



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.



BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COFFEE WITH COPS



Asst. Chief Charley, Commander Ahleeya
and Commander Darren Viner

**COFFEES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

There has been discussion about holding a Virtual Coffee with Cops in the near future... we will keep you posted!

NEXT BMCA & PNP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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.

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

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

BOARD ELECTIONS for V-Chair and Secretary

PRESENTATION: BUS TRANSIT ENFORCEMENT
with Lt. Mark Schweikert

JOIN ZOOM MEETING LINK

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83377785110?pwd=dTNibXh1bHJsd1hIN2FDelF4SzcxOT09>

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

Meeting ID: 833 7778 5110 Passcode: BMCA2021

Our apologies for the passcode mix up last month! Please call us at 480-467-7399 if it ever happens again!



ATTENTION

ALL BLOCK WATCH and PNP GROUPS!

NEED BLOCK WATCH WINDOW SIGNS?
Crime Prevention & Safety ITEMS? BROCHURES?

Stop by the Deer Valley Community Center
north parking lot for the

BMCA DRIVE-THRU PICK-UP
on Saturday, March 13th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

call or text 480-467-7399 if there is anything specific or quantities of something you need.

Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain



Precinct NEWS



Black Mountain Precinct

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

Precinct: 602.495.5002

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

Hello, Black Mountain Precinct Community! I am the newest member of the Community Programs Squad.

I am Community Action Officer Thomas McKee #9214 of the Black Mountain Precinct. I have been an Officer with the Phoenix Police Department for 13 years and have been in the Black Mountain Precinct since 2014. I have worked all over the precinct, with most of my career in the 23 area.

Most of my career has been in Patrol but I donned the "mosquito wings" known as Field Training Patches for the last four years, training several of the fine young Officers that serve the Black Mountain Precinct. I always took pride in my training for several reasons. Firstly, I believe the phrase "train them like you're going to keep them" to be very true as I had the pleasure of working with some of the very people I trained years ago. Seeing them utilizing their training and watching them grow into respectable officers is one of the best accomplishments I have had so far on this department. Secondly, I believe it is vital to let the community know how much we value working together by being professional, thereby building mutual respect and trust. This is one skill I have constantly demonstrated with my trainees because if we work well with the community, more can be accomplished, and the public trust will build. This is not easy though as it requires patience and grace. I made sure my trainees understood there was a fine line they needed to walk where not only do they need to demonstrate the authority to enforce law, but they needed to be compassionate.

My goal in policing goes back to a phrase used when camping, "Always leave the place better than when you found it." I wanted to train because I knew we would be getting a whole new generation of police officers coming in. I don't herald myself as Top Cop by any means but what I do bring to the table is the ability to be empathetic and caring while enforcing the law. I always try to be kind because you never know what the future holds. If you showed a kind heart to someone you arrested, they may be kind to another officer or person in the future. Also, they will always remember you treated them with kindness. I have spent the last four years mentoring and training new officers in the precinct with this in mind and so far, I have seen them do wonderful work. Though I am in a new position, I still

make it my mission to introduce myself to every new officer in the precinct.

Now as the new Community Action Officer for the 23 area, I want to continue to make the community better by working together and coming up with solutions to issues that may arise. I look forward to our journey together and as you may have guessed, I am very excited to be here. So please, won't you be my neighbor?



CAO Thomas McKee #9214 at602-495-5227

thomas.mckee@phoenix.gov

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

Events affected in Black Mountain Precinct Include:

BMCA General Block Watch / PNP Meetings

Coffee with a Cop - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Information will be sent out as these events get rescheduled.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience.

-Lt. Brian Rimsza

'IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!'

AND CALL 911,

CRIME STOP 602-262-6151

OR SILENT WITNESS 480-WITNESS!

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

Become a Police Reserve

Sergeant Tommy Thompson is a well-known face of the Phoenix Police Department. He retired from full-time duty on Nov. 30 after more than 37 years. He has now returned as a Reserve Officer, joining others who donated nearly 40,000 hours of service last year at a value of more than 3 million dollars! Learn how to join: PhoenixPoliceReserve.org.





**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!***

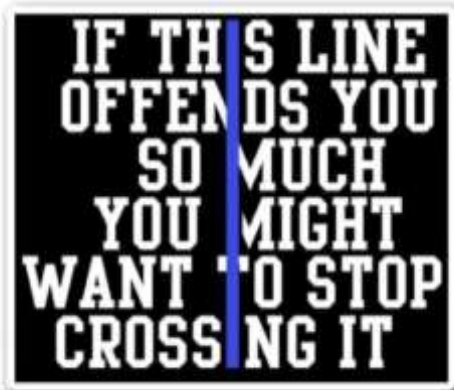
WE'VE GOT YOUR SIX!

<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.

PHOENIX PD APP



The Phoenix Police Department now has a mobile app, bringing a variety of resources and information to one place. Users can use the app to access online reporting, crime statistics, precinct locations, phone numbers, career opportunities, virtual block watch, victims' rights information, and more. Users can also turn on notifications from the

precinct they live in to receive news updates and information on events in their area. To watch the video released, please click here.

The App is now available both in the Apple Store for iOS and in the Google Play Store for Android.

Report graffiti on the Phoenix PD app! Graffiti can now be reported on the Police Department app released in January 2021. Studies show that if graffiti is removed within 24 hours, there is a 90% likelihood that the graffiti will not return to the same area. If you see graffiti in progress, call 911 immediately, or use the app to have it removed! Click here to watch the video on how to report graffiti through the app. #GraffitiFreePHX City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department

BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER SQUAD:



21 Area North (Beat 214)
(W 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



21 Area North (Beats 212 & 213)
(W 83rd Ave to E Scottsdale Rd. & S SR101 to N Mingus Rd.)
CA Officer Tim Tewers #8698 at 602-495-5213
tim.tewers@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 South (Beats 231 & 232)
(W 7th/16th Sts. to E SR51 & S Cactus Rd. to N Bell Rd.)
23 Area North (Beats 233 & 234)
(W 7th/16th Sts. to E SR51 & S Bell Rd. to N SR101)
CAO Thomas McKee #9214 at 602-495-5227
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Abatement Officer David Hurt #7109
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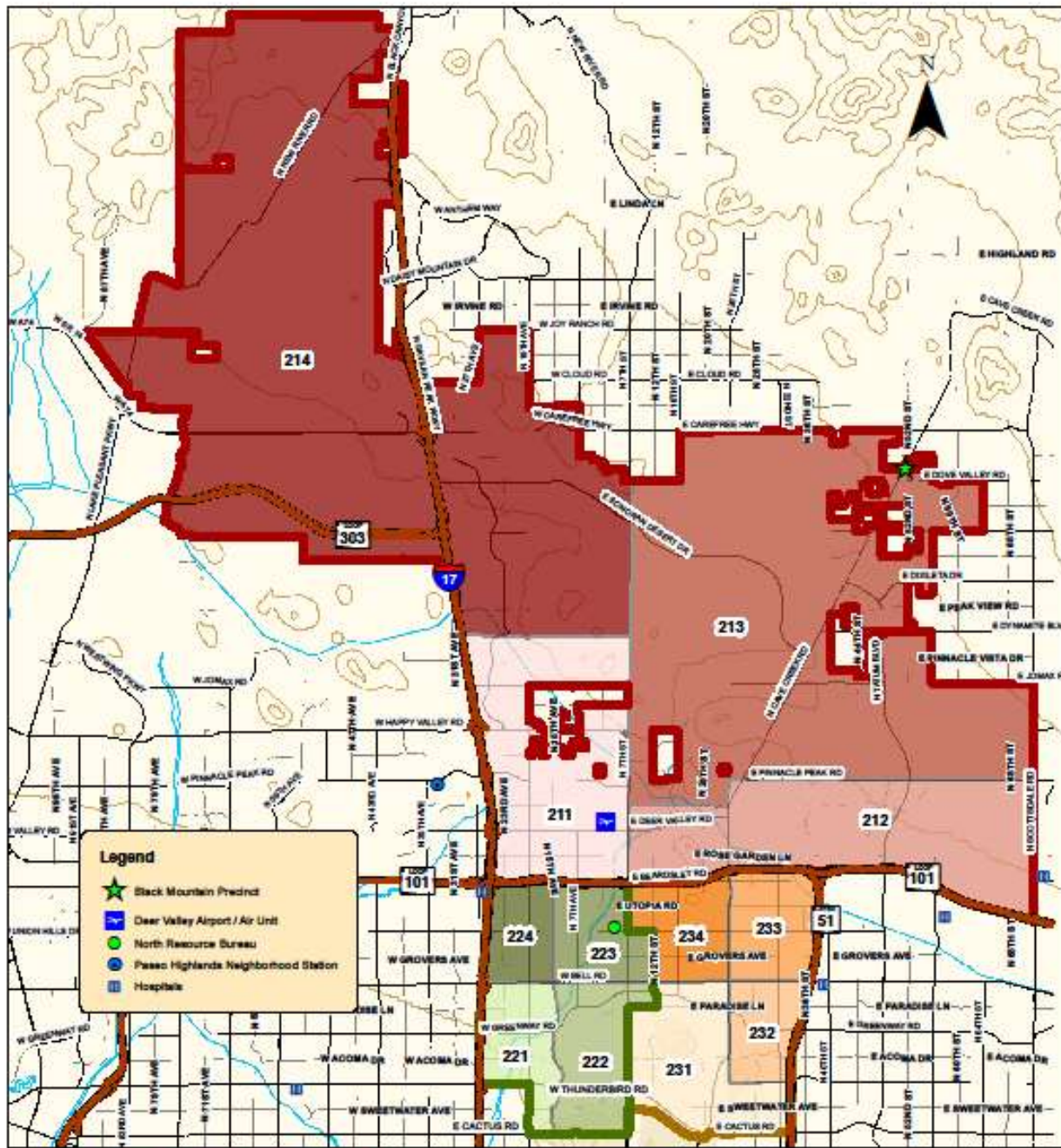
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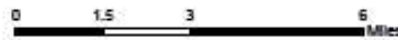


City of Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct (200) Squad and Beat Boundaries



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

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 March 16, 2021 from 6pm to 8pm. Login details will be e-mailed out.

PNP Basic Classes for 2021

The 2021 flyers are on the webpages, phoenix.gov/police and pnpmembers.com. If you manage your own web page, please update them with this info. The classes will continue to be virtual for the foreseeable future, and we will continue with the 2-day 2-hours each day format. The dates are as follows:
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.

PNP log Sheets

As I write this email update the electronic log sheets are still not working correctly. I have tried some of the changes to our log sheets IT suggested and none of them corrected the problems. I still have a tech request in, hopefully we get this fixed soon. They have fixed the issue with the hours not displaying on the "Dashboard" but not when you open "View my Service." Progress is slow, but there has been progress.

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.

We are still working out the bugs on the updated program. It seems with each "fix" is a new problem, I am told they have a fix for the hours reporting as "zeros" on the dashboard and that should be in place soon. Below are some of the current issues and some solutions identified so far. Beware I translated some of these from the IT folk's computer speak into English as I understand what they told me.

Issue 1, Out of date internet program

It seems the program does not work well with the older versions of Internet Explorer, besides Microsoft is phasing that program out. Use the latest version or other options like Microsoft Edge (replacement for Explorer) Chrome or Firefox.

Issue 2, Saved favorites or bookmarks

Your saved favorite might be directing your computer to a page associated to the old program (Cache memory issue). Yes, I know I told everyone to save the site to your favorites or bookmark it.

Do not use your old, saved favorite, instead type the URL in, volunteer.phoenix.gov
Or try this link https://volunteer.phoenix.gov/custom/501/volunteer_home

This will take you to the newest page and as you move forward you will only go to the latest pages.

Issue 3, Trouble Logging In

Most likely related to one of the 2 issues above, try those first.

If the above does not resolve the issue, send an email to PNP.coordinator@phoenix.gov

Issue 4, hours not displaying

—Dashboard (new front page) shows 0 hours for month, year and for all time for members. This part of the issue has been fixed and your entered hours should now be showing on the Dashboard. Unfortunately, when you open "View My Service" it still displays zeros. One step closer to being fixed.

We now know why they are not displaying, and IT is working out the best solution to fix this.

The old log sheets are still there, and I can pull a report if you need it from the administrator side.

You can verify your hours by doing the following. When logged in from the dashboard select "View Service History" (upper right side of page) and a list of your logs will display. Go to one of the logs and select "More Details", this will display the actual hours you entered. You can verify your hours are there.

Much of the updated program works like the old program, but with an updated look and a few things have been moved around. With some patience you should be able to use the program without too much trouble.

The program has a few new required fields, when you go to "edit my profile" to make any changes, like updating your password, you will now have to fill out these required field, if you have not entered those in the past. Nothing too painful but you will not be able to save until all the required fields are filled in.

Brian Kornegay #5132, Detective, Phoenix Police Department
Community Relations Bureau, Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol,
Criminal Nuisance Abatement, & Crime Prevention Through Environmental
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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
602-262-7444
council.district1@phoenix.gov

No March District One Breakfast...
 Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Gated Alley Program Pilot is now accepting applications. If you are interested in the pilot program for your alley, submit your application by March 15.

GATED ALLEY PROGRAM PILOT

PROGRAM CRITERIA

- Only eligible alleys selected by City Council may apply
- Primary applicant's neighborhood organization must be notified and approved with the City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department. Verify your neighborhood organization information at phoenix.gov/neighborhoodservices/neighborhood-organization
- If an alley is not within an existing neighborhood organization, applicant may join an existing organization or create a new one (phoenix.gov/neighborhoodservices/neighborhood-organization)
- Applicants must provide a completed petition signed by 50% + 1 of owners of all property owners abutting the alley, agreeing to relocate solid waste service and install gates
- Residents with property adjacent to the alley must conduct alley cleanup. The Public Works Department will assist with resources for the clean-up
- Alley gates must remain locked when not in use
- All public utilities, residents and owners with responsibilities that abut the alley will be provided 24-hour access to emergency response vehicles will require access and therefore no structures or enclosures are allowed that impede access to the alley gates
- After gate installation and final cleanup, responsibility will fall on property owners/tenants to maintain the cleanliness of their respective portion of the alley. This maintenance responsibility encompasses the length of your property to the center of alley.

The Gated Alley Program Pilot provides homeowners adjacent to an alleyway, the opportunity to submit an application requesting both the relocation of solid waste services from the alley to curbside, and permission to install locked gates at the ends of the alley to promote safety.

For additional information on the Gated Alley Program Pilot, contact ghedolli@phoenix.gov or visit www.phoenix.gov/gatedalley

City of Phoenix

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/resources

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on www.phoenix.gov 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

Twitter: [Jim_Waring](https://twitter.com/Jim_Waring)

Facebook: facebook.com/waringjim

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

REMINDER! DON'T FORGET THE RUN-OFF ELECTION IS ON MARCH 9th!

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](#)

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

Black Mountain Community Alliance & BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT ZOOM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

with 16 in attendance!

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

We apologize to everyone for the incorrect passcode for the meeting link!



PRESENTATION: 911 COMMUNICATIONS with Jake Thompson:



An excellent presentation on 911 Communications! Jake has been with the bureau and department for 9 years. He works over the training of 911 Operators. It takes 9 months to train an operator with Priority 1, 2 and 3 calls, Crisis Management and the 10 W's. There are 250 Operators at this time who work four different shifts and are cross-trained between 911/Crime Stop and Dispatch. They take an average of 200 calls per shift. There are 4,000 to 5,000 calls per day. In 2020 there were almost 2,000,000 calls. Occasionally, citizens have had to wait on the Crime Stop line for many minutes due to priority calls taking preference. Reporting some crimes on the website can be helpful. File a report online by going to www.ploenix.gov/police The 911 Department will be replacing their support dog, Milo, soon.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NEWS:



District 1 Councilwomen Elect Ann O'Brien thanked us for having her. Candice thanked her for the article she did for the BMCA e-BULLETIN.

Black Mountain Precinct Updates by Lt. Brian Rimsza:



Sgt. Linda Miller and Lt. Brian Rimsza

Lt. Brian Rimsza talked about the Enforcement program on Thursdays around 17th Avenue and Bell Road. Chairs have replaced the benches at the bus stops. No Trespassing Signs are being posted around Motel 6. The new Area 23 CAO is Officer John McClellan and he will be starting in the near future.



NORTH PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Tom Argiro



BMCA Vice Chair Goldie Cohen

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

Call 480-467-7399 or e-mail info@bmcainfo.com



Allister Adel
Allister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office (MCAO) is the third largest public prosecutorial agency in the nation, serving nearly four million residents in the fourth largest county in the U.S. In addition to handling all felony prosecutions in Maricopa County and misdemeanor filings in the county's justice court system, the office also provides civil legal services to all county agencies. The agency is comprised of more than 1000 full-time employees, including attorneys, investigators, paralegals, victim advocates and support staff.

Legal Authority

The Arizona State Constitution, under Article 12, Section 3, provides for each county a number of elected officials, among them a County Attorney. The power and duties of the Maricopa County Attorney are enumerated throughout Arizona's Revised Statutes; specifically [A.R.S. § 11-401](#); [A.R.S. § 11-531](#) et seq.

The County Attorney is the chief prosecutor for the County, and according to [A.R.S. § 11-531](#), "No person shall be eligible for the office of county attorney unless he is an attorney at law, licensed and in good standing in this state." The County Attorney is responsible for prosecuting all felonies that occur in Maricopa County and all misdemeanors that occur in unincorporated areas. In addition, the County Attorney serves as legal counsel for the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and all County departments.



Report Graffiti in Your Community



In case you didn't know, February was Graffiti Awareness Month. The Maricopa County Attorney's Office is joining forces with the City of Phoenix to help raise awareness and encourage residents to remove graffiti from their communities.

Unlike murals and other works of art, graffiti defaces and destroys public and private property and can at times be affiliated with other crimes. When not addressed, graffiti can become a prevalent and persistent problem affecting a community's economic development. Although a single incident might not cause concern, it may encourage others to deface property or areas further or incite retaliation from a rival gang. When graffiti is related to gang activity, it causes a decrease in public transportation use, loss in retail sales, and a decline in property value. Sadly, this also creates an environment of fear and can contribute to the overall decline in a neighborhood. Cleanup and removal are not always easy and can be expensive for a business or property owner. It is estimated that cities spend millions of dollars cleaning or covering up graffiti every year.

While it may be easy to ignore or think that graffiti is not a severe problem, it must get reported to local law enforcement as soon as it occurs. In the City of Phoenix, there are three ways you can report graffiti:

1. If you see graffiti happening, call 9-1-1
2. To report graffiti, call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 or visit Phoenix.gov/AtYourService
3. To request graffiti removal, call Graffiti Busters at 602-534-4444 or email blight@phoenix.gov

In addition to removing graffiti, you can also help prevent future tagging by limiting the number of vulnerable areas such as blank walls and structures. Consider blocking these areas with fencing or covering blank walls with vegetation like shrubs or vines to restrict access. Adding lighting such as motion sensor lights can also deter graffiti and help increase surveillance. Communities can also use these spaces for murals or large pieces of art, decreasing the likelihood of graffiti.

Organizing a neighborhood watch is another proven way of reducing this type of behavior and letting those who deface property know that it's not tolerated in your neighborhood. Parents can also help instill a sense of community pride in their children by getting them involved in community projects and teaching them about the adverse effects tagging can have in a neighborhood. It's also just as important to remind teens and young adults about the legal consequences of graffiti and property damage, which in Arizona is a misdemeanor but can rise to a felony if there is serious damage.



ADOT officers combat human trafficking through training, awareness

Fighting the practice is a year-round mission at ports of entry, elsewhere



PHOENIX – Human trafficking is a growing worldwide problem and one of the most powerful enforcement tools to combat this crime is part of the essential mission of the Arizona Department of Transportation Enforcement and Compliance Division.

This division is comprised of certified law enforcement officers many of whom are assigned to the various ports of entry on the state's borders. While operations at these ports focus on commercial vehicle safety, collecting fees and enforcing weight limits, it turns out these ports are a vital and strategic line of defense against human trafficking.

Commanders and their staff from the Enforcement and Compliance Division at ADOT's commercial vehicle ports of entry are trained to identify warning signs of human trafficking. These can include things such as unusual tattoos, a person's unwillingness to speak and carrying large amounts of cash without explanation.

Since 2019, this training, which explains the demand for human trafficking and how this crime is perpetrated, has become part of the standard training for ADOT officers. The enforcement division is developing online training so ADOT highway workers will also be ready to spot the signs of human trafficking.

"As the state's transportation agency, ADOT is in a critical position to help stop human trafficking and we take that role very seriously," said ADOT Director John Halikowski. "ADOT's commitment to transportation safety includes not only drivers, but the victims of this horrible practice."

Meanwhile, dozens of vehicles driven by officers with ADOT's Enforcement and Compliance Division have bumper stickers aimed at directing those who need help or who see signs of trouble to [EndSexTrafficking.AZ.gov](https://www.az.gov/endsextrafficking) or 888.373.7888, resources offered through the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family.

Capt. Dave Curry of ADOT's Enforcement and Compliance Division is a member of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council created by Governor Doug Ducey to help make Arizona a leader in combating this crime.

"ADOT takes several approaches to do our part to end this heinous practice here in Arizona," Curry said. "From comprehensive training of officers and employees to raising awareness through bumper stickers on our vehicles, ADOT is serious about stopping human trafficking and saving lives."

If you would like to learn more about how to help stop human trafficking, please visit [EndSexTrafficking.az.gov](https://www.az.gov/endsextrafficking). To report anything suspicious, please call 888.373.7888.

Buying or selling a used vehicle? Be prepared and be safe

Arizona MVD suggests following these steps to protect yourself

PHOENIX – Are you in the market for a new-to-you car? Thinking of selling your vehicle in a private-party sale?

Whether you're a prospective buyer or a seller – or both – the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division wants consumers to know steps they can take to protect themselves when selling or purchasing a used vehicle.

First, go to [AZMVDNow.gov](https://www.azmvdnow.gov) and activate your AZ MVD Now account. Everything needed to complete a typical private-party sale of a vehicle can be completed at [AZMVDNow.gov](https://www.azmvdnow.gov), even the transfer of a vehicle title via the convenient [eTitle Transfer](#). Every person with an Arizona-issued driver license or vehicle registered in Arizona already has an account and more than 1.5 million accounts have been activated since [AZMVDNow.gov](https://www.azmvdnow.gov) launched last spring.

If you're a buyer, you'll want to ensure that there are no surprises in the vehicle's history. An unscrupulous seller might tamper with the odometer, sell a stolen vehicle, attempt to cover up water or collision damage that wasn't properly repaired or [not disclose a lien](#). ADOT [offers a number of tools](#) customers can use to gather information about a vehicle they're interested in purchasing.

While buyers do most of their leg-work prior to purchase, the [work for sellers in a private-party transaction](#) comes after a price has been agreed upon. After receiving payment, a seller should sign-in to their account at [AZMVDNow.gov](https://www.azmvdnow.gov) and complete a "sold notice." There is no cost to complete a sold notice and it can protect the seller if the car sold is involved in a crash or crime, is ticketed, or becomes abandoned, which carries a fine.

Transferring the title comes next and some titles can be transferred at [AZMVDNow.gov](https://www.azmvdnow.gov) via [eTitle Transfer](#), saving a trip to an MVD office. A seller should be aware that if their vehicle was titled and owned in another state prior to moving to Arizona, it's probable that the Arizona MVD will not have a copy of the vehicle title because it didn't issue the title. In this case, the seller can sign the back of the title and have the signature notarized.

Before giving the car to the buyer, remove the license plate. The seller might be eligible to [receive credit](#) for registration fees previously paid on the vehicle, too.

Buying and selling a vehicle is a big purchase. If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. Take your time and consult this [car-buying checklist](#) to protect yourself.



ADOR Searches for Maricopa County Unclaimed Property Owners

The Arizona Department of Revenue's (ADOR) Unclaimed Property program has identified more than \$45 million that belonged to over 159,000 people with last known addresses in Maricopa County reported last year.

The agency is seeking potential property owners and their families to attempt to return the funds. The largest property due to a single owner being over \$596,000.

Unclaimed property generally consists of money due to an individual from sources like old bank accounts, uncashed payroll checks, tax refunds, credit balances, rebates, returned deposits and dormant safe deposit boxes. Often property becomes unclaimed because the company that holds the funds has an outdated or the wrong forwarding address for its customer and in some cases, a person passes away with no family members aware of the assets.

ADOR returns property to owners who provide documentation showing their right to claim the assets. Claimants must include with their claim form a valid photo ID, such as a driver's license or other applicable identification, and documentation linking them to the owner's last known address. Claimants must also provide documentation demonstrating a legal right to claim any property listed in another name.

ADOR's Unclaimed Property program returned \$48.4 million to rightful owners in fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020). For more information on the Unclaimed Property program, including how to make a claim and frequently asked questions go to <http://www.azdor.gov> and click on the Unclaimed Property tab.

Now Open: Individual Income Tax Season in Arizona

The State of Arizona's individual income tax filing season for tax year 2020 has opened. The deadline to file and pay is April 15.

The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) encourages taxpayers to [file electronically](#) and have refunds direct deposited to help reduce errors and the potential for tax fraud. During the last tax filing season, about 90 percent of Arizona individual income tax returns were e-filed.

ADOR diligently works to process income tax refunds as quickly as possible. However, please be advised:

- If you file electronically and choose direct deposit, you can look for your refund within a couple weeks* of the return acceptance.
- If you file a paper return, you can anticipate your refund within 6-8 weeks* of the date you filed.

*Some tax returns need extra review for accuracy and to protect taxpayers from fraud and identity theft and therefore extra processing time may be necessary.

Taxpayers can view a list of [software providers](#) certified to submit electronically filed returns with the department and access [Arizona tax forms and instructions](#) (including instruction booklets) on the Department of Revenue's website. Instruction booklets will also be available at ADOR offices and [local libraries](#).

To avoid delays, here are some tips for taxpayers:

- E-file and designate any refund for direct deposit to your bank.
- If filing a paper return, use black ink and print on white paper.
- Verify you are using the correct tax year form by looking at the upper right corner.
- Ensure all the necessary lines and forms are filled out properly.

- Don't misspell names or use two different names.
- Make sure key information like your tax ID number, Social Security number, routing number, or account number are correct in all the appropriate boxes.
- Double-check to ensure you have all the information and supporting documentation.
- Do not staple any items to the return. Do not staple any documents, schedules or payments to your return.
- Don't forget to sign and date your return.
- If sending a paper payment, include your [voucher](#), as the department needs your Social Security number or employee identification number, along with the tax period and tax type.

Free Tax Preparation Services Available to Taxpayers

Taxpayers requiring additional assistance this tax filing season can take advantage of the following free tax filing services:

- **Free File Alliance** – Offers a free file program to Arizona taxpayers who meet certain criteria. Visit <https://azdor.gov/e-services/free-electronic-filing-individuals> for more information.
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** – Offers free tax help to people who generally make \$57,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their tax returns. For more information, please visit www.irs.gov/Individuals/Free-Tax-Return-Preparation-for-You-by-Volunteers.
- **AARP Foundation Tax-Aide** – Offers free assistance to individuals 50 and older who cannot afford a tax preparation service to file federal and Arizona returns. For more information, go to www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide.

Note: Due to COVID-19, some tax preparation services may not offer in-person assistance but rather drop-off or virtual assistance. Contact tax preparer for availability.

To receive income tax updates, make sure to subscribe to the ["Individual Income Tax"](#) list.

Guidance on Unemployment Benefits Identity Theft

The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) advises taxpayers who receive a Form 1099-G from the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) for unemployment benefits they did not receive to contact the [Arizona Department of Economic Security](#) for a corrected form.

Form 1099-G for Arizona Unemployment Insurance (UI) or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits are sent to the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as the compensation is taxable income. Since the amount is reported on the federal income tax return, which is the starting point for Arizona income taxes, taxpayers also report the amount on the state individual income tax return.

Unfortunately, some taxpayers have fallen victim to fraudsters stealing personal information and filing fraudulent claims for unemployment benefits. States across the nation have seen a significant surge in unemployment benefit fraud, largely in association with identity theft. There has not been a breach of information stored by DES. Rather, criminals are using phishing scams, previous corporate data breaches and other tactics to collect information from individuals across the country and file for UI and PUA benefits in their name.

Taxpayers who receive an incorrect Form 1099-G for UI or PUA benefits should contact DES to request a revised Form 1099-G showing they did not receive these benefits. DES will send a corrected 1099-G to the IRS and the taxpayer to adjust the unemployment compensation income. A corrected Form 1099-G showing zero unemployment benefits in cases of identity theft will help taxpayers avoid receiving an unexpected tax bill. The IRS advises that taxpayers who cannot obtain a timely, corrected form should still file an accurate tax return, reporting only the income they received. For more counsel from the IRS, click [here](#).



Maricopa County To Expand Vaccination Eligibility to Adults 65 And Older; Launches New Data Dashboard

With more than 44 percent of people 75 and older now having received at least one vaccine dose, Maricopa County is excited to expand vaccine eligibility to adults 65 and older in all vaccine locations starting Monday, February 15. This decision is in alignment with the federal pharmacy vaccine program scheduled to begin later this week, which will bring vaccine to 182 pharmacies in Maricopa County.

"The data shows that our decision to provide older adults a little extra time to access vaccine has proven successful and the timing is now right to invite our residents 65 and older to step up and get vaccinated," said Marcy Flanagan, director of Maricopa County Department of Public Health.

MCDPH estimates there are nearly 400,000 adults ages 65-74 eligible for the vaccine in Maricopa County.

In addition, community members will now have the opportunity to review Maricopa County vaccination data on their own on a newly launched dashboard available at Maricopa.gov/COVID19vaccinedata.

This dashboard shows:

- Almost 430,000, or 12%, of Maricopa County residents have been vaccinated with at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- More than 120,000 Maricopa County residents (about one in four people who have received at least one dose) have been fully vaccinated with 2 doses of vaccine
- About half of those vaccinated in Maricopa County are 65 years or older

Public Health is focused on ensuring equitable access to the vaccine across racial and socioeconomic levels. Working with partners, MCDPH is making vaccine appointments when and where they are convenient for people. Efforts include:

- Setting up five regional drive-through sites across the county, then adding a sixth, more centrally-located site close to public transit with a walk-through option for those who do not have their own vehicles.
- Allocating vaccine doses to pharmacies across the county so people can get their shots at locations near them where they may get care or medications already.
- Launching neighborhood pop-up vaccination events. These short-term events are intended to bridge gaps in accessibility that will bring vaccine to where people who are eligible and need vaccine are, such as more rural parts of the county or where there are high numbers of people who are eligible.

The data dashboard shows these efforts are helping to make vaccine available to those who might not otherwise be able to get it. For example, in Maricopa County, American Indians and Alaskan Natives have been vaccinated at almost twice the rate of Whites.

As supply allows, MCDPH will continue to make vaccine available through more and varied sites to address the different needs of people across our community.

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

CRIME TIPS:

TECH SUPPORT CALLING? NOT SO FAST

With much attention focused on COVID-19 scams and stimulus payment scams, it's easy to lose sight of some scams that just never go away. One perennial favorite of scammers is tech support. This scam often earns the criminal the ability to load malicious software onto your device to harvest credentials.

HOW IT WORKS:

You get an unsolicited phone call or email from a big tech company like Microsoft or Apple, or you see a pop-up message on your screen warning that a virus or other malicious program has infected your device, and you need to call the number on the screen right away.

A "technician" asks for remote access to your device, and once in, shows you some files that "prove" you have a major problem.

The "technician" says they can fix your problem for a fee, and then may offer you a monthly subscription to keep your device safe.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW: Warning Signs

Big tech companies like Microsoft or Apple say they don't call customers out of the blue to warn them of problems on their devices.

The concerning files the "technician" may show you on your device are completely benign.

The scammer may ask you to pay by purchasing a gift card and providing the account number and PIN — a sure sign that it's a scam, as is a request for payment by wire transfer.

The scammer may call back months later and offer you a refund for some phony reason, asking for your bank account information to deposit the money; this is a ruse.

Here's [audio of a tech support scam call](#) as recorded by the Federal Trade Commission.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Screen incoming calls with an answering machine or voicemail, and once you listen to the message, decide if it warrants a callback.

If the caller claims you have a problem with your computer or the software on your computer, it is a scam, so don't engage or return the call.

If you get a pop-up that freezes your screen, shut down your computer and restart it.

Keep your security software, browser and operating system up to date.

If you think your device is infected, get it checked out by a reputable source; most big-box electronics retailers offer tech support services.

If you realize you've fallen victim to this scam, and you've paid by credit card, contact your financial institution to dispute the charge and to cancel any monthly fees you may have agreed to.

Report scams to the Federal Trade Commission at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint).

SOME SCAMMERS AIM FOR YOUR HEART ... AND YOUR WALLET

The pandemic has many of us being apart from those we care about. Some of the most heartless scammers seek to take advantage of this aloneness by tugging at heartstrings as a way to steal money. But be warned — "romance" scammers don't limit themselves only to dating sites.

HOW IT WORKS:

Scammers troll all online social venues — from Facebook to Words With Friends, and from dating sites to your neighborhood Listserv — looking to build personal rapport.

What begins as a friendly encounter becomes something more, and soon your conversations move to text or another platform.

Your new friend — even love interest — claims to be abroad with the military or perhaps working in another state or country.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Plans to meet in person always fall through — and the pandemic offers a believable excuse.

Eventually, following weeks or even months of regular contact, there will come an urgent plea for financial help — perhaps to help deal with a business or medical emergency.

You may be asked to send money by wire transfer or to buy gift cards and share the information off the back; you may even be asked to open a joint bank account or to send and receive money or packages on your love interest's behalf.

Eventually, the "relationship" ends — either by the love interest disappearing or when you realize it's a scam.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Be on your guard when meeting new friends online; it's too easy for impostors to pretend to be someone they aren't.

If you have a photo of them, use your browser's image search feature to see if it shows up as someone other than who you believe it to be.

Cut off contact immediately if you suspect the person is a scammer.

Notify the platform (Facebook, dating site, Listserv, etc.).

Report it to the FBI's [Internet Crime Complaint Center](#) and the [FTC](#).



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!

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
info contact jms85023@kyahoo.com

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.
mvqe@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. For info
contact soniaron@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>
- Phase 1B 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

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



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!



Upcoming Landlord and Tenant Workshops
 Open to the public: Landlords, tenants, service providers and community members are all encouraged to attend the upcoming virtual workshops held by the Human Services Department. Learn about your rights as they pertain to Arizona Residential Landlord/Tenant Law. Each virtual workshop will offer a variety of topics designed to educate residents. At this time, all workshops are virtual and require registration. • 5:30 to 7 p.m. April 15 • 5:30 to 7 p.m. July 15 • 5:30 to 7 p.m. Oct. 21 For more information about the Landlord and Tenant Program or to obtain forms please visit the website. To register for the upcoming workshops email landlord.tenant.hsd@phoenix.gov or call 602-262-7210.



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)

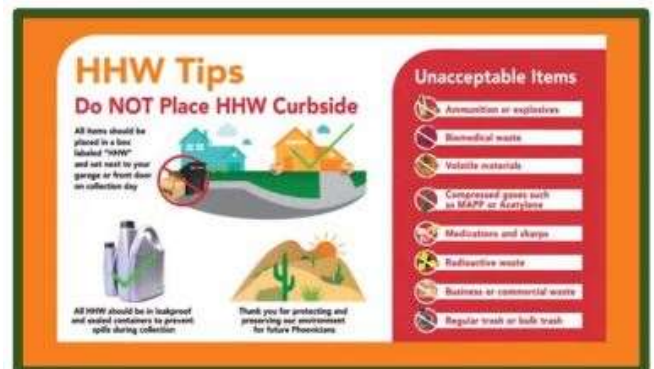
https://www.phoenix.gov/newssite/Documents/COVID19_Newsroom_Main_SP.pdf

INFO OF THE MONTH

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

HHW HOME PICKUP PILOT PROGRAM

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



NORTH PHOENIX PARK RANGERS!



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

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

PARKS & RECREATION UPDATE

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
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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

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

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

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

Saturday, MAR. 13th BMCA DRIVE-THRU PICK-UP

11 am – 1 pm for BW & PNP Groups to get CP & S Items, Window Signs, Brochures, etc. in the DVCC north parking lot

Tuesday, MAR. 16th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING

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

Wednesday & Thursday, MAR. 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 pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov.

Tuesday, MAR. 23th

PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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

Hosted by Cactus Park Precinct 900

- for CPCA link go to <https://cpcaaz.org/events>

APRIL 2021

Thursday, APR. 1st NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting

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

Wednesday, APR. 7th BMCA BOARD MEETING

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

Wednesday, APR. 14th

BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT MEETING

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

Tuesday, APR. 20th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING

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

Tuesday, APR. 27th

PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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

Wednesday, APR. 28th CPCA BW / CP PNP MEETING

6:30 pm - for link go to <https://cpcaaz.org/events>

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

Call 480-467-7399 or e-mail info@bmcainfo.com

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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