

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.

NEXT BMCA & PNP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13th at 6:30pm

IN PERSON!!!

at the DEER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER 2001 W. Wahalla Ln., Phoenix, AZ 85027 UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT UPDATES by Commander Darren Viner



Meet with your AREA 21, 22, & 23 Community Action Officers during the Break Out!

PNP NEWS AND UPDATES

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

PRESENTATION:

NEW PHOENIX FIRE CHIEF MICHAEL DURAN

Crime Prevention Materials Distributed!

Refreshments

CONGRATULATIONS TO LT. BRIAN RIMSZA ON HIS PROMOTION TO ROBBERY!



BMCA THANKS HIM FOR ALL THE HELP AND SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY BASED POLICING!

WE WILL MISS HIM!









Wear BLUE on

the 6th day of each month to show support of

PHOENIX POLICE OFFICERS!

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

WE'VE GOT YOUR SIX!



Wear the "6" pin to show support for our police!

Available at our Coffee with Cops and the IN PERSON BMCA

General Meetings.







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

Phoenix Police Department Officer-Involved Shootings Information

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

www.phoenix.gov

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, Alwaya 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 Androd.

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.





ADD YOUR FEEDBACK TO THE DOJ INVESTIGATION!

Community members can provide feedback, give input, or ask questions by contacting the DOJ directly at 866-432-0335 or by emailing phoenix.community@usdoj.gov

Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain



Precinct **NEWS**





Black Mountain Precinct

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

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Good day Black Mountain Community Members. I would like to talk about the importance of mental health. For some of us our lives are not utopian where we live stress free and free from sorrow, pain, heartache, and loss. Mental health issues can develop for various reasons, either through genetics or traumatic events. Regardless of the cause, there are numerous resources that are available to whomever may need help.

Sometimes we can feel helpless when someone we know is having a mental health crisis. City of Phoenix is partnered with several locally owned mental health facilities throughout the valley. A list is provided at the end of this article for your convenience, they are there to not only help you with a crisis but can walk you through steps helping or getting assistance with a loved one. They are trained in aiding in behavioral health issues, addiction, crisis, and much more.

The Phoenix Police Department has implemented its own contribution to handling situations with individuals experiencing mental health issues and who may be in crisis. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) have developed partnerships with several community resources in the valley and are a vital resource to providing care to those who are experiencing an issue and following up with those who may have long standing issues. Additionally, there are several Patrol Officers who have taken the Crisis Intervention training course and can respond to initial calls for assistance and can reach out to the necessary resources.

When these situations occur, they can be confusing and can cause anxiety when people are searching for answers. Here are a few resources that you may find helpful during a difficult time for yourself and or a loved one. Take care of each other.

Resources:

Connections AZ Urgent Psychiatric Care 1201 S 7th Ave, Phoenix Arizona 602-416-7600

Recovery Innovations 11361 N 99th Ave, Peoria, Arizona 602-650-1212 CRISIS Line 800-631-1314 Suicide Hotline- 800-273-8255 www.suicidepreventiononline.org Cityofphoenix.gov

More information- www.mercymaricopa.org



CA Officer Thomas McKee #9214 at 602-495-5227 or 602-507-0241 thomas.mckee@phoenix.gov

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



BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER SQUAD:



21 Area North (Beat 214) (<u>W</u> 83rd Ave to <u>E</u> 7th Sttreet & <u>S</u> Dynamite Blvd. to <u>N</u> Mingus Rd.) 21 Area South (Beat 211) (W I-17 to E 7th St. & S SR101 to N Dynamite Blvd.)

CA Officer Jeffrey Blair #7966 at 602-495-5481 or 480-506-6993 jeffrey.blair@phoenix.gov



21 Area North/South (Beats 212 & 213)

(W 7th Street to E Scottsdale Rd. & SR101 to N Carefree Hwy..) CA Officer Jeremy Campbell #9021 at 602-495-5276 or 602-904-9983 jeremy.campbell@phoenix.gov



22 Area North (Beats 223 & 224) (<u>W</u> I-17 to <u>E</u> 7th/16th Sts. & <u>S</u> Bell Rd. to <u>N</u> SR101)

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



22 Area South (Beats 221 & 222)
(W I-17 to E 7th/16th Sts. & S T-Bird/Cactus Rd. to N Bell Rd.)
CA Officer Jon McQuillan #8926

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



23 Area North (Beats 233 & 234)

1/16th Sts. to <u>E</u> SR51 & <u>S</u> Bell Rd. to <u>N</u> SR101)

23 Area South (Beats 231 & 232) h/16th Sts. to <u>E</u> SR51 & <u>S</u> Cactus Rd. to <u>N</u> Bell Rd.)

CA Officer Thomas McKee #9214 at 602-495-5227 or 602-507-0241 thomas.mckee@phoenix.gov



Abatement Officer David Hurt #7109 & Liquor Licenses 602-495-5228 or 602-772-1246 david.hurt@phoenix.gov



Black Mountain Precinct CAO Sgt. Linda Miller 602-495-5112 or 602-904-9195 linda.m.miller@phoenix.gov

WELCOME NEW LT.!



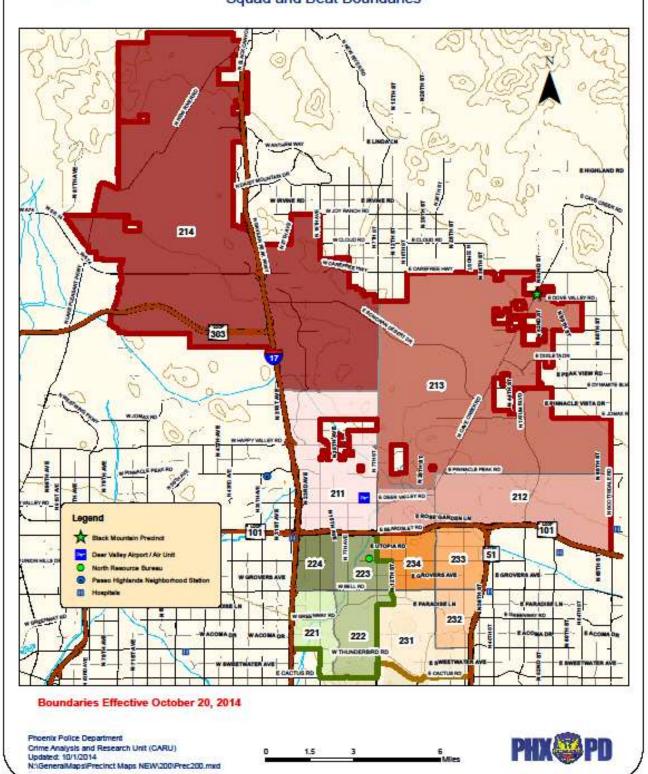
Black Mountain Precinct Community Programs Lt. Ben Sywarungsymun #7094 602-495-5016

ben.sywarungsymun@phoenix.gov



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





CITYWIDE PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL





Detective Brian Kornegay

Monthly Citywide PNP Meetings

We will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6pm to 8pm in 2022. The City still has restrictions on us hosting inperson meetings and classes, so we will continue to meet virtually but when those restrictions change, we will set up in-person meetings.

I will send an email later with the link to the online meeting.

PNP Basic classes

Below is the class schedule for 2022. Please share with anyone you know who might be interested. Anyone wishing to attend must register at pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov to receive the login information and other needed documents. So far, we have only scheduled online classes for 2022. The City still has restrictions on us hosting in-person meetings and classes, when that changes, we will get in-person classes set up and post those.

• 2022 Online PNP Class schedule

- Online classes so far are on Wednesday and Thursday nights 5pm to 7pm, both nights are required. We are unable to offer interpretation on this platform.
- O May 18 & 19
- o July 20 & 21
- O September 21 & 22
- November 16 & 17

PNP Hours for 2021

We are quickly approaching the end of 2021 (where did it go) please to a few minutes finish entering your December logs and make sure all of your hours are in for the year. I want everyone to get credit for the time they have worked.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate Change for 2022

The IRS has announced that the mileage reimbursement rate will change effective January 1, 2022 to 58.5 cents a mile. All PNP patrols prior to January 1, 2022 will still be reimbursed at the IRS rate at the time of the patrol, for all of 2021 it was 56 cents a mile. Remember the PNP mileage reimbursement is only available to groups that successfully applied for mileage reimbursement funds in a BW grant for their neighborhood and are subject to the NBWGP guidelines and requirements.

PNP merchandise order forms and cost updates:

As you are writing your grants, you might be budgeting for PNP equipment, like clothing, street signs and/or vehicle signs and are curious about expected prices for 2022. If any of you have bought groceries or filled up your gas tank you know there has been an increase in the cost of just about everything recently. I have reached out to our suppliers asking for their expected prices for 2022. So far, we have only received 2022 prices from the supplier of our magnetic vehicle signs. Our clothing supplier will not be able to give us a price list until later in November. Predicting the future is always difficult.

Brian Kornegay #5132, Detective,
Phoenix Police Department
Community Relations Bureau,
Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol,
Criminal Nuisance Abatement, & Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
Coordinator.
602-256-4303 Desk / 602-534-2346 Fax

"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
- > 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 18th & 19th

PNP GROUP PATROL

Contact Rick Sain at <u>ussyorktown25@hotmail.com</u> or at 602-799-0143

Just a reminder that the next First Friday will be on April 1st. We have a new meeting place, the address is 1202 N. 3rd St, next to the Phoenix Center for the Arts. It is a big parking lot and it does fill up fast. I am Changing the meeting and start time. We will start to meet at 6:00pm, and start our patrol at 6:30pm, and we will get done between 9:45pm-10pm.

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

PNP HONOR WALK 3/19/22



LuAnn, Brian, Lynn, AJ and Goldie

See more on page 11...



DISTRICT 1 NEWS

Councilwoman Ann O'Brien council.dlistrict.1@phoenix.gov

602-262-7444

District 1 Community Breakfast with Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

Next Dinner will be on Monday, April 25th at 5:30 pm at the <u>DoubleTree Hilton in MetroCenter (10220 N Metro Pkwy E,</u> Phoenix, AZ 85051) RSVP at council.district.1@phoenix.gov

Message from Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

We are ramping up for Budget Season!

SAVE THE DATE, please! Our District One Budget Hearing is April 15th at 8:30am. Our meeting will be held virtually, hopefully, this will make it more convenient for you all to participate. If you are unable to participate at this time, you can participate in another District's meeting or in a citywide meeting. More information will be shared regarding all the meeting dates and times.

And why should you participate? This is YOUR opportunity to convey to City Officials how you'd like to see the budget spent.

As we have seen the last two years, a minority of people call into these meetings to complain about our public safety and advocate for less and less of our budget be allocated to public safety. However, we know most of our constituents support our police and are proud to stand with our public safety officials. We NEED to hear that during our meetings!

We also need to hear from you about other programs which keep our neighborhoods safe, like the Gated Alley Program. If we want to help block more of our alley from being accessed by transients and people illegally dumping, then you need to call in to the meeting, and share your priorities with the City. As we get closer to the meeting date, I will be providing you with ways to sign up and ensure your voices are heard.

Speaking of ensuring our neighborhoods are safer, a brief update on drones for police. During last night's Council Meeting, the Council unanimously voted to approve a contract with a vendor to officially make the purchase for police drones! City staff is continuing to work with each council office to schedule community meetings to hold listening sessions the usage of police drones. To date, I've been to 9 community meetings and solicited feedback from just under 400 citizens. We will be holding another listening session and formal presentation from staff about drones at our Community Breakfast tomorrow.

Finally, I want to give a warm farewell to Lieutenant Brian Rimsza who will be leaving the Black Mountain Precinct and taking on a position in the Robbery Unit located at Police Headquarters Downtown. Lieutenant Rimsza was a familiar face to so many in the Black Mountain Precinct community and will be greatly missed. We also want to welcome Lieutenant Ben Sywarungsymun who will be taking over for Lieutenant Rimsza. We look forward to working closely with him!

All my best, Ann Councilwoman, District 1

PUBLIC MEETINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Online: Phoenix City Council Meetings

- · More Information about City Council Meetings
- · You can watch meetings on Phoenix Channel 11 and online at phoenix.gov/phxtv
- · Please visit our Public Records Search page for an official copy of
- · Subscribe to the City Council Meeting Materials List Serve
- 2021 Council Meeting Schedule: Calendar Format
- Map City of Phoenix Council Members and District Boundaries

Public Meeting Notices Online:

Public Meeting Notices This webpage includes notices of meetings of the City of Phoenix City Council, Council subcommittees, all city boards, commissions, and committees.

Interested in serving on Phoenix's **Boards and Commissions?**

District 1 is seeking community leaders interested in serving as the District's representative for various boards and commissions, such as the Village Planning Committee.

To start the application process, please visit the Boards and Commissions webpage





DISTRICT 2 NEWS Councilmember Jim Waring

council.district.2@phoenix.gov 602-262-7445

Twitter: JimWaring Facebook: facebook.com/waringjim



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

Join us for our District 3 Community Coffee Chat Wednesday, April 27th 8:30 - 9:30 am at North Mountain Park (Havasupai Ramada), 10600 N. 7th Our new Fire Chief Michael Duran will join us to talk about the Fire Department and his priorities. Please RSVP

BUDGET HEARINGS

It's almost April, which means it's almost Phoenix's budget season. Every year, the City of Phoenix undergoes a budget process to allocate the City's \$1.6 billion General Fund toward the city services, functions, and departments that keep our city running. This includes our Police, Fire, Parks, Streets, Libraries, Senior Centers, PHX CARES and so much more. The Phoenix City Charter requires a balanced budget each year.

In April, the City of Phoenix will host 11 Virtual Community Budget Hearings to gather feedback on the proposed FY22-23 Trial Budget. Community feedback is a vital part of the budget process and will be considered in the development of the City Manager's budget. We want to hear from you! What are the services and functions that you enjoy, that are vital, and you want to keep? What are areas that need increased funding? What are new programs and services the City should consider? Now is the time to advocate for those needs. The time limit for residents to speak is 2 minutes (4 minutes if Spanish translation is needed).

The District 3 Virtual Budget Hearing will be Thursday, April 7 at 8:30 a.m. via Webex. Please know that while each councilmember was able to select a district-specific date, residents are encouraged to attend any and all meetings they would like

A schedule of all Budget Hearings, along with information on how to access and register meeting speak. at https://www.phoenix.gov/budget/hearings.

Residents can also send their questions and comments to the Budget and Research Department by emailing budget.research@phoenix.gov or calling

Please share this information with your neighbors!

GENERAL LINKS + INFORMATION:

City Council Meetings [agendas, results, minutes + videos] – CLICK HERE

Watch City Council meetings live – CLICK HERE

Watch PHXTV (Live or On Demand) - CLICK HERE

Public Meeting Notices - CLICK HERE PHX City Calendar - CLICK HERE

Information by Mapped Address in Phoenix (IMAP) - CLICK HERE

Find out what Phoenix police precinct you live in – CLICK HERE

Phoenix seamless service directory - CLICK HERE

PHX At Your Service [service requests + reports] - CLICK HERE

Volunteer Phoenix opportunities - CLICK HERE

Register a neighborhood or business organization with the city - CLICK

Start a Block Watch in your neighborhood - CLICK HERE

Recommend a venue for a future District 3 event - LET US KNOW

If you own a business that is opening or expanding in #phxD3 - LET US

Invite #phxD3 to attend a meeting or event – LET US KNOW Have an event or news item that you'd like included in our newsletter? - LET

US KNOW

MARCH 9, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance & BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT IN PERSON MEETING HIGHLIGHTS!

AT THE PRECINCT with 57 in attendance!



Vice-Chair Goldie welcomes everyone!

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm



WOODEN FLAG presentation to the Precinct from BMCA Cmdr. Darren, Candice, Lt. Brian, Bud, Deb and Lt. Ben S...

TOUR OF THE PRECINCT:



Cmdr. Darren Viner led us through the building...











The Lock Up

Stan in "The Chair"











Memorial for Officer Generro New

PRESENTATION: with Melinda Cadena

ANGELS ON PATROL

Provides police officers a direct means of helping families in crisis with immediate assistance before they move on to their next urgent call. The most common situation officers request Angels on Patrol assistance are for families involved in domestic violence. SROs are also helped with Youth Enrichment. Angels on Patrol support all Police Departments, Troopers and Deputies in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area and hope to go statewide. Over 17,000 individuals have been served since 2009. The assistance can range from providing a new pair of shoes to sex trafficking victims and domestic violence survivors. This is the only non-profit offering support to on-duty officers going above and beyond the call.

DONATE: https://angelsonpatrol.org/donate Contact: Melinda@angelsonpatrol.org

BMCA BOARD ELECTIONS:





Candice was nominated for another two year term as Chairperson and accepted. Deb was nominated for another two year term as Treasurer and accepted. An invitation went out to everyone to attend a BMCA Board Meeting and perhaps become a Board Memberl

COUNCIL UPDATES:



District I Councilwoman Ann O'Brien talked about the Council approving \$516K to purchase 28 Drones for the Police. Please contact the Dist. 1 Office if there are any questions. The number attending Academy is up.

Construction is going on with the huge business complex north of the 303 and east of I-17.

PNP UPDATES:

Next PNP WebEx Meeting is on March 15th and PNP/BW Training is on March 16th & 17th, 5-7pm both nights

Black Mountain Precinct Updates by Cmdr. Darren Viner:





Cmdr. Darren Viner said there was a good meeting with Quik Trip Executives about the issues at 17th Avenue and Bell Road. All of the surrounding businesses have stepped up and have cleaned up the area. There are 111 officers working in the Precinct at this time which is down from 140 in 2020. Shortage of Police personnel is a nationwide problem.

Lt. Brian Rimsza has been promoted to the Robbery Division and will be leaving us on March 28th. Our best to him!

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- -Deb Delwiche announced that the next Bell Road Business Alliance Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 22nd at 11:00 am at Bell
- -Candice thanked KJ, Charley and Ahleeya for all they do for the
- -BMCA thanks Teresa Pierson and Scott Marks from Anthem for the delicious cake welcoming us back to IN PERSON Meetings!

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PREVENTION CRIME & **SAFETY ITEM DISTRIBUTION:**

Items were given out to everyone.



50/50 DRAWING:





Scott Marks won \$54.00!









Candice, Teresa, Scott and Ann

Charley, CAO Jon and Ahleeya



John McKee, CAO Thomas McKee and Pierce McKee



Cmdr. Darren Viner, CAO Jeremy Campbell, CAO Jeffrey Blair, Lt. Ben S..., CAO Thomas McKee, Ahleeya, CAO Jon McQuillan, Charley, CAO Tim Tewers and Lt. Brian Rimsza





Teresa Pierson and Jena Ingram

Goldie Cohen and Karin Lewis

It was so nice to see everyone in person!

FEBRUARY 28, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the DISTRICT 1 DINNER







And Derrik Rochwalik

Councilwoman Ann O'Brien CAO Jeffrey Blair, Lt. Brian Rimsza and Cmdr. Darren Viner







Laura Robins

Candice & Monte Fremouw



Jena Ingram and Tom Argiro





OAT Director Roger Smith

Cmdr. William Wickers





Lt. Mark Schweikert

Cmdr. Darren Viner

MARCH 19, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the HONOR RUN/WALK/ROW





Team PNP (Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol) participated in the Phoenix Police Foundation's, 2022 Honor Run/Walk/Row.

This year's Honor Run Participants get to choose their own route at any time between March 19 and March 26, 2022, to participate.

On March 19, 2022, several members of Team PNP met at 7th Street and Thunderbird Rd. Their route was from just north of Thunderbird Rd south to 7th Street and Peoria Ave, this approx. 2-mile route took them past 4 memorial markers for fallen Phoenix Police officers; Officer Patrick O. Briggs, Officer Beryl Wayne Scott Jr, Sergeant Danny L. Tunney, and Sergeant John Wayne Domblisky. That morning's participants were; Brian Kornegay, LuAnn Kornegay, Lynn Robbins, Douglas Robbins, A J Marsden, and Goldie Cohen, with Candice Fremouw driving the "Chase Vehicle." (Note Douglas Robbins started his run before the rest of us and missed out of being in any of the pictures).

Team PNP 2022 members are: Brian Kornegay, LuAnn Kornegay, Lynn Robbins, Douglas Robbins, A J Marsden, Goldie Cohen, Jena Ingram, Shannon Richmond and Rick Sain. Other members of Team PNP may have participated on their own route at their own time. We will ask for pictures later.

LuAnn and I are heading out to Marc Atkinsons marker in the morning, it is the 23rd anniversary of his death. -Brian



Brian, LuAnn, Lynn and AJ

MARCH 22, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the BELL ROAD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEETING at Bell Ford





BRBA Chair Jennifer and Mari

Cmdr. Darren Viner





Councilwoman Deb Stark

Councilwoman Ann O'Brien







New CP Lt. Ben S...

Shannon McBride



CAO Tim, Sgt. Linda, CAO Jon and CAO Thomas

MARCH 24, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance

at the BLACK MTN PRECINCT COFFEE WITH COPS

at CHOMPIES, 32nd Street & Cactus Road



Cmdr. Darren Viner and Councilman Jim Waring



Councilwoman Deb Stark, Amber, Jena Ingram and Councilwoman Ann O'Brien



BMCA presented Lt. Brian Rimsza with a Wooden Flag





CAOs Jon McQuillan and Thomas McKee



We luv Cmdr. Viner!





Tom Argiro, Megan Millage, Councilwoman Deb, Lt. Brian and Councilwoman Ann



New Community Programs Lt. Ben Sywarungsymun





Councilwoman Ann and Derrik immortalized on the wall!

MARCH 25, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the DISTRICT 1 BREAKFAST



A full house at Councilwoman Ann O'Brien's Community Breakfast Meeting at the Double Tree in Metro Center with interesting Info on the Budget, Drones and Precinct News.











Cmdr. Darren Viner Cmdr. William Wickers





Goldie, Bud, CAO Tim and Deb

MARCH 25, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the CINNABAR BW BBQ





Dist. 1 CofS Derrik, Laura, Candice & Deb

CAO Tim Tewers









Chef Bud





Delicious BBQ and Desserts!



MARCH 26, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the Black Mountain Precinct



Candice, Arianna, Bud and Deb took a trip up north to the Black Mountain Precinct Building to spruce up the Blue Ribbons to show our love and support for our Police!









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

MOVIES IN DEER VALLEY PARK!!! 6 – 9 pm

April 1st MOANA (change) May 6th SING 2 (change)

FREE!!! Bring friends, blanket and lawn chairs!
Free popcorn, lawn games & crafts.
Food trucks on site, too!

For more info call 602-495-3735

For more information, contact Deer Valley Community Center DIRECTOR Noreena M. Ortega Office: 602.495.3734
Email: noreena.ortega@phoenix.gov

In-Person and Virtual Recreation Programs

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department and its partners are offering a variety of in-person and virtual programs, classes, activities and resources. Learn more and register:

- PHXPlays In-Person and Virtual Recreation Programs
- FREE In-Person PHXPlays Summer Youth Sports Clinics
- In-Person Adaptive Recreation Programs
- FREE FitPHX Virtual Fitness Activities
- FREE codePHX Self-Guiding Resources
- FREE Camp Colley Virtual Environmental Learning Program
- FREE Daring Adventures Virtual Adventures

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)



ADOT project helps save endangered species

Partnership with Desert Botanical Garden sees more endangered cactus returned to Pinto Creek bridge site

The recent completion of an Arizona Department of Transportation bridge replacement project near Globe means new life for an endangered species of cactus.

The location of the US 60 Pinto Creek bridge is also home to the

endangered hedgehog cactus, which grows only within a several mile radius of the site. About a foot high, usually covered in spines and often with red flowers at the top, Arizona hedgehog cactus looks something like the small animal it's named after. The



species is listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is protected under Arizona law.

When the project began in 2018, a team from Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix safely removed 34 cactus that would have been impacted by the construction work, then nurtured and propagated more, replanting a total of 61 cactus earlier this month.

This environmental protection effort took on added importance in the summer of 2021. At that time a wildfire swept through the project site, threatening some of the cacti in that area that were not removed because they were not threatened by construction.

The plants on site could have easily been destroyed in the fire which is why it was a good thing these plants were taken back to Desert Botanical Garden out of harm's way", said Steve Blackwell, Conservations Collections Manager for Desert Botanical Garden. "That was an important side benefit of taking cactus out when we did. Another valuable part of this process was that we were able to hand pollinate the plants at the Garden, clone the mother plants and develop a seed bank for future preservation. This is a great win for the environment"

"ADOT has a responsibility to respect the environment and to make sure the plants and animals that make Arizona special are protected," said Josh Fife, ADOT's biology team lead. "We're proud that the work we did will make sure the Arizona hedgehog cactus will continue to exist in the one special place in the world where they thrive."

For more information about ADOT environmental programs:azdot.gov

About Desert Botanical Garden

Discover the tranquil vibrancy of 50,000 desert plants nestled amid the red rocks of the Papago Buttes at Desert Botanical Garden. An Arizona icon for more than 80 years, the Garden has grown into a compelling attraction and desert conservation pioneer, offering worldly plants, vibrant trails, world-class exhibitions, festive events and so much more.

ADOT to host two public meetings for I-17 Improvement Project

March 31 and April 26 set for virtual and in-person meetings about construction between Anthem Way and Sunset Point With construction set to begin later this year on Interstate 17 between Anthem Way and Sunset Point, the Arizona Department of Transportation is hosting two public meetings to share information and answer questions.

ADOT encourages everyone to participate to find out what to expect while work is underway through 2025, and how the improvements will help reduce congestion and enhance safety and traffic flow along this busy 23-mile stretch of highway north of Phoenix.

Anyone can attend one or both meetings to learn more, provide input and ask questions.

- PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY: A virtual public meeting is scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31. ADOT's project team will provide an overview and answer questions from meeting participants. To join the meeting, visit improvingi17.com at 5:45 p.m. on March 31 and follow the link to the WebEx presentation.
- PARTICIPATE IN PERSON: Join the project team for an open house at Canon Elementary School, 34630 School Loop Road in Black Canyon City, on Tuesday, April 26. The open house begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a presentation at 6 p.m. The open house will continue from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- For those who can't make it to either meeting, there is a third option to find out about the project and ask questions. Beginning March 31 and continuing through April 26, anyone can walk through a virtual open house at improvingi17.com. This standing open house via the project website will provide the same information as the virtual in-person public and but can be meetings, your viewed at convenience. There will still be opportunities to ask questions or make



comments through this virtual open house.

- Construction on the highly anticipated I-17 Improvement Project: Anthem Way to Sunset Point will begin later this year and is expected to take approximately three years to complete. Pre-construction work is currently underway. Once the major work officially begins, drivers can expect the entire 23 miles to be under construction at once and should plan their trips accordingly.
- Once complete, this project will help alleviate congestion and improve safety and traffic flow north of the metro Phoenix region. The 23 miles of improvements include 15 miles of roadway widening from Anthem Way to Black Canyon City, two bridge replacements, one bridge deck replacement, 10 bridge widenings, and the installation of an approximately eight-mile flex lane system from Black Canyon City to Sunset Point. Flex lanes are a new feature for Arizona's highway system and are proven technology to help reduce congestion on I-17 during peak travel times and allow for traffic movement during emergency situations.
- The I-17 flex lanes will operate as a separate, two-lane roadway carrying one direction of traffic at a time depending on the greatest need along the steep, winding 8 miles between Black Canyon City and Sunset Point. For example, the flex lanes will be able to carry heavy northbound traffic on a Friday or heavy southbound traffic on a Sunday. Similarly, ADOT will be able to open the flex lanes to accommodate traffic any time if a crash or other incident causes long delays. The flex lanes will be next to, but physically separated from southbound I-17 using concrete barriers. Access to the flex-lane entrances will be controlled by gates.
- For more information about the I-17 public meetings or this project, visit <u>improvingi17.com</u>, call 877.476.1717 or email info@improvingi17.com

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Department of Revenue to Offer Extended Call Center Hours for Tax Season

Phoenix, AZ—In our continuing efforts to serve and support Arizona's taxpayers, ADOR's Customer Care will be offering extended hours to assist **individual filers** this tax season starting on Monday, March 21. While normal hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, the expanded hours are listed below:

Tax Season Expanded Hours

Weekdays, beginning March 21: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Saturday, April 2, 9, and 16 8:00 a.m. to noon

Sunday, April 17 8:00 a.m. to noon

The Call Center can be reached in the local Phoenix area at: (602) 255-3381 or Toll-free (International calls and those from area codes 520 and 928 only): (800) 352-4090 Extended hours are not available for business taxpayers, who can receive assistance during normal business hours or general guidance through Live Chat. Subscribe to receive the latest news on income updates and announcements.

Tips to Ease Your Individual Tax Filing Process

Phoenix, AZ—The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) offers common answers and assistance this tax season as filing taxes can be complex and may lead to questions and errors. ADOR encourages taxpayers to view the common answers during and after filing their tax return.

Finalizing Your Return

- Order of filing. Complete your federal return before you start your Arizona return.
- File early. This year's deadline is April 18. Generally, about 30% of income tax returns are filed in April. Returns filed this close to the deadline increase the timeframe for refund delivery.
- File electronically. When e-filing and using direct deposit, the taxpayer benefits with a secure, faster, and easier refund.
- Accuracy checks. ADOR stops and reviews thousands
 of individual income tax returns each year to resolve
 errors or request missing information. Ensure all
 documents are included, double check the amounts, and
 verify the information before sending your return. Even
 better, e-file your return, which automatically calculates
 the fields and includes all the required documentation.
- Rounding matters. Round dollar amounts to the nearest whole dollar
- Contact information. Make sure you include your daytime telephone number in case the Department has questions.
- Declare all income: Income from full-time, part-time, and temporary employment is subject to income tax. If you had multiple employers during the year, be sure to provide information for every W-2 you received. Failure to include all sources of income may result in substantial delays in processing your return.
- Black ink on white paper. If filing a paper return, print the return using black ink on white paper.
- File on time: To avoid penalties and interest on the amount you owe, file on time - even if you are not able to pay in full. The penalty for late filing is higher than late payment. If you can't file on time, file Form 204 on or before April 18. An extension does not extend the time to pay your income tax.

Common Tax Form Answers

 Even if you are not required to file, you must still file a return to receive a refund of any Arizona income tax withheld.

- Be sure to use your federal adjusted gross income and not your federal taxable income.
- If you are filing a joint return, enter your Social Security Number (SSN) in the same order every year.
- If your 65th birthday was January 1, 2022 (born 1/1/1957), you are considered to be age 65 at the end of 2021 for income tax purposes.
- You cannot claim a dependent tax credit for someone whom you have claimed either as a qualifying parent/grandparent or as an "Other Exemption."
- The family income tax credit will only reduce your tax and cannot be refunded.
- There are separate lists for Qualifying Charitable
 Organizations and Qualifying Foster Care Charitable
 Organizations, and they are claimed on different
 forms. A taxpayer can only claim a tax credit for
 donations made to <u>qualifying charities</u>. For donations
 made in 2021 use the 2021 list. For donations made in
 2022 use the 2022 list.

Instructions before Mailing

- If the U.S. Post Office postmarks your 2021 calendar year return by April 18, 2022, your return will not be late.
- Do not staple any documents, schedules, or payments to your return.
- Make sure you fill in all required boxes.
- If you requested a filing extension, make sure that you check box 82F.
- Sign your return and have your spouse sign if filing jointly.
- Do not include correspondence with your return.
- If you mail your return, ensure you send it to the correct address based on if you are making a payment or expecting a refund. Please check the form for mailing instructions.
- If you pay someone else to prepare your return, that person must also include an identification number where requested. A paid preparer may use any of the following:
 - his or her Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN);
 - his or her Social Security Number; or
 - the Employer Identification Number (EIN) for the business.

Refund and Payment Tips

- Enter the correct routing and account numbers, as you are responsible for this information.
- Check with your financial institution to get the correct routing and account numbers and to make sure direct deposit will be accepted.
- If the direct deposit is rejected, a check will be mailed instead.
- Include your check or money order with your return. Please do not send cash.
- Write your SSN and tax year on the front of your check or money order. Include payment with your return. If sending a paper payment separately, include your <u>voucher</u>. Without a return or voucher, the Department spends time researching and connecting the payment to an account thus delaying the return process.
- If you change your address before you receive your refund, let the Department know. Complete <u>Arizona Form</u> 822, Change of Address.
- If you receive a letter from ADOR asking for more information or to verify identity, the refund will be delayed until the requested information is received and reviewed by the Department. Reply as soon as possible so ADOR can process the return and refund/payment.

Explore more tax tips on the <u>Individual Income Tax Filing</u>
<u>Assistance</u> page or subscribe to the <u>latest news here</u>.

Be on Alert for Identity Thieves during Tax Season

Phoenix, **AZ**—Identity theft occurs year-round but the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) advises taxpayers to be on heightened alert during tax season. Combating tax fraud is a high priority for the Department and works continuously to enact safeguards to protect the public from identity thieves and scammers.

In recent schemes, thieves impersonate tax personnel using phone calls, emails, or text to lure information such as Social Security Numbers (SSN), passwords, or banking information. Other scams may involve card-skimming devices, unsecure Wi-Fi networks, data breaches, computer viruses, unsafe smartphone apps, and hacking email accounts as ways identities are stolen.

The information thieves obtain are used to file a fraudulent tax return. Taxpayers may not be aware this has occurred until they file their taxes and learn one has already been filed using the same SSN. Delays in refunds can occur even if you are a victim and are left with the hassle of providing documentation as proof of identity to complete your return.

Ten tips to help prevent being the victim of identity theft:

- Do not carry identification with your SSN on it.
- If someone wants your SSN, always ask why because it is not always required.
- Keep personal and confidential information in a secure place.
- Take extra precautions when discarding personal or confidential information.
- Protect personal computers, smartphones, and other devices by using anti-virus software.
- Do not click on unexpected links, images or attachments in emails. Check links before clicking by hovering over the link and looking at the bottom left corner of the browser to verify the exact URL.
- Use strong passwords and never share your passwords.
 Remember to change your passwords at least every 90 days.
- Never give personal information through unencrypted email, social media, or text messaging.
- Check your credit report annually.
- Monitor and examine your bank and Social Security Administration statements.

The Arizona Department of Revenue advises taxpayers to file early and take steps to protect their information.

ADOR's Criminal Investigation Unit is cracking down on fraudsters this tax season. In a recent W-2 scam, companies have been targeted through a phishing email appearing to be from an executive requesting confidential payroll information. ADOR fraud detection systems review, check, and match against employer W-2s, IRS, and other systems, which may take a bit longer to ensure that taxpayers get their money rather than fraudsters.

If you have been a victim of tax-related identity theft, notify the Department of Revenue's Identity Theft Call Center at (602) 716-6300, toll-free: 844-817-9691, or https://azdor.gov/individual-income-tax-information/identity-theft.

If you suspect unemployment benefits fraud, see our <u>guidance</u> and contact the Arizona Department of Economic Security. The Arizona Department of Revenue's fraud prevention system has stopped more than \$83 million from fraudulent tax returns in the last five years.



County Attorney's Office Expands Efforts to Assist Community with Marijuana Expungement

Monday, March 7, 2022 (Phoenix, AZ) – Over seven months ago, individuals in Arizona with certain marijuana-related convictions became eligible to have their criminal records expunged, or cleared, of the conviction, under Proposition 207, the Arizona Safe and Smart Act.

In the summer of 2021, starting the day the new law went into effect, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office (MCAO) began proactively filing petitions to expunge the convictions for eligible people. These petitions included individuals convicted of certain marijuana-related offenses and individuals charged with a marijuana offense who successfully completed a diversion program but still had an arrest and dismissal on their criminal record.

Given our resource limitations, MCAO prioritized the most recent cases. To date, MCAO has filed over 10,000 petitions to expunge eligible closed cases involving marijuana; over 7,000 of those petitions were filed in cases handled by the office since 2016. MCAO limited the filings to about 500 a week to avoid overwhelming the court system.

In addition to proactive filings, MCAO also created a public website where individuals could ask prosecutors to review their case and, if eligible, have MCAO file a petition to expunge their conviction.

By the numbers:

- Since, July 12, 2021, MCAO has filed 10,607 expungement petitions in closed cases, including 1,094 petitions generated from 1,340 inquiries initiated through the public website.
- The office has also responded to approximately 1,186 petitions filed by individuals, either themselves or through an attorney.
 - "I believe that the will of the voters should be implemented as efficiently as possible," said Maricopa County Attorney Allister Adel. "My office is working diligently to continue to identify those cases and assist individuals who have a right to have their records expunged under this voter approved law."

Immediately following the certification of the election, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office filed motions to dismiss pending cases in Maricopa County affected by the new law. The MCAO proactively filed to dismiss or drop over 5,000 charges related to the use, transportation or cultivation of recreational marijuana.

"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

PERSONAL ID KITS have been put on hold due to COVID 19...

Call 480-467-7399 for more information

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 Specialist for the Black Mountain Precinct

E. MARI HERRERA-DANIELS 602-261-8587 e.mari.herrera-daniels@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 be1/4 -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 website for info...

NSD PROGRAMS

Code Compliance

Private Property Code Compliance

Graffiti

Shopping Cart Removal

Abandoned and Neglected Private Properties

Community Engagement

Get Involved in Your Neighborhood

Neighborhood Cleanups and Tool Lending

Volunteer

Neighborhood College

Neighborhood Revitalization

Energy Efficiency Improvements

Housing Repairs

Lead Removal

Multi-Family Rental Property Repairs

Infill Housing Development

Neighborhood Business Assistance

Learn how residents around the city of Phoenix are receiving emergency home repair services. Roseann, a Phoenix resident recently wrote to the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) to say, "Thank you so much for all the help! We just got the air conditioner in and some other work done! We are so grateful for the help".

NSD has several programs that Phoenix residents can use to complete emergency home rehabilitation. The following programs offer homeowners and tenants a range of emergency services to improve the health and safety of their household.

- Lead Safe Phoenix Program This program removes lead-based paint and other health hazards from homes.
- Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation This program replaces and repairs electrical, plumbing, and heating and cooling systems in homes.
- Rental Rehabilitation Program This program repairs structural systems, completes exterior facades, landscaping, and safety enhancement projects, and improves the energy efficiency of singleand multi-family homes.
- Weatherization Assistance Program This program reduces monthly and annual utility bill costs by making homes more energy efficient.
- <u>Utility Repair/Replace Deposit</u> This program repairs or replaces non-functioning appliances, and units or systems that help provide heating and cooling, or water and sewer services to homes.

To learn more about these programs to help low- and moderate-income families, or find out if you qualify for these services, please call the Neighborhood Services Department at 602-544-4444, or visit https://www.phoenix.gov/nsd/ programs/housing-repair-programs



Download Phoenix's new mobile app now!

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

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

Download it now!



CRIME TIPS:

NO RELIEF FROM SHAM DEBT RELIEF OFFERS

Debt is something that can creep up on anyone, and before long, you are looking for a way out of it. But use caution — sometimes, tempting offers of debt relief will only make your own problems worse, while lining the pockets of scammers.

HOW IT WORKS:

Debt relief scams promise "guarantees" to get you out of debt quickly and cleanly.

You may be asked for advance payment, or to pay ongoing fees, for the "services" they provide.

You may receive an offer to enroll in a debt relief program without having your own financial situation specifically reviewed.

You may even be told 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.

Debt relief plans can only work for you if they are based on your specific financial situation. Offers to enroll you without considering that are bogus.

It's illegal for debt relief companies to seek upfront payment before they provide services to you.

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, those creditors could bring a lawsuit against you.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Check with your state Attorney General's office 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.

Report any debt relief scams to the Federal Trade Commission by calling 1-800-382-4357 or going online to reportfraud.ftc.gov.

WAR IN UKRAINE SPAWNS CHARITY SCAMS

Scammers follow the headlines and take advantage of them when they can. Public desire to support Ukraine in this critical time of need is no exception.

HOW IT WORKS:

You receive a communication – by phone, email, text, on social media – even in person, soliciting donations for the people of Ukraine.

The name of the charity sounds familiar.

You may feel pressured to act quickly, and they may direct you to donate through a payment app, by text, or by purchasing gift cards and sharing the numbers off the back.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Bogus charities may use names similar to existing charities to legitimize themselves.

The pressure to act quickly is a red flag; a real charity will take your donation when you are ready to provide it.

Less common forms of payment are also a red flag, though criminals may seek checks, cash or credit card payments as well. (Always opt for a credit card, which carries greater consumer protections than other payment forms.)

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Legitimate charities – those whose fundraisers pass through most of the donations to the actual cause – need support. They, just like you, lose out when a criminal intervenes.

Research charities before you donate. It's easy to do at sites like Give.org or Charity Watch. In addition, Charity Navigator has a page specifically dedicated to high-performing charities engaged in relief efforts in Ukraine.



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.

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 anvone 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.)

JOIN BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE ON FACEBOOK!



WHERE WE SHARE INFORMATION!



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

Mike Smith, Adult Services Librarian Phoenix Public Library Juniper Branch 602-534-2348

Toddler Time Tuesdays, 9:30 am

Toddlers ages 24-36 months and their favorite grownups will enjoy learning new words through stories, songs, and rhymes in this interactive program.

Space is limited. First come tickets available 30 minutes before program.

Baby Time Wednesdays, 9:30 am

Babies up to two years old and their favorited grownups will enjoy stories, songs, and playtime ina warm and nurturing program. Space is limited. First come tickets available 30 minutes before program.

Tools for School Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Children 3 to 5 years old and their favorite grownups will get a head start on kindergarten by sharing books and activities that build kindergarten skills and can be practiced at home.

Space is limited. First come tickets available 30 minutes before

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Music & Movement Thursdays, 9:30 and 10:30 am Wiggle worms age birth to six will enjoy singing, dancing, and MOVING in this fun active program that builds reading skills. Space is limited. First come tickets available 30 mintues before program.

The Reading Circle—Storytime for Young Readers

Join a deluxe storytime for kids K-3! Discover new books, enjoy reading stories aloud, and have fun with a book-related craft or activity!

(Days and times vary, please check our homepage phoenixpubliclibrary.org on the "Calendar" tab.)

Kids Create—Creative Time for Young Artists

Spend an hour away from screens and school and get hands-on creative through arts and crafts. Take home some fabulous works of art signed by you!

(Days and times vary, please check our

homepage phoenixpubliclibrary.org on the "Calendar" tab.)

Book Discussion Wednesday, April 13, 1:30 pm Read and join in a discussion of Down the Rabbit Hole by Juan Pablo Villalobos as Juniper's Book Club returns to in person meetings in the Library! All adults welcome.

Space is limited. Registration required on our homepage on the "Calendar" tab.

Medicare Review: How Do I Know What to Do?

Wednesday, April 13, 4:30 pm

Get your Medicare questions answered. Don't miss out on benefits you have coming to you! Presented by Lois Colcord, RPH of Medicare for Me.

Free registration required at our homepage under "Calendar"

OUR STREETS, OUR WORDS // A Collaborative Teen Poetry Workshop

Tuesdays April 5 and 12, 4:30 pm

This National Poetry Monty join us in an informal, collaborative poetry workshop for teens. Over the course of two virtual sessions we'll generate poems together. No experience needed. (This is an ONLINE WebEx event. Registration required on our homepage under the "Calendar" tab. Event URL will be sent after registration.)





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.

INFO OF THE MONTH

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

OBLIGATION SENDS THE CHILDREN TO BED ON TIME, BUT LOVE TUCKS THE COVERS IN AROUND THEIR NECKS AND PASSES OUT KISSES AND HUGS. YESTERDAY IS ABOUT EXPERIENCE; TOMORROW IS ABOUT HOPE; TODAY IS ABOUT TRANSITIONING FROM ONE TO THE OTHER. THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE ON EARTH DON'T HAVE THE BEST OF EVERYTHING... THEY MAKE THE BEST OF EVERYTHING. I CANNOT TEACH ANYBODY ANYTHING, I CAN ONLY MAKE THEM THINK.

SOCRATES, GREEK PHIOSOPHER

BMCA AND BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS





THANK YOU TO THE NORTH PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



TOM ARGIRO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



See the awesome flags on pages 8 and 12

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT Block Watch / PNP LISTINGS

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

LIST YOUR BLOCK WATCH AND INFO HERE... SOME IN PERSON MEETINGS HAVE RESUMED!

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

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

BELCANTO BLOCK WATCH gloriapink12@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

HILLCREST EAST BLOCK WATCH spring11@cox.net

INVERNESS COMMUNITY WATCH PARTNERSHIP imcw85023@gmail.com

JOHN JACOBS BLOCK WATCH Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the John Jacobs Elementary School cafeteria located at 14421 N. 23rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85023. For info contact ims85023@yahoo.com

MINI MOON II BLOCK WATCH (in Moon Valley along Interlacken)
Primary Contact: Myra Ridder myraridder@cox.net President/Chair: Ron
Gundlach 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

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

MONTE CRISTO BLOCK WATCH <u>LECADDSERVICES@Yahoo.com</u>

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

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

RIDGE RUNNERS II PNP GROUP Rosalie Murch, 623-206-9522 rallegrino@cox.net

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

VILLAGE MEADOWS BLOCK WATCH for info call Debbie Delwiche 602-942-7550 or e-mail miss427ford@aol.com

BMCA RESOURCE LIST

www.bmcainfo.com

ARIZONA ANGEL INITIATIVE

Help with substance abuse www.substanceabuse.az.gov/angelinitiative

ARIZONA 211 Get connected/Get answers JUST DIAL 211 or 877-211-8661 www.211arizona.org

BOLOCOP

Register for Crime Alerts www.bolocop.com

BLIGHT BUSTERS

Join the Blight Buster Program! www.phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/blight

CARING CIRCLES

Volunteer to help neighbors in need www.aaaphx.org

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24/7 HOTLINES

FOR LOCAL SHELTER CALL: 602-263-8900 OLDER ADULTS: 602-264-HELP (4357)

FAMILY SERVICES CENTERS

Social services for low-income households www.phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/emergency

FOLLOW POLICE CALLS ONLINE

See what's going on in your neighborhood www.radioreference.com

HEADS UP!

TO KEEP PHOENIX ROADS SAFE! www.phoenix.gov/HeadsUp

HOMELESS SHELTER DIRECTORY

https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgibin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ

IDENTITY THEFT / FEDERAL TRADE COMM. Recovery and information www.ldentityTheft.gov

KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25

Post signs and stickers to slow traffic 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 or check out: www.spotcrime.com

PHOENIX C.A.R.E.S.

Help the homeless! 602-262-6251 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/lndex/?ReturnUrl=%2f

SENIOR LOCK BOXES

In partnership with Phoenix Fire www.lockbox.shopkidde.com

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

In and around your neighborhood
www.azdps.gov/services/public/sex-offender
www.offenderwatch.com
www.missingkids.org www.nsopw.gov

VIRTUAL BLOCK WATCH

Sign up now!

Police Virtual Block Watch www.phoenix.gov

WRIC WASHINGTON

FAMILY RESOURCE INFORMATION CENTER

www.wesdschools.org/wric

MEETING and EVENT CALENDAR

APRIL 2022

Friday, APR. 1st PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL e-mail Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or at 602-799-0143 Good training for PNP Members!

<u>Friday, APR. 1st MOVIE IN THE PARK – *Moana*</u> 6 – 9 pm in Deer Valley Park, bring chair, food trucks

Wednesday, APR, 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

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

<u>Thursday, APR. 7th DIST. 3 BUDGET HEARINGS</u> 8:30 am on Webex

<u>Thursday, APR. 7rd NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting</u> 6:00 pm - e-mail <u>Michael.noyd@phoenx.gov</u> for link info

Wednesday, APR. 13th
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING
6:30 pm at the DVCC with new Fire Chief Michael Duran

Friday, APR. 15th DIST. 1 BUDGET HEARINGS At 8L30 am on Webex

Tuesday, APR. 19th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING 6:00 pm e-mail pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov for link.

Monday, APR. 25th DISTRICT 1 DINNER 5130 pm at the Double Tree in Metro Center

Tuesday, APR. 26th PBWAB MEETING 6:30 pm

Wednesday, APR. 27th DIST. 3 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30-9:30 am at North Mtn Park Havasupai Ramada, 10600 N. 7th Street with new Fire Chief Michael Duran

Wednesday, APR. 27th CPCA MEETING 6:30 pm at Cortez High School

Thursday, APR. 28th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS 8:30 am at the Cambria Inn & Suites, 4425 E. Irma Ln., Phx

MAY 2022

Wednesday, MAY 4thBMCA BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

<u>Thursday, MAY 5th NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting</u> 6:00 pm - e-mail <u>Michael.noyd@phoenx.gov</u> for link info

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

Friday, MAY 6th PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL e-mail Rick Sain at <u>ussyorktown25@hotmail.com</u> or at 602-799-0143 Good training for PNP Members!.

<u>Friday, MAY 6th MOVIE IN THE PARK – Sing 2</u> 6 – 9 pm in Deer Valley Park, bring chair, food trucks

Wednesday, MAY 11th
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING
6:30 pm at the DVCC with OAT Director Roger Smith

Wednesday & Thursday, MAY 18th & 19th 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 pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov

Tuesday, MAY 20th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING 6:00 pm e-mail pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov for link.

Tuesday, MAY 24th PBWAB MEETING 6:30 pm

Wednesday, MAY 25th CPCA MEETING 6:30 pm (Location TBD)

Thursday, MAY 26th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS 8:30 am at location TBD

JUNE 2022

Wednesday, JUN, 1st BMCA BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, JUN, 2nd NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg. 6:00 pm - e-mail Michael.noyd@phoenx.gov for link info

Monday, JUN, 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Wednesday, JUN, 8th
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING
6:30 pm

Tuesday, JUN, 21st PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING 6:00 pm e-mail pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov for link.

Saturday, JUN, 25th AFTER DARK IN THE PARK EVENT THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELED

NO JUNE FIRST FRIDAY PNP PATROL – Summer Break
NO JUNE PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MTG – Summer Break
NO JUNE CPCA MEETING – Summer Break
NO JUNE BLK MTN Coffee with Cops – Summer Break

JULY 2022

<u>Thursday, JUL, 7th NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.</u> 6:00 pm - e-mail <u>Michael.noyd@phoenx.gov</u> for link info

Wednesday, JUL, 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Tuesday, JUL, 19^{tht} PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING 6:00 pm e-mail pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov for link.

Wednesday & Thursday, JUL. 20th & 21st 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 pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov

NO JULY FIRST FRIDAY PNP PATROL - Summer Break

NO JULY PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MTG - Summer Break

NO JULY BMCA BOARD MEETING = Summer Break

NO JULY BMCA GENERAL MEETING = Summer Break

NO JULY CPCA MEETING - Summer Break

NO JULY BLK MTN Coffee with Cops - Summer Break

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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EMERGENCY Police/Fire	911
Police CRIME STOP	602-262-6151
Police General Information	602-262-7626
Black Mountain Police Precinct	602-495-5002
Mayor Kate Gallego	602-262-7111
D1 Councilmember Ann O'Brien	602-262-7444
D 2 Councilmember Jim Waring	602-262-7445
D 3 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
	6 / 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
	1-877-NOT-LEGL
Water Dept. after hours	602-261-8000
Zoning Violations	602-534-4444
If you suspect a vehicle is stolen, check the license plate number at	

www.theftaz.azag.gov

BLACK MOUNTAIN PNP PATROLERS:

REMINDER!

ONLINE REPORTING OF PNP HOURS

volunteer@phoenix.gov

PNP online Patrol Log entry

To get a username and password email

Brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov

The following information:

Your name PNP Badge number Assigned precinct Preferred Email address



For questions call 602-256-4303

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e-mail to: info@bmcainfo.com Mail to: BMCA, P. O. Box 41306, Phoenix, AZ 85080

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