



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, FEBRUARY 10th at 6:30pm

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

All you need to do is click on the link and it should bring you directly to the meeting connection.

BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
ZOOM MEETING February 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm

JOIN ZOOM MEETING LINK

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5224923731?pwd=Y1IRN3JWWGNLczh4cWxxaE1CTzJaQT09>

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

Meeting ID: 522 492 3731
Passcode: BMCA2021



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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

Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain



Precinct NEWS



Black Mountain Precinct

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

Precinct: 602.495.5002

CHILD SAFETY SEATS

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

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

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

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

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



CA Officer Tim Tewers #8698 at 602-495-5213

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BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COFFEE WITH COPS



Asst. Chief Charley, Commander Ahleeya
and Commander Darren Viner

**COFFEES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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!



IF THIS LINE
OFFENDS YOU
SO MUCH
YOU MIGHT
WANT TO STOP
CROSSING IT



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!

<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,
Always keep them safe
And in your loving arms.

BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER SQUAD:



21 Area North (Beats 212, 213 & 214)
(W 83rd Ave to E Scottsdale Rd. & S SR101 to N Mingus Rd.)
21 Area South (Beat 211)
(W I-17 to E 7th St. & S SR101 to N Dynamite Blvd.)
& Liquor Licenses
CA Officer Jennifer Zak #9170 at 602-495-5274
jennifer.zak@phoenix.gov



22 Area North (Beats 223 & 224)
(W I-17 to E 7th/16th Sts. & S Bell Rd. to N SR101)
CA Officer Tom Owsley #8047 at 602-495-5192 or
thomas.owsley@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 Tony Cuciti #6907 at 602-495-5481 or
anthony.cuciti@phoenix.gov



23 Area North (Beats 233 & 234)
(W 7th/16th Sts. to E SR51 & S Bell Rd. to N SR101)
CA Officer Tim Tewers #8698 at 602-495-5213
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23 Area South (Beats 231 & 232)
(W 7th/16th Sts. to E SR51 & S Cactus Rd. to N Bell Rd.)
CAO Thomas McKee #9214 at 602-495-5227
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Abatement Officer David Hurt #7109
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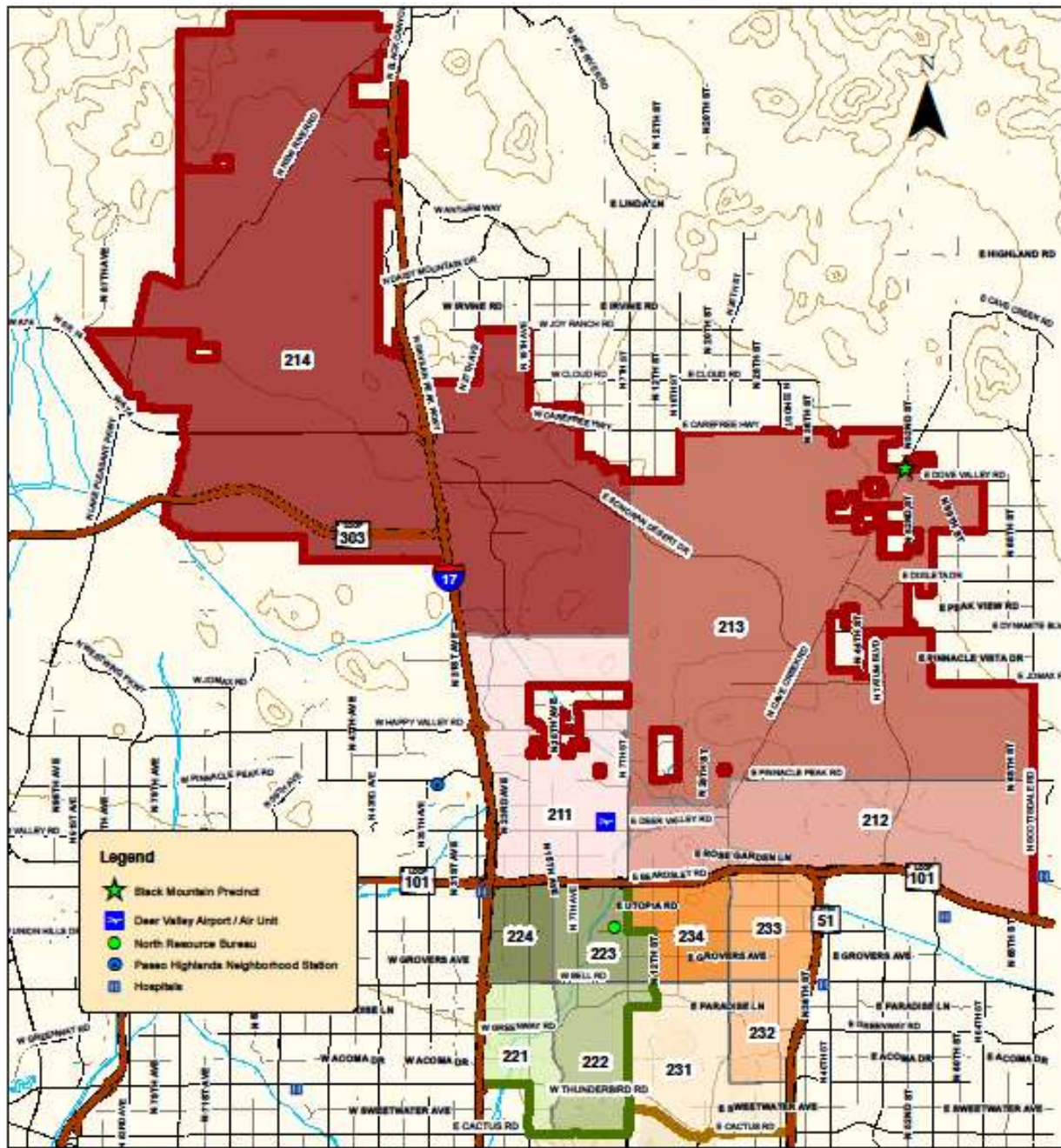
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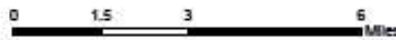


City of Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct (200) Squad and Beat Boundaries



Boundaries Effective October 20, 2014

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



Detective Brian Kornegay

Mileage Reimbursement Rate change

The IRS updated the mileage reimbursement rate beginning January 1, 2021, to 56 cents a mile. I spoke with the BW grant staff and we will be adjusting the mileage reimbursement rate on the report to reflect this change for all patrol time from 1-1-2021 forward. Any reimbursement reports for patrol time done from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 will still use the old rate of 57.5 Cents a mile.

Also, a reminder that the grant staff will no longer accept the old handwritten Mileage Reimbursement logs, all PNP patrols for mileage reimbursement must be recorded using the online program. I was told that they have received a few of the handwritten forms recently.

Clothing Orders

Our clothing supplier has informed me of a slight change they will need to make in order to keep our costs down. They no longer have a "garment printer" (think giant ink jet printer for clothing) they use to have where they could easily print one or 2 shirts at a time, they have had to change to "screen printing." This means that each time they start a PNP order they must "set up" new screens, one for each color to print the order. Many places that do screen printing have a minimum order because of this. Our supplier plans on grouping "smaller" PNP orders together to save on the "set up" cost and time. They say they will still be able to fill most orders within 7 to 10 days depending on delivery of blank shirts from their supplier. They said much of their wait time is waiting to get the blank shirts from their supplier (several are on back order as I write this). I am looking into the possibility of maintaining a small supply of the screen printed PNP clothing on hand in the more common sizes. That way I can fill small orders from this supply quickly and replenish as they are sold. The challenge is storage space and funds for upfront costs. (a topic for the monthly meeting) One last update on PNP clothing, our supplier said PNP's 2021 costs will stay the same, reserving the right to change prices later if they have significant price increase from their suppliers. The 2021 PNP clothing order form has been updated on the web page. Both the clothing and vehicle sign order forms are attached.

PNP log Sheets

The city Manager's Office has asked me to provide them our final 2020 PNP numbers by January 11th. I would normally ask you all to get your hours in now, but as of yesterday and still this morning the program is not working right again.

What to look for? If you enter a log sheet and type a number into either the Patrol Hours or Admin Hours fields and the other field also populates, the program is still not working right. I have a tech request in, hopefully we get this fixed soon.

Updates on Volunteer.phoenix.gov

New videos are being uploaded to the PNP YouTube channel as we make them. There will be links to these on PNPMembers.com as well.

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 the 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 February 16, 2021 from 6pm to 8pm. Login details to follow later

Virtual PNP Basic Classes for 2021

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:

March 17 & 18

May 19 & 20

July 21 & 22

September 22 & 23

November 17 & 18

Anyone wishing to attend must register

at pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov to receive the login information and other needed documents.

Updates on Volunteer.phoenix.gov

New videos are being uploaded to the PNP YouTube channel as we make them. There will be links to these on PNPMembers.com as well.

The volunteer.phoenix.gov site has been updated as promised. It now has a new look, but your login info will be the same. Some features have moved a bit and once the dust settles on this upgrade, I will post something highlighting the changes.

This upgrade had a few glitches, some have been resolved, some have temporary fixes and others are still being addressed (this is why I will wait to highlight the new features). I am told all of our old log entries are still there, I can actually pull up old log sheets. One of the glitches right now is when you log in the new dashboard shows you have Zero hours entered (if you select "View Service History" your log sheets are listed so we know the data is there). Don't let this worry you it is being fixed.

I tried an email blast last night to let everyone know but that apparently did not go out (another glitch?) I never got my confirmation message that the email blast was successful and after checking with a few of you it seems it did not go out. I am trying this again today since they have made strides in fixing the glitches, fingers crossed this one works.

Brian Kornegay #5132, Detective, Phoenix Police Department
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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:
March 17th & 18th**

PNP PATROL OPPORTUNITY!

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

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



District 1 Vice Mayor Thelda Williams

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No January District One Breakfast...

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

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 the new Small Business COVID Support website.

Additional City of Phoenix resources information can be found by visiting www.Phoenix.gov/resource

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 and 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 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 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 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

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Facebook: facebook.com/waringjim



District 3 Councilwoman Debra Stark

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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 HERE](#)

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 KNOW](#)

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](#)

District 1 Councilwoman Elect



Ann O'Brien

It is my honor and privilege to be elected as the Phoenix City Councilwoman representing District 1. I look forward to my inauguration on April 19, 2021.

Born and raised in Phoenix, I am a graduate of Greenway High School and Arizona State University. My husband, Terry, and I raised our two children in North Phoenix; Amanda, who is a high school math teacher, and Thomas, who is a mechanical engineering student at Northern Arizona University.

While raising Amanda and Thomas, I began to volunteer in my children's school and serve as President of the Stetson Hills PTSA which led me to substitute teaching and coaching junior high softball. In 2014 and 2018 I ran and won a seat on the Deer Valley USD school board. A focus on the school board was a crucial realignment of school boundaries to ensure every student in the district has the resources they need to succeed. My community advocacy continued with Julie Read in the effort to keep homeless sex offenders from being housed in our neighborhoods, serving on the Deer Valley Village Planning Committee for three years, and advocating for a new fire station in North Phoenix.

I decided to run for the Phoenix City Council because I passionately believe in the power of bringing people together to solve problems - to find common ground in service of our community. I am proud of my record, and look forward to continuing to tackle the serious issues facing our community.

My priorities on the City Council include:

- Protect public safety by ensuring our police officers and firefighters have every tool they need to do their jobs so that we can lower response times and save more lives. We must also invest in training, equipment, and comprehensive safety measures, as well as making sure our community centers and recreation programs serve as strong community hubs.
- Make our neighborhoods safer and healthier places to raise a family. Strengthening our neighborhoods was why I entered public service, and will focus on ensuring everyone can access great local schools and high-quality jobs, enjoy well-maintained parks and roads, and feel safe at home.
- Strengthen our economy by attracting more high-quality employers like State Farm and USAA to Phoenix, while seeking out new employers that offer the high-tech, high-wage careers of the future.

I look forward to meeting you and working with all residents to strengthen the future for our neighborhoods, our district and our city.



Maricopa County COVID-19 Hotline Hotline:

To answer COVID-19 questions from health care providers and the general public, call 1-844-542-8201.

More information:

<https://www.maricopa.gov/5460/Coronavirus-Disease-2019>

For the most updated news and information related to COVID-19 or Coronavirus, please frequently check www.phoenix.gov/newsroom

CORONAVIRUS BUSINESS & RESIDENT RESOURCES

Please visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/Resources> for the latest updates to accessing resources. Residents with questions about city services and programs are encouraged to call 602-262-3111 or e-mail contactus@phoenix.gov

CITY OF PHOENIX IMPACTED SERVICES UPDATE

Please visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/em-and-hs/1054> for information on City Services and facilities currently closed or impacted, and City Services available online.

Read this information in Spanish. Lea esta información en español (PDF)

https://www.phoenix.gov/newssite/Documents/COVID19_Newsroom_Main_SP.pdf

JANUARY 13, 2021

Black Mountain Community Alliance & BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT ZOOM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

with 22 in attendance!



ZOOM Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by BMCA Chairperson Candice Fremouw



The PD is preparing for the upcoming Inaugural Week. The FBI is coordinating with local Police. Violent Crimes in our Precinct in 2020 were up 19.2% and Property Crimes were down 8.45% because so many more people were home due to Covid 19, Total Misdemeanor Arrests in Black Mountain were 1,721 and Felony Arrests were 1,623. The Bell Road Corridor has been a main focus along with the Walmart on Happy Valley and I-17. The Precinct Thanksgiving Food Drive served 46 families and our Christmas Gift Drive served 5 families. The Bus Stops on the 2300 block and 1900 block of Bell Road have removed the benches and replaced them with two chairs and have also added trash cans.



PRESENTATION: VACCINE PROCESS with Maricopa County Supervisor Bill Gates:



Black Mountain Precinct Updates by Cmdr. Darren Viner:



Commander Darren Viner introduced our new CAO Thomas McKee. Welcome!

An excellent presentation on the ongoing Pfizer and Moderna Vaccine Process and the Prioritization Schedule. Go to www.maricopa.gov/coronavirus.com to schedule your appointment for the Vaccine. Bill announced that on January 19th the Vaccines will be available for all those 65 years and up. He also discussed Election Integrity in Maricopa County. A question about how to control the fireworks being set off was asked. The County is responsible for air quality and on January 1st the quality was as bad as it gets because of the fireworks. Changes will have to be addressed by the State Legislature. There was once a program to help residents on converting wood-burning fireplaces to gas or propane, hopefully it will come back.



New CAO Thomas McKee

Phase 1 (APRIL 2021 - JUNE 2021)			Phase 2 (JULY 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2021)	Phase 3 (OCTOBER 2021 - ONWARD)
1A	1B	1C		
Healthcare Workers	Education and Childcare Providers	Adults 65 and Older	Additional Phase 1 Prioritization	Additional Phase 2 Prioritization
Emergency Medical Services Workers	Law Enforcement/Peace Officers	Adults of Any Age with High-Risk Medical Conditions	Additional High-Risk Medical Prioritization	General Population
Long-Term Care Facility Staff & Residents	Adults 18-64 with High-Risk Medical Conditions		General Population	
	Additional High-Risk Medical Conditions			
	Additional High-Risk Medical Conditions			
	Other Essential Workers			



Allister Adel
Allister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney

Online Exploitation and Human Trafficking



When the COVID pandemic halted almost every aspect of our life last year, human trafficking became even more prevalent. The disruption in anti-trafficking resources and awareness gave traffickers an advantage during the many months the COVID pandemic was at the forefront of our news feeds last year.

Traffickers adapted to the quarantine by shifting their focus to target potential victims online. This shift created an increase in illicit online activity, particularly human trafficking that targeted children. The Polaris Project reported a 40% increase in calls to the National Trafficking Hotline the month after stay at home orders were put in place. According to the U.N. Rights committee, the use of online traps to recruit victims, particularly women and girls, continued to increase over the last year.

As children spend more time online to complete schoolwork or stay occupied while parents work from home, they are at a greater risk of exploitation. Those who spend several hours a day online without supervision are particularly vulnerable, especially if they have no parental controls set up on their devices and can access any content online. Social media platforms and messaging apps provide easy access to potential victims and hide perpetrators' identities, so children may not realize who they are in contact with. Contact is not limited to social media sites. As many as one in five kids online are sexually propositioned through gaming platforms as well. Parents, educators, and caregivers must warn and [educate children about online risks](#) and use parental controls and device monitoring when possible.

The pandemic has also made it challenging to locate and identify victims of trafficking. As we learn more about the effects of the pandemic on human trafficking, it is of utmost importance that we look out for those most vulnerable in our communities. Everyone can play a part in helping stop human trafficking, be on the lookout for the following:

- Children traveling with adults who are not their parents
- Unable to speak to a child or individual alone
- The individual appears to be coached on what to say and looks for approval before answering questions

- Individuals who have their passport, I.D., or money held by someone else
 - People with bruises and wounds in various stages of healing
- Neighbors, teachers, and first responders can report suspected human trafficking activity to their local law enforcement or federal law enforcement at 1-866-347-2423.
If you or someone you know needs support, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text HELP to 233733.

Be Smart, Be Aware and Avoid Health Scams!



The start of the year is a great time to start working on new goals and create healthy habits. A common goal found in many new year's resolutions is to become healthier by exercising more, losing weight, eating better, or even quit smoking. While this is an essential part of one's wellbeing, getting there shouldn't put your personal or financial information at risk. Almost 10% of all gym membership sales are made in January every year, and while most of these are legitimate businesses, some are looking to take advantage and make a quick profit. Likewise, online searches for health supplements, weight-loss products, smoking cessation programs, and exercise equipment skyrocket during the first two weeks of the year. Scammers are well prepared to take advantage of this excitement and motivation for their benefit. It's essential to take time to do research and make sure the product or services we are looking to purchase are legitimate to avoid financial loss or, worse, detrimental effects on our health.

One habit you need to incorporate into your daily routine this year is safety. The Maricopa County Attorney's Office wants to help you make smart decisions. We encourage you to use these tips to help guide your decision making:

- Practice patience [while doing research](#) and looking at gym contracts. Always read the fine print and ask about cancellation procedures before signing any documents.
 - Beware of products or services offering free trials. You may be signing on to a yearlong membership without knowing it!
 - Do your research on products with too-good-to-be-true claims, including those that boost quick health improvements or weight-loss, help with a wide range of issues, or are not [approved by the FDA](#).
 - Avoid products or services that ask for upfront payment or cash, gift cards, or wire transfers. For a safer method of payment, use a credit card. It will allow you to contest the charge if the product or service is not what it claims to be.
- Everyone is vulnerable to scams and fraudulent products, but we can all take easy steps in avoiding them. Help prevent [scams or fraud](#) by sharing this information with your friends and family. Want to get more safety tips? Sign up for our newsletter, MaricopaCountyAttorney.org/Newsletter





ADOT looks to cut down on dealer plate fraud, unauthorized sales

Will verify operations of used vehicle dealers to protect consumers

PHOENIX – Arizona Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General detectives and analysts have reviewed



approximately 3,000 used and wholesale dealer license holders in an effort to discover potential activity such as dealers that have very little to no recent vehicle sales or have sales they are not licensed to make.

ADOT detectives are contacting license holders to ensure they are not misusing dealer plates or selling vehicles outside of the limits of their licenses, an illegal practice known as curbstoning.

State law allows an individual to sell no more than six vehicles in twelve consecutive months without a dealer's license. Dealers who attempt to sell vehicles in excess of what is permitted on their license are also in violation of the law.

"We are asking used and wholesale dealers to please contact us if they receive a letter from the ADOT Office of Inspector General," said Lt. James Warriner. "This is an effort to verify that they still want and intend to use their dealer license for the purpose of selling vehicles."

ADOT's Office of Inspector General heads up the Arizona Curbstone Enforcement Joint Task Force that focuses on curbstoning, which includes identifying unlicensed automobile dealers and used and wholesale dealer license holders operating outside their approved dealer license.

"Curbstoning vehicles has been a huge problem in Arizona and throughout the United States," Warriner said. "Our task force has helped to cut down on this practice through a few large cases."

ADOT, the Arizona Department of Revenue and the Arizona Independent Automobile Dealers Association comprise the Arizona Curbstone Enforcement Joint Task Force, established by state law to ferret out operations illegally selling vehicles.

Little to no activity on a dealer license can be a sign for possible fraudulent behavior including misuse of dealer license plates. These are special plates that, by law, can only be used on certain dealer-owned vehicles.

In past cases where dealers were investigated for different types of fraud, ADOT detectives have found dealer owners misusing their assigned dealer plates by putting them on their personal vehicles and the vehicles of their close family members. This way, they can avoid paying the registration and vehicle license tax on those vehicles.

Dealer license plates are governed by state law. Any changes to dealer license plates and how they operate will need to come through the state legislature.

In 2014, ADOT introduced a redesigned, bright blue dealer license plate with white lettering that shows "Vehicle Dealer" on the bottom in accordance with House Bill 2372 passed during the 2013 Arizona legislative session. The redesign helps the plate stand out from the

previous dealer plate design of the desert background, which is common on standard Arizona license plates.

"If a dealer license holder has found that they no longer want or need their license, they are always welcome to contact ADOT anytime to arrange to have their license canceled and all materials, including dealer license plates, turned in," added Warriner. "We are here to help protect the citizens of Arizona by ensuring they have the protections afforded them when purchasing a vehicle."

Detectives with ADOT's Office of Inspector General investigate fraud involving vehicle title and registration, licensed and unlicensed dealers, identity theft, and support investigations by state, local, tribal and federal law enforcement.

ADOT reminds drivers to 'Know Snow' before heading north

Wait out storms before traveling, don't park along highways to play

PHOENIX – With snow falling in Arizona's high country and more snow in the forecast, the Arizona Department of Transportation wants to remind drivers to be prepared before heading up north to play in the snow.



One of the best things drivers can do is check weather and road conditions before leaving. Waiting out a storm before traveling is the safest and most efficient option because it allows ADOT's snowplows to clear the highways more quickly. A highway takes much longer to plow when it's jammed with vehicles that shouldn't be traveling on a roadway that's slick with snow and ice.

If you're heading north to play in the snow, remember to use designated parking areas and never stop along highways to play in the snow. Highway shoulders are for emergencies, and stopping there can put you, your passengers and other drivers at risk. First responders often need to use highway shoulders, and a snowplow can hurl snow and ice far off the highway.

Research where you plan to play in the snow and what designated parking is available there. If your destination is the Flagstaff area, the Flagstaff Convention & Visitors Bureau lists snow-play locations at FlagstaffArizona.org (follow the Winter Recreation Map link) and offers a hotline at 844.256.SNOW.

Also remember to expect plenty of company, especially during the weekend, and pack patience as lots of folks from the Phoenix area travel north to play in the snow. Expect to spend extended time in your vehicle getting to and from snow play areas.

Other safety tips that ADOT offers at azdot.gov/KnowSnow include slowing down, leaving extra room behind the vehicle ahead, having a fully charged cell phone, taking along warm clothing, blankets, food and water, and packing an emergency kit. Check your vehicle before heading out in winter weather, making sure – at a minimum – that the tires, heater and windshield wipers are in good shape.



ADOR Continues to Fight Evolving Tax Fraud Schemes Three Tax Return Schemes

Identity thieves are always looking for new ways to scam or steal taxpayers' identities, including phishing schemes, card-skimming devices, unsecure Wi-Fi networks, data breaches, computer viruses, unsafe smartphone apps, and hacking email accounts.

The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) treats detecting and stopping fraud with paramount importance. ADOR continues to fight and shut down fraudulent tax preparers and tax fraud through enhanced staff training and by adopting new countermeasures like advanced analytics with machine learning and artificial intelligence.

The following three schemes are a few examples ADOR has found that attempted to steal from Arizona taxpayers:

Watson Scheme: ADOR identified this scheme when multiple returns were received with the same last name of "Watson." This scheme evolved over the tax year, but all of the returns used stolen identities. In many cases, the identities were verified to individuals who lived outside of Arizona. ADOR received over 1,900 returns requesting over \$500,000 in fraudulent refunds.

Tucson College Scheme: Criminals electronically submitted returns with W-2s from Tucson College. ADOR received a total of 14 returns requesting over \$21,000 in fraudulent refunds. All returns were requesting similar refund amounts to prepaid debit cards.

1099-R Scheme: Fraudsters sent over 480 electronic returns requesting over \$1,200,000 in fraudulent refunds. All of the returns, which included a fictitious 1099-R, used stolen identities.

Tips to help prevent being the victim of identity theft:

- Do not carry identification with your Social Security Number (SSN) on it.
- If someone asks for an SSN, always ask why because it is not always required.
- Keep personal and confidential information in a secure place.
- Secure your devices using anti-virus software.
- Monitor your bill cycles and examine unfamiliar debit and credit card charges.
- Use strong passwords and never share your passwords.
- Never give personal information through unencrypted email, social media, or text messaging. Unless you initiated the call, never provide personal information over the phone.

Arizonans can also contact the Department of Revenue's Identity Theft Call Center at (602) 716-6300, toll-free: 800-352-4090, or <https://azdor.gov/individual-income-tax-information/identity-theft>.

Watch Out for Identity Theft Thieves during Tax Season

The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) takes identity theft seriously and reminds taxpayers that tax filing season is a time to be aware of identity thieves looking for ways to commit tax fraud.

The department points to phishing schemes, card-skimming devices, unsecure Wi-Fi networks, data breaches, computer viruses, unsafe smartphone apps, and hacking email accounts as ways identities are stolen.

Thieves steal Social Security Numbers (SSN) and use them to file a fraudulent tax return. Often taxpayers are unaware this has occurred until they attempt to file a tax return and learn one has already been filed using the SSN. This is not limited to adults, and the deceased and children with an SSN may be affected as well.

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 look at the bottom left corner of the browser to verify the exact URL.
- Use strong passwords and never share your passwords. Along with changing 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.

Arizonans can contact 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>.

In fiscal year 2020, the Arizona Department of Revenue's fraud prevention system has stopped more than \$19 million from fraudulent tax returns, which is three times the amount compared to last year.

CRIME TIPS:

THE RED FLAGS OF ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE

Elder abuse sadly takes many forms. It can be physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation. The latter is when someone – who is often well known by the victim – illegally or improperly uses an elder's funds, property or assets. Here are several examples, some signs that abuse may be occurring and steps you can take if you suspect elder financial exploitation.

HOW IT WORKS:

A family member cashes the victim's checks, uses their credit cards, steals cash or valuables from the home, or convinces them to transfer property.

A crooked financial consultant drains a victim's financial accounts.

A new "friend" enters the picture and appears to have undue influence.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Unusual changes in bank accounts or how they are managing their money.

Unpaid bills.

Fraudulent signatures on financial documents.

Unusual changes in a will or other financial document.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

If someone is in immediate danger, dial 911.

Report concerns to Adult Protective Services; you can find your local agency at Eldercare Locator or call 1-800-677-1116.

If you suspect abuse of a person living in a nursing home, assisted living facility, or other adult care home, contact the local Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

Financial exploitation and fraud come at a huge cost to victims – not only financially. These scourges also have negative social, emotional and health impacts. If you suspect something, do something. For guidance, call the AARP Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.



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.*

MAIL THEFT!

Please be extra attentive to your mail deliveries! This is that time of year that statements for tax returns are mailed. These contain account numbers and either full social security numbers or the last four which can easily be used to answer security questions. Don't be a victim, be proactive!



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!

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

**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...
**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
www.OnlineAtAnthem.com

ARROYO GRANDE-ANTHEM BLOCK WATCH for info e-mail
loydnygaard@gmail.com

BELCANTO BLOCK WATCH gloriapink12@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

HILLCREST EAST BLOCK WATCH spring11@cox.net

INVERNESS COMMUNITY WATCH PARTNERSHIP
incw85023@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
contact info call or e-mail Dee at 602-380-1854 or giddeup37@cox.net

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.
mvgc@cox.net Candice 602-402-7914

MONTE CRISTO BLOCK WATCH LECADDSERVICES@Yahoo.com

NORTHTOWN COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH / PNP FOR
UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS call Nora 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. Arthur Welch,
Coordinator. fp6891@cox.net

RIDGE RUNNERS II PNP GROUP Mike Haddad 317-471-9687

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

VILLAGE MEADOWS BLOCK WATCH for info call Debbie Delwiche
602-942-7550 or e-mail mrs427ford@aol.com

“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 and until
the City reopens the Community
Centers.***

**Call 480-467-7399 to make an appointment
on our 2020 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

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

Dist. 3: **KRISTA ROY** 602-495-0380
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.


I hope this email finds you full of hope and good health. Please *share* the following information:

- City of Phoenix COVID-19 Information & Resource page which contains testing dates/sites throughout the City of Phoenix. <https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/em-and-hs/1561>
- Phase1B vaccine roll out that starts Monday, January 11th. <https://www.maricopa.gov/5651/Phase-1B>
- COVID-19 free isolation housing services (flyer attached.)
- Home repairs offered by Habitat for Humanity (flyer attached.)

As always, feel free to contact me with any neighborhood concerns.

Take care and stay well.

E. Mari Herrera-Daniels, Neighborhood Specialist
602.261.8587 Desk Line • 602.350.5328 Cell
e.mari.herrera-daniels@phoenix.gov

 **Weatherization Assistance Program**
Fact Sheet

What is the Weatherization Assistance Program?

The Weatherization Assistance Program offers financial assistance to eligible low to moderate income households to help reduce heating and cooling costs by improving the energy efficiency of the property.

Weatherization improvement may include, but are not limited to:

- Tuning, repairing or replacing heating and cooling systems
- Sealing ducts and air leaks around the property
- Health and safety tests for carbon monoxide and gas leaks
- Ensuring proper levels of insulation and much more

Qualification Criteria

To qualify, the following minimal conditions must be met. The total annual gross household income must meet low to moderate income guidelines which vary by household size as published annually by federal and state regulations.

- The property must be located within the city of Phoenix limits.
- For rental units, the landlords must sign a written agreement permitting the improvements to be done and certify no monthly rental increases will occur for a period of 12 months from the date of improvement completion.
- For homeowners, the property title must be clear from all extraordinary liens and encumbrances including, but not limited to:
 - Past due property tax liens and property mortgage payments
 - Past due special assessment liens and judgments against the property
- The rehabilitation of the property must be feasible under the time and funding constraints of the program.

What are the homeowner's responsibilities?

- Maintain the property in compliance with local city codes and ordinances, for more information visit: www.phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/compliance
- Assure property is accessible (interior and exterior) to staff and contractors for rehabilitation work and inspections.
- Complete any training and/or other stipulations of the financial assistance.


For more information and/or to apply please call:

City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services
Department
Neighborhood Revitalization Division
200 W. Washington St. 4th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85003
Phone: 602-534-4444, Ext. 4
Fax (602) 534-4559
E-mail: rehab.nsd@phoenix.gov
TTY: 7-1-1



No Burn Days

Check Before You Light

 Relaxing in front of a crackling fire is one of the most enjoyable ways to spend a cold winter day. All our senses become absorbed in the experience and the result can be truly calming.

Unfortunately, it's a more complex decision to light that fire. Fall and winter's cooler temperatures can trap air pollution near the ground, which is why Maricopa County may issue no-burn days to help avoid high levels of air pollution. Burning wood can produce fine particulate matter that can be harmful to your lungs. It can also produce carbon monoxide and other toxins that can harm your health.

When state forecasters issue a high pollution advisory [HPA], the Maricopa County Air Quality Department will issue a mandatory No Burn Day restriction, prohibiting all fire-place, woodstove and outdoor burning device use. This includes the use of manufactured logs. Restrictions last for a 24-hour period. Violators may be subject to fines.

Natural gas or other clean-burning fire appliances are allowed on no-burn days. If you choose to burn wood, use only dry, seasoned wood because it is more efficient at heating your home. For more information please visit www.whentoburn.com and enter your zip code to review current burn status for your neighborhood.

Phoenix Graffiti Awareness


 **GRAFFITI FREE** Phoenix

February 2021 will mark the 7th annual Graffiti Free Phoenix Awareness Month campaign. Mayor Kate Gallego will issue a Proclamation encouraging residents to actively participate in efforts to keep Phoenix neighborhoods free of graffiti. The campaign focuses on awareness, education, and calls the community to action.

Graffiti is a form of blight that can decrease property values in neighborhoods and attract other forms of criminal activity if it is not promptly removed. A citywide collaborative effort that includes the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD), Police, the Prosecutor's Office, and various other departments and stakeholders, was established to combat graffiti and prosecute graffiti vandals.

While anti-graffiti education occurs year-round, the City highlights the issue in February to raise awareness about the negative impacts of graffiti, and to encourage residents and communities to take action.

 Click Button for more info on where to report graffiti

 **CITY OF PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE**
BUILDING NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGH EDUCATION

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... STAY SAFE!

INFO OF THE MONTH

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



WATER SERVICES

Join the Water Services Department for a presentation followed by a question and answer session to learn more about the rate setting process, including the capital improvement programs and financial plans of the city's water utility. Visit www.phoenix.gov/waterrates to sign up for a meeting. All meetings will offer the same information. Please email watersmart@phoenix.gov with any questions/comments.

Proposed Water & Sewer Rates

Phoenix Water Services is proposing a 6.5% water rate increase spread out over a two-year period. The proposed rate increase for the average single family residential customer will equal to approximately \$2.40 a month or 0.08 cents per day, which is still among the lowest in the nation.

The rate increase would provide funding for resources needed to invest in rehabilitation and replacement of water pipes, treatment plants, pumps, reservoirs, and wells that ensure reliable delivery of the city's drinking water. If you have a question or comment about the department's rate increase, please email watersmart@phoenix.gov.

Community Meetings

The public is invited to attend a Virtual Public Meeting to learn why the City of Phoenix Water Services Department is recommending a water rate increase. Join us for a presentation followed by a question and answer session to learn more about the rate setting process, including the capital improvement programs and financial plans of the city's water utility.

Live Virtual Meetings:

- January 27 at 6 p.m.
 - [Register](#)
- February 4 at noon
 - [Register](#)
- February 11 at 3 p.m.
 - [Register](#)
- February 18 at 6 p.m.
 - Information will be provided in Spanish
 - [Register](#)

Please email watersmart@phoenix.gov with any questions/comments.

All meetings will offer the same information.

WATER SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Water Use Calculator: A New Water Conservation Tool Phoenix Water Services Department's new water usage calculator is a tool to help residents get a better understanding of day-to-day water consumption. Showers, dishwashing, laundry, toilet flushes, outdoor landscaping, and pools contribute to the resident's daily water use. "Water conservation has always played a critical role in Phoenix's water resource planning. As we prepare for a hotter, drier future, water conservation will be even more important for our city's resiliency and sustainability. The water calculator is an excellent resource to add to our water conservation efforts," said Vice Mayor Thelda Williams, chair of the Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee.

To get started, residents can visit Phoenix.gov/WaterCloud and click on the Home Water Usage Calculator. That calculator makes it easy to enter information about the household, such as family size, type of landscaping, age of the home, length of the average shower, and more. The calculator compiles a resident's optimal monthly water usage into a detailed report tailored to the household. In the report, residents can view monthly and annual water usage breakdown (in gallons), as well as graphs that highlight indoor versus outdoor water usage. Residents are encouraged to use a recent City Services bill to input actual usage for a more accurate comparison. The calculator produces an estimate, and actual usage may vary. Phoenix Water's water usage calculator is one of the 14 water conservation measures recommended by the Water Conservation Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) and adopted by the Phoenix City Council to maintain Phoenix's legacy as a water conservation leader.

The Committee convened from May 2019 to December 2019 to identify water conservation measures around three focus areas, including landscape requirements and guidelines, codes and enforcement, and education and outreach. The Committee was co-chaired by Councilwoman Williams and Councilwoman Pastor and comprised of citizens from the community with water expertise in the non-profit, private, and public sectors.

Additional resources are available to help resident's conserve water and save on their City Services bill:

- Request free water-saving resources
- Sudden water bill spike? Check for leaks
- Visit Phoenix Water's Water Cloud digital education page
- Get low water use plant ideas for the landscape
- Watering plants the right amount? Check out this handy guide
- Find over 100 water-saving tips and more



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

Following a vote during the December 2nd Phoenix City Council meeting, all athletic field reservations and tournaments at facilities managed by the city's Parks and Recreation Department will be canceled effective December 3 and be paused until the COVID-19 community spread metric returns to the moderate level in Maricopa County.

Additionally, due to the City Council vote, the following city park amenities closed effective December 3 and remain closed based on that same community spread metric criteria that is provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services.

- Ramadas
- Picnic tables
- Fitness equipment
- Basketball and volleyball courts
- Sports complexes

All other amenities in Phoenix's public parks will remain open, as will city hiking trails and golf courses.

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

- 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 programs is available at Phoenix.gov/Parks.

BMCA AND BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO STARBUCKS
AT 19TH AVENUE & THUNDERBIRD
FOR DONATING COFFEE AT OUR MONTHLY
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**THANK YOU TO THE NORTH PHOENIX
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**



TOM ARGIRO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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www.substanceabuse.az.gov/angelinitiative

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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/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ>

IDENTITY THEFT / FEDERAL TRADE COMM.

Recovery and information

www.IdentityTheft.gov

KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25

Post signs and stickers to slow traffic

www.KeepKidsAliveDrive25.org

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!

[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

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

ZOOM / WebEx

MEETING and EVENT

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2021

Wednesday, FEB. 3rd BMCA BOARD MEETING

5:00 pm - call 602-402-7914 for link info

Wednesday, FEB. 3rd NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting

6:00 pm - e-mail Michael.noyd@phoenix.gov for link info

Thursday, FEB. 4th NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting

6:00 pm - e-mail Michael.noyd@phoenix.gov for link info

Wednesday, FEB. 10th

BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT MEETING

6:30 pm - check the BMCA e-BULLETIN for the link info

Tuesday, FEB. 16th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING

6:00 pm - e-mail pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov for link

Tuesday, FEB. 23th

PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm - link info on www.phxblockwatch.org

Wednesday, FEB. 24th CPCA BW / CP PNP MEETING

6:30 pm - for link go to

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Cactus_Park_Community_Alliance

MARCH 2021

Wednesday, MAR. 3rd BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm - call 602-402-7914 for link info

Thursday, MAR. 4th NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting

6:00 pm - e-mail Michael.noyd@phoenix.gov for link info

Wednesday, MAR. 10th

BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT MEETING

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Tuesday, MAR. 16th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING

6:00 pm - e-mail pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov for link

Wednesday & Thursday, 17th & 18th

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.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

24 – HOUR HOTLINES

FOR LOCAL SHELTER CALL:

602-263-8900 OR 1-800-799-7739

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

NATIONAL HOTLINE: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

LEGAL ADVOCACY HOTLINE: 602-279-2900

OLDER ADULTS: 602-264-HELP (4357)

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 Councilman Jim Waring	602-262-7445
D 3 Councilwoman 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

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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