



THE BMCA e-BULLETIN

Mission Statement: To promote the exchange of resources and information that deters crime and secures our communities through the development of partnerships with fellow neighborhood organizations and city/county agencies and departments.

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BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT NEWS

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The **BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE** is an all-volunteer network of neighbors helping neighbors serving their community. We are an alliance of Block Watch Groups, PNP Groups / Members, Neighborhood Groups, HOA's, Businesses, Schools, City/County Agencies and Departments and Individuals in the **BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT**. Our goal is to prevent crime and improve the quality of life within our neighborhoods.

NEXT BMCA & PNP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10th at 6:30pm

We have missed seeing you and your smiling faces! We thought we should try holding a Virtual Meeting so we can gather together in a safe way. So, we are inviting you to a ZOOM MEETING!

It is our hope you will be able to join us for Precinct Updates and just to say hello!

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

Black Mountain Community Alliance Zoom Meeting
Jun 10, 2020 06:30 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74671959661?pwd=cE82V05SUUhpcjJVYjVFWHpSM3NnQT09>

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

Meeting ID: 746 7195 9661
Password: BMCA



Maricopa County COVID-19 Hotline Hotline:

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

More information:

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

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

CORONAVIRUS BUSINESS & RESIDENT RESOURCES

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



CITY OF PHOENIX IMPACTED SERVICES UPDATE

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

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

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

Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct NEWS



Black Mountain Precinct

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

Precinct: 602.495.5002

COMMUNITY BASED POLICING

In the early 1980s, the Phoenix Police Department experimented with a business centered community policing effort that sought the cooperation of business leaders in addressing crimes against businesses. Over the years, other groups have become involved in cooperative crime-prevention projects, including property owners, tenants, special interest groups, and neighborhood associations. Each precinct squad is assigned a Community Action Officer, who serves as the point-of-contact person for neighborhood residents and others. Each squad also has a Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET), which implements crime-fighting and crime-prevention activities. Each team consists of six to seven officers, plus a sergeant. The implementation of community policing in Phoenix was helped by including street officers and representatives of the police union in community policing planning and program development. Overall, community policing has become more than just public relations work. It constitutes a new structure and responsibilities for police in engaging the community in problem solving that prevents and counters crime by addressing its underlying causes.

Although community policing mostly targets low-level crime and disorder, the broken windows theory proposes that this can reduce more serious crime as well. This is a philosophy that combines traditional aspects of law enforcement with prevention measures, problem-solving, community engagement, and community partnerships. From the 1930s to the 1960s, U.S. law enforcement relied on a professional policing model. This model was based on hierarchical structures, efficient response times, standardization, and the use of motorized patrol cars. Although this model improved efficiency, operations, and accountability, it proved inadequate when civil disturbances erupted in the late 1960s. Critics charged that police and the communities they served were alienated from each other, and a call came for community-oriented policing.

A first attempt was the team policing approach, which assigned responsibility for a certain geographic area to a team of police officers who would get to know the neighborhood, its people, and its problems. This harkened back to the early twentieth century when police walked a beat. The approach, however, proved ineffective because it placed more emphasis on long-term problem solving than on rapid response to crime incidents. Internally, team policing intruded on functional lines of authority, with patrol officers becoming involved in areas reserved to detectives and other specialists.

Community policing programs grew out of the failures of team policing. The goal of community policing is to bring the police and the public it serves closer together to identify and address crime issues. Instead of merely responding to emergency calls and arresting criminals, police officers in such programs get involved in finding out what causes crime and disorder and attempt to creatively solve problems in their assigned communities. To do this, police must develop a network of personal contacts both inside and

outside their departments. This contact is fostered by foot, bike, or horse patrols—any effort that gets a police officer out of his or her squad car. The community policing philosophy now dominates contemporary police work. The federal government promoted community policing through the passage of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Violent Crime Control Act), Pub.L. 103-322, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1796.

Title I of the Crime Act, the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act, provided \$8.8 billion to fund local law enforcement agencies as they developed and enhanced their community policing capabilities. To assist in this effort the Justice Department created a new agency, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (the COPS Office), to develop, administer, and supervise new grant programs resulting from the act. By 2002, COPS had awarded grants to law enforcement agencies to hire over 116,000 community police officers, purchase crime fighting technology, and support innovations in policing. More than 12,000 law enforcement agencies have received COPS funding. COPS has also trained more than 130,000 law enforcement officers and community members through a network of Regional Community Policing Institutes and Community Policing Consortium.

A key element of community policing is an emphasis on crime prevention. The public has been encouraged to partner with the police in these efforts through the Neighborhood Watch Program. The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) started the program in 1972 to lower crime rates. The Neighborhood Watch has grown in popularity since the early 1980s and is now familiar to most people. The Neighborhood Watch Program stresses education and common sense. It teaches residents how to help themselves by identifying and reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. Most citizen groups concentrate on observation and awareness as the primary means of preventing crime. Some groups, however, look out for their neighborhood by actively patrolling on a regular basis. In closing, the Neighborhood Watch Program gives residents the opportunity to reinvigorate their communities.



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This is a reminder that Black Mountain Precinct is continuing to postpone hosting/attending upcoming community events at this time.

Events affected in Black Mountain Precinct Include:
BMCA General Block Watch / PNP Meetings
Coffee with a Cop - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Information will be sent out as these events get rescheduled.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience.

-Lt. Brian Rimsza

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

**BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT
COFFEE WITH COPS**



Asst. Chief Charley, Commander Ahleeya
and Cmdr. Darren Viner

**COFFEES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



**Wear BLUE on
the 6th day of each month to show our
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!

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)

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

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

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

www.phoenix.gov

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

*"Call if you can. Text if you can't." was the key message
rolled out during a press conference on April 2nd as text to
9-1-1 service capability becomes available for the first time
in the greater Phoenix region. If you are in imminent danger
and unable to talk to a 9-1-1 operator, you now have the
ability to text to 9-1-1. The service goes live following
months of collaboration between numerous public agencies
and advocates for the disability community.*

- **What** - is your location? GIVE EXACT LOCATION
- **What** - happened? WHAT TYPE OF CRIME?
- **When** - did this happen?

These questions will determine if it is a priority
call. Give as much of this necessary information
as you can.

- **Was** - anyone hurt?
- **Weapons** - are there weapons involved?
- **What** - manner did they leave or arrive – foot,
vehicle, bicycle...?
- **Who** - did it? –Suspect description
- **Where** - did the suspect go? – What direction
- **What** - did the suspect obtain? – type and amount
- **Who** - is calling? – Give your name location and
phone number (You can remain anonymous. If you
do give your name, the info is redacted from the
public record access.)

**DON'T GIVE TO INDIVIDUALS
GIVE TO SHELTERS**

To end panhandling, we have to end directly giving to
people panhandling. Phoenix is full of compassionate and
charitable citizens. They want to help those in need.
However, giving money to people panhandling doesn't fix
problems. In order to truly help those in need, stop giving
money to panhandlers and instead support organizations
and services that provide long-lasting care. – Central
Arizona Shelter Services – Andre House – Salvation Army –
St. Joseph The Worker – UMOM New Day Centers – The
Phoenix Rescue Mission – St. Mary's Food Bank For more
organizations and information that can provide housing, or
other services, please visit the Homeless Shelter Directory
at:

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

www.givesmartaz.org



BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER SQUAD:



21 Area North (Beats 212, 213 & 214)

(W 83rd Ave to E Scottsdale Rd. & S SR101 to N Mingus Rd.)
& Liquor Licenses

CA Officer Tim Mitten #5279 at 602-495-5238 or
tim.mitten@phoenix.gov



21 Area South (Beat 211)

(W I-17 to E 7th St. & S SR101 to N Dynamite Blvd.)

CA Officer Jennifer Zak #9170 at 602-495-5274
jennifer.zak@phoenix.gov



22 Area North (Beats 223 & 224)

(W I-17 to E 7th/16th Sts. & S Bell Rd. to N SR101)

CA Officer Tom Owsley #8047 at 602-495-5192 or
thomas.owsley@phoenix.gov



22 Area South (Beats 221 & 222)

(W I-17 to E 7th/16th Sts. & S T-Bird/Cactus Rd. to N Bell Rd.)

CA Officer Tony Cuciti #6907 at 602-495-5481 or
anthony.cuciti@phoenix.gov



23 Area North (Beats 233 & 234)

(W 7th/16th Sts. to E SR51 & S Bell Rd. to N SR101)

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



23 Area South (Beats 231 & 232)

(W 7th/16th Sts. to E SR51 & S Cactus Rd. to N Bell Rd.)

CA Officer Kelsey Comisso #9595 at 602-495-5227 or
kelsey.comisso@phoenix.gov



Abatement Officer Jason Cooper #7200
602-495-5228 or jason.cooper@phoenix.gov



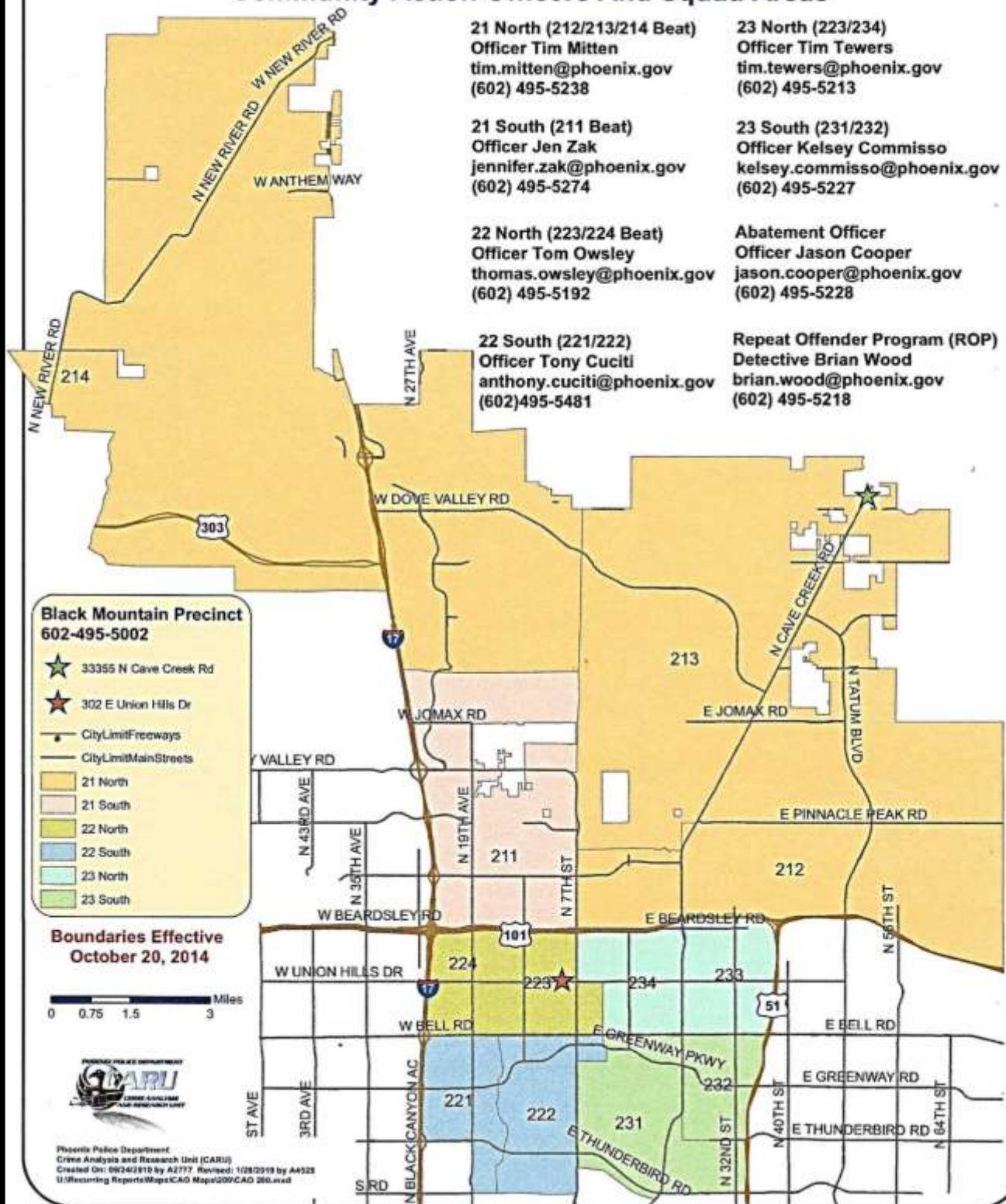
Black Mountain Precinct CAO Sgt. Rachel Warren
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City of Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct (200) Community Action Officers And Squad Areas



CITYWIDE PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL



Detective Brian Kornegay

Online Meetings and Classes

We learned a few things we will do a little different in the future, but overall, they were very successful. We are looking forward to hosting more online meetings and classes very soon. Some of the future meetings will be a PNP meeting for our Spanish speaking members, and our PNP class for new members. We do not have dates for these yet but will send them out by email.

PNP Equipment Order Forms

We finally have our prices for 2020 from all of our suppliers. The current order forms and they are already posted online at Phoenix.gov/police and PNPmembers.com. I know this year's grants are winding down soon and many of you will be placing orders, so I wanted to make sure these are available to you.

PNP Annual Event (aka "the picnic" or luncheon)

As you all know we had to cancel/postpone this year's event because of COVID-19. We hope to reschedule it later in the year, several options were discussed at Tuesday's meeting. All of them depend on when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and to what extent they are lifted. Your health and safety are most important to us.

If you have donated items you gathered for gift baskets please hold on to them for now. If anything has an expiration date please reachout to the donor to work out the details.

PNP Classes

If you know of anyone wishing to attend a PNP class let them know that online classes will be offered very soon. Have them email PNP.Coordinator@phoenix.gov for details. Some of the changes we have identified so far that we will need to make in order to put the PNP class on online are:

- The class will be offered in 2 or 3 sessions instead of one 4-hour class.
- Attendees will need to submit an application before the class so the background check can be done.

- Attendees will also need to submit a digital passport quality photo with the application to be used for their PNP badge.
- More to follow as we get everything finalized.

Are you interested in being a contact for new PNP members? Are you willing to patrol with them? E-mail PNP.Coordinator@phoenix.gov

Be Safe

We should all make sure we are following the CDC's guidelines on keeping safe and slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Brian Kornegay #5132, Detective, Phoenix Police Department
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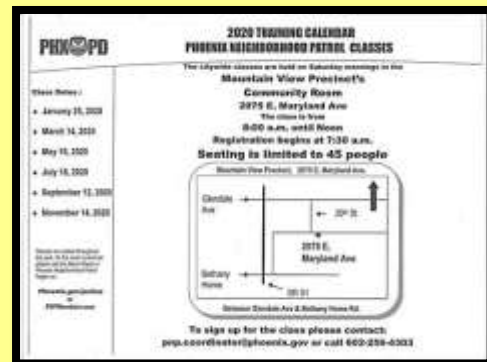
"Policing with a Purpose"

Block Watch and Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol TRAINING

Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol / Block Watch 4 hour Training

- Helps neighbors to be better eyes and ears for the Phoenix Police Department.
- Know when to call 911 or Crime Stop [602 262 6151](tel:602.262.6151)
- Understand the process of why the operator asks the questions and what information to be prepared with.
- Be an observer without being confrontational.

**NEXT TRAINING ON JULY 18th
MAY BE ONLINE**



PNP PATROL OPPORTUNITY!

**First Friday's Art Walk
PNP Patrols
have been suspended until October**

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



District 1 Community Breakfast
with Councilwoman Thelda Williams 602-262-7444
council.district1@phoenix.gov

MAY 22 STATEMENT FROM COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS ON THE 2020 CENSUS

As of May 21, 58.1 percent of households in Phoenix responded to the census, which is higher than the statewide response rate of 56.4 percent, but still lower than the national average of 59.9 percent. This week, the Census Bureau released a report about populations in cities in the southern and western regions in the United States that experienced rapid growth since 2010. Among the 15 U.S. cities or towns with populations of 50,000 or more as of April 1, 2010, that had the largest numeric increases since 2010, eight were located in the South, five in the West, and one each in the Northeast and the Midwest. Phoenix, Ariz., tops the list of the 15 largest numeric gainers with an increase of over 234,300 people or an average of 25,330 people per year between 2010 and 2019. In the Census Bureau's list for population gain from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019, Phoenix, Ariz., once again tops this list to mark the largest numeric gain: an average increase of 72 people per day between July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2019. This report highlights how rapidly Phoenix is growing and how important it is for essential services to meet the needs of that rapid growth. It also highlights the urgent need for Phoenix residents to respond to the 2020 Census so that our fair share of federal resources matches our growth. These vital funds are used for programs and services including libraries, transportation, education, public health, Head Start, senior services, housing, arts and culture and more. There are three ways to respond: iCount2020.info; 1-844-330-2020 English, 1-844-468-2020 Spanish; or by mail. If you have any questions, call my office at 602-262-7444.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on www.phoenix.gov and [facebook.com/cityofphoenix](https://www.facebook.com/cityofphoenix). Past City Council meetings are posted to YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz>

Phoenix makes it easier to participate in City Council Meetings The city of Phoenix has launched a new eComment System! This new system gives residents one more option to participate in City Council Meetings from a remote location. By using eComments, residents can either register to speak during a meeting or just post a public comment online.

Start participating today by visiting <https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings>.

Here is a quick step-by-step on how to participate in a meeting up to one hour before the start of a meeting:

1. Go to phoenix.gov and click on City Council Meetings
2. Find the meeting you want to participate in and click on the Comment icon for that meeting

3. Arrive at phoenix.granicusideas.com and sign-in and review the agenda items
4. To speak at the meeting, click on Register to Speak on the agenda item(s) you want to speak on
5. On the day and time of the meeting, go to phoenix.gov and click on City Council Meetings
6. Open the agenda for the meeting and find the weblink at the top of the agenda (only persons that registered to speak will be called upon to speak during the meeting)

If you don't want to speak but just want to submit a comment on an item, follow steps 1 – 4, but click on the Comment icon instead of register to speak.

To view a demonstration video please visit

<https://youtu.be/sDzB5kZd2x8>

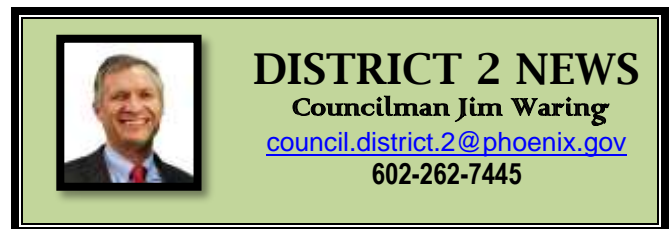
Per the most recent federal guidelines, no residents will be allowed in the Council Chambers.

Questions?

Want to participate by phone?

¿Necesita ayuda en español?

602-262-6001



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

Facebook: facebook.com/waringjim



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

GENERAL LINKS + INFORMATION:

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

Watch City Council meetings live – [CLICK HERE](#)

Watch PHXTV (Live or On Demand) – [CLICK HERE](#)

Public Meeting Notices – [CLICK HERE](#)

PHX City Calendar – [CLICK HERE](#)

Information by Mapped Address in Phoenix (IMAP) – [CLICK HERE](#)

Find out what Phoenix police precinct you live in – [CLICK HERE](#)

Phoenix seamless service directory – [CLICK HERE](#)

PHX At Your Service [service requests + reports] – [CLICK HERE](#)

Volunteer Phoenix opportunities – [CLICK HERE](#)

Register a neighborhood or business organization with the city – [CLICK HERE](#)

Start a Block Watch in your neighborhood – [CLICK HERE](#)

Recommend a venue for a future District 3 event – [LET US KNOW](#)

If you own a business that is opening or expanding in #phxD3 – [LET US KNOW](#)

Invite #phxD3 to attend a meeting or event – [LET US KNOW](#)

Have an event or news item that you'd like included in our newsletter? - [LET US KNOW](#)



Dear Phoenix Police Officers,

The past couple years have been rough on you, and this year even more so because of the current health crisis and loss. It's taken away from being able to honor Paul Rutherford's life in DC at the National Monument and at the City's traditional memorial. It has also severely postponed traditional memorial services for Cmdr Greg Carnicle. We want to make sure you know this city loves you and appreciates all that you do and that we are aware of how this virus impacts you during National Police Week. The girls took on a project to make you smile and with help from supporters and members of the community you serve and they gathered one snack per officer at each precinct and the academy. We finished deliveries yesterday and today, we delivered to the South Mountain and Beuf stations, and both Black Mountain stations. We truly hope you all know how much Phoenixians care about you and all you've been through.

Karen, Charley and Ahleeyah



A visit to 620 W. Washington on May 14, 2020



CRB Cmdr. Tina Gonzalez, Asst. Chief John Collins, Ahleeyah, Asst. Chief Mary Roberts, Charley, Sgt. Rachel Warren, Lt. Bryan Kneuppel, Candice Fremouw and Asst. Chief Sandra Renteria



Asst. Chief John Collins, Asst. Chief Mary Roberts, Asst. Chief Charley, Cmdr. Ahleeyah and Asst. Chief Sandra Renteria



Candice, Asst. Chief Mary Roberts, Sgt. Rachel Warren, Lt. Bryan and Monte

Monte & Candice Fremouw presented Asst. Chief Mary, Asst. Chief Sandra, Cmdr. Charlie Consolian and Sgt. Rachel with Thin Blue Line Wave Glass Art.

A THANK YOU TO FIRST RESPONDERS 4/18/20



Senator Kate Mc Gee and Councilwoman Deb Stark arranged for pickup of prepared meals. They delivered to two fire stations and Candice & Monte delivered to both Black Mountain Precinct buildings.

INFO OF THE MONTH

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

COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING TEXT MESSAGE SCAMS

Share this page

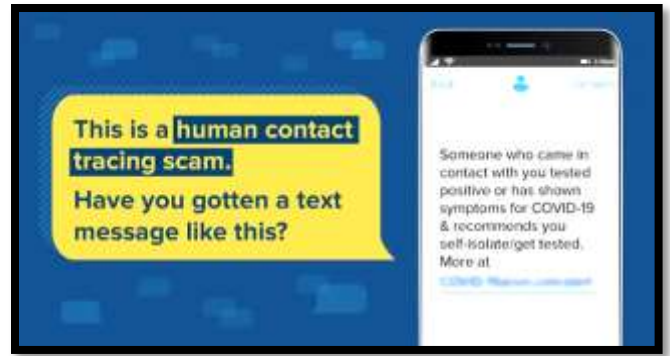
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May 19, 2020 by Colleen Tressler
Consumer Education Specialist, FEDERAL TRADE
COMMISSION

You've probably been hearing a lot about contact tracing. It's the process of identifying people who have come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, instructing them to quarantine and monitoring their symptoms daily.

Contact tracers are usually hired by a state's department of public health. They work with an infected person to get the names and phone numbers for everyone that infected person came in close contact with while the possibly infectious. Those names and phone numbers are often kept in an online system. People who had contact with someone infected with COVID-19 may first get a text message from the health department, telling them they'll get a call from a specific number. The tracer who calls will not ask for personal information, like a Social Security number. At the end of the call, some states ask if the contact would like to enroll in a text message program, which sends daily health and safety reminders until the 14-day quarantine ends. But tracers won't ask you for money or information like your Social Security, bank account, or credit card number. Anyone who does is a scammer.

There's no question, contact tracing plays a vital role in helping to stop the spread of COVID-19. But scammers, pretending to be contact tracers and taking advantage of how the process works, are also sending text messages. But theirs are spam text messages that ask you to click a link. Check out the image below. Unlike a legitimate text message from a health department, which only wants to let you know they'll be calling, this message includes a link to click.



Don't take the bait. Clicking on the link will download software onto your device, giving scammers access to your personal and financial information. Ignore and delete these scam messages.

There are several ways you can filter unwanted text messages or stop them before they reach you.

- Your phone may have an option to filter and block messages from unknown senders or spam.
- Your wireless provider may have a tool or service that lets you block texts messages.
- Some call-blocking apps also let you block unwanted text messages.

Here are several other steps you can take to protect yourself from text scammers.

- Protect your online accounts by using multi-factor authentication. It requires two or more credentials to log in to your account, which makes it harder for scammers to log in to your accounts if they do get your username and password.
- Enable auto updates for the operating systems on your electronic devices. Make sure your apps also auto-update so you get the latest security patches that can protect from malware.
- Back up the data on your devices regularly, so you won't lose valuable information if a device gets malware or ransomware.

For more information, see [How to Recognize and Report Spam Text Messages](#).

Want more information on the latest scams we're seeing?

Sign up for our consumer alerts.

- *Thank you to the PBWAB for sharing this info*

CRIME TIPS:

IN A WORLD OF SHELTERING IN PLACE, SCAMMERS TURN TO EXTORTION EMAILS

While most of us are stuck at home, the scammers are still hard at work. In fact, they are customizing their approach to target us while we work from home or otherwise spend time online as a way to stay connected to the outside world. The Fraud Watch Network Helpline has seen a big spike in email extortion scams. The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) documented over 51,000 cases of online extortion at last count, with victims suffering losses of \$83 million.

HOW IT WORKS:

Scammers send emails containing a former or current password of yours.

They claim to be watching you over your computer's camera or that they are recording websites you visit, and say they have evidence of you or your spouse visiting adult websites.

They threaten to share this information with your contacts or on social media platforms unless you pay them. Typically, the request is for hundreds of dollars in the online currency Bitcoin (complete with instructions on how to process the transaction).

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

The password they have is most likely among information exposed in a data breach, which gets bought and sold among criminals.

The message likely has no mention of any specific websites you or your spouse have allegedly visited, because they don't have this information.

It is highly unlikely your computer has been accessed. The scammers simply hope to stumble across a few people who don't change their passwords regularly.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Change passwords regularly, using a different password for each site you log into. Consider using a password manager to keep track of passwords.

Cover the lens on your computer's camera with a piece of tape when you're not using it to block a hacker who could use it to spy on you.

Avoid clicking any links in any email from an unknown source.

Report extortion emails to the [IC3](#) or to an [FBI field office](#) in your area. Include the sender's email address and payment information, if provided (for example, the number of his or her Bitcoin "wallet"), which may help with the investigation.



YOUR MEDICAL IDENTITY IS A HOT COMMODITY FOR SCAMMERS

When we get medical care, we typically provide health insurance information. It's something we expect, and it may not raise any red flags.

Unfortunately, scammers know this. And, with our health top of mind right now, they have no problem trying to take advantage. Their goal is to steal your medical identity — to fraudulently bill insurers or Medicare, or to sell it so others can get free care in your name.

HOW IT WORKS:

Someone asks for your Medicare or insurance number as part of a health care "survey" or offer of free medical products or services.

Scammers set up fake coronavirus testing sites in an attempt to get passersby to drive up and hand over health insurance or Medicare information.

Criminals "dumpster dive" or steal mail looking for health insurance or Medicare information.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Medical identity theft can lead to huge financial losses and complications, including legal and medical costs, badly damaged credit, and aggressive medical debt collectors haranguing victims for years.

If someone uses your medical identity to get treatment, it could result in treatment delays, incorrect prescriptions and even misdiagnoses for you.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Share your Medicare or health insurance information only with providers you know and trust — not with a stranger offering "free" medical care or equipment.

Carefully review Medicare or health insurance statements and bills and report unauthorized charges immediately.

Shred all paperwork related to your medical care before discarding it.

When it comes to fraud, vigilance is our number one weapon. You have the power to protect yourself and your loved ones from scams. Please share this alert with friends and family and visit the [Fraud Watch Network](#).

To report a scam or for help if you or a loved one has fallen victim, contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 877-908-3360

Receive AARP Watchdog Mobile Alerts Text "FWN" to 50757 to sign up.*



Allister Adel
Allister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney

How to Help Your Children Create Safe Habits

Every year thousands of children disappear from their homes and communities. According to the FBI's National Crime Information Center, there are 30,618 active missing person files for juveniles under the age of 18 as of December 31, 2019. While children go missing under a variety of circumstances, there are many things parents, caregivers, and adults can do to help prevent this from happening and keep their children safe. MCAO encourages parents to take time now and teach their children the "check first" rules, so their children are always keeping safety in mind.



- **Check First:** Remind kids they should always check first with a parent, guardian, or trusted adult before going anywhere with anyone, accepting anything, or getting into a car.
- **Take a Friend:** Encourage children to make a habit of always taking a friend with them wherever they go, even if they are playing outside.
- **Tell People "No":** Emphasize to children that they have a right to say no to anything or anyone that makes them feel uncomfortable, sad, or scared.
- **Tell a Trusted Adult:** Reassure kids that they can always come and talk to you or any other trusted adults, such as their teachers or school counselors, about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

In addition to teaching your children how to stay safe, it's essential to practice these skills frequently, especially during transitional periods like the start of the school year or summer break. The following scenarios are common tricks those who look to do harm use to persuade children to come with them. Read through the following scenarios with your children and ask them what they would do in these situations.

- **The Offer Trick:** When a person offers a child money, toys, or other "presents". Remind children that they should always ask a trusted adult before accepting anything from anyone.
- **The Help Trick:** When an adult asks a child for help in an emergency situation saying they've lost their pet or child. Emphasize to your child that an adult should never ask children for help.
- **The Friend Trick:** When a person tries to persuade a child that they can be trusted because they are friends with their parents or teachers. Encourage kids to create a habit of checking with an adult before going anywhere with anyone.

We can all be proactive in our child's safety and make it a priority while we are at home. For more information about child safety visit, MaricopaCountyAttorney.org/Child-Safety

MARICOPA COUNTY

May 15th Weekly Update

Maricopa County remains under the official declaration of a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Maricopa County Joint Information Center (JIC) is compiling a weekly list of resources for County residents to manage the physical, economic, social and emotional impacts of this declaration. Residents are encouraged to visit maricopa.gov/COVID-19 for the most up-to-date information.

"Stay Home" Order Expires; Physical Distancing Still Encouraged

The statewide "Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected" order expires today (May 15). Over the past few weeks, at the direction of Governor Doug Ducey, many businesses have been allowed to reopen physical locations.

The Governor's Office has provided the following guidance for businesses and their customers:

- > [Restaurants](#)
- > [Barbers](#)
- > [Retailers](#)
- > [Pools](#)
- > [Gyms](#)
- > [Spas](#)
- > [Places of Worship](#)
- > [Casinos](#)

Guidance for Going Out in Public

Adults age 65+ and/or people with serious underlying medical conditions are at the highest risk of severe illness from COVID-19, but anyone can get infected ([see data](#)). That's why Public Health advises all residents to take the following precautions in public:

- Stay at least six feet away from others
- Consider wearing a cloth face covering if you cannot maintain at least six feet of distance between yourself and others while out
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth
- When leaving, use hand sanitizer
- When home, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

Face Masks and Coverings

If you choose to wear a face mask or cloth face covering in public or you're required to wear one by a business or an employer, it's important to understand how to wear and care for your mask so you get the most benefit. For starters, make sure the mask is worn over the nose and mouth, not just the mouth. And remember, face coverings are most effective helping prevent transmission of COVID-19 when used with physical distancing and good hand washing.



Testing

Arizona Department of Health Services and its community partners are [providing additional COVID-19 testing locations](#) this Saturday. You can use [the CDC's coronavirus self-checker](#) if you are experiencing cold- or flu-like symptoms and wondering if you have the virus. Increased availability of testing has led to an increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases in Maricopa County. However, the [percentage of positive cases requiring hospitalization has been steadily dropping](#), indicating more people with mild illness are getting tested.

Returning to Work

Some people may be cautious about returning to worksites for fear of contracting the virus. The [CDC is providing guidance to employers](#) as they consider reopening and/or bringing back staff. Individuals are encouraged to take [personal precautions](#).

Help Finding A Job

If you need a job right now, [Arizona @ Work has a list of immediate openings statewide](#). Maricopa County has a [limited number of positions open](#). The Maricopa County Human Services Department provides job assistance through our career centers. You can access [resources or get one-on-one guidance](#) virtually or in-person, by appointment.

Additional Assistance

Depending on your situation, you may be eligible for government assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit [arizonatogether.org](#) to see a list of available resources including mortgage and rental assistance; meals for families and children; childcare; unemployment benefits; and more.

County Operations Impact

Maricopa County is following public health guidance as it considers when and how to reopen county government facilities. Over the past few months, many customer service counters have been closed, a significant portion of the county workforce has been teleworking, and the county has been making more services accessible to the public online or remotely. With the "Stay Home" order lifted, county leaders are planning a safe, slow return of the workforce, with more details to be released in the coming weeks.

[Learn more about current county operations >](#)

Respond to the 2020 Census



Census now!
[Respond online >](#)

Responding to the [2020 U.S. Census](#) is safe, easy, and important. You can help ensure your community gets its fair share of federal dollars to fund critical services like schools, health care, and transportation. So far, approximately 60% of Maricopa County residents have responded to the 2020 Census. If you're not among them, why wait? Do your civic duty and respond to the

Maricopa County Launches Text-Message Outreach to Positive COVID-19 Cases

Tech solution helps Public Health more efficiently inform positive cases how to control the spread

PHOENIX (May 22, 2020)—Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) has now added text messaging to its toolbox to inform COVID-19-positive Maricopa County residents about what they need to do to take care of themselves and reduce the spread of disease.

People living in Maricopa County who test positive for COVID-19 can now expect a text message from Public Health that will share three things:

- A link to a secure form that will gather initial information and provide infection control guidance
- A phone number to a hotline with medical professionals who can answer questions
- A webpage where residents can verify the text, phone number and link are from MCDPH

This text will come once Public Health is notified of their positive diagnostic (PCR or antigen) test result. Within a few days, a disease investigator will call the person to conduct a thorough interview to learn about their illness and provide more guidance on when to get medical care and how to prevent spread to household contacts and others. The interview will also uncover who may have been exposed, so that contact tracers can follow up with those individuals to advise them of the exposure, what symptoms they need to watch for, when to get tested and how to avoid infecting others.

"News like this can be concerning, and by reaching out via text, we can give our residents detailed information quickly right after they are diagnosed," said Dr. Rebecca Sunenshine, medical director for disease control at MCDPH. "In addition, if cases provide basic

information to Public Health up front through the form, this will speed up the investigation of their case and help our investigators reach more people in a shorter time," Dr. Sunenshine added.

The webpage recipients can use to verify the text is a short, easy-to-remember URL in case people feel safer typing it into a browser instead of clicking it. The webpage includes what to expect from the secure form, how to tell if the link is really from Public Health, and how the information they get will help them.

"We want people to get accurate information promptly, and part of that includes making sure they feel comfortable using the links we provide them," said Dr. Sunenshine.

Maricopa County Public Health recommends basic precautions for all Maricopa County residents:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Maintain at least six feet of distance between yourself and others when going out in public.
- If six feet of distance is not possible, consider wearing a cloth face covering.
- Stay home and away from others if you are sick.

Maricopa County residents with other questions about COVID-19 can visit [Maricopa.gov/COVID19](#) for information on everything from symptoms to watch for, to how to protect the people around you, to local data.

REMINDER! NOW THAT THE LOCKDOWN IS OVER... SOME GUIDELINES TO STAY SAFE FROM THE CORONAVIRUS

You've probably heard all of these at some point this week, but it's all good information worth repeating:

1. Don't touch people outside of your home. They'll understand. It's OK to be the awkward one right now.
2. Use the back of your hand or your knuckle to turn all switches, buttons, etc. in public places.
3. Pump gas using a disposable glove or tissue and sanitize your hands when you get back in the car.
4. Use automatic door openers when available. Use elbow or wrist to open doors. Back through doors when possible.
5. Wash hands frequently or use hand sanitizer that is alcohol based whenever you've been somewhere where others have been.
6. Keep a bottle of hand sanitizer or wipes in your car and clean your hands each time you get in and before entering the house.
7. Try your best not to touch your face. We do it all day and aren't aware. Touching your face is likely how one would contract the virus.
8. Limit social outings to only what is necessary. Work from home if that is an option. BUG IN as much as you can stand right now.
9. Exercise and health are synonymous. Spending time outside hiking, biking, practicing skills, foraging, and more is highly recommended!
10. A friend of mine in the medical profession who is on the front-lines of COVID-19 recommends also letting all of that fresh outside air INSIDE as well. It's always good in these cases to let your house breathe by opening up some windows.
11. Sleep is your immune system's friend. Try to get lots of it.
12. Social isolation can affect mental health. Reach out to one another by phone, e-mail or texting. Being alone doesn't have to be lonely.

Most importantly, be especially vigilant when interacting with the elderly or those at high risk. Even if you don't feel remotely sick, it's not worth the risk. If you're helping an elderly neighbor or someone you know with food or supply deliveries, be sure to wipe down the packaging with a disinfecting wipe and also encourage them to thoroughly wash all fruits and vegetables.

If you're not helping an elderly neighbor, consider it, so they don't have to leave for supplies.



MVD customers: Check online before calling statewide hotline

Call volume is very high; most transactions don't require office visits

PHOENIX – With Motor Vehicle Division offices currently limited to essential services that require in-person visits by appointment, the Arizona Department of Transportation strongly recommends that customers try going online, visiting Authorized Third Party offices or using the U.S. mail before seeking office appointments.

Due to the current public health situation, MVD offices cannot accept walk-in customers.

Call volume is very high to the statewide MVD customer service hotline at 602.712.2700, where customers needing to conduct essential transactions can make office appointments, in part because customers are trying to schedule visits for services that don't require them.

The only essential services that must be done at an MVD office are: first-time driver licenses or ID cards; first-time vehicle registrations; and some complex title work.

For all other MVD needs, there are several options including going online at ServiceArizona.com, which will direct customers to a menu of MVD services, including those offered through secure, personal accounts at azmvdnow.gov/link-is-external. Customers can learn more about setting up an AZ MVD Now account at azdot.gov/motor-vehicle-services.

Authorized Third Party offices provide another option. Many provide full MVD services, while others have limited offerings. For information about hours, locations and the MVD services provided, please visit ServiceArizona.com or <http://ServiceArizona.com>.

While the learner's Permit Test @ Home is available online at azmvdnow.gov, no appointments are being accepted to complete the learner's permit process because of health guidelines limiting capacity at MVD offices. ADOT is encouraging customers to delay getting learner's permits until further notice.

For more information, please visit azdot.gov.

MVD: Online options available for people to become organ donors

Office visit not needed to select donation option

Even though ADOT Motor Vehicle Division offices are serving a limited number of customers by appointment only due to the public health situation, customers aren't limited in their ability to offer the gift of being an organ, eye or tissue donor.

Since 2017, organ donation has been an option for online customers renewing their vehicle registration, a service that attracts about 250,000 customers a month. The online option of signing up to be a donor after applying for a driver's license or ID dates back even longer.

"MVD has had a vital partnership with Donor Network of Arizona for many years, and our customers should know that you can still make this life-saving choice despite the fact many of our in-office services are temporarily unavailable," MVD Director Eric Jorgensen said.

He added, "Nearly 400,000 Arizonans have signed up for their secure, personal AZ MVD Now account at azmvdnow.gov or through servicearizona.com. Either web service allows customers

to sign up as organ donors. Of course, this option is still available for customers who use Authorized Third Party providers and those who have an appointment for the services we continue to provide by appointment at MVD locations."

Julia Young of Donor Network Arizona noted, "Registering as a donor is an act of generosity. It's something we can all do regardless of age or health condition. More than 95% of new donor registrations come from ADOT MVD transactions. Whether through their online services or by checking the box when visiting an MVD in person, Arizonans are expressing generosity and saving lives thanks to the strong partnership between DNA and ADOT MVD."

She added, "If you are not currently registered as an organ, eye and tissue donor, we strongly urge you to visit donatelifeaz.org where you can safely and securely join the registry to save lives right from home. The entire process takes 38 seconds or less!"

For more information: azdot.gov or donatelifeaz.org



ADOT awarded \$36.2 million in emergency funds for rural transit

Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act makes grants available

PHOENIX – The Arizona Department of Transportation has received a \$36.2 million grant award from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration to help rural, tribal and intercity bus operators that have seen drops in ridership and revenues due to the current public health situation.

The funds, provided under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, are available to 22 rural transit providers for operating expenses and other pressing needs.

ADOT Transit, part of the agency's Multimodal Planning Division, assists public transportation providers in Greater Arizona by administering Section 5311 Formula Grants for Rural Areas. It will administer the grant funding.

No local matching funds are required to receive this federal funding.

The CARES Act includes \$25 billion for public transportation through the Federal Transit Administration, including \$2.2 billion for programs serving rural areas. This funding will support operating and capital expenses, planning and expenses related to preparing for, preventing and responding to COVID-19.

Emergency funding under the federal CARES Act also is directly available to public transportation agencies for which ADOT doesn't administer transit grants: large urban areas, small urban areas and tribes receiving direct funding through the Federal Transit Administration's Tribal Transportation Program.

For more information on ADOT's role in administering transit funding available through the federal CARES Act, please visit azdot.gov/TransitCARES.

For information on other steps ADOT has taken to support Arizonans during the current public health situation, please visit azdot.gov/covid-19-resource-center.

As weather heats up, so does potential for wildfires along highways

Simple precautions can reduce chances of sparks from vehicles, trailers

PHOENIX – Over the weekend, State Route 87 was closed for a couple of hours south of Payson when a brush fire caused by a person broke out along the roadway. While the exact cause isn't known yet, the 5.5-



acre Oak Fire demonstrates why motorists should secure tow chains, properly inflate tires, check brakes and take other steps to reduce the risk of starting a wildfire.

Just one spark can cause all kinds of problems.

In addition to putting lives and property at risk, fires that spread quickly in dry brush can lead to highway closures and inconvenience for motorists.

Dragging chains and other metal, a common cause of sparks along highways, can spark multiple brush fires along dozens of miles. In 2018, for example, the 377 Fire burned nearly 5,000 acres and prompted evacuations after a trailer dragged metal along SR 377 between Heber-Overgaard and Holbrook

"Preventing wildfires is actually a simple task," said Jesse Gutierrez, the Arizona Department of Transportation's deputy state engineer for operations. "Please take a few minutes before your trip to make sure tow chains are secure, tires are properly inflated and brakes are in good condition."

During the winter and spring, ADOT crews mow vegetation along highway shoulders. Crews also remove brush and spray fire retardant within the ADOT right of way to reduce the risk of fires and slow the spread of those that occur.

Here's how you can help cut down on sparks that start wildfires:

- Check and secure tow chains, and never substitute parts when towing.
- Make sure nothing is hanging from your vehicle or trailer and dragging on the pavement.
- Check tire pressure. Exposed wheel rims can cause sparks.
- Check for worn brake pads, which can cause sparks from metal-on-metal contact.
- Don't park in tall grass, as the heat from parts under your vehicle can start a fire.

For more information on how to prevent fires, please visit wildlandfire.az.gov.

Brushfire Season is here... Are you ready?

NSD

The wet winter and spring in Phoenix produced significant grass and weed growth in washes and alleys, on private properties, and along rights-of-way throughout the city. Following several weeks of high temperatures reaching into triple digits, the vegetation is drying out, creating not only visual blight but potentially serious fire hazards, especially when in close proximity to buildings and the residents who occupy them.

In Arizona, fire departments across the state recognize the months of April and May as the beginning of brushfire season. During this period, it is more important than ever to cut and remove dry grasses and weeds, and dead plants and trees, on or adjacent to private property. By removing dry and dead vegetation, you can significantly reduce the combustible fuel in your immediate environment and create a more defensible space around your home or business should a fire occur nearby.

In Phoenix, owners and occupants of private property are required by the city code to keep grasses and weeds cut to below six inches in height and remove dead and dry vegetation on all yards and along the adjacent rights-of-way. The area of responsibility includes from the property line to the street curb, and to the midpoint of the alley where applicable.

Phoenix residents are encouraged to join efforts to fight blight and keep our neighborhoods free of hazards. To report a potential vegetation fire hazard or other blight issue, please contact the Neighborhood Services Department at (602) 534-4444 or online at phoenix.gov/atyourservice.

Defensible Space

Defensible space is the space between your home and the potential fuel that can make a brushfire grow.

Safeguarding your home with a defensible space is a proven way to reduce property damage.

Clear dry weeds and grass to create a non-combustible zone five feet around your home.

From five to 30 feet from your home, make sure vegetation is green and lean.

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT Block Watch / PNP LISTINGS

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

LIST YOUR BLOCK WATCH AND INFO HERE...

ALL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ANTHEM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH for info call 623-533-2226 or e-mail Chairman Teresa Pierson at anwchairman@gmail.com
www.OnlineAtAnthem.com

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

BELCANTO BLOCK WATCH gloriapink12@gmail.com

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

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

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

DEER VALLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH ORGANIZATION / PNP (DVPNBWO) Meetings are held at the Deer Valley Park Community Center on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except July, August & November) with the BMCA at 6:30 pm. 623-533-0847 / dvpnbwo@aol.com www.dvpnbwo.com

HILLCREST EAST BLOCK WATCH spring11@cox.net

INVERNESS COMMUNITY WATCH PARTNERSHIP
imcw85023@gmail.com

JOHN JACOBS BLOCK WATCH Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the John Jacobs Elementary School cafeteria located at 14421 N. 23rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85023. For contact info call or e-mail Dee at 602-380-1854 or giddeup37@cox.net

MINI MOON II BLOCK WATCH (in Moon Valley along Interlachen)
Primary Contact: Myra Ridder myraridder@cox.net President/Chair: Ron Gundlach ron@azfab.com Contact us for meeting info.

MOON VALLEY BLOCK WATCH For info contact: Blanche Lukes at 602-993-6736 or moonvalleybw@cox.net

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

MONTE CRISTO BLOCK WATCH LECADDSERVICES@Yahoo.com

NORTHTOWN COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH / PNP FOR
UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS call Nora at 602-689-9696

PALM LAKES VILLAGE BLOCK WATCH Meetings held on the first Fridays at 1:00 pm at the Club House at 16415 N. 33rd Way. Arthur Welch, Coordinator. fp6891@cox.net

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

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

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

**JOIN BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
ON FACEBOOK**



WHERE WE SHARE INFORMATION!



BLOCK WATCH IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN NEIGHBORHOODS

Block Watches come in all sizes. They can be a few houses in a cul-de-sac to a whole square mile neighborhood. They help to develop a "sense of community" and strengthen and sustain neighborhoods by bringing residents/neighbors together with a common interest.

Every Block Watch starts with one person and their concern for the safety and well-being of themselves and their families. Their motivation may be to meet or get to know their neighbors to protect the children, to keep property values up by eliminating blight and graffiti, to stop speeding on the streets by installing speed humps to protect the children, to have peace of mind by discouraging barking dogs and loud parties, and to be safe from crimes like burglary, theft and assault.

We all want to live in a safe and secure environment. Our homes should be safe havens. By rights there should be several layers of protection from the national level to our own neighborhoods. National and state governments provide control of our borders; state and city governments provide police and fire protection, education, and other resources, community member groups provide Phoenix Neighborhood Patrollers and the posting of PNP signs on neighborhood streets; Block Watch provides neighbors watching out for neighbors; and we provide our own home security alarms, lighting and burglary prevention measures.

NORTH PHOENIX PARK RANGERS!



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

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

City of Phoenix

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

General Information 602-534-4444



Neighborhood Specialists for the Black Mountain Precinct

- Dist. 1: **RONNIE MC GUIRE** 602-262-1682
ronnie.mcquire@phoenix.gov
- Dist. 2: **E. MARI HERRERA-DANIELS** 602-261-8587
e.mari.herrera-daniels@phoenix.gov
- Dist. 3: **KRISTA ROY** 602-495-0380
krista.roy@phoenix.gov

BLIGHT AND ZONING LAWS

STRUCTURES: The maintenance of a home is the responsibility of the property owner. Any wood, siding, shingles, roof covering, railings, fences, walls, ceilings, porches, doors, windows, screens and other exterior parts of any structure on the property must be maintained in weather tight, sound condition and in good repair. The property owner is responsible for making sure there are no doors or windows left open and not secure to the outside. *FOR HELP call the Preservation Division of the Neighborhood Services Dept. at 602-495-0700 to see if you qualify for a free Grant!*

OUTDOOR STORAGE: All outside storage that can be seen from the street should be inside sheds or cabinets. Items should not be set in car ports in view of the street. Please use enclosed areas or backyards.

JUNK, TRASH & DEBRIS: Junk, trash and debris cannot be left in the yard or car port and must be properly disposed of. This includes junk auto parts, appliances, furniture, building and/or landscaping material, trash such as discarded papers, cardboard, plastics, etc. including tree trimmings and fallen limbs or any other items that appear to have been discarded. The only exception is during the Bulk Trash Collection weeks four times a year.

PARKING: Parking is only permitted for passenger cars and motorcycles on residential streets, on driveways or in garages. A driveway or parking area must be constructed with an approved dust free parking surface. The stone must be 1/4 - 3/4 in size with a permanent border holding it in. 1/4 minus size stone is not allowed for parking. There are limits to the amount of front yard area that can be used for parking. Only 35% of the front yard may be converted to driveway or dust free parking.

GRASS AND WEEDS: Grass and weeds must not be allowed to grow over 6 inches high due to fire hazard, allowing the weeds to go to seed and spreading throughout the neighborhood and insect infestation.

ELIMINATE GRAFFITI: Keeping the neighborhood graffiti free is something we can all do. If there is graffiti on your property, please remove it as soon as possible. The Graffiti Busters Program provides paint, supplies and training to assist groups with eliminating graffiti. The City will also remove the graffiti from private property with written permission from the property owner. Call 602-495-7014.

Good afternoon Neighborhood Leaders.

Looking for ideas to Stay Connected? During this time of social distancing the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) would like to provide you with a few ideas to stay connected while practicing social distancing. Staying connected is an important part of our city and community; please review the flier attached to this message and the snippet below for four things you can do to stay connected in your neighborhood.

As part of our efforts to stay connected, NSD will be sharing ideas with you over the next several weeks. We want to hear from you! Let your Neighborhood Specialist know what you're doing in your neighborhood to stay connected. Feel free to use the following link to find out who your Neighborhood Specialist

is: <https://www.phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/neighborhood-specialist>.

We hope you share this message, and the flier attached, with your family, neighbors, and friends. Have a good day.



- 1 CELEBRATE 2020 GRADS!**
Decorate your Front Door for your graduate(s). Fill the door with school colors, ribbons, bows, pictures, school spirit, and many fun memories.
- 2 FORGET ME NOT!**
As a neighborhood create green and red cards to place in windows. Green means all good and red means I need something. Red should include a note describing the need.
- 3 SILLY WALKING!**
Create silly walking zones throughout your neighborhood, sit back and laugh at the wiggles, waggles, shakes, skips, and struts. Google *Silly Walking* for ideas!
- 4 SPRING CLEANING!**
It can't always be fun and games, or can it? Before it gets too hot pull those weeds and deep clean your yard. Liven it up with some music.



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.

**ALL CLASSES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!
STAY SAFE!**

"JUST IN CASE"

*the unthinkable happens
and your loved one is missing or lost!*

Have all important updated identification
information available at a moment's notice!

FREE PERSONAL ID KITS **for Children, Adults & Seniors!**

Made possible by the Phoenix Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program

The **Black Mountain Community Alliance** Board Members are trained and available to attend your Community Events with the EZ Child ID System. The PERSONAL ID KIT is for children and adults of all ages.



To schedule the BMCA to come and do PERSONAL ID KITS at your Event, please allow two months lead time and **call Candice Fremouw at 480-467-7399** to check on the dates the BMCA has available. We will then e-mail you an EVENT APPLICATION FORM to fill out and return to us at info@bmcainfo.com

We are available to the general public for PERSONAL ID KITS at the Deer Valley Park Community Center, 2001 West Wapahalla, Phoenix, AZ 85027.

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

KEY FEATURES of the PERSONAL ID KIT:

- The PERSONAL ID KIT includes contact information, digital fingerprints, photos & video interviews
- The EZ Child Computer System digitally scans all 10 fingerprints in a matter of seconds
- The EZ Child Computer creates Child, Adult and Senior ID reports along with two laminated ID Cards & CD-R
- The Child/ Adult/Senior CD contains photos, fingerprint images, videos and age-appropriate crime prevention information
- The Medical ID captures vital prescription drug information and phone numbers for doctors
- **NO DATA BASE! ALL FILES ARE PERMANENTLY DELETED AND FORMS SHREDDED AFTER EACH INDIVIDUAL SESSION SO THAT ONLY THE PARENTS, INDIVIDUALS, OR CAREGIVERS HAVE THE PERSONAL INFORMATION**

BMCA AND BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO STARBUCKS
AT 19TH AVENUE & THUNDERBIRD
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!**



**THANK YOU TO THE NORTH PHOENIX
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**



TOM ARGIRO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING and EVENT **CALENDAR**

**ALL PHYSICAL MEETINGS AND
EVENTS HAVE BEEN
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE! STAY SAFE!**

BMCA RESOURCE LIST

www.bmcainfo.com

ARIZONA ANGEL INITIATIVE

Help with substance abuse

www.substanceabuse.az.gov/angelinitiative

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

www.211arizona.org

BOLOCOP

Register for Crime Alerts

www.bolocop.com

BLIGHT BUSTERS

Join the Blight Buster Program!

www.phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/blight

CARING CIRCLES

Volunteer to help neighbors in need

www.aaaphx.org

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24/7 HOTLINES

FOR LOCAL SHELTER CALL: 602-263-8900

OLDER ADULTS: 602-264-HELP (4357)

FAMILY SERVICES CENTERS

Social services for low-income households

www.phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/emergency

FOLLOW POLICE CALLS ONLINE

See what's going on in your neighborhood

www.radioreference.com

HEADS UP!

TO KEEP PHOENIX ROADS SAFE!

www.phoenix.gov/HeadsUp

HOMELESS SHELTER DIRECTORY

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

IDENTITY THEFT / FEDERAL TRADE COMM.

Recovery and information

www.IdentityTheft.gov

KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25

Post signs and stickers to slow traffic

www.KeepKidsAliveDrive25.org

MY COMMUNITY MAP

Neighborhood map and information

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

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME STATS

www.communitycrimemap.com

or check out: www.spotcrime.com

PHOENIX C.A.R.E.S.

Help the homeless!

[PHX At Your Service.](#)

PHOENIX CITY CAM

View the city in all directions

[PHXCityCam](#)

REVERSE 911

Community Emergency Notification System

<https://maricoparegion911.onthealert.com/Terms/Index/?ReturnUrl=%2f>

SENIOR LOCK BOXES

In partnership with Phoenix Fire

www.lockbox.shopkidde.com

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

In and around your neighborhood

www.azdps.gov/services/public/sex-offender

www.offenderwatch.com

www.missingkids.org

www.nsopw.gov

VIRTUAL BLOCK WATCH

Sign up now!

[Police Virtual Block Watch](#)

www.phoenix.gov

WRIC WASHINGTON

FAMILY RESOURCE INFORMATION CENTER

www.wesdschools.org/wric

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY Police/Fire	911
Police CRIME STOP	602-262-6151
Police General Information	602-262-7626
Black Mountain Police Precinct	602-495-5002
Mayor Kate Gallego	602-262-7111
D1 Councilwoman Thelda Williams	602-262-7444
D 2 Councilman Jim Waring	602-262-7445
D 3 Councilwoman Deb Stark	602-262-7441
Abandoned Shopping Cart	602-CRT-PKUP
Abandoned Vehicle off street	602-534-4444
Abandoned Vehicle on street	602-262-6151
Alcoholics Anonymous	602-264-1341
AZ Humane Society 8am-6pm	602-997-7585
Barking Dogs	602-262-6466
City Bus Service	602-253-5000
City Elections	602-262-6837
City of Phoenix General Info	602-262-6011
Complaints on Mosquitoes	602-506-6616
Construction Noise	602-262-6538
Construction Permits	602-262-7884
Dead Animal Pickup	602-262-6791
Dial-A-Ride	602-253-5300
Gang Hotline	602-534-4264
Garbage Collection	602-262-7251
General Investigations	602-262-6141
GRAFFITI Busters Hotline	602-534-4444
Graffiti Cell Phone Hotline	602 #4663
Graffiti Reward Hotline	602-262-7327
Green Swimming Pools	602-506-6616
Illegal Dumping	602-262-7251
Impounded Property	602-262-8371
Liquor Complaints	602-438-6625
Loud Party Information	602-262-7821
Loud Party Reporting	602-262-6151
Narcotics Anonymous	480-897-4636
Narcotic Complaints	602-275-5886
Neighborhood Enforcement	602-534-4444
Parking Complaints	602-262-6151
Parks Dept. after hours	602-534-9440
Poison Control	602-253-3334
Prostitution (Vice) Hotline	602-426-1231
Rabies/Animal Control	602-506-7387
SILENT WITNESS 480-WITNESS /	480-948-6377
Spay Neuter Hotline	602-265-7729
Speeding/Traffic Hotline	602-534-7733
Street Light Maintenance	602-495-5125
Street Repairs	602-262-6441
Traffic Signal malfunction	602-262-6021
Traffic Signs damage	602-262-4659
Transient Enforcement	602-534-4444
Underage Drinking Hotline	1-877-NOT-LEGL
Water Dept. after hours	602-261-8000
Zoning Violations	602-534-4444

If you suspect a vehicle is stolen, check the license plate number at www.theftaz.azag.gov

BLACK MOUNTAIN PNP PATROLERS:

REMINDER!

ONLINE REPORTING OF PNP HOURS

volunteer@phoenix.gov

PNP online Patrol Log entry

To get a username and password email

Brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov

The following information:

Your name

PNP Badge number

Assigned precinct

Preferred Email address



For questions call 602-256-4303

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FOR OUR CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY
PROJECTS FROM OUR**

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e-mail to: info@bmcainfo.com

Mail to: BMCA, P. O. Box 41306, Phoenix, AZ 85080

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