



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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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



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.

Enforcement phase of hands-free bill begins January 1st

PHOENIX – Perhaps you've seen the acrophobia-inducing public service announcements on TV? Maybe heard the rattlesnake's rattle and hiss while listening to Pandora? Or saw one man distracting a one-ton bull in social media posts, all in the name of preventing distracted driving

Three months after the Arizona Department of Transportation launched its distracted driving awareness campaign "[Distracted Drivers Terrify Me](#)," aimed at reducing the number of people engaging in distracting behaviors while driving, the public outreach effort is still going strong.

And the timing couldn't be better.

In just a few days, the final phase of the statewide texting and driving ban will go into effect. On Jan. 1, 2021, violators of Arizona's hands-free law ([HB 2318](#)) will become subject to civil penalties. The first violation will result in a fine between \$75 and \$149 and subsequent violations can be as much as \$250, plus applicable surcharges.

That's an expensive -- and dangerous -- text message.

"There's no good reason to text and drive," said ADOT Director John Halikowski. "Plenty of people think they're excellent drivers and they can multitask behind the wheel. They're all wrong. Frankly, people become dangerous drivers when they shift their attention from the road ahead to the tiny screen on their phone. Distracted driving must stop."

In April 2019 Governor Doug Ducey signed legislation that banned the use of hand-held mobile devices, like cell phones and tablets, while driving a vehicle. It is [illegal](#) for drivers to talk or text on a device not engaged in hands-free mode on all roadways in Arizona. Distracted driving causes thousands of entirely preventable crashes every year. In 2019 in Arizona, at least 10,491 drivers involved in crashes were engaged in distracted driving behavior. Traffic safety stakeholders believe this figure is actually much higher, however, because distracted driving is underreported since drivers often don't admit to being distracted or died in the crash.

NEXT BMCA & PNP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13th 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 January 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm

JOIN ZOOM MEETING LINK

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83025902946?pwd=Ky9lNjc4SjBtZGE3WnA2TjRlY0ZRU09>

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

Meeting ID: 830 2590 2946

Passcode: 200BMCA



Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain



Precinct NEWS



Black Mountain Precinct

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

Precinct: 602.495.5002

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

In these trying times we have all been put to the test personally, professionally, and spiritually. The uncertainty which has been bestowed upon us this year with the pandemic and more recently the election debates has many of us stressed out. As we moved through the holiday season still dealing with these issues, I write this as a reminder to myself and others that we are all in this together and everyone has been affected in one way or another.

As we maneuver our way into this new year, I ask everyone to exercise patience. We have all been through a lot already and most are still trying to find our paths to normalcy. Patience is a virtue because it requires self-control. It takes a conscience effort to control one's words and actions. I must remind myself of this all the time. Like most, I too fall victim to being rushed and getting tunnel vision on only those things that affect me. Whether I am driving in my personal vehicle or standing in line at a store I become so focused on my own responsibilities and "wants" that I lose sight of those around me. In a sense I become somewhat selfish and lose my patience.

Patience is defined as having the capacity or habit of being patient. It means being able to tolerate delays and problems without becoming annoyed. The easiest way for me to do this is to try and imagine what others might be going through. Envisioning what may be affecting others or going on in their lives. Have they lost a job, are they living on a fixed income, have they recently lost a loved one, or just having one of those days where nothing goes right? These along with other issues bring stress and even more uncertainty within our lives which can cause us to act or say things out of character.

The holidays are supposed to be the happiest of times and bring us hope for what is to follow. I hope they were, even during all the modifications or changes everyone had to make last year. As we enter into 2021, I ask everyone by their own virtue to continue being patient and remembering that we have only made it this far by the graces of those around us. A virtue is a desirable trait or quality which is in all of us. It is that which helps us make ethical decisions and do what is morally good. Patience is a virtue because it demands that we control ourselves even in the face of adversity. It also requires us to think logically before acting or speaking and to think about others as they should be thinking about us.

Remember, although we all have different lives and daily routines which make us unique, as previously

mentioned we are still in this together. No matter your faith, gender, ethnicity, or political party, we are humans first. We must take care of one another, which includes providing our patience to others when they may be struggling. We have made it this far and we can make it even further but only if we ALL dig deep and stay patient. Keep in mind today or even tomorrow you could be talking to someone who is trying their best not to fall apart. So, whatever you say or do, do it with patience and kindness from your heart.



Abatement Officer David Hurt #7109
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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
tim.tewers@phoenix.gov

WELCOME NEW CAO THOMAS MC KEE!



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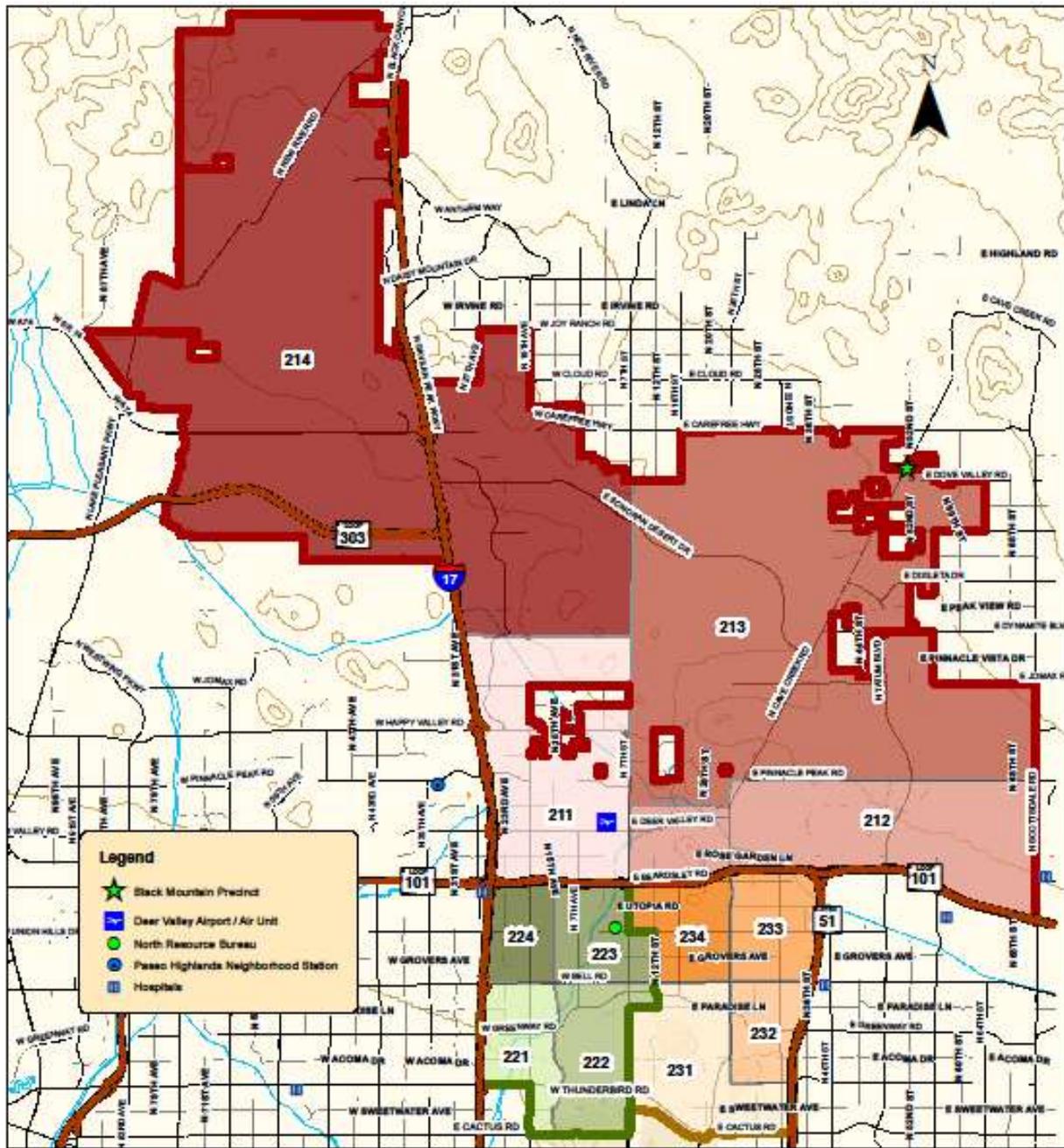
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City of Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct (200) Squad and Beat Boundaries



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

Happy New Year! PNP Members

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year! Continue to take care of yourself and others and follow the CDC guidelines. Thanks to each of you for your continued efforts during this past difficult year. (fingers crossed 2021 is better than 2020)

Monthly Citywide PNP Meetings

For the foreseeable future we will continue to meet virtually and will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month from 6pm to 8pm. I am making a new reoccurring meeting in Webex for the upcoming year, so it will be the same meeting number each time. If at some point, we are given the ok to meet in-person again, I plan on continuing to offer the virtual platform for people who want to join that way.

The next meeting is January 19, 2021 from 6pm to 8pm. Login details to follow later

PNP log Sheets

I cover updates on Volunteer.phoenix.gov in detail later, but I want this part early in this message while people are still reading it, not at the end.

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. Being New Year's Eve I doubt the tech folks will get to this before Monday.

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.

PNP Basic Classes for 2021

The 2021 flyers should be attached to this email and I have sent them to our Web Detail to update phoenix.gov. If you manage your own web page, please update them with this info.

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

January 20 & 21
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.

Community Meetings

Many community groups have gone to virtual meetings due to the COVID restrictions. I have been fortunate to be invited to a few. I am impressed with the turnout at these "newfangled" meetings, although many of you might not be too comfortable with virtual meetings you have stepped up for the good of your communities. Thank you.

If you would like me to attend your meeting, send me an invite, invite your local CAO's too. I will do my best to attend.

Virtual Coffee With a Cop

We are still working on getting this organized. I have not given up on the idea. More info to come.

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.

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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:
January 20th & 21st

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 Councilwoman 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/resourcess

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO INCOMING DISTRICT 1 COUNCILWOMAN ANN O'BRIEN who will be inaugurated on April 19, 2021!



Twitter: Jim_Waring
Facebook: facebook.com/waringjim



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

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](#)

DECEMBER 14, 2020
Black Mountain Precinct
BLOOD DRIVE
at Shiloh Community Church
Children's Center
19021 N. 32nd Street



NEW CAO Thomas McKee



CAO Jen Zak



CAO Tim Tewers



The handmade glass art ornament by Monte Fremouw for the BMCA Holiday gifts to the Black Mountain Precinct

CHARLEY'S HEROES



Charley and Ahleeya doing what they do best, making the world a better place for Emma...



Detective Brian Kornegay being caught as Santa's Elf!

WELCOME PHOENIX POLICE K-9 Mattis!



You've heard it before, and you'll hear it again: a dog is a man's best friend. But in policework, a dog may just be a man's best colleague, too.

K9 Mattis joined the force at the beginning of 2020, purchased with funds from the Phoenix Police Foundation. He is one of four dogs added to the unit this year, bringing the Phoenix Police K9 Unit to 17 dogs total.

The main priority for these dogs is to be a locating tool for police. Sometimes, that is to locate suspects. But K9s are also used to find drugs and explosives, or other crime scene evidence.

This year, the K9 Unit got a new behavior shaping device to help train dogs in odor detection. Narcotics trainer Lisa Fisher said this device is integral in preparing dogs for their jobs. The unit also got new bite suits for bite training. Plus, they got a new fenced-in facility with a shade at the Phoenix Regional Police Academy. So now, instead of going to city parks and other public places, officers can bring their K9s to train and play at the Academy. All of this was not possible without the Phoenix Police Foundation, continually supporting the force and ensuring the safety of our community.

To read the article and watch video, please visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/police/1672>



Statement from Maricopa County Attorney Allister Adel

Over the past month, my family and I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support by this community. It has provided us much comfort during this time. I am grateful for the high-quality medical treatment I am receiving and want to publicly thank the medical teams who have taken care of me. I am still recovering at Barrow's Neurological Institute and look forward to returning home in the coming weeks.

To my family at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, thank you for continuing to focus on the important work of our office. You are professionals of the highest caliber and I am proud of the work you are doing to keep the office moving forward.

Finally, I'm proud to be the first woman elected as the Maricopa County Attorney and I want to thank the voters of Maricopa County for entrusting me with this honor. I feel stronger every day and while I know that recovering from a brain injury is a slow and steady process, I look forward to working with my medical team to ensure a safe and full recovery.

Allister Adel
Allister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney

Don't Drag this Year into the Next: Avoid a DUI



It's not an understatement to say that we are all excited to celebrate the end of this year, but while celebrations are in order, it's important not to get carried away and make hasty decisions. While the holiday season is anticipated all year long, it is also one of the most dangerous times to be on the road.

This Thanksgiving alone 358 people were arrested for driving under the influence in Arizona, an increase in arrests compared last year. Additionally according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), drunk drivers cause 40% of traffic fatalities between Christmas and New Year's. On New Year's Eve alone, an average of 54 people die due to a drunk driving accident. Victims are not only those who

choose to drive while impaired but other drivers and pedestrians as well. In Arizona, DPS troopers arrested 30 people over New Year's Eve last year and stated that the most dangerous time to be on the road is between 2:30 and 3:00 am when bars have closed, and impaired drivers are on their way home. It's important to remember that driving under the influence is not limited to alcohol but includes drugs such as marijuana and prescription pills.

The best way to start this coming new year is to get home safe and sound. Help yourself make smart decisions by planning ahead. Consider the following tips to help you decide how you will get home safely.

- Be on the lookout for promotions on rideshare apps, public transportation, and other local services
- Download and program your rideshare app with your home address ahead of time
- Let someone know what your plans are, where you will be and what time you plan to be home
- If you are a designated driver, make a 100% commitment to staying sober
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, pull over and call the police

There is no excuse for driving under the influence. It risks your life and that of others on the road. Choose to stay safe this new year and give yourself a good start next year.

To learn more about driving under the influence visit, MaricopaCountyAttorney.org/DUI

2020 Snapshot: Crime Across the Valley



This year the Maricopa County Attorney's Office launched the "Keeping Families Safe" campaign to help educate residents in our communities of ways they can prevent and prepare against crime. So far this year, we've covered scams and identify theft, personal and home safety, talked about the warning signs of substance abuse, vaping, teen suicide, domestic violence, among many other topics. While we can't predict when crime will occur, we can help families develop habits that will keep them safe. To be better prepared for the year to come, we want to provide a quick look at the crime trends across the valley this year.

According to the [Community Crime Map](#), the five most common crimes throughout the valley this year included theft, motor vehicle theft, aggravated assault, residential burglary, and commercial burglary. Compared to last year, motor vehicle theft, commercial burglary, and aggravated assault increased, while theft and DUI decreased. According to the Phoenix Police Departments Crime Analysis Unit, the first half of 2020 showed a dramatic

increase in violent crime, with homicide and assault increasing 25% compared to 2019. Crimes classified as aggravated assault cover various acts that cause serious physical injury, use a weapon, or are intentional in nature. There was also an increase in assaults with weapons, with 42% of these crimes involving a gun. A significant shift that also occurred this year was a rise in domestic violence, which accounted for 24 homicides during the first half of the year alone.

This year, crime also occurred more consistently throughout the week versus the weekend compared to last year. Similarly, this year's time of day crime shifted to throughout the day versus last year when it occurred mostly at night. While it's hard to identify a definitive cause for this shift, the COVID-19 pandemic did alter routines by encouraging more people to stay home.

COVID-19 also played a factor in crimes committed virtually. Scams were particularly prevalent this year, reaching record numbers in the spring and then again in the summer when COVID-19 cases were on the rise. Data from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) revealed that scams originating on social media more than tripled compared to last year. Financial losses from these scams also reached a record high amounting to \$117 million in just the first six months of the year, compared to \$134 million in all of 2019. The most common scams reported to the FTC consisted of online shopping scams followed by romance scams, business or economic relief scams, family/friend imposters, and government imposters. Scams related to multi-level marketing companies and pyramid schemes also increased five-fold during the spring and summer. Over 94% of FTC reports identified Facebook and Instagram as the sites where these scams took place.

The start of the year is a great time to incorporate new safety habits into your daily routine. Check out our top safety tips for 2021 below.

- Frequently inspect your home and identify areas vulnerable to break-ins
- Always lock your car, take your keys inside, and park in well-lit areas
- Practice situational awareness and be alert and aware of those around you
- Be proactive about protecting your personal and financial information
- Make it a habit to safely discard prescription medication from your home
- Stay committed to never driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol

Creating safety habits can make a real difference in protecting yourself, your property, and preventing crime. To learn more about all the ways you can help keep your family safe visit, MaricopaCountyAttorney.org.

To learn more about crime in your community, visit CommunityCrimeMap.com



Maricopa County Prepares for Distribution of COVID-19 Vaccine

Maricopa County is taking a whole community approach as it prepares for the arrival of the first COVID-19 vaccine.

"We have been developing detailed, multi-pronged plans in partnership with local hospital systems, fire departments, law enforcement, emergency management and other agencies across the County to prepare for a quick and efficient distribution of the vaccine as soon as it becomes available," said Marcy Flanagan, director of Maricopa County Public Health Department.

At this time, vaccine manufacturers Pfizer and Moderna have applied for emergency use authorization (EUA); however, no vaccine has been granted either full or emergency use authorization. While there are still many unknown factors that could impact when and how much vaccine will become available; a vaccine could be approved and ready for distribution as early as mid-December.

Vaccine supply will be limited at first, so distribution will be prioritized according to CDC guidelines. The CDC has broadly defined the populations that are eligible in multiple tiers. Priority will be given to Phase 1A, which is comprised of frontline healthcare workers, including Emergency Medical Services, who are at the highest risk of exposure, as well as residents of long-term care facilities.

"By vaccinating these frontline workers first, we are helping to ensure that our healthcare system will stay strong with needed staffing and in turn, our family members, friends, colleagues and others in our community will be able to receive the healthcare they need when they need it most."

The first dose of the vaccine will be distributed at five regional Points of Dispensing (PODs) across the county in conjunction with Abrazo Health, Banner Health, Banner Del Web, Dignity Health and Honor Health over a distribution period of several weeks. The vaccine will require a second dose, which will be administered three to four weeks later.

"We have not received all of the details yet, but our plans by design are flexible and we will be ready to go when the vaccine arrives," Flanagan said.

BOARD APPROVES ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

Rental, utility assistance among programs funded

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors has approved funding to continue the County's COVID-19 Public Health and Human Services response. The funding will support not only emergency public health efforts, but also economic recovery in the form of rental assistance, utility assistance, services for those experiencing homelessness, and the continuation of the County's funeral assistance program.

"These programs are providing much-needed help to Maricopa County residents who are struggling as a result of the pandemic," said Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairman Clint Hickman, District 4. "With CARES Act funding coming to an end, the Board wanted to ensure that critical community needs would still be met in 2021."

Rental assistance

The Board allocated over \$36 million in CARES Act funding for a crisis rental assistance program. Since mid-July, the County-managed COVID Crisis Rental Assistance program has provided financial assistance to 1,948 landlords and more than 5,300 households in Maricopa County. That amounts to 16,696 months (or \$28.2 million) of paid rent to date, with the goal of preventing evictions. An additional \$10 million of County general funds will be used to help approximately 2,000 additional households over the next three months. Completed applications that were submitted but were not able to receive CARES Act funding assistance will be the households primarily served.

Utility assistance

The Board originally allocated \$6 million in CARES Act funding for a crisis utility assistance program as many people who struggle to pay rent also struggle with utility bill costs during this pandemic. Today's vote allocates an additional \$3 million to that program, which will be used to help approximately 2,300 households avoid disconnection of utilities.

Homelessness

To continue its COVID-19 response services for those experiencing homelessness, \$4.3 million in general fund dollars will be used to continue providing isolation housing for people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and for those who are most vulnerable. Funding will also provide transportation, safe outdoor space, and temporary overnight shelter needed due to reduced shelter capacity.

"The need is vast and it is real across our community," said Bruce Liggett, Director of Maricopa County Human Services Department, which administers these programs. "I am grateful to the Board of Supervisors for supporting our efforts to keep families in their homes during the holidays and beyond, and to help those without a home find a safe refuge where they can be connected to the services that may help them end their homelessness. These programs make a difference, and the additional funding will be put to efficient and effective use to ensure this."

Pandemic response

The bulk of CARES Act spending has been directed to combating the pandemic, with millions allocated and spent on case investigation, contact tracing, testing services, personal protective equipment, and emergency preparedness and response. The Board today allocated more than \$20 million to continue these efforts as well as to coordinate distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine in Maricopa County. Correctional Health Services also received an additional \$675,000 to support their efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in county jails.

Background

Maricopa County received \$399 million from the U.S. Treasury as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The purpose of this money is to cover expenditures related to the public health emergency that were not already included in fiscal year 2020 budget.

To learn more about COVID-19 assistance programs offered by Maricopa County, visit [Maricopa.gov/TakeCare](https://www.maricopa.gov/TakeCare).



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



Arizona MVD makes registration renewal easier with CheckFreePay

Customers can pay with cash at more than 500 locations statewide

PHOENIX – Eggs...bread...milk...vehicle registration renewal. Yes, renewing your vehicle’s registration can now be completed during a trip to the grocery store, and many other locations, too.

Through CheckFreePay® from Fiserv, the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division is giving customers another convenient option to renew their vehicle’s registration.

“We’re constantly looking for solutions that give customers more options to complete transactions with MVD at their convenience,” said MVD Director Eric Jorgensen. “CheckFreePay is another convenient, easy way to renew a registration that some customers will appreciate.”

In 2019, more than 1.5 million registration renewal transactions were processed at in-person locations (MVD offices, kiosks or Authorized Third Party offices) and CheckFreePay gives those customers another option to complete their business with MVD.

CheckFreePay has more than 500 locations statewide, including more than 100 locations outside the Phoenix and Tucson metro areas. Most locations are in grocery and convenience stores and MVD customers can visit any of them and pay cash to renew their vehicle registration – Walmart stores will accept registration renewal payments in early 2021. Customers will need to provide the last two numbers of their vehicle’s VIN and record number, which can be found in the registration renewal mailer or email sent to customers. Upon paying, the registration will update instantly in MVD’s system and customers will receive their renewal tab in the mail.

Visit CheckFreePay.com to find locations near you and for more information. A convenience fee of \$3 applies to each transaction.

In addition to visiting a CheckFreePay location, MVD customers can continue to renew vehicle registrations online at AZMVDNow.gov or ServiceArizona.com, or visit an Authorized Third Party office.

All in-office MVD appointments can be scheduled online

No need to call MVD to schedule an in-office appointment

PHOENIX – Need to make an in-office appointment at the MVD? Don’t pick up the phone, go online and pick the location and time that works best for you.

Customers can now go to the web and schedule an in-office appointment for any service at Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division offices. Previously, in-office appointments could be scheduled online for a selection of transactions.

“MVD is excited to give customers the ability to schedule their own in-office appointments at their convenience,” said MVD Director Eric Jorgensen. “This streamlines the process of setting up an MVD appointment.”

Customers can schedule in-office appointments at AZMVDNow.gov, the primary online portal for MVD customers. After logging in, users can navigate to “Schedule an Appointment” and choose from the six options listed: Travel ID, ID/Driver License

Renewal, Instruction Permit, Road Test, Motorcycle Road Test and Additional Services.

AZ MVD Now accounts are free and every person with an Arizona driver license, identification card, or vehicle registered in the state has an AZ MVD Now account. Since launching in April, more than 1.5 million accounts have been activated. To activate your account, go to AZMVDNow.gov and follow the prompts.

In addition to offering the ability to schedule in-office appointments, AZ MVD Now also allows customers to complete more than two-thirds of all MVD transactions and services, potentially taking away the need to visit an office for many customers.

Masks are required to be worn by all people – employees and customers – inside MVD offices.



ADOR Lowers Business Electronic Threshold

Beginning January 1, 2021, businesses with an annual transaction privilege tax (TPT) and/or use tax liability of \$500 or more during the prior calendar year will be required to file and pay electronically starting in February 2021 for the January reporting period. The revised 2021 threshold of \$500 is a change from the 2020 level of \$5,000.

Additionally, the following taxpayers must remit their taxes electronically:

- Withholding Tax - Any taxpayer with \$125 average quarterly liability for withholding tax during the prior tax year.
- Corporate Estimated Tax - Any corporation with \$500 prior tax year liability.

Electronically filing and paying are more secure and faster for taxpayers and critical for ADOR to deliver a more results-driven, customer-focused management system that produces enhanced services for Arizonans.

Businesses failing to file and pay electronically are subject to the following:

- A penalty of 5% of the tax amount due for filing a paper return. The minimum penalty is \$25, including filings with zero liability.
- A penalty of 5% of the amount of payment made by check or cash.
- A penalty of 4.5% of the tax required to be shown on the return for each month or fraction of a month the return is late. There is a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of 25% of the tax due or \$100 per return, whichever is greater.

To file and pay online, a business must be registered on www.AZTaxes.gov and utilizes Automated Clearance House (ACH) Debit, e-check, or credit card as a payment method to comply with electronic funds transfer (EFT) payment requirements. In 2021, the out-of-state sellers’ economic threshold is \$100,000, and accordingly, they are required to file and pay electronically.

For more information on e-services for businesses in Arizona, go to <https://azdor.gov/e-services/e-services-businesses-arizona>.

CRIME TIPS:

GIFT CARDS ARE CONVENIENT BUT CAN COME WITH RISKS

Gift cards have become one of Americans' favorite ways to mark birthdays and holidays, and — in light of COVID-19's impact on this shopping season — they likely will be popular once again. A recent survey by AARP reveals that nearly two-thirds of U.S. adults plan to purchase gift cards as presents this holiday season. But be forewarned of potential scams.

HOW IT WORKS:

Scammers have come up with novel ways to drain the value of gift cards, or to convince us to buy them at a discount.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

A common trick is for thieves to compromise gift cards hanging on store racks. Often, they expose the PIN on the back and then cover it back up with easy-to-obtain replacement stickers. When someone buys and loads a compromised card, the scammer is notified and drains the value from the card.

Fraudsters also lurk on resale or auction websites, ostensibly offering items at an attractive discount. Once they get you interested in buying, they'll ask you to pay with a gift card. As soon as they get the card number and PIN from you, they vanish, and so does the money on the card.

Scammers send emails or text messages, supposedly from a familiar store or organization saying you've won a gift card. To claim it, you just need to provide contact information, click through to a website or answer a few survey questions. Their goal may be to unleash malicious software on your device to access sensitive information, or use your data for identity theft or to sell it to marketers.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Examine gift cards carefully for signs of tampering before you buy them. Keep the activation receipt with the gift card. You can also register your card with the retailer if the option is offered. This makes it easier to track and quickly report any issues.

Be wary of cards hanging on racks that are easily accessible. See if you can purchase gift cards that are protected behind the counter — or better yet, buy them online directly from the retailer or restaurant that issues them.

Delete any unsolicited email or text message offering you a gift card, without responding. And never give your personal information to anyone in exchange for a gift card.



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.*



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.homelesshelterdirectory.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
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
contact info call or e-mail Dee at 602-380-1854 or giddeup37@cox.net

MINI MOON II BLOCK WATCH (in Moon Valley along Interlachen)
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.
mvg@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

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Have all important updated identification information
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FREE PERSONAL ID KITS
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Made possible by the Phoenix Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program

The **Black Mountain Community Alliance** Board
Members are trained and available to attend your
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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.

Weatherization Services

Call Us When It's Cold!

Plan ahead to be ready for the summer heat, as it can come faster than you expect!

This is the time of year to open your windows and let the cool morning air into your Valley home. As you enjoy those bursts of cool breezes, please don't let air conditioning issues wait until the high temperatures return.

Now is the best time to find out if you qualify for weatherization services, before the summer heat picks up and contractors become stretched thin with service calls.

Under the Weatherization program, homes are assessed to identify the areas that need repair in order to make the home comfortable and energy efficient. Residents who participate in the program typically see lower monthly energy bills.

The earlier you begin the process of applying for the program, the better off you will be when the triple digit temperatures return. Please note, the Weatherization program can only be utilized once per household.

In order to participate in the Neighborhood Services Department's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), resident's homes must be in the city of Phoenix, must provide proof of residency, and meet federal low-to-moderate income limit guidelines.

For more information and to request an application please contact the Neighborhood Services Department at 602-534-4444 option 4 or send an email to rehab.nsd@phoenix.gov. We look forward to hearing from you this winter!

Phoenix Graffiti Awareness



Click Button for more info on where to report graffiti

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.

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.



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...
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**



TOM ARGIRO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INFO OF THE MONTH

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

RECYCLE YOUR TREE!

Phoenix residents may drop off their live holiday/Christmas trees and wreaths for disposal anytime between Dec. 26, 2020 and Jan. 9, 2021.

Drop Off Locations: North Phoenix

- Deer Valley Park - 19th Ave. and Utopia Rd.
- Paradise Valley Park - 40th St. south of Union Hills Dr.
- Sereno Park - 56th St. and Sweetwater Ave.
- Cactus Park - 38th Ave. and Cactus Rd.
- Mountain View Park - Seventh Ave. south of Peoria Ave.
- North Gateway Transfer Station - 30205 N. Black Canyon Hwy. (Dixileta exit)

For a list of all city-wide drop-off locations at Phoenix parks as well as designated private businesses, visit Christmas Tree Composting.

Please remove all decorations, lights, tree stands and metal ornament hangers before dropping them off. They will then be delivered to the city's composting facility to be made into nutrient-rich compost by spring!

Tree & Wreath Disposal Requirements

- Bring the tree & wreath unbagged.
- Remove all decorations, lights, and tinsel.
- Remove the tree stand and all nails/metal stakes.
- Secure tree during transport. Tie it down with material that can be untied or cut easily.
- Only dispose of trees or wreaths in marked drop-off areas.
- Both transfer stations will accept up to two live trees from city of Phoenix residents. If residents wish to dispose of more than two, city of Phoenix customers with their city services bill and matching photo ID can use their one free load of up to 1 ton (2,000 pounds).

Container Grown Trees

Container-grown living trees may be donated for planting in city of Phoenix parks. Parks will only accept 15 gallon-sized or 24" box-sized trees. They can be delivered to a nearby maintenance facility to be planted in a local park.

The trees need to be one of the four following species:

- Aleppo pine (*Pinus halepensis*)
- Eldarica pine or Goldwater pine (*Pinus eldarica*)
- Canary Island pine (*Pinus canariensis*)
- Chir pine (*Pinus roxburghii*)

Call City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department at 602-495-3762 for drop-off locations or for additional information

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 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/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

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Help the homeless!

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[PHXCityCam](#)

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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

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FAMILY RESOURCE INFORMATION CENTER

www.wesdschools.org/wric

ZOOM / WebEx **MEETING and EVENT** **CALENDAR**

JANUARY 2021

Wednesday, JAN. 6th BMCA BOARD MEETING
6:30 pm - call 602-402-7914 for link info

Thursday, JAN. 7th NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting
6:00 pm - e-mail Michael.noyd@phoenix.gov for link info

Wednesday, JAN. 13th
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT MEETING
6:30 pm - check the BMCA e-BULLETIN for the link info

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

Wednesday & Thursday, JAN. 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.

Tuesday, JAN. 26th
PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
6:30 - link info on www.phxblockwatch.org

Wednesday, JAN. 27th CPCA BW / CP PNP MEETING
6:30 pm – for link go to
http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Cactus_Park_Community_Alliance

FEBRUARY 2021

Wednesday, FEB. 3rd BMCA BOARD MEETING
6:30 pm - call 602-402-7914 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 pnp.coordinator@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
6:00 pm - for link go to
http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Cactus_Park_Community_Alliance

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 Councilwoman 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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