



## BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

# 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, Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol 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.



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

### **NEXT BMCA & PNP MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 at 6:30pm**

at the DEER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER  
2001 W. Wahalla Ln., Phoenix, AZ 85027

### **UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL**

**BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT UPDATES**  
by Commander Mykel Moller

Meet with your **AREA 21, 22, & 23**  
Community Action Officers during the Breakout Session!

### **PNP NEWS AND UPDATES**

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

### **PRESENTATION:**

**PHOENIX POLICE FOUNDATION**  
with Todd Beauford, President

Crime Prevention Materials Distributed!

*Refreshments*

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

**HAVE A MUG WITH MYKE!**



Next Coffee is Thursday, May 28, 2026  
8:30 am at Biscuits Café, 310 E. Bell Rd.

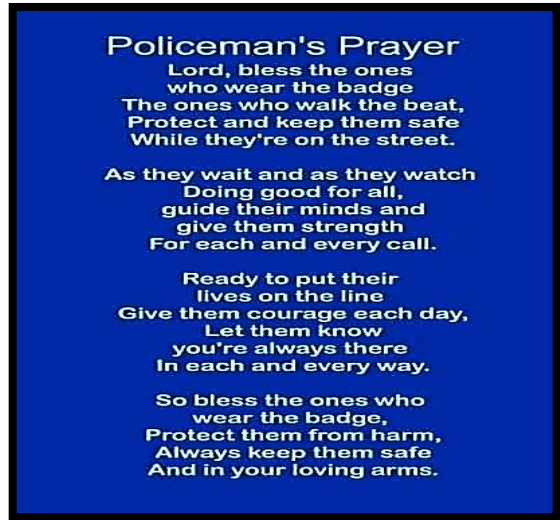
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME! GET TO KNOW YOUR CAO!**

### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Saturday, June 27, 2026, 6 – 9 pm**  
in **DEER VALLEY PARK**



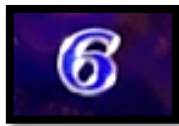
**THIS YEAR IT'S ANOTHER  
DRONE SHOW!!!**



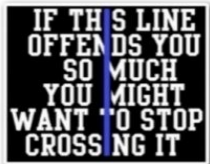
**Wear BLUE on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of each month to show support of PHOENIX POLICE OFFICERS!**

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

**WE'VE GOT YOUR SIX!**



**Wear the "6" pin to show support for our police! Available at our Coffee with Cops and the BMCA General Meetings.**



**Phoenix Police Department Officer-Involved Shootings Information**

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

**PPD USE OF FORCE DASHBOARD**

<https://stories.opengov.com/phoenixaz/published/6EtdqY5gQ>

Phoenix Police Department's "Use of Force" Policy

You can read about the changes to the [Use of Force Policy here.](#)

**PHOENIX PD APP**

The Phoenix Police Department 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.

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 reporter will not have to use the app to have it removed! #GraffitiFreePHX  
City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department.

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

- **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.)

**TEXT 9-1-1** "Call if you can. Text if you can't." After months of collaboration between numerous public agencies and advocates for the disabled community (or advocates for the disabled) if you are in imminent danger and are unable to talk to a 911 operator, you now have for the first time in Phoenix the ability to text to 9-1-1.

**PHOENIX POLICE RESERVE**

**Protect and Serve, Become a Reserve!**

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

**602-534-9000**

**Phoenix Police Department  
Black Mountain  
Precinct  
NEWS**



**Black Mountain Precinct**

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

**BMCA DONATIONS TO THE  
BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT!**

BMCA Board Member Lee Reynolds got a new BBQ Grill donated from the Cave Creek & Carefree Hwy. Home Depot for the Precinct!  
THANK YOU LEE AND HOME DEPOT!!!



Lisa McGuire from Home Depot and Lee Reynolds

A reminder from the  
**PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Property crimes are crimes of opportunity. Remove that opportunity with

**Take it Lock it Conceal it**

Take it with you

Lock your vehicle

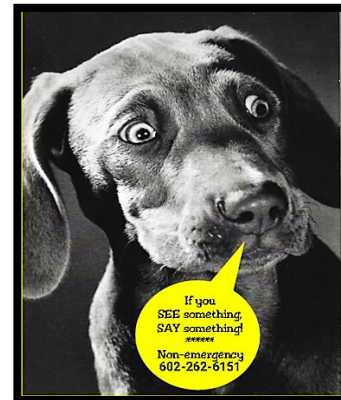
Conceal valuables

In case of emergency, Call 9-1-1. If you can't call, you can text! To report a crime, suspicious behavior or file a police report call CrimeStop (602) 262-6151. For more tips on safety visit [www.phoenix.gov/police](http://www.phoenix.gov/police). Follow us on social media. @phoenixpolice

BMCA Board Member Katee Parton got a new Blackstone Grill donated from the Thunderbird & I-17 Lowe's for the Precinct!  
THANK YOU KATEE AND LOWE'S!!!



Santana from Lowe's and Katee Parton



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

# BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER SQUAD:



**21 Area North/South (Beats 212 & 213)**  
(**W** 7<sup>th</sup> Street to **E** Scottsdale Rd. & **S** SR101 to **N** Carefree Hwy..)  
**21 Area North (Beat 214)**  
(**W** 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave to **E** 7<sup>th</sup> Street & **S** Dynamite Blvd. to **N** Mingus Rd.)  
**21 Area South (Beat 211)**  
(**W** I-17 to **E** 7<sup>th</sup> St. & **S** SR101 to **N** Dynamite Blvd.)  
**CA Officer Kelsie Sanborn #10649**  
602-495-5213 [kelsie.sanborn@phoenix.gov](mailto:kelsie.sanborn@phoenix.gov)



**22 Area North (Beats 223 & 224)**  
(**W** I-17 to **E** 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Sts. & **S** Bell Rd. to **N** SR101)  
**22 Area South (Beats 221 & 222)**  
(**W** I-17 to **E** 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Sts. & **S** T-Bird/Cactus Rd. to **N** Bell Rd.)  
**CA Officer Jeffrey Blair #7966**  
at 602-495-5481 [jeffrey.blair@phoenix.gov](mailto:jeffrey.blair@phoenix.gov)



**23 Area North (Beats 233 & 234)**  
(**W** 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Sts. To **E** SR51 & **S** Bell Rd. to **N** SR101)  
**23 Area South (Beats 231 & 232)**  
(**W** 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Sts. To **E** SR51 & **S** Cactus Rd. to **N** Bell Rd.)  
**CA Officer Jeremy Campbell #9021**  
at 602-495-5276 or 602-904-9983  
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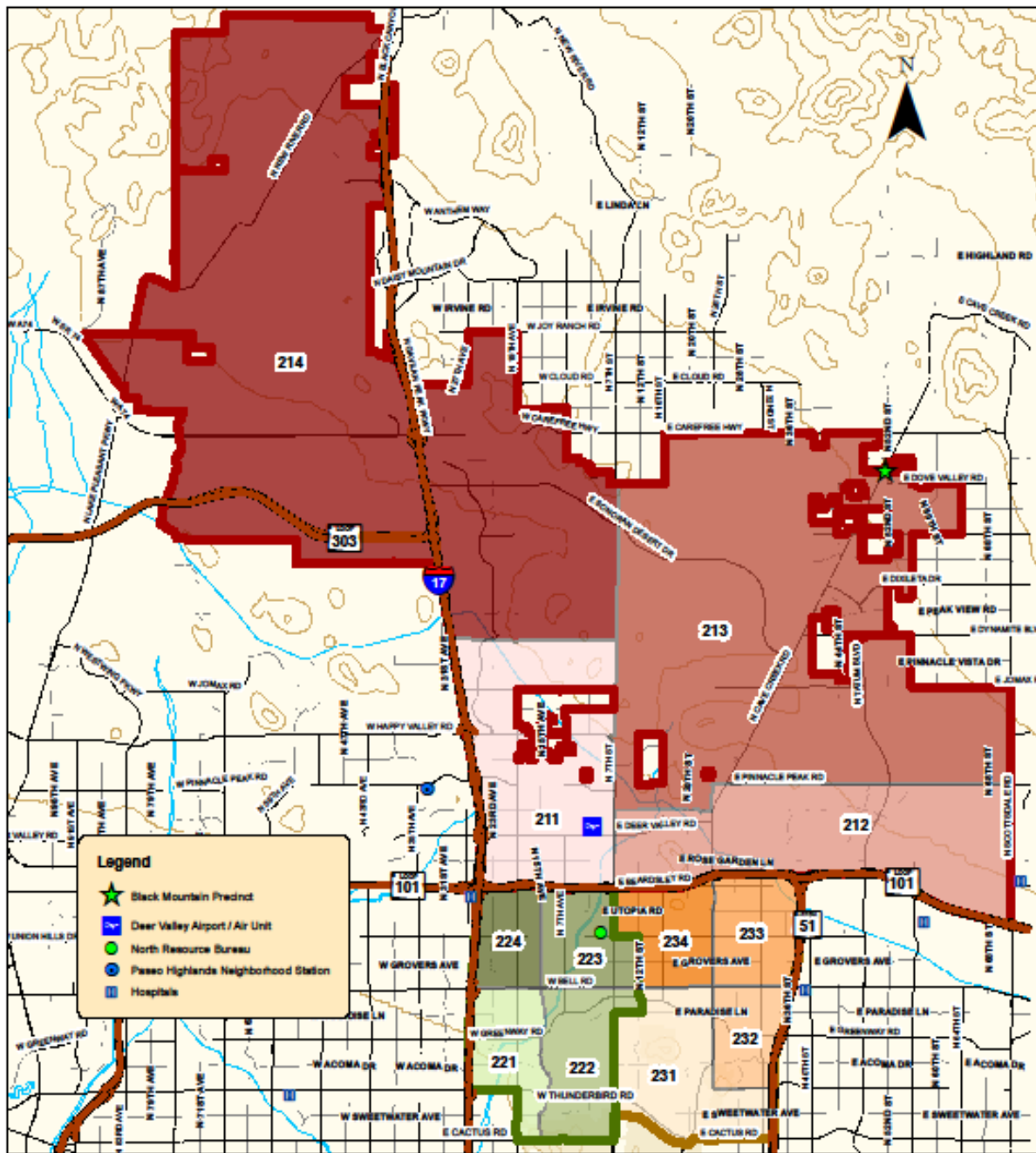
**Black Mountain Precinct Community Programs Lt. TJ Denny**  
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# City of Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct (200) Squad and Beat Boundaries



**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



PNP Coordinator Detective Erin Sayegh!  
[pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov](mailto:pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov)  
 602-256-4303

I look forward to seeing you at the next PNP meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 6-8pm, to be held at our regular location, 2075 E Maryland Ave.

Please visit [PNP Members – The Official PNP Members website](#)  
 Erin Sayegh - Citywide PNP Coordinator

## Monthly Citywide PNP Meetings Third Tuesday of each month, 6 to 8 pm

We have in-person meetings at Mountain View Precinct, 2075 E. Maryland Ave, from 6pm to 8pm. Technology willing, we have a virtual component so people can still attend online.



The login information is below. For most people, simply click the green box (hyperlink) below that says “Join PNP Meeting” and that will take you to the meeting. If not, open [webex.com](#) and select Join Meeting, when prompted, enter the below meeting number and password in the appropriate fields

[Join PNP Meeting](#)

Join by meeting number: (access code): 2460 133 9355  
 Meeting password: ceb2024

### PNP/PVSA hours

I am working on a QR code to make logging hours quicker for some, but it is still under construction.

What are “Admin hours:” Going to a PNP class, meetings, working on newsletters, website design, coffee with a cop, shop with a cop, First Fridays, Indian Market, going to a meeting where PNP is a topic, stuffing GAIN bags, monthly meetings, anything that benefits PNP but is not patrol, etc. Please reach out to me with other examples – it’s probably Admin Time!

### IRS Mileage Current Rate

If you have Mileage Reimbursement funds in your current BW Grant this is important info for you. **The mileage reimbursement rate increased to 72.5 cents per mile as of January 1, 2026.**

### PNP Merchandise Order Forms and Cost:

PNP equipment, like clothing, street signs and/or vehicle signs are expected to increase in 2026. If any of you have bought groceries or filled up your gas tank, you know there has been an increase in the cost of just about everything recently. The updated order forms are now online at [www.phoenix.gov](http://www.phoenix.gov)

**2026 TRAINING CALENDAR  
 PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL CLASSES**

**In-Person: January 31, May 16, August 29 (1-Day)**  
 Mountain View Precinct's Community Room  
 2075 E. Maryland Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85016  
 8am to Noon, check-in begins at 7:30am

**Virtual: (2-Days)**  
 Using Cisco Webex Meetings online platform  
 5pm to 7pm each day, check-in begins at 4:30pm  
 Pre-registration is required to get the login information

**March 11 & 12, July 15 & 16, November 4 & 5**

**To register for the class please contact:**  
[pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov](mailto:pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov) or call **602-256-4303**

Classes are added throughout the year, for the most current list visit [www.pnppmembers.com](http://www.pnppmembers.com)

## 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 IS IN PERSON  
 MAY 16**

## PNP GROUP PATROL

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

### First Fridays Group Patrol is on HOLD for now.



There is a new meeting place with a better entrance/exit. The parking lot is between the Burton Barr library and Margaret T. Hance Park. The address is 1218 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

Spots do fill up fast, but Rick will save you a spot if you let him know you are coming! The new meeting time will be 6:30pm. Patrol will start at 7:00pm and end at 10:00pm. If you have trouble finding us, please call Rick's cell at **602-853-2271**. If you have any radios, please bring them. If not, Rick will have some extra.

**PLEASE LET RICK KNOW IF YOU CAN MAKE IT.**

Text or email Rick with your cellphone number if you would like to go. This also helps in case something comes up last minute and he needs to cancel for that night.

Rick's email is [ussyorktown25@hotmail.com](mailto:ussyorktown25@hotmail.com)

Thanks. Rick

Let's be safer by using the 9PM routine

**AT 9:00 P.M., EACH EVENING, DO A SECURITY CHECK AND VERIFY:**

- Vehicles, residences, garages, windows, gates and sheds are locked.
- Tools, firearms, bikes, keys and other valuables are secured or brought inside.
- Activate exterior lights, security cameras, and alarm systems.

**IT'S TIME TO LOCK UP 9 P.M. ROUTINE**

**REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

If you observe suspicious activity contact the Phoenix Police Department  
 21st Century Phoenix - 911  
 For Suspicious Activity: 202-5127 Option 4



### MAYOR GALLEGO DELIVERS ANNUAL ADDRESS AS PHOENIX MAKES SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC GAINS

April 23, 2026: The city's strategic efforts to invest in the bioscience and semiconductor industries are yielding significant economic gains for the region, Mayor Kate Gallego said today in her annual State of the City Address. Phoenix joined Seattle, San Jose and San Francisco as the top four U.S. cities for per capita GDP growth rates from 2022 to 2024, she said. Phoenix also ranked fourth for attracting new corporate headquarters last year.

Gallego, now in her eighth year as mayor, hailed city initiatives that will create more economic opportunity and improve the lives of those who live in Arizona. Phoenix is investing \$50 million to help support the new ASU Health building on downtown's Phoenix Biomedical Core.

"ASU's approach—to combine medical and engineering educations—will fundamentally transform how health care works," Gallego said. "We know this investment has the promise to significantly improve health outcomes in our community."

Gallego announced the creation of the Phoenix Quantum Strategy, which is aimed to position the city and region as a leader in emerging technologies.

"Now it's time to get ready for the next frontier of advanced tech: Quantum computing, communications and sensing," Gallego said. "I'm proud to announce that we will create a Phoenix Quantum Strategy, a focused initiative to position our city as a quantum hub in the United States. And we have the very best person in the country to lead it: the former director of the National Science Foundation, Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan, known to many simply as 'Panch'. Panch's leadership at ASU and NSF helped shape America's innovation agenda, and now he's ready to lead the efforts for Phoenix."

Phoenix continues to support TSMC's growth in the north part of the city, which is spurring suppliers and other companies to open their doors nearby. "TSMC's \$165 billion investment is spurring others to choose Phoenix too," Gallego said. "Lam Research, which supplies wafer fabrication equipment to advanced chipmakers, located its national training center near TSMC—that's another 440 quality jobs. Other suppliers have secured more than 80 acres to open shop in Deer Valley."

Phoenix continues to use new technologies to help secure the city's long term water supply.

"Two years ago, at this event, I shared with you our investment in water purification," Gallego said. "We've since advanced two facilities that will provide a combined 14,000-acre-feet a year of purified water—enough to serve 40,000 families. These facilities are the precursors to a larger, regional facility that will serve communities throughout the Valley. Near the turn of the decade, the Pure Water facility at 91st Avenue will deliver around 60 million gallons each day—enough to serve 200,000 households."

Gallego and the City Council are investing even more in affordable housing.

"Last year, the Council and I created the Phoenix Housing Trust Fund and this year, we'll bring its total resources to 15 million dollars," Gallego said. "All of my colleagues want to make it easier for affordable housing to come to market. We know that sometimes permit fees can make the difference in whether a project pencils out. That's why, starting this year, we will use the Trust Fund to help cover the cost of permits for affordable housing projects in Phoenix."

[View Gallego's full remarks](#)

### A Note from the Mayor's Office:

I want to offer ourselves as both a contact and as a resource for you and your association. Please don't hesitate to keep us aware of events, meetings, or anything else that you think is important for our office to know.

The best way to reach me is at [michael.pissos@phoenix.gov](mailto:michael.pissos@phoenix.gov) or on my direct line at (602) 534-9527. Ynez can be reached at [ynez.chacon@phoenix.gov](mailto:ynez.chacon@phoenix.gov) or on her direct line at (602) 534-1665.

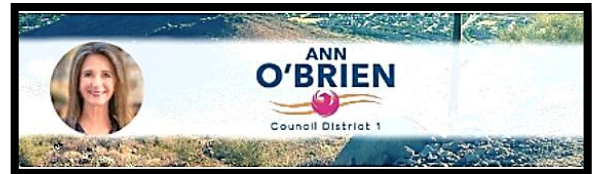
We look forward to getting to know you and working together!  
Respectfully,

#### Michael Pissos

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#### Ynez Chacon

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### District 1 Community Breakfast/Dinner with Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

Next District 1 Dinner will be on Monday, May 18 at 5:30 pm at the Beuf Community Center

602-262-7444 [council.district.1@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.district.1@phoenix.gov)

### Message from Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

Friday's community meeting at the Doubletree Hilton was extra special because we co-hosted with District 3 Councilwoman Debra Stark and welcomed Police Chief Matt Giordano, along with Commanders and Lieutenants from the Black Mountain, Desert Horizon, and Cactus Park Precincts. It was a wonderful turnout filled with great information and support for our men and women in blue! We also welcomed Maricopa County Attorney Rachel Mitchell and Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chair Kate Brophy McGee. Thanks to everyone who attended and cares about improving our community!



Have you seen the new art installation at Cortez Park? The City held a dedication event this week for the Tree of Life, a remarkable public artwork commissioned at the new aquifer storage and recovery well at Cortez Park. Arizona-based artist John Randall Nelson was selected through a competitive selection process to design, fabricate, and install the artwork. John researched the history of the area and worked closely with the community as he developed the design concept. The Tree of Life steel and aluminum sculpture illustrates parents, kids, animals, and foliage, touching on the themes of growth, and optimism for the future. It's located on the Northwest corner of the park at 35th Avenue and Arizona Canal Trail. The project also includes a series of 15 laser cut illustration panels attached to the walls of the well site. Public art matters, and I look forward to supporting more across District 1.

Mark your calendar for 602 Day! June 2 is an annual celebration that honors Phoenix's iconic 602 area code and highlights local businesses, art, and community spirit. If you know a local business, please invite them to celebrate Phoenix and be featured on a special map for 602 Day. Businesses that launch a special offer will be included on the official website, interactive map, and marketing campaign. It could be offering an item priced at \$6.02 or a 6.02% discount, hosting a 602 Day event or activity, or showing community love on social media. Businesses should register at [www.602Day.com](http://www.602Day.com) by May 15. That website will also list 602 Day activities across the City to enjoy. I look forward to showing my Phoenix pride!

All my best, **Ann** Councilwoman, District 1

[Learn more about Councilwoman O'Brien](#), her priorities and focus for District 1 on the [district's webpage](#).



**District 3 Councilwoman Debra Stark**  
602-262-7441 [council.district.3@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.district.3@phoenix.gov)

Join us at Cave Creek Park - Cactus Park on May 9th for a community clean-up! Let's keep our park beautiful and make a positive impact in our community. Be there at 7:30am. Don't forget to register in advance so we can get an accurate headcount of volunteers: <https://forms.office.com/g/2c3gEV5Dh4>  
We hope to see you there!

**AND THEN...**

Join us for a fun filled morning at Cave Creek Cactus Park! Celebrate Cave Creek with water slides, bounce houses, local vendors, delicious food, and resources from City of Phoenix departments; all in one place! Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 1pm. Bring your family, meet your neighbors, and enjoy everything District 3 has to offer. We'll see you there!



**District 3 | Chair Kate Brophy McGee**

**MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD LEADER EXPLAINS OBJECTION TO JUDGE'S RULING IN RECORDER'S ELECTION LAWSUIT**

PHOENIX – The leader of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors said Thursday that a state judge's long-awaited ruling failed to clear up confusion about election responsibilities and shouldn't be enforced.

"It's a total bust. ... There are just so many fatal errors," Chairwoman Kate Brophy McGee told *KTAR News 92.3 FM's The Mike Broomhead Show* a day after the metro Phoenix governing board voted to continue defending itself in a lawsuit filed by Recorder Justin Heap last year.

[Heap sued](#) the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors in June 2025, several months after taking office. The dispute over election responsibilities could not be resolved outside the legal system even though Heap and four of the five supervisors are Republicans.

Maricopa County board moves to block judge's order

Last week, Judge Scott Blaney [issued a ruling](#) that was mostly in Heap's favor. "One good part of the ruling is that the judge acknowledged that the board has ultimate financial say over the county and its operations, including Mr. Heap's office," Brophy McGee said. "But then, he turns around in another part of the ruling and mandates that we spend millions of dollars related to IT. There is no clarity. There is confusion."

The [Maricopa County board voted](#) 4-1 on Wednesday to seek a stay of Blaney's decision and file an appeal if the stay is rejected. Brophy McGee said the goal is to put off potential upheaval of the election process in Arizona's largest county until after the midterm cycle. The state's primaries are July 21, and the general election is Nov. 4.

"We're asking him for the stay, and for me the basic reason is we're in the middle of an election," Brophy McGee said. "Let's not confuse the voters. We've managed to conduct five smaller elections over the last year and four months. Let's finish out these elections and figure it from there."

**IMPORTANT LINKS**

1. [Animal Care & Control](#)
2. [County Contacts & Resources](#)
3. [County Library](#)
1. [County Parks](#)
2. [Find your District](#)
3. [Public Health](#)
1. [Register to Vote](#)
2. [Strategic Plan](#)
3. [Watch Board Meetings](#)

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Kate Brophy McGee, Maricopa County Supervisor, District 3

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**Upcoming City Council Meetings**

**Next City Council Formal Meetings: MAY 6 & 20**

**Next City Council Policy Meetings: MAY 5 & 19**

**Subcommittee Schedule**

Public Safety and Justice (PSJ) – 10:00 a.m., first Wednesday of the month

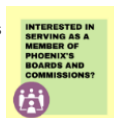
Economic Development and Housing (EDH) – 10:00 a.m., second Wednesday of the month

Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning (TIP) – 10:00 a.m., third Wednesday of the month

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

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

To start the application process, please visit the [Boards and Commissions webpage](#).



**City Community Survey**

The survey is served up to residents on various websites and social media platforms. Residents can also respond to the survey directly with [this link](#). We've also created a [survey landing page](#) on Phoenix.gov to answer questions, including the security and privacy of the survey.

# INFO OF THE MONTH

Share a tip, recipe, info, or some humor, e-mail it to [bmca200@gmail.com](mailto:bmca200@gmail.com)

## Assist the Younger Generation



AARP Foundation Experience Corps Phoenix is a volunteer-driven literacy program that connects trained adults age 50 and older with young students who need additional support building their reading skills. With only 27 percent of Phoenix third graders currently reading at grade level, the program plays an important role in helping children become confident, capable readers by the end of third

grade. Volunteers work one-on-one or in small groups to provide encouragement, practice, and consistent support—key factors that strengthen reading proficiency. In addition to boosting academic outcomes for students, the program fosters meaningful intergenerational connections and empowers older residents to make a lasting difference in their community. Phoenix residents interested in becoming reading tutors can learn more at [Phoenix.gov/Education](http://Phoenix.gov/Education)

## NEW CITY PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

The Phoenix City Council approved a new strategic plan to address homelessness, with a vision that no one in Phoenix should experience homelessness, and no community should feel its negative effects. The comprehensive roadmap incorporates feedback from residents and service providers, aiming to prevent and reduce homelessness in Phoenix. The plan focuses on five key areas:



- **Prevention:** Decrease the number of people who become homeless.
- **Neighborhood Safety:** Develop a coordinated, humane enforcement approach.
- **Coordination:** Improve coordination with other services.
- **Housing:** Provide dedicated housing for individuals and families.
- **System Accountability:** Enhance transparency and accountability.

[Read the full plan to learn more about our initiatives and how you can help.](#) Get the latest developments and updates on the City's efforts to address homelessness by [signing up for the Office of Homeless Solutions newsletter.](#)

## KEEPING YARDS WEED-FREE

Spring is here, and with the warmer weather comes faster growth! Under the city of Phoenix's Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance Section 39-7D, residents are asked to help keep grass and weeds at no more than six inches in height, including in alleyways and adjacent sidewalks.



Keeping up with yard care not only enhances our curb appeal—it also helps reduce fire risks tied to dried vegetation. Giving your property a quick check and trim can keep things looking sharp and minimize those tumbleweeds that pop up so easily in Phoenix. It's a wonderful way to show pride in your home and support the beauty of our community. To let us know about overgrown weeds and vegetation in your neighborhood:

- Call 602-534-4444
- Provide details online at [MyPHX311](http://MyPHX311)

## TAPPING INTO WATER SAFETY

The 27th Annual "Tapping Into Water Safety" event is on Saturday, May 9 from 9am-12pm at the Hilton Phoenix Tapatio Cliffs Resort!

This FREE, family-friendly event brings together our Phoenix Fire Department, Phoenix Children's Hospital, YMCA, and other community partners to help keep our community safe around water.

Enjoy:

- Free access to resort pools
- Water rescue & CPR demonstrations
- Music, mascots & entertainment
- Raffle prizes
- FREE life jacket giveaway

Let's work together to prevent drownings and protect our families this summer.



## Attention Phoenix businesses: 602 Day Celebration is coming!

On Tuesday, June 2, 2026, the City of Phoenix invites you to celebrate our community's most historically significant area code. We are partnering with local businesses and organizations to host a day of special events and

exclusive deals that promote our unique spirit.

### How you can get involved:

As a business owner, you define the 602. We encourage you to participate by offering \$6.02 discounts, hosting on-site activities, or engaging with the community online. Let's work together to celebrate our City.

### How to Participate as a Business:

Get involved by submitting a 602 Day Business Participation [Form](#). **The submission deadline is Friday, May 15 at 11:59 p.m.**



## Need Support? Helping PHX Families Has You Covered

The City of Phoenix is here for you at every age and every stage of life. Our new Helping PHX Families webpage makes it easy to find trusted programs and services to support you and your family all in one place. Need help paying utility bills? Looking for after-school programs for kids? Want

transportation and services for seniors or emergency assistance during tough times? You'll find these resources and more, just a click away.

Explore the page today and connect with the support you need: [phoenix.gov/helping](http://phoenix.gov/helping)

# APRIL 8, 2026

## BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE & BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMUNITY BW / PNP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

With 76 in attendance at the DVCC

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm



BMCA Chair Candice Fremouw



BMCA Vice Chair Betty Clark



### CITY COUNCIL:

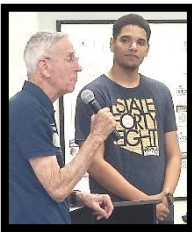


Council District 1 Councilwoman Ann O'Brien said that Councilwoman Deb Stark says a warm Hello! She has a document draft about the Phoenix Parks Medical Treatment and Foods Distribution Ordinance that prohibits needle exchanges in our parks, requires a park permit by licensed professionals for medical treatment and food distribution. Please take the survey and share your opinions. The use of Narcan and emergency medical treatment such as CPR are not prohibited.

On Tuesday, April 14 at 9 am there will be an art installation unveiling at Cortez Park. She is very grateful to everyone in attendance for supporting their neighborhoods.



### DVCC:



Jordan Brock said that Eggcellent Adventure was a great success with 350 kids in attendance! 2,500 eggs were given out to kids 1 – 12 years old. Thank you to BMCA, DVPNBWO, and MVGBW! If you should have any leftover eggs, we are always collecting them. On June 27 from 6 – 9 pm we are hosting After Dark in the Park with another Drone Show. This year is the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Country, so we have some special items added to the event. There were 7,000 people in attendance last year, so please come early. Our Summer Program is already full

with 160 participants. The USA Triathlon has sponsored our Duathlon and provided bikes from Walmart. We had to put the bikes together and that is a challenge!

Senior Center Larry said that lunches are only \$2.50, so come over. There are several exercise programs available, too. Candice asked Larry to write an article for our bulletin about the Senior Center.

## Black Mountain Precinct Updates

Cmdr. Myke said thank you to BMCA, Home Depot, and Lee for the generous donation of a propane grill for the Black Mountain Precinct! The precinct is working with Noreena and Jordan on traffic control for ADIP.



Lt. TJ said that they had a crime suppression operation at the beginning of March in the Palomino neighborhood with many felony arrests. Since then, there has been a 65% reduction in our crime stats. On April 13 we will be partnering with Cactus Park Precinct and several other city departments on the I-17 corridor from Bell Road down to Indian School for another crime suppression sweep.

### PNP UPDATES:

The next PNP Citywide Meeting is on Tuesday, April 21 at 6 pm at Mt. View Precinct and on Webex. Next PNP/BW Training is in person on May 16 at 6:30 pm at Mt. View Precinct. Email [pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov](mailto:pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov) or call 602-256-4303 to register. The PNP Appreciation Luncheon is on Saturday, May 30 from 11 am – 2 pm, so please report your hours!

### BW/PNP SIGN & FIRST AID KIT PRESENTATIONS:

Three NO Trespassing Signs to Wes Baer with Buffalo Ridge BW, two NO Trespassing Signs to Loretta Chase with Turtle BW, one NO Trespassing Sign to Rosemary Ware with Lookout Mountain BW and two magnetic PNP Signs to Roger Mollenhour with Ridge Runners BW.



Wes Baer and CAO Jeremy



CAO Jeremy and Rosemary W.



Loretta C. and CAO Jeffrey



CAO Jeffrey and Roger M.

## BREAK OUT SESSION to meet with Area 21, 22 & 23 CAOs



Area 21 met with CAO Kelsey Sanborn



Area 22 met with CAO Jeffrey Blair



Area 23 met with CAO Jeremy Campbell



### CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY ITEM DISTRIBUTION:



Everyone always receives something!

### PRESENTATIONS:

#### DRONES with Det. Eric Nash



Candice introduced Det. Eric Nash and unfortunately Sgt. Anthony Infanger was unable to attend tonight. Det. Eric Nash is the technology resource officer for UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System). Some drones are flown with goggles FPV (First Person View). The commercial drone market is growing. There are flamethrower drones for weed control, however we do not use them in Phoenix. Walmart and Amazon deliver products with drones, and more companies are doing it, too. Some drones drop their payloads with parachutes. Our program started in 2022 when we had 3 pilots who were used with SWAT to

clear rooms, in 2023 we had 19 pilots and expanded from SWAT to a patrol response program in 2024. In 2025 we had 29 pilots with 16 Specialty Support and 12 Patrol Support. In 2023 our calls for drone service were 1,180, in 2024 1,652, and in 2025 2,126.

We have several different models of drones from 2K up to the DJI M300 RTK drone which costs around \$93K. Phoenix Police Drones are for Aerial Data Collection: Crime Scene, Accident Recon, Event Mapping, Tactical Ops, and Missing Persons. DFR (Drones as a First Responder) is an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) that's deployed remotely to respond to emergencies. PPD is planning for a DFR program, and we are currently educating ourselves and networking with other agencies. DFR programs can improve public safety and emergency response by providing situational awareness and insights before first responders arrive. Great presentation!



### 50/50 DRAWING:

Nora C. won \$68.50 and donated \$25.00 to BMCA, thank you Nora!!!



50/50 Host Bud and Nora C.

### REFRESHMENTS:



Thank you to Starbucks 19<sup>th</sup> & T-Bird for the coffee and everyone who brought goodies!



# BMCA ATTENDS & SUPPORTS. . .

Meetings and Events all over Black Mountain Precinct and beyond each month!

## APRIL 2, 2026

Black Mountain Community Alliance  
at the BWG Oversight Comm. Meeting



## APRIL 11, 2026

Black Mountain Community Alliance  
at John Jacobs Pancake Breakfast



John Jacobs BW President Roxanne Smith



Councilwoman Deb Stark

Candice & Amber

Candice & Njah



Candice, Kathie, and Monte

Kathie and Laura

## APRIL 13, 2026

Black Mountain Community Alliance  
at the BRBA Bell Road CLEAN UP



# APRIL 17, 2026

**Black Mountain Community Alliance  
at the D1 & D3 COFFEE WITH A COP**



Councilwomen Ann O'Brien & Deb Stark



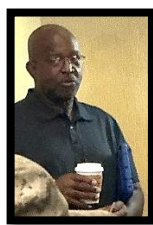
Breakfast!



Maricopa Co. Supv  
Kate Brophy McGee



Maricopa Co. Attorney  
Rachel Mitchell



Cleo Lewis  
Healthy Giving Council



Chief Matt Giordano



Sgt. Henry Trevino



Tom with MAG



Tom Van Dorn, Rachel Mitchell, & Kate Brophy McGee



# APRIL 18, 2026

**Black Mountain Community Alliance  
at the PNP PATROL for the S'edav Va'aki  
Museum HARMONY FUNDRAISER**



Councilwoman Ann & Derrik



Rick and the gang...



Delicious Food!



Museum Director Nicole



Auctioneer





**BRBA MISSION STATEMENT**

“We are an alliance of Businesses and Stakeholders for Crime Prevention and Safety along the Bell Road Corridor.”

**BELL ROAD BUSINESS ALLIANCE  
STARFISH PLACE FUNDRAISER  
at Forks & Boards  
APRIL 21, 2026, at 4 – 7 pm**



Stefanie Calens and BRBA President Greg Freeman



Terry, Deb, Roxanne, Ann, and Amber



CAO Jeremy, Roxanne, and Erika



Amber, Laura, and Councilwoman Deb Stark



Christina and Kathie

**Next Bell Road Business Alliance Meeting  
is on  
Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 11 am  
at GAMER'S GUILD, 1818 W. Bell Road**

For more information contact [bellroadbusinessalliance@gmail.com](mailto:bellroadbusinessalliance@gmail.com)



If your community needs a meeting place for your Block Watch Group, this is it! Call Ben for details.

We also offer **quiet workspace, free Wi-Fi, and food and drink service after 3 PM** at Forks & Boards, which makes the space flexible for many different needs.

If you already have a book club, Bridge, Gin, Pinochle, or other card group, craft circle, or social club and are interested in trying a new place to meet and have fun, we'd love to host you. Gamers Guild is always excited to welcome existing groups and help them feel at home here.

**Ambassador Program.** If there are community members who enjoy teaching games or hosting regular meetups, **we actively support them.** We help provide space, structure, and promotion, and we focus on nurturing the community that grows around those games or recurring events.

**Craft Connection** is on **Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings.** Bring your own crafts and enjoy working alongside like-minded community members.

**LEGO Build Night** every **Thursday at 5 PM.** Bring your own sets or pick something up in-store.

**Hobby Night** every **Wednesday at 5 PM,** focused on miniature painting and model building.

**Gamers Guild Book Club** meets in person on the **third Sunday of each month,** with additional independent book clubs meeting on **Sundays at Forks & Boards.**

Between our in-person Book Club Meetups on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, the book discussions keep on going! We wrapped up our February discussion for *Dungeon Crawler Carl* (we aren't done with Carl just yet!) and the next selection is *Leviathan Wakes*: Book One of *The Expanse* by **James S. A. Corey!** Political tension, detective noir vibes, and a crew trying to survive something much bigger than them. If you've been sci-fi curious, **this is a great entry point.** If you already love space opera, you probably own it. <https://discord.gg/xjPeZF5z3B>

**Jigsaw Puzzle Meetup** is on **Tuesday evenings at 5 PM** and **Thursday mornings at 10 AM.**

**Mahjong Night** every **Tuesday at 5 PM.**

**Learn 2 Play Fest** on the **First Saturday of each month,** These are **open community days** where anyone can drop in and **learn how to play new games** with guidance from staff and our volunteer game Ambassadors. This event is designed to be **approachable, social, and beginner friendly.**

Bring your laptop, your notebook, or your to-do list and make yourself at home. Work From the Guild is a relaxed, work-friendly daytime space with a calm atmosphere, plenty of room to spread out, powered tables and free Wi-Fi.

Set up at open tables, enjoy a relaxing environment, and focus at your own pace. Need privacy? Premium Rooms are available to reserve for meetings or private calls. Forks & Boards opens at 3PM if you want food or drinks to power you through the afternoon!

**Chef's Movie Night** every **Wednesday evening** at **Forks & Boards.** This is a ticketed event with a themed 3- or 5-course meal paired with an AAA movie, crafted by Chef Gil. Tickets sell out fast.

**Coming soon!**

**Paint and Sips! Costume making classes! Tabletop terrain making classes! Industry guests from the game development community! Summertime activities! Trivia Nights! Charity events and more!**

Ben Blythe, Marketing Executive [ben.b@gamersguildusa.com](mailto:ben.b@gamersguildusa.com)  
Gamers Guild, 1818 W. Bell Road  
[communitymanager@gamersguildusa.com](mailto:communitymanager@gamersguildusa.com)  
602-486-3872

## APRIL 23, 2026

### Black Mountain Community Alliance at the MARICOPA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CITIZEN'S ACADEMY



Maricopa County Attorney Rachel Mitchell



Candice and Laura attended the five-hour class



## APRIL 25, 2026

### Black Mountain Community Alliance at the DEA Drug Take Backs

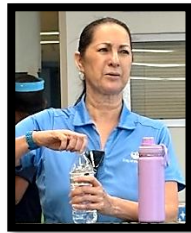


# APRIL 25, 2026

Black Mountain Community Alliance  
at the PVCC Festival of Tales  
PALOMINO EVENT



Candice



NSD Mari



Laura



NSD Mari, CAO Jeffrey, & CAO Jeremy



NSD Mary



REACH Kelly



Fun for the kids!

# APRIL 29, 2026

Black Mountain Community Alliance  
at the NSD/BMCA Grant Boot Camp



NSD Mari and BMCA V-Chair Betty



BMCA Chair Candice and BMCA Secretary Laura





**NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALISTS 602-534-4444**

**District 1 – JOHNNY MENDOZA 602-463-6776**  
[Johnny.mendoza@phoenix.gov](mailto:Johnny.mendoza@phoenix.gov)

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[e.mari.herrera-daniels@phoenix.gov](mailto:e.mari.herrera-daniels@phoenix.gov)

**District 3 – KRISTA ROY**  
[krista.roy@phoenix.gov](mailto:krista.roy@phoenix.gov)

**BLIGHT AND ZONING LAWS (Updated!)**

**VEGETATION:** Property owners are responsible for their properties and the adjacent rights-of-way free of dead or dried vegetation (weeds, tall grass, tumbleweeds, shrubs, trees, palm fronds, etc.) All dead or dried vegetation must be removed and disposed of properly. Property owners also are responsible for assuring that grass and weeds on their property and in the adjacent rights-of-way do not exceed six inches in height and that the lawn grass is maintained at six inches or shorter.

**GRAFFITI:** Graffiti must immediately be removed from all sidewalks, walls, fences, signs, and other structures or surfaces visible from beyond the property line. This is the responsibility of the property owner. Free paint and graffiti removal supplies are available. Assistance is available for those unable to physically remove graffiti themselves. Remember, graffiti is a crime. Call 911 if you witness graffiti in progress.

**NON-DUSTPROOF PARKING:** Designated parking and maneuvering areas must be dust-proofed according to specifications. Parking or maneuvering vehicles anywhere other than these designated areas may be a violation. No more than **50 percent** of the required front yard of a single family or duplex residential property may be used for parking or maneuvering.

**INOPERABLE VEHICLES:** Inoperable vehicles must not be visible from beyond the property line. An inoperable vehicle is one that is not equipped with all parts that are required to legally and safely operate on public streets and /or cannot be driven under its own power. Tarps, shade screens, and other similar materials are not acceptable screening.

**FENCES IN DISREPAIR:** Fencing and screening walls must be structurally sound and made from the same materials. They also must be maintained so that they are free from deterioration and blight. Fences in residential zones cannot be higher than 40 inches in the required front yard and 6 feet in the required rear yard.

**VACANT & ACCESSIBLE STRUCTURES:** Property owners are responsible for maintaining structures and grounds of a property. All vacant structures must be kept secure, so they cannot be opened from the outside. A property owner may be required to board up a structure to City specifications if it becomes vacant and is not secure. Accessory structures on the property, such as storage sheds and garages, also must be secured to City specifications. Boarding up a structure is a one-time, temporary securement option. Rehabilitation or demolition of a structure may be required under certain conditions.

**JUNK, LITTER & DEBRIS:** Junk, litter and debris cannot be left on the property. It must be disposed of properly. This includes discarded or broken auto parts, furniture, building and/or landscaping material and tires, litter such as discarded paper, cardboard, plastics, etc., debris such as tree trimmings and fallen tree limbs or any other items that have been discarded.

**OUTSIDE STORAGE:** Outside storage on residentially zoned properties that can be seen from beyond the property line is not allowed. Generally, any equipment, building or landscaping materials, parts/auto parts, appliances or any scrap items may not be visible. Boats, campers and other similar personal items may be stored in a limited area of the rear yard of residentially zoned properties. There are specific regulations that apply to outdoor storage and use on properties zoned for other than residential use.

**ABANDONED SHOPPING CART RETRIEVAL PROGRAM**

The City of Phoenix Abandoned Shopping Cart Retrieval Program strives to remove empty, abandoned shopping carts found off-premises city-wide, from public right of way, sidewalks, and City streets within 2 business days of the complaint.

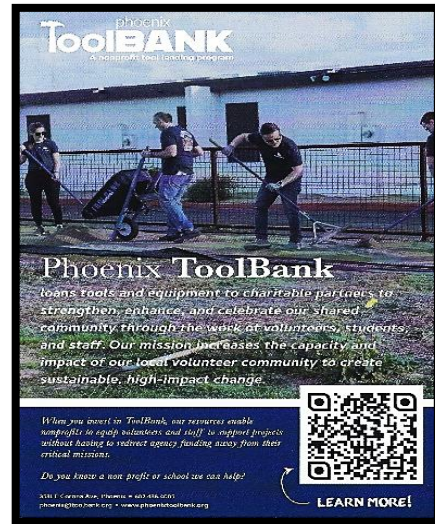
To report an empty and abandoned shopping cart, not on private property, you may call [602-534-4444](tel:602-534-4444), email [shopping.carts.nsd@phoenix.gov](mailto:shopping.carts.nsd@phoenix.gov), or go online at [myPHX311](http://myPHX311).

To report a filled shopping cart, [submit a report through PHX C.A.R.E.S. www.phoenix.gov/shoppingcarts](http://www.phoenix.gov/shoppingcarts)



Neighborhood College is a one-of-a-kind collaboration of workshops and hands-on learning experiences brought to you by multiple city departments. The intent of the program is to provide each participant with knowledge about the city's programs, services and resources; the tools to access those resources; and the skills and ideas with which to build positive, sustainable communities. Everyone is welcome! Regardless of whether you're a seasoned community leader or a new resident just looking to get to know your new home better, Neighborhood College is flexible enough to meet the needs of all Phoenix residents! We hope to see you at one of our many free workshops – and encourage your neighbors to do the same. **To sign up, call us at 602-534-4444. Online registration:** We've partnered with the Parks and Recreation Department to use their online enrollment process. You will be taken to "Parks and Recreation Online" where you will need to sign up for a free account. This is a one-time process that will only take a few moments. You will then be able to use the site in the future to sign up for any additional workshops.

**CHECK THE [www.phoenix.gov](http://www.phoenix.gov) website for info...**



Learn more about the program at [phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/cleanups-and-tool-lending](http://phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/cleanups-and-tool-lending) or email [ToolLend.nsd@phoenix.gov](mailto:ToolLend.nsd@phoenix.gov) or call 602-534-4444.

**NSD PROGRAMS**

**Code Compliance**

- [Private Property Code Compliance](#)
- [Graffiti](#)
- [Shopping Cart Removal](#)
- [Abandoned and Neglected Private Properties](#)

**Community Engagement**

- [Get Involved in Your Neighborhood](#)
- [Neighborhood Cleanups and Tool Lending](#)
- [Volunteer](#)
- [Neighborhood College](#)

**Neighborhood Revitalization**

- [Energy Efficiency Improvements](#)
- [Housing Repairs](#)
- [Lead Removal](#)

- [Multi-Family Rental Property Repairs](#)
- [Infill Housing Development](#)

- [Neighborhood Business Assistance](#)



### 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 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.

### HELP STOP CRIME IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BY STARTING A BLOCK WATCH GROUP ON YOUR STREET TODAY!

*Distribute this announcement to invite people to the Block Watch Meeting:*

#### You're Invited to an Important Meeting!

If you are as interested as I am about maintaining and improving the quality of life on our street and in our neighborhood, please attend an important meeting to be held:

DAY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

A representative of the Phoenix Police Department will be there to discuss a way we can impact and improve our community. It is called **BLOCK WATCH**, and we will be informed how to combine our efforts to make our homes and our neighborhood a safer place to live.

**Please Plan to Attend and RSVP to:**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT Block Watch / PNP LISTINGS

List your Block Watch / PNP, Meeting Dates and Events HERE  
Send your info to the Black Mountain Community Alliance at [info@bmcainfo.com](mailto:info@bmcainfo.com) or [bmca200@gmail.com](mailto:bmca200@gmail.com)

### LIST YOUR BLOCK WATCH AND INFO HERE...

**ANTHEM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** for info call 509-670-5237 or e-mail Chairman Christine Perry at [AnthemNeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com](mailto:AnthemNeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com) or [www.OnLineAtAnthem.com/ANW](http://www.OnLineAtAnthem.com/ANW)

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

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

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

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

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

**CRYSTAL TERRACE BLOCK WATCH** for info e-mail: [crystalterracecommunity@gmail.com](mailto:crystalterracecommunity@gmail.com)

**DEER VALLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH ORGANIZATION / PNP (DVPNBWO) MEETINGS** with the BMCA at 6:30 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of most months at the DVCC! Check Website for info [www.dvpnbwo.com](http://www.dvpnbwo.com). 623-533-0847 / [dvpnbwo@aol.com](mailto:dvpnbwo@aol.com)

**DESERT WIND BLOCK WATCH** for info e-mail Bill Christian [whchristian@msn.com](mailto:whchristian@msn.com)

**HILLCREST EAST BLOCK WATCH** Linda Nixon [nixonlinda62@gmail.com](mailto:nixonlinda62@gmail.com)

**INVERNESS COMMUNITY WATCH PARTNERSHIP** [community.watch.85023@gmail.com](mailto:community.watch.85023@gmail.com)

**JOHN JACOBS BLOCK WATCH** Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the John Jacobs Elementary School cafeteria located at 14421 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85023. For info contact [johnjacobsbw1@outlook.com](mailto:johnjacobsbw1@outlook.com) or Fred at 505-514-1439

**MINI MOON II BLOCK WATCH** (in Moon Valley along Interlacken) Primary Contact: Myra Ridder [myraridder@cox.net](mailto:myraridder@cox.net) Contact us for meeting info.

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

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

**NORTHTOWN COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH / PNP** FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS e-mail [nkcurtinaz@hotmail.com](mailto:nkcurtinaz@hotmail.com) or call Nora Curtin at 602-689-9696

**PALM LAKES VILLAGE BLOCK WATCH** Meetings held on the first Fridays at 11:00 am at the Club House at 16415 N. 33<sup>rd</sup> Way. For info contact [mmellenbrook@cox.net](mailto:mmellenbrook@cox.net)

**RIDGE RUNNERS II PNP GROUP** Jim Rogers 602-471-2201 co/chair with Phil Carlisle 480-519-3087

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

**VILLAGE MEADOWS BLOCK WATCH** meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm [www.villagemeadows.org](http://www.villagemeadows.org)

# CRIME TIPS:

## WHEN GRIEF BECOMES A TARGET: BEREAVEMENT SCAMS

After a loss, families deserve support—not scams. Unfortunately, criminals often target grieving loved ones. Understanding how [bereavement scams](#) work can help you spot the warning signs in the wake of a loved one's death.

### HOW IT WORKS

Someone contacts you from the funeral home or cemetery about a problem with your form of payment.

A long-lost relative of the deceased reaches out to offer sympathy or reminisce.

A "spiritual adviser" offers to connect you with your loved one from the afterworld.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Scammers comb through obituaries, funeral home websites, and online memorials to find names and personal details they can use to target families.

In some cases, criminals use a deceased person's information to commit identity fraud by illicitly obtaining sensitive personal information to take over existing financial accounts or create new ones.

Other tactics involve posing as a distant relative or old friend of the deceased to build a trust relationship over time that can evolve into a scam aimed at stealing inheritance money.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Consider the public nature of an obituary and online memorials, and limit information that could be used to deceive you.

If the funeral home calls demanding money, hang up and call them back at a number you know to be legitimate.

If a "long-lost" relative or friend reaches out, ask other family members or longtime friends if they know the person.

It is not a legitimate business if it seeks payment by wire transfer, cryptocurrency, gift cards or peer-to-peer apps.

## INVESTMENT SCAMS THAT PROMISE BIG RETURNS DELIVER DEVASTATION

In 2024, more people had money stolen from them through investment fraud than to any other type of scam, with reported losses totaling \$5.7 billion. That's about \$1 billion more than the previous year and is only a fraction of actual losses because fraud is notoriously underreported. Investment scams aren't new, but the latest spin involves [cryptocurrency schemes](#) that promise big returns that result in financial devastation. Here's what to know about this type of investment fraud.

### HOW IT WORKS

You receive a text you think was sent in error—such as a message about dinner plans or a ride to the airport.

Wanting to be polite, you reply to let the sender know they have the wrong number.

That single response can spark an ongoing conversation that, over time, turns into a trusted relationship that eventually leads to an opportunity to learn how to invest successfully in cryptocurrency.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Scams like these rely on building trust relationships slowly, and teams of scammers work around the clock to keep their targets engaged.

They eventually promise "can't miss" investments in cryptocurrency and often allow their victims to withdraw some gains early on to add credibility to the scheme.

Victims only realize they have been defrauded when they try to cash out their earnings and face steep taxes or other fees, and then the 'friend' disappears.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Avoid responding to messages from senders you don't know; this applies to your phone, WhatsApp and other text messaging platforms, and social media.

Scams like these rely on secrecy; see any attempt to keep your relationship secret as a warning signal.

If you or a loved one experiences this scam, first contact the relevant financial institution to see if there is any way to claw back recent transactions. Then file a police report – insist on it if you meet resistance; law enforcement needs to know these scams are happening, and the report may give you an opportunity down the road if restitution is possible.

## PHOTO RADAR SCAM

Heads up! Here is the URL for a warning Phoenix Police are putting out regarding a scam that any of us may be exposed to. Just an FYI. . .

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/phoenix-police-warn-of-new-photo-radar-payment-scam/ar-AA20rODM>

Knowledge gives you power over scams. The [AARP Fraud Watch Network™](#) equips you with reliable, up-to-date insights and connects you to our free fraud helpline so you can better protect yourself and loved ones. We also advocate at the state, federal and local levels to enact policy changes that protect consumers and enforce laws.

### MORE FROM AARP

[Five of the Biggest Scams to Watch for in 2026 >](#)

[How, When and Why to Check \(or Freeze\) Your Credit >](#)

[Is Someone Claiming You've Missed Jury Duty? It Might Be a Scam >](#)

[IRS: Beware of These Top Tax Season Scams >](#)

[How to Recover After Your Identity Has Been Stolen >](#)

[Your Tax ID Could Be Used for Identity Theft >](#)

[15 Worst Things to Carry In Your Wallet >](#)

[Learn More About Work-From-Home Job Scams >](#)

[10 Common Government Impostor Scams >](#)

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[15 Ways to Protect Yourself From Fraud >](#)

[Criminals Are Stealing More Money Through Text Scams Than Ever Before >](#)

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[How to Spot a Phone Scam >](#)

[Stay Safe From Scams: Pause, Reflect, Protect. >](#)

[How an Investment Scam Stole This Journalist's Life Savings >](#)

[AI Makes It Next to Impossible to Detect Scams. Now What? >](#)

Do you think you have been targeted or have fallen victim to a scam? Contact [AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline](#). Call 877-908-3360.

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### And one more thing...

AARP Fraud Watch Network™ offers free [emotional support sessions](#) for people affected by fraud. Trained peer facilitators conduct hour-long small group online sessions. Experiencing fraud can be devastating, but it doesn't have to define you.

[Learn more](#)



## FIRE PREVENTION PUBLIC INFORMATION



### Fire Department's New Fire Data Link Map

This new online data map shows all the emergency incidents dispatched in the Phoenix Fire Department service area, which is the City of Phoenix, Town of Paradise Valley and Laveen.

The map has a 30-day rolling window and has filters for the Neighborhood and Council District. Incident locations are displayed based on their Category and all incidents are geocoded down to the street level, so that there should not be any incidents shown on someone's home. [Launch the Map.](#)

### Department Data



[Active Incidents](#)

[Incident History](#)

## Valley Watch



Brought to you by Phoenix Fire's good friends at Bonneville Broadcasting, **Valley Watch** airs every Sunday at 5:15 AM on KTAR News 92.3 FM. The radio show is dedicated to sharing news and stories involving

public safety and other related information from the City of Phoenix. Valley Watch is hosted by the Phoenix Fire Department's Deputy Communications Director, Ali Pardi. Dedicated to both proactive and reactive messaging, Ali has a background in broadcast journalism. Prior to joining the Phoenix Fire Department, she was formerly known as Ali Vetnar from KTAR News 92.3 FM.

Contact Fire Prevention 602-262-6771

[pdf.prevention@phoenix.gov](mailto:pdf.prevention@phoenix.gov)

[Sign-up for Fire Prevention News & Information](#)

*Find It Fast*

[Arizona Task Force 1 \(AZ-TF1\)](#)

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[Community Assistance Program Survey Summary 2022](#)

[Fire Station Map](#)

[Info For Life \(Español\)](#)

[Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management](#)

[Phoenix Fire Foundation](#)

## NEW ONLINE RECORDS REQUEST SYSTEM

The Phoenix Fire Department is launching a new online system for submitting a records request. This system will be used for Fire Prevention Records requests

- Fire Prevention Reviewed Plans
- Fire Inspection Permits
- Fire Prevention Inspection Notices
- The Compliance Engine Third Party Safety System Inspection Reports

As well as other types of records:

- Fire Records
- Medical Records (subject to privacy and authorization requirements)
- Media requests

The new system is designed to improve communication, tracking, and response times while ensuring compliance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws.

The system is scheduled to go live on February 17, 2026. Once live, requests must be submitted through this system.

You may prepare now by:

- Creating an account in advance | [Click here to create an account](#)
- Review the How-To Guide that explains how to submit a request [How-To Guide](#)

Please note Fire Prevention's records may not represent a complete record of all fire inspections, plans, and/or permits. Many of these types of records are located in the City of Phoenix Planning and Development Department's permitting systems and available via a free self-help web portal at <https://www.phoenix.gov/pdd/onlineservices> and

<https://shapephx.phoenix.gov/s/advanced-search>

Any questions, please contact the office at 602-262-6771 or email [pdf.prevention.records@phoenix.gov](mailto:pdf.prevention.records@phoenix.gov)

## SENIOR CITIZENS

The city has a number of services available for our Senior Citizens.

[How do I find programs for Seniors?](#)

[Download a Medical Information Form.](#)

## TEEN DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

The purpose of the Teen Driver Safety Program is to educate new drivers and parents on the dangers of distracted and impaired driving. This class was previously held only in high schools and is now being expanded and open to the public. This program is taught by iPAP, the Injury Prevention Alliance of Phoenix, which is a collaboration of Phoenix Fire Department and valley hospitals.

[Teen Driver Safety Program Sign Up](#)

## Trauma Bleeding Control Training (STOP THE BLEED®)

If you would like to request a Trauma Bleeding Control Training (STOP THE BLEED®) for you and your organization, please submit your request by following the link below:

[Presentation and Training Request Form](#)

If you would like to attend a Trauma Bleeding Control Training (STOP THE BLEED®), please click the link below to find a training near you:

[Trauma Bleeding Control](#)

## THE CITY OF PHOENIX CITYWIDE LOCKBOX PROGRAM

This program allows firefighters to gain entry to your home in case of emergency without causing any damage to your residence. This is done by utilizing a key that you provide in a secure lockbox attached to your entryway. This program not only provides free lockboxes to those vulnerable Phoenix residents, it also allows those who already have their own lockbox in place to register their lockbox code with the fire department.

Free lockboxes are donated by the Phoenix Area Association of Realtors and are distributed on a first come, first served basis to vulnerable Phoenix residents who are 55+, have special needs or mobility issues.

Your information and the code to the lockbox is provided only to firefighters in the event there is an emergency call to your home. You will need to provide the appropriate key or keys to put in the lockbox at the time of the delivery.

If you have any questions about the City of Phoenix Lockbox Program or would like to be removed from the program, please email [pdf.lockbox@phoenix.gov](mailto:pdf.lockbox@phoenix.gov).

[Lockbox Request Form](#)



## HOW TO SPOT A SCAM BEFORE IT SPOTS YOU!

Each year, thousands of Maricopa County residents fall victim to fraud. This means thousands of hard-earned dollars are lost to scammers and personal information is compromised.

**That's why this month**, our office hosted three scam forums and provided four presentations to hundreds of residents in local retirement communities to ensure they have the tools they need to spot red flags and identify scams.

**Here are the 4 Warning Signs you need to know:**

- **Pretend:** Pretend to be from a government agency, utility service, bank or even a family member.
- **Problem:** Say there is a problem or emergency.
- **Pressure:** Manipulate you and demand that you act now.
- **Pay or Provide:** Demand payment using gift cards, Bitcoin, wire transfer, or request confidential information.

**What's next:** Stay ahead of scams to protect your loved ones. Discover the latest scam trends on our website.

[Learn About Common Scams](#)

## BREAK THE CHAIN CAMPAIGN

*Human trafficking is happening in Maricopa County neighborhoods, a new awareness campaign aims to change that.*

This month, MCAO announced a new awareness campaign titled "[Break The Chain](#)" to teach communities what they need to know about human trafficking and how to report it.

"Human trafficking doesn't stay behind closed doors. It spills into people's front yards, bringing drug trafficking, gun violence, and other violent crimes. I'm asking every resident of Maricopa County to learn the signs and speak up when something doesn't look right. My office will continue to do the necessary work to protect our community, support victims, and hold traffickers accountable." - County Attorney Rachel Mitchell

**Human trafficking** is uniquely difficult to detect because traffickers are skilled at hiding in plain sight.

- Traffickers manipulate and entice victims with false job offers, romantic relationships, or promises of money.
- Many times, victims don't even realize they are in a trafficking situation.

**Why it matters:** When victims can't speak out, community involvement is essential to breaking the cycle of abuse and exploitation. This campaign features social media, digital and TV ads encouraging the community to spread the word and report trafficking.

**If you believe you are a victim or suspect trafficking:**

- Contact the Arizona Human Trafficking Tipline at 1-877-4-AZTIPS (1-877-429-8477) or online at [azactic.gov](http://azactic.gov).
- When you report be ready to describe what you saw, where and when it happened, and why it seemed suspicious.
- If there is immediate danger, please call 9-1-1. Never confront a suspected trafficker or victim.

**The bottom line:** If you think this doesn't affect you, it does. We all share a responsibility in confronting human trafficking.

[Learn the Signs](#)



## 2026 CITIZENS ACADEMY



[Registration Form](#)

**Next class: Thursday, Sep. 17, 2026**

[MCAO Citizens Academy](#)

### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

The commitment of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office is to help provide a safe and well-governed community that extends far beyond the courtroom. We use our talent and experience to help people and businesses throughout Maricopa County improve their neighborhoods and quality of life.

1. **Adoptions**  
Learn how the Maricopa County Attorney's Office handles uncontested adoptions.
2. **Advisory Boards**  
The Maricopa County Attorney values input from community and business leaders. Learn more here.
3. **Community Education**  
The Maricopa County Attorney's Office provides experts to speak to students, civic organizations, business groups and parents on a wide range of criminal justice issues.
4. **Community Programs**  
The Maricopa County Attorney's Office is actively involved in a number of outreach efforts to protect and strengthen local communities.
5. **Organized Retail Crime (ORC)**
6. **Events Calendar**  
View the events calendar for the Maricopa County Attorney community programs.
7. **K9 Victim Support Program**  
Learn more about the K9 Victim Support Program, whose service dogs provide calming, comforting support for these victims throughout the often-stressful criminal justice process.  
<https://www.facebook.com/MCAOK9/>
8. **Monthly Newsletters**  
Each month, our newsletter will include brief, useful updates on the projects, programs and developments that are helping the people of Maricopa County live safer lives.
9. **RICO Community Grants**  
The Maricopa County Attorney's Office funds community programs using funds recovered from criminals or criminal activity under the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) by our Asset Recovery Bureau.

[MCAO Community Outreach](#)

### FREE PRESENTATIONS FOR YOUR MEETINGS BY MCAO

[Download our informational Community Education card to share with others.](#)  
**Schedule a FREE educational presentation for your business or organization!**  
**Community Education**

A free service to Maricopa County residents, the MCAO Community Education provides informative sessions presented by deputy county attorneys, paralegals, and staff members on a range of criminal justice issues. Presentation topics include:

- Fraud, Scams & Identity Theft
- Online Safety
- Neighborhood Safety & Residential Burglary Prevention
- Online Safety
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Healthy Habits and Safety for Kids
- Bullying Prevention

**To request a speaker, simply fill out the [Community Education Presentation Request Form](#)**



## MARICOPA COUNTY CONDUCTS MOCK ELECTION TO PREPARE FOR NEW VOTING OPTIONS



In 2026, a new state law went into effect providing voters more options when voting with an early ballot.

- **Prior to Election Day:** Voters who bring their early ballot sealed in a green affidavit envelope to a Vote Center may check in and provide proof of their identity, so the early ballot does not require signature verification at the Maricopa County Tabulation and Election Center.
- **On Election Day:** Voters will have the opportunity to check in, show proof of identity, and tabulate their ballot at an on-site tabulator programmed specifically to tabulate early ballots. These are different from the tabulators that will be on-site to tabulate Election Day ballots. Previously, for security purposes, tabulators available at Vote Centers were only able to tabulate ballots printed on-site, on Election Day. All ballots tabulated at a Vote Center are included in Election Night results.
- Voters may still return an early ballot by mail or via a drop box.

Our Elections team recently held a mock election to run through that and other scenarios. Check it out in the video above!

## NEW IN 2026: MORE WAYS TO RETURN YOUR EARLY BALLOT



Voters who receive their ballot in the mail now have more options to vote.

- Before Election Day: check in at a Vote Center with ID to get your ballot into tabulation faster.
- On Election Day: check in, show ID, and tabulate your early ballot on-site.
- Mail it or drop it off at a secure drop box like usual.

To learn more about these options, watch the video above!



## NEWS BITES: HAPPY TAILS



"Rescuing Lux has added so much to my life and she continues to spread love and smiles every day. She breaks her breed stereotypes and has changed many people's opinions on pitbulls and rescues. Everyone that meets her falls in love with her and her personality. The photos are her from the day I brought her home, and now almost a year later. Watching the light return to her eyes has been a beautiful experience." – Oshen

[Submit Your Happy Tail](#)

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## ADOT UNVEILS FIVE NEW SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES

### Arizona Diamondbacks plate receives a fresh new look



Arizonans have additional choices to support their favorite charitable causes as the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division offers five new specialty license plates established by state law.

With the addition of the Arizona Youth Charities, Gila River Indian Community, No One Fights Alone, Teen Lifeline and 4AZKids specialty plates, MVD now has 114 different license plates that can be viewed and ordered at [azmvdnow.gov/plates](http://azmvdnow.gov/plates).

"Specialty license plates offer a fun way to customize your vehicle and show your support for one of these uniquely Arizona organizations," MVD Director Michael Cryderman said. "MVD is pleased to support Arizona communities through the various plates for the organizations dedicated to helping Arizona and our communities."

Most specialty plates cost \$25 each year. Of that amount, \$17 goes to a designated charity or nonprofit group. During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2025, sales of specialty plates contributed over \$14.5 million for various causes and charities.

Specialty plates are authorized by the Arizona Legislature and have been offered since 1989. Plate designs complete a review by ADOT and law enforcement. Personalization can be added for an additional \$25 per year.

In addition to these five new plates, the Arizona Diamondbacks plate has been redesigned and will also be offered in a motorcycle format.

Learn more about each of these plates:

#### Arizona Youth Charities

\$17 from each plate goes to Executive Council Charities to provide grants to programs focused on helping youth in Arizona overcome adversity and reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

*This plate will be available to anyone and also offered in a motorcycle format.*

"Executive Council Charities is proud to introduce the new Arizona Youth Charities license plate - a meaningful way for drivers across Arizona to show their commitment to Arizona's at-risk youth," said Matt Davis, Executive Council Charities Director. "By choosing this plate, you can make a visible contribution to improving the lives of the young people across the great state of Arizona."

#### Gila River Indian Community

\$17 from each plate will go to the Gila River Indian Community for traffic control devices.

*This plate will be available to anyone and also offered in a motorcycle format.*

"This specialty license plate honors the Gila River Community's proud history, tradition and culture, and our enduring connection to our shudag - the Gila River," said Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community. "It reflects our community's pride in our identity and heritage and hopefully encourages others to learn more about our contributions to the state of Arizona. I appreciate the state Legislature's support in making it possible." "The visibility displayed on the license plate not only brings attention to our great community and economic enterprises," Lt. Gov. Regina Antone of the Gila River Indian Community said. "But it also proves our resiliency in providing additional resources for our police department."

#### No One Fights Alone

\$17 from each plate goes to Under the Shield Inc. to provide mental wellness training and coaching for all Public Safety, as well as Border Patrol Detention/Corrections, Dispatch, EMS/Rescue and Military/Veterans and their families.

*This plate will be available to anyone and also offered in a motorcycle format.*

"Under the Shield is proud to announce the launch of the No One Fights Alone specialty license plate," said Susan Lewis Simons, President and founder of Under the Shield Inc. "This license plate is a powerful symbol of unity, resilience and unwavering support for those who serve on the front lines and will be a visible reminder that behind every uniform is a family, a story and a shared commitment to protecting others."

#### Teen Lifeline

\$17 from each plate goes to Teen Lifeline to provide free, confidential crisis hotline services and suicide prevention education for teenagers, parents, and educators throughout Arizona.

*This plate will be available to anyone and also offered in a motorcycle format.*

"Every Teen Lifeline license plate represents hope for teenagers who may be struggling or even considering self-harm," said Michelle Moorhead, Teen Lifeline Executive Director. "The funds raised through this specialty plate will help ensure youths across Arizona feel connected and have someone to talk to when they need it most. It's an easy way to show support and help save young lives."

#### 4AZKids

\$17 goes to Saguaro Children's Charities to support more than 30 local children's charities across Arizona that provide critical care, education, and enrichment programs statewide.

*This plate will be available to anyone and also offered in a motorcycle format.*

"The 4AZ Kids specialty plate gives Arizona drivers a completely custom, all black license plate with no branding, clean lettering, and an incredibly cool look," said Clayton Wolfe, Saguaro Children's Charities board member. "The best part, every purchase supports Saguaro Children's Charities, which grants millions of dollars to dozens of nonprofits serving Arizona children. See the full list of charities we support at [www.saguaro.com/charities](http://www.saguaro.com/charities)."

To view and order any specialty plate, please visit [azmvdnow.gov](http://azmvdnow.gov).

## EXPLORING ARIZONA'S SMALL TOWNS

MAY ISSUE

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### From the May Issue

We're taking a look at 10 of Arizona's most charming small towns.

- **Small Towns:** Some people — a lot of people — think of us as a photography magazine. It's understandable. We do it well. Our mission, however, is to "promote travel to and through the state." We do that by showcasing the people, places and things that make Arizona unique, from its spectacular landscapes and colorful history to its fascinating culture and endless adventure. This month, the effort is more direct.



You can subscribe to episodes of On the Road with ADOT through [Apple Podcasts](#) and [Spotify](#). You also can find episodes at [azdot.gov/Podcast](http://azdot.gov/Podcast) and featured in [ADOT Blog posts](#).

### Explore Arizona

- **Logging:** Modern amenities and Old West history come together at Prescott's Grand Highland Hotel.
- **Local Favorite:** FreeForm Coffee Roasters, in Sedona, specializes in small-batch beans from around the world.
- **Around Arizona:** The Flagstaff area is home to the country's first forest research experiment station.
- **Drive:** Head out to Eastern Arizona for a scenic, shady drive along Upper Eagle Creek Road.
- **Hike:** The road to the Kinder Crossing Trail is challenging, but this lovely hike is well worth the effort.

### Photography

- **Photo Editor Forum:** Joel Hazelton talks about how he drove all night to get a sunrise shot in the Kofa Mountains.
- **Photo Contest:** There's still time to submit your images for our wildlife photo contest. Upload your shots today!
- **Photo of the Day:** A new photo is posted daily! Share your images, and one of them just might pop up on our website.



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

Cassandra Hamilton, Asst. Branch Mgr. Adult Services Librarian  
Phoenix Public Library Juniper Branch 602-534-2348

Phoenix Public Library Juniper Branch, 1825 W. Union Hills Dr.  
[phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org)

Please check the Calendar at [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org) for additional program details. Storytime limited, tickets available 30 minutes before programs.

**CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 25, 2026**

### The SUMMER READING GAME STARTS JUNE 1 – JULY 20 (sign up begins May 1)

Drop-in at your local Phoenix Public Library branch, register, get your gameboard and receive your sign-up prizes! Kids, Teens, and Adults can play! You can also register online at [www.maricopacountyreads.org](http://www.maricopacountyreads.org)

#### Storytimes

**Baby Time**—Tuesdays, 9:30 am & 10:30 am

For babies 0 to 2 years and their favorite grownup.

**Toddler Time**—Wednesdays, 9:30 am

Toddlers ages 24-36 months and their favorite grownup.

**Tools for School**—Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Children 3 to 5 years and their favorite grownup.

**Music & Movement**—Thursdays, 9:30 & 10:30 am, Wiggle worms age 0 to 6 years and their favorite grownup.

**Family Storytime**—Saturdays, 10:30 am, Children 0 to 5 years and their favorite grownup.

#### KIDS

**Kids Create**-Creative Time for Young Artists Thursdays 4:00-5:00 pm

**Brick Builders**—Fridays 3:30 pm-4:30 pm

#### TEENS

**Rock the Tabletop:** D&D for Teens, Tuesday, May 5 & 19, 3:30-5:30 pm

#### ADULTS

**Saturday Book Club** Saturday, May 2, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

**Red Cross Blood Drive**, Wednesday, May 6, 12:30 – 5:30 pm

**Juniper Book Discussion Group**, Wednesday, May 13, 1:30-3:00 pm

**Medicare Review: How Do You Know What to Do?** Wednesday, May 13, 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

**Adult Crafternoon**, Saturday, May 16, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm

**Puzzle Exchange:** Saturday, May 30, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm



#### Phoenix Public Library Blood Pressure Kits

Phoenix residents can now check out an American Heart Association Blood Pressure Kit at the service desk of a participating Phoenix Public Library location. Kits are available while supplies last. Learn more at [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org)

### The Amazing Library Card

Know someone who needs a Phoenix Public Library card? Help them get one!

A Phoenix Public Library card is an all-access pass to complimentary resources to promote learning and literacy at every age.

Access a wide spectrum of informative and entertaining films, listen to music, check out physical and virtual materials, or learn a language with the help of Phoenix Public Library's eResources.

[Learn how to get every member of your family their very own Phoenix Public Library card](#)



### DEER VALLEY PARK

2001 W. Wahalla Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85027

BMCA Board Member Lee Reynolds got four POP-UP CANOPIES donated from Walmart for the Deer Valley Community Center! THANK YOU LEE AND WALMART!!!



Lee Reynolds and Leti from Walmart Jordan at the DVCC

**NEXT EVENT**  
**Saturday, June 27, 2026, 6 – 9 pm**  
**AFTER DARK IN THE PARK**  
**THIS YEAR IT WILL BE ANOTHER**  
**DRONE SHOW!!!**

For DVP information, contact Deer Valley Community Center

DIRECTOR Noreena M. Ortega Office: 602.495.3734

Email: [noreena.ortega@phoenix.gov](mailto:noreena.ortega@phoenix.gov)

### NORTH PHOENIX PARK RANGERS!

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



<https://ability360.org/sports/tpp/> [ability360.org](http://ability360.org)

# YARD SIGN PILOT PROGRAM



The Yard Sign Pilot Program aims to influence safer driver behavior on neighborhood streets where children and other pedestrians are likely to be walking, jogging or bicycling. Residents and businesses are encouraged to plant a free sign on their property. You can pick up your sign in person at any one of five designated Parks and Recreation Department community centers:

- Goelet A.C. Beuf - 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd.
- Maryvale - 4420 N. 51st Ave.
- Longview - 4040 N. 14th St.
- Pecos - 17010 S. 48th St.
- Cesar Chavez - 7858 S. 35th Ave.
- Residents can also pick up a sign in person at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor.

The signs are free to the public and include a yard stake. Funding for the signs comes from money the Mayor and Council specifically set aside for road safety education and infrastructure improvements.

## Trauma Bleeding Control Training

The Office of Emergency Management would like to share information about ongoing efforts to educate the public on trauma bleeding control. Throughout coming months, OEM will be hosting "Stop the Bleed" trainings across all Council Districts.

Over the past year, OEM has successfully trained more than 500 City of Phoenix employees and installed several trauma bleeding control stations across the city. Now, we are proud to bring this initiative to the broader community.

Individuals will be able to register from this link or by going to our website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COA48A9A62BA3FFCF8-58120714-trauma/#/>



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# 988 988 988

People experiencing a mental health crisis have a new way to reach out for help in the U.S.

They can simply call or text the numbers 9-8-8.

Modeled after 911, the new three-digit [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#) is designed to be a memorable and quick number that connects people who are suicidal or in any other mental health crisis to a trained mental health professional.

"If you are willing to turn to someone in your moment of crisis, 988 will be there," said Xavier Becerra, the secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services, at a recent press briefing. "988 won't be a busy signal, and 988 won't put you on hold. You will get help."

The primary goal of the new number is to make it easier for people to call for help. Lawmakers and mental health advocates also see this launch as an opportunity to transform the mental health care system and make care easily accessible everywhere in the United States.

### Suicide Warning Signs

These signs may mean someone is at risk for suicide. Risk is greater if a behavior is new or has increased and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Talking about wanting to die or to kill oneself.</li> <li>♦ Looking for a way to kill oneself, such as searching online or buying a gun.</li> <li>♦ Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.</li> <li>♦ Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.</li> <li>♦ Talking about being a burden to others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.</li> <li>♦ Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.</li> <li>♦ Sleeping too little or too much.</li> <li>♦ Withdrawing or feeling isolated.</li> <li>♦ Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.</li> <li>♦ Displaying extreme mood swings.</li> </ul>
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Suicide Is Preventable.

Call the Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

With Help Comes Hope

**Crisis Response**  
NETWORK

Inspiring Hope

The **CRISIS LINE** is available 24/7/365 to anyone experiencing a mental health crisis. In an emergency, always call 911.

<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.9em;">CENTRAL ARIZONA CRISIS LINE</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">602.222.9444</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">TOLL FREE: 800.631.1314 TTY/TDD: 800.327.9254</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.9em;">WARM LINE (Peer-to-Peer)</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">602.347.1100</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.9em;">CrisisNetwork.org</p>
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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

### 24 – HOUR HOTLINES

FOR LOCAL SHELTER CALL:  
602-263-8900 OR 1-800-799-7739

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

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

LEGAL ADVOCACY HOTLINE: 602-279-2900  
OLDER ADULTS: 602-264-HELP (4357)

BMCA PDFs AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:  
[www.bmcainfo.com](http://www.bmcainfo.com)



PNP DOOR HANGERS



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**Need Support?**  
**Helping PHX Families Has You Covered**



The City of Phoenix is here for you at every age and every stage of life. Our new Helping PHX Families webpage makes it easy to find trusted programs and services to support you and your family all in one place. Need help paying utility bills? Looking for afterschool programs

for kids? Want transportation and services for seniors or emergency assistance during tough times? You'll find these resources and more, just a click away. Explore the page today and connect with the support you need: [www.phoenix.gov/helping](http://www.phoenix.gov/helping)

**Get Paid \$500 to go Grass Free**

Phoenix residents can cash in by removing non-functional grass. The City of Phoenix Water Services Department is offering financial incentives to homeowners who remove non-functional grass. Homeowners are eligible to receive \$2 per square foot of grass removed. This program helps residents save money on their bills and strengthens the City's commitment to sustainable urban living. Website: [Water Services Residential Grass Incentives](http://Water Services Residential Grass Incentives)



The City of Phoenix uses a humane, effective approach to manage feral cat populations through Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR); a proven method that helps both community members and cats thrive.

- ✓ Cats are safely trapped
  - ✓ Spayed/neutered and vaccinated
  - ✓ Returned to their original location
- Ear-tipping shows a cat has already been fixed and vaccinated

Why TNR matters:

- Reduces fighting, spraying, and loud yowling
  - Keeps cats healthier and closer to their food source
  - Prevents new, unaltered cats from moving in
  - Humanely reduces the overall cat population over time
- Whether you're a resident needing help or someone interested in supporting this work, resources and nonprofit partners are available. Learn more about Phoenix's Feral Cat Welfare Program here: [https://www.phoenix.gov/.../resources/Feral\\_Cat\\_Welfare.html](https://www.phoenix.gov/.../resources/Feral_Cat_Welfare.html) Let's create safer, healthier neighborhoods for everyone.





## Office of Homeless Solutions

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) provides support for people experiencing homelessness and is committed to ending homelessness through a comprehensive, regional approach to shelter and heat relief, outreach, supportive and behavioral health services, homelessness prevention, and supportive housing.

This monthly report does not encompass the totality of the City's efforts to address homelessness but rather provides a review of the key highlights from the preceding month and an update on major upcoming projects.

[View the latest report.](#)

[View the Phoenix Homeless Solutions Data Dashboard.](#)

## DON'T GIVE TO INDIVIDUALS, GIVE TO SHELTERS



To end panhandling, we must 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 – UOMOM New Day Centers – The Phoenix Rescue Mission – St. Mary's Food Bank. For more organizations and information that can provide housing, or other services, please visit the Homeless Shelter Directory at:

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

## Help Address Homelessness in Our Community



If you have concerns about encampments in your neighborhood or frequently see individuals in the same general area who need resources or services, we encourage you to contact [PHX C.A.R.E.S.](#)

PHX C.A.R.E.S. is the City's reporting system for residents to request

encampment cleanups and to provide resources for people experiencing homelessness through a coordinated, multi-departmental response.

When Should You Report to PHX C.A.R.E.S? When a crime is NOT in progress and:

- You see an encampment.
- You regularly see the same people in the same area experiencing homelessness and in need of services.
- You see homelessness-related debris.
- You see unattended personal belongings.

You can submit a report online 24/7 by visiting myPHX311: [phoenix.gov/myphx311](http://phoenix.gov/myphx311) or by calling: [602-262-6251](tel:602-262-6251) Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Download our Homelessness Resource Guide to find additional resources to connect someone in need with help: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)



## PLEASE DONATE TO STARFISH PLACE!



### WHAT WE NEED!

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mustard, Mayo, Ketchup, Pancake Syrup, Pasta and Sauce, Meal Sides in a box: Mashed Potatoes, etc., Seasonings, Olive Oil, Cooking Oil, Pancake and Waffle Mix, Kid's Cereal, Granola/Protein Bars, Juice Packs, Apple Sauce, Graham Crackers, Fruit Snacks, Fruit Cups, Mac & Cheese, Canned Tuna and Chicken, Ramen Soup, Snack size Chips for lunches, Honey, Olives, Pickles, Dried Fruit, Trail Mix, Herbal Teas. **FOOD STORE GIFT CARDS ARE GREAT!**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stefanie Calens at [stefanie.calens@asu.edu](mailto:stefanie.calens@asu.edu) 623-570-4339



As we all know, graffiti is a form of blight that may decrease property values in neighborhoods and attract other forms of criminal activity if it is not promptly removed. We encourage residents to be aware of their surroundings and report any graffiti they notice or observe in progress.

To report graffiti, residents can use any of these three methods:

- Go online to [phoenix.gov/myphx311](http://phoenix.gov/myphx311) or the app [myPHX311](#).
- Email [blight@phoenix.gov](mailto:blight@phoenix.gov).
- Or call 602-534-4444.

### If you see graffiti in progress, please dial 911.

Not only do we encourage neighborhoods to take an active role in reporting graffiti, but we challenge them to learn how to remove graffiti and be a partner in combating it. If you and your neighbors are interested in learning how to remove graffiti in your neighborhood, please contact [Betsy.Cable@phoenix.gov](mailto:Betsy.Cable@phoenix.gov). We can coordinate a free class for your neighborhood group.

**Did you know that Neighborhood Services' Graffiti Busters work seven days a week removing graffiti all over the city?**



**NEXT REACH MEETING IS THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1 pm at Juniper Branch Library**



**REACH PSA:** If you get healthier when you quit vaping, why even start? Pass the ball, pass your tests, and pass when it comes to vaping. Pass what matters. Don't puff.

Visit: [www.learnmoreaz.org](http://www.learnmoreaz.org)

A message brought to you by the Substance Abuse Coalition Leaders of Arizona.

**APRIL 2026**

## REACH

*North Phoenix*

REACHING EVERY ADOLESCENT. CREATING HOPE.

**Youth Classes:**

- Vaping & E-Cigarettes
- Alcohol - Youth & Truth
- Marijuana- Myths & Facts
- Stimulants - Wired and Risky
- Fentanyl! - Dead on Arrival & A Killer Among Us
- Kratom and 70H
- Refusal Skills Activity
- Promoting Safe Social Media Use
- Stress Management & Resiliency Skills

**Adult Community Classes:**

- Naloxone & Overdose Training
- The Rise of Fentanyl
- Kratom and 70H
- Meth 2.0- The New Meth
- Marijuana - Did you know?
- Youth Vaping Dangers
- Stop Stigma, Save Lives
- SNAPCHAT - The Newest Drug Dealing Trends
- Social Media Safety for Your Youth

Our **VISION** is where **YOUTH** are inspired to choose substance-free lifestyles and be resilient to REACH their full potential.

Our **MISSION** is to Provide education to prevent substance misuse for **YOUTH** to personally thrive and positively impact the community.

**Presentations**

As a coalition, we conduct presentations to offer education, training, and increase awareness.

**Tabling/Community Events**

We attend events to provide information and awareness distributing print materials on drug education & youth resiliency.

National Guard

PEER-TO-PEER

Kelly:) Coalition Coordinator and Bi-lingual Youth Presenter

**Substance Awareness Coalition Leaders of Arizona**

Funding was made possible by MATFORCE through a grant from Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, State Opioid Response grant.

Lisa Magarelli, MS  
Executive Director  
480.306.3297

Connect with us here

## LIFEGUARD HIRING

Ready to make a splash this summer? The City of Phoenix is hiring lifeguards! We've made it easier than ever to join the team and serve your community. Secure your summer plans in just 3 simple steps: Sign up for a certification class.



Apply online – Head to [phoenix.gov/jobs](http://phoenix.gov/jobs) and search "lifeguard." Check your email – Keep an eye out in March for your interview invitation. Get started today:

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

## AZ Water-Wise Kit



Smart water use starts with small changes. The City of Phoenix Water Services Department invites residents to get a free, customizable AZ Water-Wise Kit to fit your needs in 2026. From efficient

showerheads to leak detectors and hose timers, each item is designed to make water conservation easy. The kits are made possible through a partnership with [Water – Use It Wisely \(WUIW\)](#) and [Salt River Project \(SRP\)](#).

To order, visit [wuiw.com/kit](http://wuiw.com/kit) and select "Not listed – Get your AZ Water-Wise Kit" from the drop-down menu.

## JOIN BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE ON FACEBOOK!



**WHERE WE SHARE INFORMATION!**

To learn more about Naloxone, visit [www.naloxoneAZ.com](http://www.naloxoneAZ.com)

## American Forests – Unlimited Potential NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES

### TREE IDENTIFICATION TOUR

TUESDAY, MAY 26 from 6 – 7:30 pm

Marivue Park, 5625 W. Osborn Road, Phoenix, AZ 85031

For more information call 602-483-8460 or email [info@unlimitedpotentialaz.org](mailto:info@unlimitedpotentialaz.org)

Funding for Unlimited Potential is provided through our grant partner American Forests.

**2026 Urban Heat Leadership Academy**

The Urban Heat Leadership Academy (UHLA), offered by *The Nature Conservancy* in partnership with Unlimited Potential, aims to build the capacity of Maricopa County residents to advocate for greener, healthier, and cooler communities.

THIS PROGRAM IS OFFERED IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH

Kickoff	Introduction to the UHLA 2026	June 6th	9 - 10:30 am	In Person
Module 1	Understanding the System	June 20th	9 - 10:30 am	Virtual
Module 2	Sustainability Challenges and Opportunities	June 27th	9 - 10:30 am	Virtual
Module 3	Sustainability Solutions	July 18th	9 - 10:30 am	Virtual
Module 4 (1)	Skills and Tools for Influencing Change – Community Engagement	August 1st	9-11 am	Virtual
Module 4 (2)	Skills and Tools for Influencing Change – Advocacy	August 15th	9-11 am	Virtual
Module 4 (3)	Skills and Tools for Influencing Change – Storytelling	August 29th	9-11 am	Hybrid
Module 5	Taking Action	September 12th	9-11 am	Virtual
Graduation	Celebration	September 26th	9-11 am	In person

The location of the in-person meetings will be provided after your registration

The program format is offered virtually, in hybrid and in-person formats, with online lessons providing participants with the flexibility to learn at their own pace. The self-paced lessons can be accessed through Conservation Training, a free online learning platform.

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE PROGRAM OR IF YOU NEED HELP WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS, PLEASE CONTACT  
602-777-2351 & [MPEREA@UNLIMITEDPOTENTIALAZ.ORG](mailto:MPEREA@UNLIMITEDPOTENTIALAZ.ORG)

## Download Phoenix's mobile app now!

**The Fast, Free Phoenix App**

Take the city of Phoenix with you! myPHX311 is your new APP to access essential city services, calendar of events, and contact information for all city departments and its employees. Start here to get connected! [Phoenix.gov/APP](https://phoenix.gov/APP)

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

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

calendars and public meetings.

**COMMUNITY TOWN HALL**  
WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL  
**KRIS MAYES**

COME HEAR DIRECTLY FROM THE AG ABOUT HOW SHE'S FIGHTING UTILITY RATE HIKES & HOW YOU CAN TAKE ACTION!

**MAY 12 5:30PM**

PARADISE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER: 17402 N. 40TH ST.

ASAMBLEA COMUNITARIA CON LA FISCAL GENERAL KRIS MAYES

VEN A ESCUCHAR DIRECTAMENTE A LA FISCAL GENERAL COMO ESTÁ LUCHANDO CONTRA LOS AUMENTOS DE LAS TARIFAS DE SERVICIOS PUBLICOS Y COMO TU TAMBIÉN PUEDES TOMAR ACCION.

R S V P

MIPAMILIAR ACCION

Food: Burritos will be provided

RSVP [https://secure.ngpvan.com/lx1wPK-UH0W-eLuh\\_OaiBA2](https://secure.ngpvan.com/lx1wPK-UH0W-eLuh_OaiBA2)

## BMCA AND BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO STARBUCKS

**Felicia Barrios**  
district manager  
Starbucks Coffee Company  
MOBILE 1-800-792-7292  
MOBILE 480-415-3522  
EMAIL [fbarrios@starbucks.com](mailto:fbarrios@starbucks.com)

Starbucks Coffee Company  
2401 East Avenue South, Suite 800  
Seattle, Washington 98134

FOR DONATING COFFEE AT OUR MONTHLY BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETINGS!

THANK YOU TO DEER VALLEY II SELF STORAGE FOR SUPPORTING THE BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE!

**Deer Valley II Self Storage**

Gus & Teresa Johnson  
Resident Managers  
(623) 582-0252  
[dv2@arizonastoragecenters.com](mailto:dv2@arizonastoragecenters.com)

20550 N. 19th Ave.,  
Phoenix, AZ 85027

**Second Chance Pallet Art**

Bill Cook  
Bill  
931-644-8767

# BMCA RESOURCE LIST



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

## ARIZONA ANGEL INITIATIVE

Help with substance abuse

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

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

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

## BLIGHT BUSTERS

Join the Blight Buster Program!

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

## CARING CIRCLES

Volunteer to help neighbors in need

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

## COMMUNITY CANOPY GRANT PROGRAM

Residents can check their [eligibility requirements](#) and apply [here](#).

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24/7 HOTLINES

FOR LOCAL SHELTER CALL: 602-263-8900

OLDER ADULTS: 602-264-HELP (4357)

## FAMILY SERVICES CENTERS

Social services for low-income households

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

## FOLLOW POLICE CALLS ONLINE

See what's going on in your neighborhood

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

## GRAFFITI

Three ways to report graffiti within the city of Phoenix

- Phone: 602-534-4444
- Email: [blight@phoenix.gov](mailto:blight@phoenix.gov)
- Online: Phoenix.gov/myPHX311

## HEADS UP!

TO KEEP PHOENIX ROADS SAFE!

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

## HOMELESS SHELTER DIRECTORY

<https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ>

## IDENTITY THEFT / FEDERAL TRADE COMM.

Recovery and information

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

## KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25

Post signs and stickers to slow traffic

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

## LIVE ANOTHER DAY

Mental health and substance abuse resources

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

## MOTORIST ASSIST PROGRAM

 [Join Cops](#)

## MY COMMUNITY MAP

Neighborhood map and information

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

## NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

24/7 Helpline 1-844-991-2962 Since 1953

[www.Arizona-na.org](http://www.Arizona-na.org)

## NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME STATS

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

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

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

Help the homeless! 602-262-6251

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

## PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT SMART NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

[You can sign up and learn more about this program by clicking here.](#)

## PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

[online Public Records Request](#)

Call [602-506-1974](tel:602-506-1974)

## SENIOR LOCK BOXES Citywide

In partnership with Phoenix Fire

[Lockbox Request Form](#)

## SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

In and around your neighborhood

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

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

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

## VIRTUAL BLOCK WATCH

Sign up now!

[Police Virtual Block Watch](#) [www.phoenix.gov](http://www.phoenix.gov)

## WATCH YOUR CAR PROGRAM

ARIZONA AUTO THEFT AUTHORITY

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

## WRIC WASHINGTON School District

FAMILY RESOURCE INFORMATION CENTER

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

# BMCA MEETING and EVENT CALENDAR

## MAY 2026

**NO MAY FIRST FRIDAY PNP PATROL – on hold**

**Wednesday, MAY 6 WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!**

**Wednesday, MAY 6 BMCA BOARD MEETING**

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

**Thursday, MAY 7 NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.**

6:00 pm - e-mail [george.martin@phoenix.gov](mailto:george.martin@phoenix.gov) or link info

**Saturday, May 9 DISTRICT 3 CLEAN UP**

7:30 am in Cave Creek Cactus Park, 2400 W. Cactus Road

**Tuesday, May 12 COMMUNITY TOWN HALL on APS Rates**

5:30 pm at Paradise Valley Comm. Ctr., 1740 N. 40<sup>th</sup> St.

**Wednesday, MAY 13**

**BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING**

6:30 pm at the DVCC

**Saturday MAY 16 CITYWIDE BW / PNP TRAINING**

7:30 am at Mt. View Precinct Attendees must pre-register

at [pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov](mailto:pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov)

**Saturday, May 16 DISTRICT 3 CELEBRATION**

10 am – 1 pm, Cave Creek Cactus Park, 2400 W. Cactus Road

**Monday, MAY 18 DISTRICT 1 DINNER**

5:30 pm at Beuf Community Center, 35<sup>th</sup> Ave & Pinnacle Peak

**Tuesday, MAY 19 BELL RD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.**

11:00 am at Gamer's Guild, 1818 W. Bell Road

**Tuesday, MAY 19 CITYWIDE PNP MEETING**

6:00 pm in person at Mt. View Precinct and on WebEx

**Tuesday, MAY 26 PBWAB MEETING**

6:30 pm Location TBD

**Wednesday, MAY 27 T-BIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.**

10 am at the TBHS Thunderdome

**Wednesday, MAY 27 CPCA MEETING**

6:30 pm at Cortez High School

**Thursday, MAY 28 BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS**

8:30 am at Biscuit's Café, 310 E. Bell Road

**Thursday, May 28 REACH MEETING**

1 pm at Juniper Branch Library

**Saturday, May 30 PNP APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

11 am at the Elk's Club (by invitation only)

## JUNE 2026

**NO JUNE FIRST FRIDAY PNP PATROL – Summer Break**

**NO JUNE PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MTG – Summer Break**

**NO JUNE CPCA MEETING – Summer Break**

**Wednesday, JUN 3 BMCA BOARD MEETING**

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

**Thursday, JUN 4 NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.**

6:00 pm - e-mail [george.martin@phoenix.gov](mailto:george.martin@phoenix.gov) or link info

**Saturday, JUN 6 WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!**

**Wednesday, JUN 10**

**BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING**

6:30 pm at the DVCC

**Tuesday, JUN 16 BELL RD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.**

11:00 am at Gamer's Guild, 1818 W. Bell Road

**Tuesday, JUN 16 CITYWIDE PNP MEETING**

6:00 pm in person at Mt. View Precinct and on WebEx

**Wednesday, JUN 24 T-BIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.**

10 am at location TBD

**Wednesday, JUN 24 BMP AREA 23 MEETING**

6 pm at CCV in Scottsdale on Pima Road

**Saturday, JUN 27 After Dark in the Park DRONE SHOW**

6 – 9 pm in Deer Valley Park

**Tuesday, JUN 30 BMP AREA 22 MEETING**

6 pm at CCV, 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Greenway

## JULY 2026

**NO JULY BMCA BOARD MEETING – Summer Break**

**NO JULY BMCA GENERAL MEETING – Summer Break**

**NO JULY FIRST FRIDAY PNP PATROL – Summer Break**

**NO JULY PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MTG – Summer Break**

**NO JULY CPCA MEETING – Summer Break**

**NO JULY BLK MTN COFFEE WITH COPS – Summer Break**

**Monday, JUL 6 WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!**

**Wednesday & Thursday, JUL 15 & 16**

**CITYWIDE BW / PNP TRAINING**

5 – 7 pm both days on Webex. Attendees must pre-register

at [pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov](mailto:pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov)

**Wednesday, JUL 15 BMP AREA 21 MEETING**

6 pm at CCV in Anthem

**Tuesday, JUL 21 BELL RD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.**

11:00 am at Gamer's Guild, 1818 W. Bell Road

**Tuesday, JUL 21 CITYWIDE PNP MEETING**

6:00 pm in person at Mt. View Precinct and on WebEx

**Wednesday, JUL 22 T-BIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.**

10 am at location TBD

## AUGUST 2026

**NO AUG BMCA BOARD MEETING – Summer Break**

**NO AUG BMCA GENERAL MEETING – Summer Break**

**NO AUG FIRST FRIDAY PNP PATROL – Summer Break**

**NO AUG CPCA MEETING – Summer Break**

**Thursday, AUG 6 WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!**

**Tuesday, AUG 18 BELL RD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.**

11:00 am at Gamer's Guild, 1818 W. Bell Road

**Tuesday, AUG 18 CITYWIDE PNP MEETING**

6:00 pm in person at Mt. View Precinct and on WebEx

**Wednesday, AUG 26 T-BIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.**

10 am at the TBHS Thunderdome

**Wednesday, AUG 26 BMP AREA 22 MEETING**

6 pm at CCV, 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Greenway

**Wednesday, AUG 26 PBWAB Meeting**

6:30 pm at the Deer Valley Community Center

**Saturday AUG 29 CITYWIDE BW / PNP TRAINING**

7:30 am at Mt. View Precinct Attendees must pre-register

at [pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov](mailto:pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov)

## SEPTEMBER 2026

**Wednesday, SEP 2 BMCA BOARD MEETING**

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

**Thursday, SEP 3 NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.**

6:00 pm – e-mail [george.martin@phoenix.gov](mailto:george.martin@phoenix.gov) for link info

**NO SEPTEMBER FIRST FRIDAY PNP PATROL – Summer Break**

**Sunday, SEP 6 WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!**

**Wednesday, SEP 9**

**BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING**

6:30 pm at the DVCC

**Tuesday, SEP 15 BELL RD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.**

11:00 am at Bell Ford

**Tuesday, SEP 15 CITYWIDE PNP MEETING**

6:00 pm in person at Mt. View Precinct and on Webex

**Tuesday, SEP 22 PBWAB MEETING**

6:30 pm Location TBD

**Wednesday, SEP 23 T-BIRD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.**

10:00 am at the Thunderbird HS Thunderdome

**Wednesday, SEP 23 CPCA MEETING**

6:30 pm at Cortez High School

**Thursday, SEP 24 BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS**

8:30 am at TBD

# 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 Ann O'Brien	602-262-7444
D2 Councilmember Jim Waring	602-262-7445
D3 Councilmember Deb Stark	602-262-7441
Abandoned Shopping Cart	602-CRT-PKUP
Abandoned Vehicle off street	602-534-4444
Abandoned Vehicle on street	602-262-6151
Alcoholics Anonymous	602-264-1341
Animal Control	602-506-7387
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
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
Transit Bus Stop reporting:	<a href="mailto:ppd.comm.eng@phoenix.gov">ppd.comm.eng@phoenix.gov</a>
Underage Drinking Hotline	1-877-NOT-LEGL
Water Dept. after hours	602-261-8000
Zoning Violations	602-534-4444

If you suspect a vehicle is stolen, check the license plate number at [www.theftaz.azag.gov](http://www.theftaz.azag.gov)

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***REMINDER!***  
**ONLINE REPORTING OF PNP HOURS**  
[volunteer@phoenix.gov](mailto:volunteer@phoenix.gov)

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