZ 85034
- 600 **Desert Horizon substation** - 750 W. Peoria Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85029  
**Walgreens** - 10865 N. Tatum Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85028
- 700 **Mountain View Precinct** - 2075 E. Maryland Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85016  
**Walgreens** - 3402 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85012
- 800 **Marvale Precinct** - 6180 W. Encanto Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85033  
**Walgreens** - 10710 W. McDowell Rd. Avondale, AZ 85392
- 900 **Cactus Park substation** - 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85027  
**Walgreens** - 4249 W. Glendale Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85051



# MARCH 10, 2021

## Black Mountain Community Alliance & BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT ZOOM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

with 42 in attendance!

ZOOM Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm by BMCA  
Chairperson Candice Fremouw



Vice-Chair Goldie Cohen and Secretary Laura Robins are up for re-election and have both agreed to another 2 year term. All were in favor.

### COUNCIL DISTRICT NEWS:



District 1 Councilwomen Elect Ann O'Brien thanked us for having her.  
District 3 Chief of Staff Rose Ferguson mentioned the upcoming Virtual Budget Hearings, Covid Rent Assistance and the Covid Testing Van Schedule.

### Black Mountain Precinct Updates by Cmdr. Darren Viner:



Cmdr. Darren Viner and Lt. Brian Rimsza

Cmdr. Viner said that there are no in person meetings or events yet. He gave us the current crime stats in Black Mountain Precinct. The ongoing Thursday Enforcement has been successful.

### PRESENTATION:

#### BUS TRANSIT ENFORCEMENT UNIT with Lt. Mark Schweikert



An excellent presentation on bus stop safety.  
Frosty K. shared her article in The Tattler about this presentation:

BUS TRANSIT ENFORCEMENT: THE SPECIAL POLICE UNIT IS BACK by Frosty Kroening Lt. Mark Schweikert of the Bus Transit Enforcement Team at the Phoenix Police Department spoke at the March 10 Black Mountain Community Alliance zoom meeting. He reported that during the "year of Covid" and election demonstrations, the team was redeployed to take care of other police duties. But, now they are back policing buses and light rail and the bus stops and light rail stations. Some buses now will have protective barriers put in place to protect drivers from riders' abusive actions, including having items thrown at them. People need to take transit to work, so it is important to provide safe and clean transit experiences. Neighborhood group representatives pointed out problems around QT gas and food centers along the I-17 corridor. Food apparently is less expensive there for people and the QT company provides bathrooms for the public. QT's management has been cooperating with police and now will commission a new security unit of employees to help patrol their stores. And, the company also has dismantled its outside electrical outlets so people cannot charge their phones at the store. QT wants to be a good neighbor in communities. Other neighbors of Circle K stores are hoping that company will join this effort. Some convenience stores have pony walls that provide cover for homeless people's encampments. Solutions for this issue will be addressed. Citizens are urged to call Lt. Brian Rimsza at (602)495-5032 if we see overloaded trash cans or dirty or damaged bus stops or light rail stations. The City has cleanup crews who will go out and service these areas. Some bus stops are having chairs placed at safe distances from each other rather than using benches. This is more expensive than benches, but keeps people from sleeping on benches. If areas in back of and near bus stops are filled with trash, the property owner is called to clean up. Police are constantly challenged with keeping public transit functions clean and safe. The City upgrades lighting to LED brightness where appropriate. It is good to know that Phoenix has identified these needs and has assigned officers and cleaners to keep buses, bus stops, and light rail cars and stations safe and clean. We applaud the men and women who are our first responders. For homeless people, bus and light rail shelters may feel like safety and home. But, the police have information about how to access other city services that will not only provide true shelter but also food and jobs and health care. The City of Phoenix is trying really hard to address the needs of the people. The next BMCA meeting will be April 14th at 6:30 on zoom. Use [www.bmcainfo.com](http://www.bmcainfo.com) to find the informative newsletter and the zoom meeting information.

**BMCA IS OFFERING ZOOM MEETING HOSTING  
for Block Watch Groups**

Call 480-467-7399 or e-mail [info@bmcainfo.com](mailto:info@bmcainfo.com)

# MARCH 5, 2021

**Black Mountain Community Alliance  
at an in-person meeting with  
the PALM LAKES BLOCK WATCH!**



“It went really well. I gave away some of the new BMCA masks, a couple of PNP masks, our insulated bags, several PNP hand sanitizers, 200 BW window signs and stacks of all three brochures.” -Candice Fremouw



We have all missed the cookies!

# MARCH 13, 2021

**Black Mountain Community Alliance  
CP & S Item and Information  
DRIVE-THRU PICK-UP EVENT  
in the North Parking Lot of the DVCC**



Bud & Deb's adorable grandson, Brock

Sign the Petition! Open the Community Centers!

Candice, Monte, Goldie, Laura, Bud and Deb passed out Crime Prevention & Safety Items, Block Watch Window Signs and Brochures to several Block Watch Groups.



Colleen Miller from Premier at Summer Breeze BW and Goldie



*Allister Adel*  
Allister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney

## Maricopa County Attorney's Office 2020 Annual Report

It's no understatement that the Maricopa County Attorney's Office is busy. While many may focus on the work that takes place in the courtroom, our office is involved in so much more. With more than 900 employees spread out over 11 divisions and 8 geographically structured community bureaus, there is extensive work that takes place behind the scenes. As a public agency we want to make sure residents of Maricopa County know about our programs, projects and accomplishments.

Last year, our employees went above and beyond in making sure our office fulfilled its role within the criminal justice system. Our 2020 annual report showcases just that. They developed innovative solutions to protect and support victims of crime, improved office processes to better serve our communities, helped transition our workplace to a virtual one and much more. They accomplished this all while making sure we were doing our part to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. We are especially proud of their work in what was an unprecedented year.

We look forward to continuing to support communities and keeping families safe this year.

Download a Copy Here: [2020 Annual Report](#)

## Looking to Work from Home? A Summer Job? Know What to Look for to Avoid a Scam



Almost a year after the COVID-19 pandemic completely uprooted our day-to-day life and economy, many Americans are still looking for work. In addition to those that are unemployed, high school and college students are now planning for the summer and figuring out what job opportunities are available for them. Like always, where there is vulnerability there are scammers. Those desperately looking for work and students with limited job experience might fall victim to someone promising a great opportunity or an easy way to make money. According to the Better Business Bureau, reports of employment scams, especially work from home scams, grew last year and are expected to spike this year. Scammers use the same online platforms that legitimate employers do, they might have a logo and a website but, at the end of the day they are after your money or personal information. Luckily, there are trends and patterns you can look out for to prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

In a common employment scam, you interview for a job virtually and are offered the job in a short amount of time. You are then connected to a human resources representative that asks for personal and financial information such as your driver's license, social security, bank account number etc. to "set up your file" or "verify your identity". When you try to get in touch with them, you'll find the phone number is no longer in service and the website is gone.

In another example, scammers will send you a check with instructions to deposit it. After you do they will claim to have overpaid the employee and ask to send a certain amount back via wire transfer or gift cards. After the money is received and the initial check doesn't clear, the scammer will stop responding to all communication.

You see an ad saying you can earn a lot of money quickly and easily. You reach out and they begin by putting you through their "training program" or granting you "special access" to information, all for a fee. You get pressured into paying for more services and "certifications" but in the end you won't get anything in return and you'll be out of money.

Before you reach out about any job opportunity, consider doing the following to make sure you're dealing with a legitimate employer.

- Research the company and position that is being advertised. A quick way to know if the job posting is a scam is to research the name of the company with the word "scam", "complaint" or "lawsuit" next to it. You can also search the company on Better Business Bureau website for more insights.
- If the company or business requires a license or registration to operate, check online to see if they have one or call the agencies that provides the license or registration for verification.
- Look through the company's entire website. If it has suspicious language, broken links, blank pages, stock photos, and lacks contact information or a privacy policy, it's most likely a scam. You can also check to see when the website domain was created, if it was created recently or if it's set to expire soon it may be a scam.
- Likewise, review the company's address, phone number and email address. It's surprisingly easy to falsify this information. If you can, visit the company's physical address and search for the phone number and email address online to see if it's used anywhere else.

Getting a job can make a real difference in someone's life. The best way to ensure you are landing a good opportunity is to make smart decisions and not let the excitement distract you from warning signs and red flags that your personal or financial information is at risk.

Help stop scammers and prevent others from falling for their tricks by reporting any scam you come across to the FTC at [ReportFraud.FTC.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/ReportFraud). This information is shared with more than 3,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies across the country helping to fight fraud.

To see what scams are occurring in your community visit, [BBB.org/ScamTracker](https://www.bbb.org/ScamTracker)

To learn more about scams, fraud and identity theft visit, [MaricopaCountyAttorney.org/ScamsAndFraud](https://www.maricopacountyattorney.org/ScamsAndFraud)





## Maricopa County Expands Rent and Utility Assistance

With the CDC eviction moratorium set to expire at the end of the month, Maricopa County is providing a new way for individuals and families to get help with rent or utility payments. Today, the County began accepting applications for the federal Emergency Rental Assistance program. It's an effort supported by the Board of Supervisors with the goal of preventing evictions.

### [APPLY ONLINE](#)

"Over the past eight months, Maricopa County has provided an unprecedented amount of assistance to individuals and families struggling to pay their bills, an increase of more than tenfold what we can typically provide," said Bruce Liggett, Director of the Maricopa County Human Services Department. "But we understand the need for help in our community is still immense and housing stability is critically important. This new federal funding allows us to continue the important work of supporting families and keeping people in their homes."

### HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

As part of the COVID-19 relief package recently passed by Congress, Maricopa County received \$46.1 million through the federal Emergency Rental Assistance program (ERA). The money is intended to provide rental and utility assistance for people with the greatest need. The Board of Supervisors approved use of the funds last month, which will be administered through the Human Services Department, based on the most recent federal guidance updated on March 16, 2021.

Maricopa County will serve eligible county residents outside of the cities of Phoenix, Mesa, Glendale, Chandler, and Gilbert. Those five cities received direct federal funding and are operating their own programs. Maricopa County will serve all other cities, towns, and the unincorporated areas of the county.

Qualifying households may receive up to 15 months of assistance for rent and utilities. Per the federal guidelines, priority is given to households who have been unemployed for the past 90 days or for those at or below 50% of the County's median income, which is \$38,900 for a household of three.

### WHO QUALIFIES

To qualify, households must have an income at or below 80% of the County's median income, which is \$56,050 for a family of three. In addition, under ERA guidelines, one or more individuals in the household must:

1. Qualify for unemployment benefits **OR** have experienced reduced income or increased expenses due to COVID-19; **AND**
2. Demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability as evidenced by past due notices.

### HOW TO APPLY

Households can apply through Maricopa County (via the [website portal](#)).

The portal will provide people with a screening tool to determine potential eligibility, and a secure link to submit a complete application, including uploading required documents.

Maricopa County will process applications on a first come, first served basis. We anticipate significant demand will exceed available funding, and processing and applicant notifications may lag. We ask that applicants are patient during this time.

"We understand the urgency felt by many families and will work diligently to process applications as quickly as we can," said Liggett. "I am grateful to the Board of Supervisors for approving this funding for our community, and I'm so appreciative of the tremendous work done by our staff and Community Action Program partners in response to this crisis."

For detailed information on how to apply, visit [maricopa.gov/renthelp](http://maricopa.gov/renthelp).

### BACKGROUND

The Maricopa County Human Services Department has historically provided rent and utility assistance to low income households on a smaller scale, using multiple fund sources. Prior to the COVID-19 crisis, approximately 6,600 households received 10,000 months of combined utility and rent assistance from a budget of \$5 million annually.

Over the past 8 months, in response to the pandemic, the County has expanded that assistance greatly. The Department developed policy, modified automated systems, hired and trained staff, and provided over \$55 million in funding for 13,300 households and a total of nearly 45,000 combined months of assistance.

This effort was funded primarily through CARES Act dollars allocated by the Board of Supervisors. The County provided \$46.25 million in rental assistance and \$13 million in utility assistance between July 2020 and February 2021, largely through simplified eligibility and payment procedures for families impacted by COVID-19.

In addition to ERA funds, Maricopa County expects to receive an additional \$30 million from the recently passed American Recovery Act.

**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.

**JOIN  
BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE  
ON FACEBOOK**



**WHERE WE SHARE INFORMATION!**

## Arizonans can now renew driver licenses online

### Contactless option will allow older adults to make healthy choices

PHOENIX – Renewing a standard Arizona driver license and a commercial driver license can now be completed with a few clicks on a website.

As Governor Doug Ducey's Executive Order on [deferring standard driver license expiration dates](#) ends on Feb. 28, the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division is giving many Arizonans the ability to [renew their driver license](#) online. Previously, renewals could only be processed during an office visit.

"Most Arizonans with a standard driver license must renew their license when they turn 65 years of age and every five years thereafter," ADOT Director John Halikowski said. "During the pandemic, ADOT wants to continue Governor Ducey's efforts to help protect our most vulnerable and we're pleased to be able to offer a contactless renewal option so people can continue making healthy choices."

An in-office visit will be required to renew a standard Arizona driver license if an individual's photo of record was taken more than 12 years prior to renewal, but most Arizonans will be able to renew their driver license without visiting an MVD office. Driver license-holders can log-in to their account at [AZMVDNow.gov](#) to see their eligibility for online renewal.

To renew a CDL online at [AZMVDNow.gov](#), an individual's address must remain the same, a [valid primary document](#) is on file with MVD and their current credential must be in good standing. CDL holders with a hazmat endorsement will not be able to renew their license online.

This new, streamlined renewal option was made possible, in large part, when MVD implemented a state-of-the-art computer operating system last spring. That change replaced an obsolete system that contained elements that were older than 35 years and no longer sustainable. The new system has made it possible for MVD to offer customers the ability to complete most services online at [AZMVDNow.gov](#), eliminating the need to visit an MVD office for many Arizonans.

"We've all seen a lot of change over the last year, but this is something new that everyone can embrace," MVD Director Eric Jorgensen said. "The website [AZMVDNow.gov](#) has added convenience for customers and made it easier for Arizonans to conduct their business with MVD. Adding driver license renewals to the long list of other services, like registration renewals, change of address and ordering a replacement license, will help keep Arizonans out of line and safely on the road."

When renewing online, an individual's official driver record will be updated with the new expiration date in the MVD system when the application and payment are submitted electronically.

When it comes time to renew a driver license, individuals can follow the below steps to renew online.

- Go to [AZMVDNow.gov](#) and sign-in to your account. If you need to activate your account – everyone with an Arizona driver license has an account – follow those steps.
- After logging in, select "Renew Now" in the "My Credential" section and follow the instructions.

Allow about 15 days for processing and mail delivery of your new driver license.

## ADOT's dust detection system named as a 'Gamechanger'

### System receives more national recognition for innovation, safety focus

The first-of-its-kind dust detection and warning system installed by the Arizona Department of Transportation has been named one of the "Infrastructure Gamechangers" by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

The detection system, which was completed by ADOT on a 10-mile stretch of Interstate 10 between Phoenix and Tucson in 2020, is among only four highway-related projects recognized nationally this year by the ASCE. The organization recognizes groundbreaking projects that represent the latest advancements in the way engineers plan, build and adapt to infrastructure needs.



In announcing the national "Gamechangers," ASCE President Jean-Louis Briaud said, "With resources stretched thin, finding solutions that can make the most of the tools afforded us can driver safety, variable speed corridor, be a challenge, but is an essential component of improving the built environment. ADOT's dust-monitoring system will keep drivers safe and I-10 drivers moving efficiently. This project highlights the innovative nature of civil engineers, adapting to unique challenges to ensure our systems better serve the public."

ADOT State Engineer Dallas Hammit added, "This recognition by our engineering peers is gratifying because it acknowledges the tremendous innovation and creativity that has gone into developing a system that will greatly enhance safety for drivers travelling through what can sometimes be a very challenging environment."

Driving on Interstate 10 between Phoenix and Tucson during summer monsoon months can be hazardous when windblown dust reduces visibility, causing dangerous driving conditions. This technology has created an unprecedented innovation that helps increase driver safety.

"Safety is our first priority and this first-of-its-kind technology answers a real need to make a very busy portion of highway much safer for motorists. It has already proven its effectiveness in recent dust storm events," said Brent Cain, the director of ADOT's Transportation Systems Management and Operations Division "Being chosen as an ASCE Gamechanger is a great honor."

Drivers passing through the detection and warning zone encounter signs saying "Caution: Variable Speed Limit Corridor." Soon after, a series of programmable speed limit signs every 1,000 feet can change the legal speed limit from 75 mph to as low as 35 mph. Additional variable speed limit signs are placed every 2 miles.

Overhead electronic message boards in and near the corridor alert drivers to blowing dust and warn them to slow down. Speed feedback signs inform drivers of their actual speeds.

Thirteen visibility sensors mounted on posts along the freeway use light beams to determine the density of dust particles in the air. Once visibility drops to certain levels, the system activates overhead message boards and the variable speed limit signs.

The sensors are complemented by a weather radar on a 20-foot tower at I-10 and State Route 87. It can detect storms more than 40 miles away, providing additional warning of incoming storms to ADOT and forecasters at the National Weather Service.

This technology is monitored by ADOT's Traffic Operations Center in Phoenix, where staff can see real-time information on conditions such as the speed and flow of traffic. Closed-circuit cameras provide visual confirmation of conditions along the roadway and in the distance.

For additional information on dust storms and safety: [PullAsideStayAlive.org](#)



## Taxpayers with Limited Income May Be Eligible for State Tax Credits

Arizona provides tax credits to taxpayers whose income is below a certain threshold and who are not required to file an individual income tax return. Individuals may be eligible for state tax benefits by submitting two forms available through the Arizona Department of Revenue - Form 140PTC Property Tax Refund Claim or Form 140ET Credit for Increased Excise Taxes.

These credits aim to provide low-income individuals and seniors with financial assistance in the form of tax relief.

- Form 140PTC is used by qualified seniors to claim a refundable income tax credit for taxes paid on property located in Arizona that is either owned by or rented by the taxpayer. Additionally, taxpayers under age 65 who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) can file Form 140PTC. Form 140PTC provides a tax credit of up to \$502. To claim a property tax credit, you must file your claim or extension request by April 15, 2021. An extension will give you until October 15, 2021 to file the claim for this credit.
- Form 140ET is used by individuals not required to file an Arizona individual income tax return but qualify to claim the refundable excise tax credit. The increased excise tax credit allows a credit of \$25 per individual with a maximum credit of \$100 per household.

Individuals not filing an income tax return **and** claiming both credits only need to complete Form 140PTC. However, individuals not submitting a tax return and not claiming the property tax credit **must** complete Form 140ET to claim the credit for increased excise taxes. Taxpayers who do not file an income tax return cannot electronically file Form 140PTC or Form 140ET and must mail these forms to the department using the address provided on the form.

To determine eligibility for either Form 140PTC or Form 140ET, see form instructions at [www.azdor.gov/Forms/Individual](http://www.azdor.gov/Forms/Individual).

Taxpayers should remember to not staple any documents, schedules, or payments to the return. Additionally, check for math errors and sign the return.

## 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.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ> [www.givesmartaz.org](http://www.givesmartaz.org)

## 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](mailto:info@bmcainfo.com)

**LIST YOUR BLOCK WATCH AND INFO HERE...  
ALL MEETINGS EXCEPT ZOOM MEETINGS HAVE BEEN  
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**ANTHEM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** for info call 623-533-2226 or e-mail Chairman Teresa Pierson at [anwchairman@gmail.com](mailto:anwchairman@gmail.com) [www.OnlineAtAnthem.com](http://www.OnlineAtAnthem.com)

**ARROYO GRANDE-ANTHEM BLOCK WATCH** for info e-mail [loydnygaard@gmail.com](mailto:loydnygaard@gmail.com)

**BELCANTO BLOCK WATCH** [gloriapink12@gmail.com](mailto:gloriapink12@gmail.com)

**CACTUS SWEETWATER BLOCK WATCH** Coleen Hager [chagercpa@cox.net](mailto:chagercpa@cox.net), or [essmott@cox.net](mailto:essmott@cox.net)

**CAREFREE MANOR BLOCK WATCH** for info e-mail [carefreepnp@gmail.com](mailto:carefreepnp@gmail.com)

**CINNABAR BLOCK WATCH** for info call 623-869-8118 or e-mail [budpamdeb@yahoo.com](mailto:budpamdeb@yahoo.com)

**DEER VALLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH ORGANIZATION / PNP (DVPNBWO) ZOOM MEETINGS** with the BMCA at 6:30 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Check website for meeting link. 623-533-0847 / [dvpnbwo@aol.com](mailto:dvpnbwo@aol.com) [www.dvpnbwo.com](http://www.dvpnbwo.com)

**HILLCREST EAST BLOCK WATCH** [spring11@cox.net](mailto:spring11@cox.net)

**INVERNESS COMMUNITY WATCH PARTNERSHIP** [imcw85023@gmail.com](mailto:imcw85023@gmail.com)

**JOHN JACOBS BLOCK WATCH** Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the John Jacobs Elementary School cafeteria located at 14421 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85023. For info contact [jms85023@kyahoo.com](mailto:jms85023@kyahoo.com)

**MINI MOON II BLOCK WATCH** (in Moon Valley along Interlachen) Primary Contact: Myra Ridder [myraridder@cox.net](mailto:myraridder@cox.net) President/Chair: Ron Gundlach [ron@azfab.com](mailto:ron@azfab.com) Contact us for meeting info.

**MOON VALLEY BLOCK WATCH** For info contact: Blanche Lukes at 602-993-6736 or [moonvalleybw@cox.net](mailto:moonvalleybw@cox.net)

**MOON VALLEY GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH** ZOOM meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, May, September and November. The other months they are with the BMCA ZOOM Meetings. [mvgc@cox.net](mailto:mvgc@cox.net) Candice 602-402-7914

**MONTE CRISTO BLOCK WATCH** [LECADDSERVICES@Yahoo.com](mailto:LECADDSERVICES@Yahoo.com)

**NORTHTOWN COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH / PNP** FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS e-mail [nkcurtinaz@hotmail.com](mailto: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. 33<sup>rd</sup> Way. For info contact [sonjaron@cox.net](mailto:sonjaron@cox.net)

**RIDGE RUNNERS II PNP GROUP** Rosalie Murch, 623-206-9522 [rallengrino@cox.net](mailto:rallengrino@cox.net)

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

**VILLAGE MEADOWS BLOCK WATCH** for info call Debbie Delwiche 602-942-7550 or e-mail [mrs427ford@aol.com](mailto:mrs427ford@aol.com)

# CRIME TIPS:

## DEBT RELIEF SCAMS CAN MAKE A BAD PROBLEM WORSE

When debt seems like a hole you'll never climb out of, an offer promising to settle your liabilities for pennies on the dollar can be tempting. But proceed with care: Some debt relief offers will line a scammer's pockets while digging you a deeper financial hole.

### HOW IT WORKS:

Scam debt relief offers promise "guarantees" to get you out of debt quickly and cleanly.

They ask you to pay advance and ongoing fees for the "services" they provide.

They offer to enroll you in a debt relief program without reviewing your financial situation with you.

They might tell you to stop paying your creditors.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

There simply is no guarantee that any debt relief program will get you out of debt or stop collection calls or lawsuits. Anyone promising this is lying to you.

There is no way a debt relief plan can work for you if it isn't based on your specific financial situation. Offers to enroll you without that review are bogus.

It's illegal for debt relief companies to seek upfront payment before they provide services to you. Walk away when you learn about upfront fees.

In a scam scenario, you might be led to believe fees you are paying to the debt relief company are going to your creditors. If you follow their guidance to stop paying your creditors, you could end up being sued by them.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Check with your state attorney general and consumer protection agency before working with a debt relief service to see if it has been the subject of complaints.

Consider negotiating with creditors directly or connect with a debt counselor through a nonprofit credit counseling organization, such as the National Foundation for Credit Counseling ([www.nfcc.org](http://www.nfcc.org)).

Report any debt relief scams to the Federal Trade Commission by calling 1-800-382-4357 or going online to [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov).

## FIRST CAME PHISHING, NOW THERE'S ... SMISHING

Most of us have heard of the term "phishing." But did you know that phishing done by SMS (that stands for Short Message Service) text message has its own name? That's right, it's called "smishing." (Get it? SMS + phishing?) And just like other types of phishing, smishing relies on the senders pretending to be someone they are not in hopes of getting ahold of your money or personal information.

### HOW IT WORKS:

You receive a text message that appears to be from a government agency or a company you are otherwise familiar with.

The text asks for personal information, such as a Social Security number or an online account password.

It may direct you to click a link to resolve a problem or access a service — during the ongoing pandemic, it may relate to COVID-19 testing, vaccines or contact tracing.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Scammers use technology to make it appear that texts are coming from a particular number, like the IRS or Social Security Administration, or from a company you may do business with.

The message will relay seemingly urgent information that requires you to act right away — your benefits have been suspended, your account has been compromised, or you need to sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine, for example.

The message will include a link for you to click on to address the situation.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Develop a habit of pausing before clicking on texts. Surveys show we are more likely to read and react to a text message than an email, which is why scammers have flocked to smishing.

Don't click on links from suspicious texts; it may result in loading malicious software onto your device that will harvest your credentials, or sending you to a website that will do the same.

If you have reason to believe the text may be legitimate, reach out to the sender — the IRS, UPS, Amazon or whomever — at a number or web address you know to be legitimate.

## ARE YOU SURE THAT'S YOUR BANK REACHING OUT?

Here at the Fraud Watch Network, we're seeing a rise in scammers posing as banks or other financial institutions with the hope of stealing sensitive information — including your account information or Social Security number. These ploys occur by phone, email and text.

### HOW IT WORKS:

By phone, a call from someone claiming to be with your bank or other financial institution warns of suspicious account activity. They may even have some personal information, like the last four digits of your Social Security number.

By email, you receive a message that looks legitimate — complete with the bank's logo, directing you to click a link to take care of an urgent matter.

By text, a message seemingly from your bank urges you to click a link to address an issue.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Between social media and data breaches, there's enough information floating around to help a scammer craft a personalized message that seems entirely legitimate.

Scammers often use scare tactics to get us to react emotionally — like claiming they have detected fraud on our account — making it difficult to access our logical thinking processes.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Greet any message from your bank with caution — ask yourself, "Would my bank really text me?"

If you do get an email, a text or a phone call claiming to be from your bank, don't interact. Look at an account statement or the back of your credit or debit card for a number you can call to determine if the bank is trying to reach you.

If you, like so many others, are now banking online, protect your accounts by using unique passwords, opting for your bank's app if available for added security, and enabling two-factor authentication — the bank will send you a one-time code when logging in to ensure it's you accessing the account.

When it comes to fraud, vigilance is our number one weapon. You have the power to protect yourself and your loved ones from scams. Please share this alert with friends and family and visit the Fraud Watch Network. To report a scam or for help if you or a loved one has fallen victim, contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 877-908-3360

Receive AARP Watchdog Mobile Alerts\* Text "FWN" to 50757 to sign up.



## **SCAM ALERT! DON'T BE FOOLED BY THIS AMAZON.COM e-MAIL!**

**{Action Required}: We are having difficulty processing your payment**

Amazon.

com (heayou45431@MRUSSOUNEINDF.COM)To:you  
(Bcc)

We are having difficulty processing your payment, so we are unable to proceed with your order (#D01-2402946-0358646).

Please go to the following page now to make sure that the payment information for this order is correct:

<https://www.amazon.com/digital/your-account/order-summary.html?orderId=D01-2402946-0358646>

After we receive a valid payment method, we will proceed with fulfilling your order.

If you have any questions, please go to <http://www.amazon.com/support> or contact our customer service by visiting the contact us page:

[https://www.amazon.com/help/customer/contact-us/ref=mail\\_conf\\_template\\_decline?ie=UTF8&initialIssue=asin-order](https://www.amazon.com/help/customer/contact-us/ref=mail_conf_template_decline?ie=UTF8&initialIssue=asin-order)

Please do not reply to this message.

Thank you for shopping at Amazon,  
[Amazon.com Customer Service](#)

## **"JUST IN CASE"**

**the unthinkable happens  
and your loved one is missing or lost!**

**Have all important updated identification information  
available at a moment's notice!**

### **FREE PERSONAL ID KITS for Children, Adults & Seniors!**

*Made possible by the Phoenix Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program*

The **Black Mountain Community Alliance** Board Members are trained and available to attend your Community Events with the EZ Child ID System. The PERSONAL ID KIT is for children and adults of all ages.



To schedule the BMCA to come and do PERSONAL ID KITS at your Event, please allow two months lead time and call **Candice Fremouw** at **480-467-7399** to check on the dates the BMCA has available. We will then e-mail you an EVENT APPLICATION FORM to fill out and return to us at [info@bmcainfo.com](mailto:info@bmcainfo.com)

***PERSONAL ID KITS have been put on hold due to COVID 19 and until the City reopens the Community Centers.***

**Call 480-467-7399 to make an appointment  
on our 2021 DATES**

**KEY FEATURES of the PERSONAL ID KIT:**

- The PERSONAL ID KIT includes contact information, digital fingerprints, photos & video interviews
- The EZ Child Computer System digitally scans all 10 fingerprints in a matter of seconds
- The EZ Child Computer creates Child, Adult and Senior ID reports along with two laminated ID Cards & CD-R
- The Child/ Adult/Senior CD contains photos, fingerprint images, videos and age-appropriate crime prevention information
- The Medical ID captures vital prescription drug information and phone numbers for doctors
- **NO DATA BASE! ALL FILES ARE PERMANENTLY DELETED AND FORMS SHREDDED AFTER EACH INDIVIDUAL SESSION SO THAT ONLY THE PARENTS, INDIVIDUALS, OR CAREGIVERS HAVE THE PERSONAL INFORMATION**

# City of Phoenix

## NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

General Information 602-534-4444



Neighborhood Specialists for the Black Mountain Precinct

Dist. 1: **RONNIE MC GUIRE** 602-262-1682  
[ronnie.mcquire@phoenix.gov](mailto:ronnie.mcquire@phoenix.gov)

Dist. 2: **E. MARI HERRERA-DANIELS** 602-261-8587  
[e.mari.herrera-daniels@phoenix.gov](mailto:e.mari.herrera-daniels@phoenix.gov)

Dist. 3: **KRISTA ROY** 602-495-0380  
[krista.roy@phoenix.gov](mailto: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.



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](http://www.phoenix.gov) website for info...  
STAY SAFE!**



Upcoming Landlord and Tenant Workshops  
Open to the public: Landlords, tenants, service providers and community members are all encouraged to attend the upcoming virtual workshops held by the Human Services Department. Learn about your rights as they pertain to Arizona Residential Landlord/Tenant Law. Each virtual workshop will offer a variety of topics designed to educate residents. At this time, all workshops are virtual and require registration.

- 5:30 to 7 p.m. April 15
- 5:30 to 7 p.m. July 15
- 5:30 to 7 p.m. Oct. 21

For more information about the Landlord and Tenant Program or to obtain forms please visit the website. To register for the upcoming workshops email [landlord.tenant.hsd@phoenix.gov](mailto:landlord.tenant.hsd@phoenix.gov) or call 602-262-7210.

# INFO OF THE MONTH

Share a tip, recipe, info or some humor, e-mail it to [info@bmcainfo.com](mailto:info@bmcainfo.com)

## GARDEN SNAKES CAN BE DANGEROUS...



Snakes also known as Garter Snakes (*Thamnophis sirtalis*) can be dangerous. Yes, grass snakes, not rattlesnakes. Here's why.

A couple in Sweetwater, Texas, had a lot of potted plants. During a recent cold spell, the wife was bringing a lot of them indoors to protect them from a possible freeze.

It turned out that a little green garden grass snake was hidden in one of the plants. When it had warmed up, it slithered out and the wife saw it go under the sofa.

She let out a very loud scream.

The husband (who was taking a shower) ran out into the living room naked to see what the problem was. She told him there was a snake under the sofa.

He got down on the floor on his hands and knees to look for it. About that time the family dog came and cold-nosed him on the behind. He thought the snake had bitten him, so he screamed and fell over on the floor.

His wife thought he had had a heart attack, so she covered him up, told him to lie still and called an ambulance.

The attendants rushed in, would not listen to his protests, loaded him on the stretcher, and started carrying him out.

About that time, the snake came out from under the sofa and the Emergency Medical Technician saw it and dropped his end of the stretcher. That's when the man broke his leg and why he is still in the hospital.

The wife still had the problem of the snake in the house, so she called on a neighbor who volunteered to capture the snake. He armed himself with a rolled-

up newspaper and began poking under the couch.. Soon he decided it was gone and told the woman, who sat down on the sofa in relief.

But while relaxing, her hand dangled in between the cushions, where she felt the snake wriggling around. She screamed and fainted, the snake rushed back under the sofa.

The neighbor man, seeing her lying there passed out, tried to use CPR to revive her.

The neighbor's wife, who had just returned from shopping at the grocery store, saw her husband's mouth on the woman's mouth and slammed her husband in the back of the head with a bag of canned goods, knocking him out and cutting his scalp to a point where it needed stitches.

The noise woke the woman from her dead faint and she saw her neighbor lying on the floor with his wife bending over him, so she assumed that the snake had bitten him. She went to the kitchen and got a small bottle of whiskey, and began pouring it down the man's throat.

By now, the police had arrived.

Breathe here...

They saw the unconscious man, smelled the whiskey, and assumed that a drunken fight had occurred. They were about to arrest them all, when the women tried to explain how it all happened over a little garden snake!

The police called an ambulance, which took away the neighbor and his sobbing wife.

Now, the little snake again crawled out from under the sofa and one of the policemen drew his gun and fired at it. He missed the snake and hit the leg of the end table. The table fell over, the lamp on it shattered and, as the bulb broke, it started a fire in the drapes.

The other policeman tried to beat out the flames, and fell through the window into the yard on top of the family dog who, startled, jumped out and raced into the street, where an oncoming car swerved to avoid it and smashed into the parked police car.

Meanwhile, neighbors saw the burning drapes and called in the fire department. The firemen had started raising the fire ladder when they were halfway down the street. The rising ladder tore out the overhead wires, put out the power, and disconnected the telephones in a ten-square city block area (but they did get the house fire out).

Time passed! Both men were discharged from the hospital, the house was repaired, the dog came home, the police acquired a new car and all was right with their world.

A while later they were watching TV and the weatherman announced a cold snap for that night.

The wife asked her husband if he thought they should bring in their plants for the night.

And that's when he shot her.





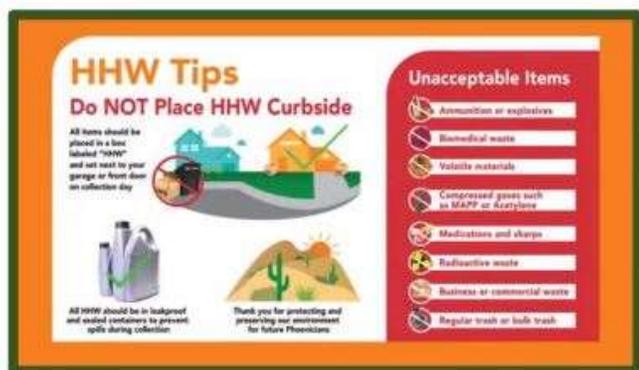
## FREE TAX PREPARATION

The City of Phoenix Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program has three alternatives for filing taxes for those meeting eligibility requirements. Residents can book a phone appointment with VITA, and a certified IRS tax volunteer will assist in preparing and e-filing taxes! To learn more visit Free Tax Prep. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, VITA has the following operations procedure:

- A phone call to confirm eligibility.
- Drop off of tax documents.
- Return and review: all taxpayers must be present to sign.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE HOME PICKUP PILOT PROGRAM

The Phoenix City Council recently approved the implementation of a 6- month pilot program that will allow Phoenix solid waste customers to schedule a home pickup of their household hazardous waste (HHW) materials. The HHW Home Pickup Pilot Program will be managed by the Public Works Department in partnership with Kary Environmental Services, a local company that offers professional collection and handling of hazardous waste materials.



## NORTH PHOENIX PARK RANGERS!



Ranger R. Patton, Ranger A. Gonzales and Ranger D. Olson, Urban Supervisor 602-665-2297

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

## PARKS & RECREATION UPDATE

### PARK AMENITIES NOW OPEN

The Phoenix City Council approved a plan during its recent meeting to begin reopening the city's outdoor recreational amenities, as well as procedures to resume athletic field reservations and local tournaments this month, and open select city pools this summer. The Council also approved Easter weekend restrictions for parks citywide.

Effective Wednesday, March 17, the process to reopen ramadas and picnic tables, basketball and volleyball courts, fitness equipment and sports complexes began in all city parks. All other park amenities have been open since Oct. 8, 2020, following a Council vote one day earlier, and all city parks, hiking trails and golf courses have maintained normal hours of operation throughout the pandemic. Use of some city park amenities has been restricted intermittently since a Council decision on April 2, 2020. Athletic field reservations and local tournaments at facilities managed by the city's Parks and Recreation Department will resume effective March 22. Reservations and tournaments at those facilities have been paused since Dec 3, 2020. Organizations and teams participating in activities on these fields will be required to follow various safety procedures; including having spectators, officials and coaches wear a mask or face covering; maintaining six feet between the field and spectators; and having an on-site contact to work with city staff.

The Parks and Recreation Department will open the following 12 city pools this summer: Cortez, Deer Valley, El Prado, Encanto, Falcon, Maryvale, Paradise Valley, Pecos, Perry, Starlight, Sunnyslope and University. Those pools will operate at a reduced capacity, have modified open swim and swimming lesson formats and staff will follow an enhanced cleaning protocol. Youth age 17 and younger will

receive free admission for open swim at all pools through the city's Kool Kids program. The pools will operate on the city's normal seasonal schedule and be open six days a week from May 29 to Aug. 1 (closed Fridays), and on Saturdays and Sundays only from Aug. 7 to Sept. 6. Swim and dive teams, the water basketball league, and other aquatics activities and special events will not be offered this summer. Additional details about the 2021 pool season, and information regarding registration for swimming lessons, will be available later this month.

During the Easter holiday weekend (April 3 - 4), all city parks and amenities will remain open, but parking lots will be closed (those with an accessibility placard will be allowed access). Additionally, grilling and large gatherings will be prohibited. Historically during Easter weekend, thousands of visitors gather in city parks. Being outdoors is important for health and wellness, and the Parks and Recreation Department encourages residents to get outside and exercise.

Community members using the city's outdoor recreational amenities should continue to follow these guidelines.

- Do not use public recreational amenities if you are exhibiting symptoms of illness.
  - Wear a mask or face covering.
  - Bring your own wipes and hand sanitizer.
  - Keep a safe distance of six feet or more from others.
- Detailed information about the city's outdoor recreational options and free virtual recreation and fitness programs is available at [Phoenix.gov/Parks](http://Phoenix.gov/Parks).

The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department is hosting virtual classes for all ages. They can visit the website [www.phoenix.gov/parks](http://www.phoenix.gov/parks) for more information about classes.



## DEER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER gets a new coat of paint!



## PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

These Workshops are hosted by the Phoenix Public Library in partnership with the Area Agency on Aging, Region One, and Social Security Administration, Arizona.

The two May events are in Spanish.

Registration is through the Library website at [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).

### Medicare 101: Navigating the Complexities (4:30-6 p.m.)

April 6th (English)

May 4th (**Spanish**)

June 1st (English)

### Social Security 101: Everything You Wanted to Know (4:30-6 p.m.)

April 13th (English)

May 11th (**Spanish**)

June 8th (English)

Leigh Brown

Law and Government Information Librarian II  
Adult Services, Customer Services and Information

Burton Barr Central Library  
Phoenix Public Library  
(602) 495-5052

## BMCA AND BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO **STARBUCKS**  
AT 19<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE & THUNDERBIRD  
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!



THANK YOU TO THE NORTH PHOENIX  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



# BMCA RESOURCE LIST

[www.bmcainfo.com](http://www.bmcainfo.com)

## ARIZONA ANGEL INITIATIVE

Help with substance abuse

[www.substanceabuse.az.gov/angelinitiative](http://www.substanceabuse.az.gov/angelinitiative)

**ARIZONA 211** Get connected/Get answers  
JUST DIAL 211 or 877-211-8661

[www.211arizona.org](http://www.211arizona.org)

## BOLOCOP

Register for Crime Alerts

[www.bolocop.com](http://www.bolocop.com)

## BLIGHT BUSTERS

Join the Blight Buster Program!

[www.phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/blight](http://www.phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/blight)

## CARING CIRCLES

Volunteer to help neighbors in need

[www.aaaphx.org](http://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](http://www.phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/emergency)

## FOLLOW POLICE CALLS ONLINE

See what's going on in your neighborhood

[www.radioreference.com](http://www.radioreference.com)

## HEADS UP!

TO KEEP PHOENIX ROADS SAFE!

[www.phoenix.gov/HeadsUp](http://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](http://www.IdentityTheft.gov)

## KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25

Post signs and stickers to slow traffic

[www.KeepKidsAliveDrive25.org](http://www.KeepKidsAliveDrive25.org)

## MY COMMUNITY MAP

Neighborhood map and information

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

## NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME STATS

[www.communitycrimemap.com](http://www.communitycrimemap.com)

or check out: [www.spotcrime.com](http://www.spotcrime.com)

## PHOENIX C.A.R.E.S.

Help the homeless!

[PHX At Your Service.](#)

## PHOENIX CITY CAM

View the city in all directions

[PHXCityCam](#)

## REVERSE 911

Community Emergency Notification System

<https://maricoparegion911.onthealert.com/Terms/Index/?ReturnUrl=%2f>

## SENIOR LOCK BOXES

In partnership with Phoenix Fire

[www.lockbox.shopkidde.com](http://www.lockbox.shopkidde.com)

## SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

In and around your neighborhood

[www.azdps.gov/services/public/sex-offender](http://www.azdps.gov/services/public/sex-offender)

[www.offenderwatch.com](http://www.offenderwatch.com)

[www.missingkids.org](http://www.missingkids.org)

[www.nsopw.gov](http://www.nsopw.gov)

## VIRTUAL BLOCK WATCH

Sign up now!

[Police Virtual Block Watch](#)

[www.phoenix.gov](http://www.phoenix.gov)

## WRIC WASHINGTON

FAMILY RESOURCE INFORMATION CENTER

[www.wesdschools.org/wric](http://www.wesdschools.org/wric)

# ZOOM / WebEx MEETING and EVENT CALENDAR

## APRIL 2021

Thursday, APR. 1<sup>st</sup> NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting  
6:00 pm - e-mail [Michael.noyd@phoenix.gov](mailto:Michael.noyd@phoenix.gov) for link info

Wednesday, APR. 7<sup>th</sup> BMCA BOARD MEETING  
6:30 pm - call 602-402-7914 for link info

Wednesday, APR. 14<sup>th</sup>  
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT MEETING  
6:30 pm - check the BMCA e-BULLETIN for the link info

Tuesday, APR. 20<sup>th</sup> PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING  
6:00 pm - e-mail [pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov](mailto:pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov) for link

Tuesday, APR. 27<sup>th</sup>  
PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
6:30 pm - link info on [www.phxblockwatch.org](http://www.phxblockwatch.org)

Wednesday, APR. 28<sup>th</sup> CPCA BW / CP PNP MEETING  
6:30 pm - for link go to <https://cpcaaz.org/events>

## MAY 2021

Wednesday, MAY 5<sup>th</sup> BMCA BOARD MEETING  
6:30 pm - call 602-402-7914 for link info

Thursday, MAY 6<sup>th</sup> NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting  
6:00 pm - e-mail [Michael.noyd@phoenix.gov](mailto:Michael.noyd@phoenix.gov) for link info

Wednesday, MAY 12<sup>th</sup>  
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT MEETING  
6:30 pm - check the BMCA e-BULLETIN for the link info

Tuesday, MAY 18<sup>th</sup> PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING  
6:00 pm - e-mail [pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov](mailto:pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov) for link

Wednesday & Thursday, MAY 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
CITYWIDE BW / PNP TRAINING  
5:00 – 7:00 pm both sessions. All classes are currently only being offered virtually using the WebEx platform. Attendees must pre-register at [pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov](mailto:pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov)

Tuesday, MAY 25<sup>th</sup>  
PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
6:30 pm - link info on [www.phxblockwatch.org](http://www.phxblockwatch.org)

Wednesday, MAY 26<sup>th</sup> CPCA BW / CP PNP MEETING  
6:30 pm - for link go to <https://cpcaaz.org/events>

**BMCA IS OFFERING  
ZOOM MEETING HOSTING  
for Block Watch Groups**

Call 480-467-7399 or e-mail [info@bmcainfo.com](mailto:info@bmcainfo.com)

## 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)**

## **WHEN YOU CALL 911 - KNOW THE 10 W'S**

*“Call if you can. Text if you can’t.” was the key message rolled out during a press conference on April 2nd as text to 9-1-1 service capability becomes available for the first time in the greater Phoenix region. If you are in imminent danger and unable to talk to a 9-1-1 operator, you now have the ability to text to 9-1-1. The service goes live following months of collaboration between numerous public agencies and advocates for the disability community.*

- **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.)

# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY Police/Fire	911
Police CRIME STOP	602-262-6151
Police General Information	602-262-7626
Black Mountain Police Precinct	602-495-5002
Mayor Kate Gallego	602-262-7111
D1 Vice Mayor Thelda Williams	602-262-7444
D 2 Councilmember Jim Waring	602-262-7445
D 3 Councilmember Deb Stark	602-262-7441
Abandoned Shopping Cart	602-CRT-PKUP
Abandoned Vehicle off street	602-534-4444
Abandoned Vehicle on street	602-262-6151
Alcoholics Anonymous	602-264-1341
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
Rabies/Animal Control	602-506-7387
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](http://www.theftaz.azag.gov)

BLACK MOUNTAIN PNP PATROLERS:

**REMINDER!**

**ONLINE REPORTING OF PNP HOURS**

[volunteer@phoenix.gov](mailto:volunteer@phoenix.gov)

### PNP online Patrol Log entry

To get a username and password email

[Brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov](mailto: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](mailto:info@bmcainfo.com)

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

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