

# 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, OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

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

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 October 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm

### JOIN ZOOM MEETING LINK

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81261152455?pwd=aj F1Vkw1ZVFCdHJhNlkzbG9nZHZvdz09

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

Meeting ID: 812 6115 2455 Passcode: BMCA













### **WELCOME NEW ABATEMENT OFFICER!**



Abatement Officer David Hurt #7109 602-495-5228 or <a href="mailto:david.hurt@phoenix.gov">david.hurt@phoenix.gov</a>

Our best to Officer Jason Cooper!

### BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COFFEE WITH COPS



Asst. Chief Charley, Commander Ahleeya and Commander Darren Viner

COFFEES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

# Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain



# Precinct NEWS





### **Black Mountain Precinct**

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

### ATV'S AND STATE TRUST LANDS

Being an Arizona native, (yes there are some of us out there); I was raised in and enjoy the openness of the lands of our wonderful state. Even though I grew up in the city, I had many opportunities to go out and enjoy the many recreational activities of the Arizona desert. The City of Phoenix has integrated the responsible preservation and use of these lands in many mountain preserves, hiking trails, city parks and in master planned communities. The City of Phoenix Parks Department is responsible for managing the hiking trails and parks that are owned and operated by the City of Phoenix.

The trails and parks owned and operated by the City of Phoenix are separate from State Trust Land and have different rules. Hiking trails in the City of Phoenix are for pedestrians, bicycles and horses. There are no motorized vehicles allowed on any trails in city parks and dogs are required to be on a leash. Users are also required to stay on the trails and not go off into the open areas around the trails. Most trails and parks have the specific uses posted at the entrances or in the parking lots if there is one. Please review them prior to using the trail system. It is also very important to observe some basic safety rules like always tell someone where you went hiking, bring plenty of water, a cell phone, wear appropriate clothes, hats, sun block and shoes for hiking and know your limitations. For more information on using the City of Phoenix Parks go to www.phoenix.gov/parks.

Many master planned communities or neighborhoods have a trail system through their neighborhoods that are privately owned. Most have similar rules as to the hiking trails and do not allow motorized vehicles of any kind on them so a rider of a motorized vehicle on a private trail could be cited for trespassing, even if they are a resident of that community. ATV and other off road vehicle riders need to be aware of the laws that govern their use to avoid any criminal charges. There are many open areas that these riders can go to so they can fully enjoy the ATV. For more information on places to ride go to <a href="https://www.azstateparks.com/ohv">www.azstateparks.com/ohv</a>.

Much of the open land in and surrounding the City of Phoenix is State Trust Land managed by the State of Arizona State Land Department. It is important to know that Arizona Trust Land is NOT public land. A recreational permit is required to be on State Trust land that is designated as open for recreation but NOT all State Trust land is open for recreational purposes. The recreational permit allows you to hike, bike, horseback ride, bicycle, photography, bird watching, sightseeing, and camping (up to 14 days per year). It DOES NOT allow you to target shoot, paintball, air soft, recreational flying (ultra lights), fireworks, sand railing, or off road driving using dirt bikes or ATV's.

There are also City of Phoenix City Codes that prohibit any motorized vehicles from being put on a dirt surface. The citations for violating this city code and the operating a vehicle on a dirt surface can be hefty and both officers from Phoenix Police Department and the Maricopa County Sheriffs office will take enforcement action on vehicles found in State Trust Land or any open desert area. The use of vehicles on dirt causes pollution and the County is monitored for dirt pollution. The Federal government does have highway funds which could potentially be reduced if the dust pollution is not controlled. There are many historic cultural or prehistoric ruins and archaeological sites in our State Trust lands which are not to be disturbed as well as removing rocks, cacti, saguaro or cholla skeletons, plants or firewood. For more information on obtaining a permit or the use of State Trust lands, go to <a href="https://www.land.state.az.us">www.land.state.az.us</a>.

Proper use of our beautiful open spaces, desert environment and its resources is every Arizonians responsibility. We should all be able to enjoy the land, private property trails and parks together, without disturbance by those who wish to be irresponsible, act in a criminal manner and destroy our land or property. The west is this country's last bastion of openness in the lower 48 and it is our responsibility to protect and preserve it as best as possible while allowing all citizens access to use it. I encourage everyone to remind themselves, their children and others of what is proper use of trails, private property and open land. If anything of a criminal or suspicious nature is observed, please call the Phoenix Police Department at 602-262-6151 or 911 in an emergency. I can be reached at 602-495-5238 or at <a href="mailto:tim.mitten@phoenix.gov">tim.mitten@phoenix.gov</a> for questions regarding this or any other issue. Thank you.



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

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

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

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

We apologize for any inconvenience.

-Lt. Brian Rimsza

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





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!**

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



Where in the world is Tom Van Dorn?



### Prayer for Police Officers

Anonymous

Almighty God we pray to you In heaven up above Watch over our dear police officers And protect them with your love.

Please guide them as they keep us safe both day and night And hold them firmly in your care should danger come their way.

Give them true strength and courage As they serve til duty's end And one more thing to ask dear Lord Protect their family and their friends.

# **BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER SQUAD:**



21 Area North (Beats 212, 213 & 214)
(<u>W</u> 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave to <u>E</u> Scottsdale Rd. & <u>S</u> SR101 to <u>N</u> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 #8047at 602-495-5192 or thomas.owsley@phoenix.gov



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 Tony Cuciti #6907at 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 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Sts. to <u>E</u> SR51 & <u>S</u> Cactus Rd. to <u>N</u> Bell Rd.)
CA Officer Kelsey Commisso #9595 at 602-495-5227 or kelsey.commisso@phoenix.gov

#### WELCOME NEW OFFICER!



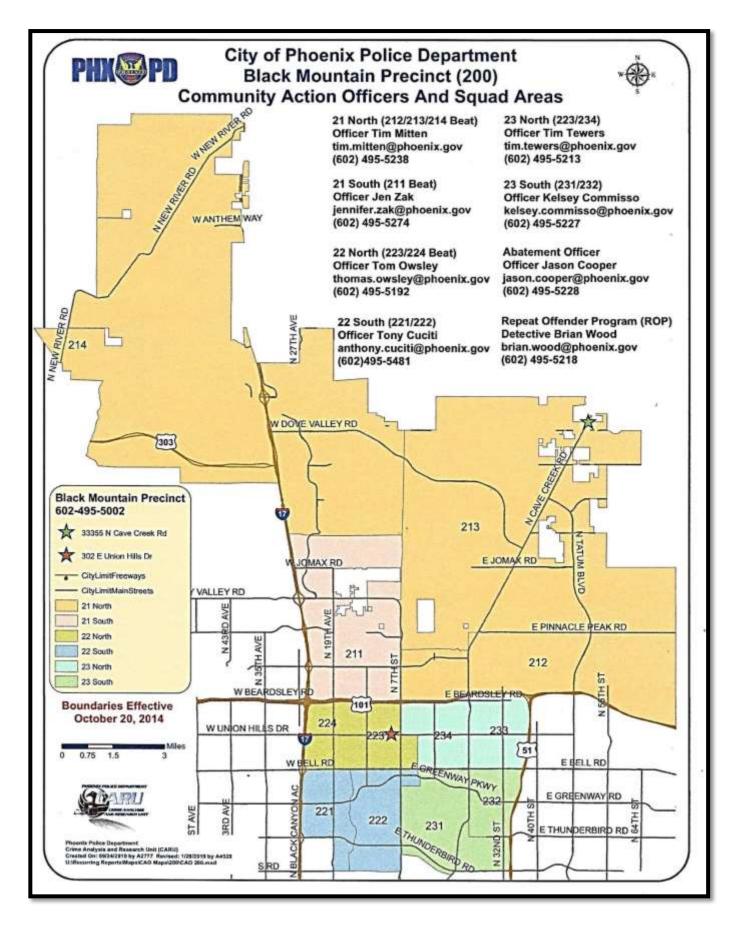
Abatement Officer David Hurt #7109 602-495-5228 or david.hurt@phoenix.gov



Black Mountain Precinct CAO Sgt. Linda Miller 602-769-5571 or <a href="mailto:linda.m.miller@phoenix.gov">linda.m.miller@phoenix.gov</a>



Black Mountain Precinct Community Programs Lt. Brian Rimsza 602-495-5032 or brian.rimsza@phoenix.gov



### CITYWIDE PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL





Detective Brian Kornegay

### See Something Say Something

We have not talked about this in some time but remember if you "see something, say something."

Who do you report this to? Like we cover in the class, 911 or Crime Stop (602-262-6151) for a crime in progress or that recently happened and other possible criminal activity. There is always Silent Witness, 480-WITNESS for past unsolved felony crimes. But what about other things.

Visit <a href="www.azactic.gov/report">www.azactic.gov/report</a>, Arizona's Fusion Center at the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC). You can report suspicious activity or information here, using any of three methods: web, phone (877) 2-SAVEAZ (877-272-8329), or mobile app (link available on their site). Each option allows you to remain anonymous if you wish.

### Virtual City Meetings

Many of you have expressed frustration recently with the restrictions COVID-19 has put on community interactions with city officials: no coffee with a cop, no coffee with your councilperson, no breakfast meetings, no meetings with your CAO's or precinct staff. Not only has **PNP** has started virtual meetings and classes, the Block Watch Grant Oversight Committee, the Block Watch Advisory Board and other advisory boards and neighborhood groups have also. Did you know the Phoenix City Council is also now holding their meetings virtually?

Visit <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings">https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings</a>. You can register to speak or if you do not wish to speak, you can simply leave a written comment. You can participate by phone only if you wish. Follow the instructions on the site and remember you must register at least one hour before the meeting is scheduled to begin and only people registered to speak will be called upon to speak. The site above has the information on how you can tune in to watch the meetings as well.

Don't led the COVID-19 restrictions prevent you from taking an important active role in your community.

### Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol classes online

We are continuing to offer classes online. We are now using the platform Webex for these webinars. The PNP basic class is being offered in 2 sessions, about 2-hours each. To become a PNP member they must attend both session 1 and session 2. To register for the classes please email <a href="mailto:pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov">pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov</a> only people registered for the class will be send the login information.

#### **November Class**

Please share this info with anyone you know who may be interested.

To register email <a href="mailto:PNP.coordinator@phoenix.gov">PNP.coordinator@phoenix.gov</a> other specifics about the classes will be email the those who register.

The above classes are being offered in English only at this time, we will have a Spanish language classes scheduled soon.

### Message from the Chief's Office

Below is a link to a video recently released by the police department highlighting some of the changes we have made recently

Police Chief Outlines Changes made to Enhance Public Trust

Starring our very own CAO's...

https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/police/1328

### **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.

### 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 Community Relations Bureau, Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol, Criminal Nuisance Abatement, & Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Coordinator.
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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
- ➤ 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 IS ONLINE!

### PNP PATROL OPPORTUNITY!

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

Rick Sain at <u>ussyorktown25@hotmail.com</u> or at 602-799-0143



### District 1 Councilwoman Thelda Williams 602-262-7444

council.district1@phoenix.gov

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

### SEPT. 25 STATEMENT FROM COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS ON 2020 CENSUS

The 2020 Census deadline has been extended to October 31<sup>st</sup>. It is not too late to submit your response to the 2020 Census, it is safe and just 10 minutes of your time will have a significant impact on funds returned from the federal government over the next decade. To respond, simply visit iCount2020.info; or call 1-844-330-2020 English, 1-844-468- 2020 Spanish. If you have any questions, call my office at 602-262-7444. National Self-Response 66.3% Arizona Self-Response 63.4% Phoenix Self-Response 65.2%

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov">www.phoenix.gov</a> and facebook.com/cityofphoenix .

Past City Council meetings are posted to YouTube at

http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz

Phoenix makes it easier to participate in City Council Meetings The city of Phoenix has launched a new eComment System! This new system gives residents one more option to participate in City Council Meetings from a remote location.

By using eComments, residents can either register to speak during a meeting or just post a public comment online.

Start participating today by visiting

https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings . Here is a quick step-by-step on how to participate in a meeting up to one hour before the start of a meeting:

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

If you don't want to speak but just want to submit a comment on an item, follow steps 1 – 4, but click on the Comment icon instead of register to speak. To view a demonstration video please visit <a href="https://youtu.be/sDzB5kZd2x8">https://youtu.be/sDzB5kZd2x8</a> Per the most recent federal guidelines, no residents will be allowed in the Council Chambers.

Questions?
Want to participate by phone?
¿Necesita ayuda en español?



602-262-6001

# DISTRICT 2 NEWS Councilman Jim Waring council.district.2@phoenix.gov 602-262-7445

Twitter: Jim\_Waring Facebook: facebook.com/waringjim



### District 3 Councilwoman Debra Stark 602-262-7441 <a href="mailto:council.district.3@phoenix.gov">council.district.3@phoenix.gov</a>

To our District 3 Residents:

Effective September 4, 2020, the District 3 Office and Councilwoman Stark will be a little quieter than usual, due to what we refer to as a "blackout" period leading up to the November election. In 2017, the Phoenix City Council adopted a Campaign Information Policy that provides guidelines for candidates during election campaigns. These guidelines include no airtime on PHXTV Channel 11 and putting our newsletter on hold until the election has been officially canvassed by city officials.

During this time, we will still be sharing relevant constituent information with you and providing you all with the regular constituent services you have come to know and rely on. We hope to be back soon with our monthly newsletter.

Councilwoman Stark will still be posting regular city news and updates on Facebook, at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DebraStarkPHX">www.facebook.com/DebraStarkPHX</a>.

More information about the Campaign Information Policy can be found here: <u>Candidate Information Packet</u>.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact our office with questions, comments or concerns at (602) 262-7441 or council.district.3@phoenix.gov.

Respectfully,

Councilwoman Debra Stark

### PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

The Phoenix Public Library has expanded Curbside Service hours for all locations: • Mondays through Saturdays: 8 a.m. – noon • Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. More info: <a href="https://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org">www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org</a>

### **GENERAL LINKS + INFORMATION:**

City Council Meetings [agendas, results, minutes + videos] – <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Watch City Council meetings live – <u>CLICK HERE</u> Watch PHXTV (Live or On Demand) – <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Public Meeting Notices - CLICK HERE

PHX City Calendar - CLICK HERE

Information by Mapped Address in Phoenix (IMAP) –  $\underline{\text{CLICK}}$   $\underline{\text{HERE}}$ 

Find out what Phoenix police precinct you live in – <u>CLICK</u> HERE

Phoenix seamless service directory – <u>CLICK HERE</u> PHX At Your Service [service requests + reports] – <u>CLICK</u> <u>HERE</u>

Volunteer Phoenix opportunities – <u>CLICK HERE</u> Register a neighborhood or business organization with the city – <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Start a Block Watch in your neighborhood – <u>CLICK HERE</u> Recommend a venue for a future District 3 event – <u>LET US KNOW</u>

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

Invite #phxD3 to attend a meeting or event – <u>LET US</u> KNOW

Have an event or news item that you'd like included in our newsletter? -  $\underline{\mathsf{LET}}$  US  $\underline{\mathsf{KNOW}}$ 

### SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

### Black Mountain Community Alliance & BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT ZOOM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

with 16 in attendance!

**ZOOM Meeting called to order** at 6:37 pm by BMCA Chairperson Candice Fremouw



#### **COUNCIL DISTRICT NEWS:**



Sina Matthes

**DISTRICT 1:** Sina said that most news is in our newsletter. Councilwoman Thelda is very proud of our Police Department. The request for the pavement painting "Black Lives Matter" has been denied

### **NSD NEWS:**



Mari Herrera-Daniels

**NSD:** Mari: If you have any issues in the neighborhood, please continue to call.

### Black Mountain Precinct Updates by Cmdr. Darren Viner:

Commander Viner hopes these circumstances will be over soon, but at least we can meet virtually. He thanked everyone for their support of the Phoenix Police Dept. The community support has been great. There has been an uptick in violent crime by 25%, property crime down 8%, stolen vehicles up 8%. There have been issues in the Village Meadows neighborhood which are being addressed. Our new Abatement Detective is Dave Hurt and he will be very aggressive on abatement. Our department is increasing transparency with critical incidents. We have discontinued Chokeholds. Everything is being videotaped.

Candice asked about stolen license plates and where it is happening, not in BCP. She said that the Use of Force and Disciplinary Review Board hearings have started up again. There are homeless camping at bus shelters.



Lt. Brian Rimsza, Cmdr. Darren Viner, CAO Tim Tewers and Sgt. Linda Miller



### **PNP UPDATES:**

Another PNP / BW Training in two sessions on WEBex is coming up on September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Candice: Fiscal will approve up to \$220 for Grants who want to purchase ZOOM for meetings. The Grant writing workshops will be virtual

Tom with NPCC: Outdoor Event at PV Golf Course Driving Range on Tuesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 am.

John: There is a BACK THE BLUE Event at Cactus Park Precinct on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 8-11 am at 39<sup>th</sup> Ave & Cactus There will be a CPCA Zoom Meeting on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm

Virginia: Any update on bike trail on 7<sup>th</sup> Street - Peoria to T-Bird redesign?

The BMP events at Desert Ridge and I-17 & Bell info will be sent out.

Sgt. Linda reached out to say Hello and to please contact her if needed.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The next BMCA Board Meeting is Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and the next BMCA General Meeting is Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>



John Curfman

### SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

# BMCA at the BACK THE BLUE RALLY at CACTUS PARK PRECINCT









### https://phoenixpolicefoundation.org/what-we-do

### **Pause to Praise**

Phoenix Police Officers have been working significant overtime in 100+ degree temperatures without days off for over a month, in order to support the peaceful protests and our country's first amendment, while keeping our community safe. Help the Foundation say, "Thank you" and ensure our officers know that they are greatly appreciated.

The **Pause to Praise** campaign is a win-win opportunity that allows appreciative community members and businesses to provide restaurant gift cards for these officers and their families, while also supporting our economy through local eating establishments.

### SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

## GOODIE BAGS DELIVERED TO BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT









CAO's Tony Cuciti, Tim Mitten, Jen Zack and Tim Tewers

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: CARES ACT FUNDING**

Below and to the right is information our office received about opportunities for homerepairs for Phoenix residents. Please take a look at the information and share with your groups.

Habitat for Humanity has ample funding left for our home-repair program from the CARES Act. We are able to serve homeowners within Phoenix City limits, and provide home-repairs at no cost to the homeowner, up to \$10,000. If you are able to forward this information along to any residents or neighborhood associations etc. we would really appreciate it. Program information can be found on the website link provided ( https://habitatcaz.org/apply/homerepair/ [habitatcaz.org] ), and in the flyer to the right.



[habitatcaz.org]

Thank you, Sina

Sina Matthes Chief of Staff Office of Councilwoman Thelda Williams Council District 1 City of Phoenix 200 W. Washington St., 11<sup>th</sup> floor Phoenix, AZ 85003 Desk: 602-261-8822

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### Home repairs in Phoenix



Habitat for Humanity Central Arigona is excited to offer the City of Phoenix residents home repairs to help Arizona families shelter at home safely and comfortably during the angoing COVID-19 crisis.

In partnership with the City of Phoenix, Habitat now provides qualifying families a variety of repairs to ensure they can continue learning and working from home safely.

#### Examples of eligible repairs

- · Air conditioning / heating repair or replacement.
- · Plumbing or Electrical repairs
- . Roof repairs or replacement
- Repairs that address the health and safety of the home
- · Appliances including range, oven and refrigerator

Note: The program does not provide service for landscaping. fencino, paintino, or pools

#### Properties that do not qualify

- · Pental properties
- . Properties that are not the primary residence of the owner
- Repairs not related to staying safely at home

#### Eligibility Requirements

- . The property must be located within Phoenix city limits.
- · Applicants must own and live in their home
- . Total household income must not exceed income limits
- . Household members must provide proof of lawful
- · Recairs needed to make the home safer and healthier



To learn more about this program please call 602-268-9022, Extension 224, or visit habitatcaz.org/repairs

9155 M. Gand Avenue: Suite 1, Peoria. Arizona 16345 - **602-268-9022 - habitaticas.org -** 400 est sir FOD esteva







# MCAO's Community Affairs Team to Provide Educational Safety Presentations Online



The work done by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office goes beyond the courtroom and has a significant impact on people, families, and communities. As part of our effort to help prevent crime, our Community Affairs Team works with parents, teachers, businesses, and community groups to share important safety information and resources. While we can't predict when a crime will occur, our office is committed to making sure that residents of Maricopa County are educated and aware of the trends and patterns that contribute to crime.

To remain actively involved in communities across Maricopa County and help reduce the spread of COVID-19, MCAO's Community Affairs Team offers free online presentations on the following safety topics:

- Trending Scams, Fraud, and Identity Theft
- Internet Safety
- Child Safety
- Vaping and Substance Abuse
- Teen Dating Violence

Strengthening our local communities not only helps prevent crime but also helps make sure families feel safe at home. To schedule a free online presentation, submit a request with your name, name of business or organization, contact information, preferred date, and topic

to <a href="mailto:communityeducation@mcao.maricopa.gov">communityeducation@mcao.maricopa.gov</a>. Please provide your request at least two weeks before your preferred date.

To learn more information about safety topics for families, visit MaricopaCountyAttorney.org/Family

# Avoid Scams and Make Your Donation Count



In times of crisis, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, people come together to support one another. It's during these times when we are trying to help those most in need that we need to be alert and pay close attention to what we support. While some charities are supporting those affected by COVID-19, others are set up to take advantage of the situation and make a profit. MCAO is committed to helping residents of Maricopa County make smart decisions and protect their personal and financial information. If you are considering donating to a charity, use these helpful tips to guide your decision making:

Research the organization beforehand on the <u>IRS Select Check</u> or the <u>BBB Wise Giving Alliance</u> and be on the lookout for any complaints or bad reviews.

Verify the organization's authenticity! A legitimate organization should be able to tell you if they are a non-profit, their mission, and their federal tax ID number (EIN). Ask what percentage of your donation will go to support those in need and how the donation will be used.

Keep a record of your donation by asking for a receipt. Don't assume that crowdfunding or GoFundMe accounts on social media are legitimate.

Avoid organizations or charity campaigns that do the following:

Pressure you and use alarming language to try and get you to donate.

Ask you to donate with cash, through gift cards, or via wire transfer, especially to overseas organizations.

Request personal and financial information, such as your social security number or bank account information. Send emails to you stating you've donated before, contact the organization directly if you'd like to donate.

Send thank-you letters or text messages mimicking legitimate charities. Delete any emails from unknown charities, especially those with email attachments or links. We can all do our part to help each other during this crisis while avoiding scams and keeping our personal and financial information safe. If you think you've been the victim of a scam or received a fraudulent solicitation, file a consumer complaint with the <u>AZ Attorney General</u> and the FTC.

To learn more about scams, fraud and identity theft, visit MaricopaCountyAttorney.org/ScamsAndFraud



## Maricopa County Announces COVID-19 Antibody Project

"Serosurvey" will estimate how much of Maricopa County's population has been infected with COVID-19

PHOENIX (September 2, 2020)—Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) is embarking on an investigation to estimate how many people in Maricopa County have been infected with COVID-19, beyond those who have had a positive diagnostic COVID-19 test. This project, done in partnership with Arizona State University (ASU) and Mayo Clinic, will collect samples from volunteers in 29 communities across the county to estimate how many people currently have antibodies for COVID-19.

"We know that, especially early on in the pandemic, not everyone who was infected was tested. We also know that around of people infected with never develop symptoms and may not be included in our case counts," said Marcy Flanagan, executive director for MCDPH. "By conducting this serosurvey, we will have a better estimate of how many people throughout our county have the antibodies to COVID-19 and how many people vaccinated reach to be to community immunity." Community immunity, also known as herd immunity, is when enough people in a population are immune to a disease so that the disease cannot spread efficiently.

MCDPH and ASU worked with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to implement a method of sampling a small number of households in targeted communities that would represent all of Maricopa County. The CDC gave MCDPH and ASU a list of 29 communities within the county, which will be statistically representative of the entire county.

"This Investigation will provide public health with really important information to help us understand when we can recommend relaxing social distancing and other strategies like mask requirements." said Flanagan. "Ultimately, we will use the information to help us all get safely back to normal," she added.

Residents of the 29 selected communities will receive a door hanger next week to notify them of their eligibility for participation, inform them of the goals of the project, what it involves and provide a way to get more information. Volunteers from MCDPH and ASU will then visit those communities between September 12-20, 2020, to invite residents to participate in the free antibody testing for the serosurvey.

If interested, residents will be able to answer questions about their health and prior exposures to COVID-19 outside their home or at a mobile clinic. Then, a sample will be collected, which will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies by Mayo Clinic. Participants will receive their test results by phone within 7-14 days of participation. All information will be kept confidential, and no government entity outside of

public health will receive any information collected in the serosurvey. Maricopa County will destroy any specimens collected after the information is analyzed and the information will never be released with identifying information.

To keep volunteers and residents safe, volunteers will wear personal protective equipment (PPE), will not ask to enter residents' homes, and will follow safety protocols.

For more information on the serosurvey, including how to tell if a person is part of the serosurvey, please visit <a href="Maricopa.gov/COVID19serosurvey">Maricopa.gov/COVID19serosurvey</a>.

### Board Allocates Additional CARES Act Funds for Individuals and Families

Federal dollars will also help small businesses, non-profits, and food banks

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors is providing additional support to individuals, families, and businesses struggling financially because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board voted today to reallocate federal CARES Act dollars to support local food banks at a time of increased demand and to provide utility assistance to individuals who are behind on electric and gas bills. The Board also voted to expand two successful programs established earlier this summer which provide financial assistance to renters and small business owners respectively.

"Maricopa County has been innovative and dogged in addressing the public health emergency. Not only have we implemented new strategies and initiatives which have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the spread of COVID 19 and have lessened the burden on the local healthcare system, we've also been able to assist individuals and businesses facing financial hardship," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Clint Hickman, District 4. "Now that we better understand what's working and what's needed, we can put federal dollars where they can do the most good."

It has been just three months since the Board of Supervisors approved a wide-ranging plan to spend nearly \$400 million in CARES Act funds. Since then, County departments and partners have jumped into action, making a significant difference in combating the virus and addressing the economic fallout from it. Today, the Board of Supervisors approved adjustments to how some of that money will be spent, with fewer dollars now allocated for county services and more going to individuals, families, and businesses.

Today's vote expands two established programs:

 An additional \$40 million for the Small Business Relief Program: Recognizing the need to support local businesses and non-profits during an unprecedented time, the Board of Supervisors allocated CARES Act funds to design and launch a grant program to reimburse organizations for losses incurred during the pandemic. When the

- first version of the program saw fewer applicants than expected, the Board redesigned the program to ensure more small business and non-profits could benefit. To date, the County has awarded more than \$14 million in grants, with nearly \$12
- million coming in the past month after the program was re-launched. Today's vote makes a total of \$63 million in small business grant money available. Interested businesses and non-profits can see a list of qualifications and apply at azfoundation.org/MaricopaRelief.
- An additional \$6.25 million for the COVID Crisis Rental Assistance Program: In a matter of weeks this summer, the Human Services Department designed and launched a rental assistance program that makes it easier for people affected by the COVID-19 emergency to apply for and get help paying their rent. Since the program began on July 15, more than 1,000 households have received a combined 2,234 months (or \$3.3 million) of paid rent, with another \$2.3 million set to be distributed soon. The Board's vote today increased the amount of funding available for this program from \$30 million to more than \$36 million. You can check eligibility, apply for assistance, and upload documents at maricopa.gov/CovidRentHelp.

Today's Board action also reallocates CARES Act funds to assist individuals and families:

- \$6 million for utility assistance
- \$3 million to support local food banks

More information about these efforts will be released in the coming weeks.

"This Board will do whatever it takes to protect community health and safety and to support economic recovery" said Hickman. "We are grateful that we have federal CARES Act dollars available to help defeat this virus and ensure Maricopa County returns stronger."

#### BACKGROUND

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





### ADOR Warns Businesses of Phishing Scammers

The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) urges employers to be cautious of phishing and other email scams. Scammers will disguise themselves in an attempt to access and abuse sensitive data such as passwords, usernames, social security numbers, payment, and credit card information.

For example, the W-2 form email phishing scam continues to find unsuspecting victims every day. The W-2 form contains an employee's annual wages, the amount of taxes withheld from their paycheck, and other confidential information.

The most popular W-2 form phishing scenario consists of someone in a company's payroll or human resources office receiving an email that appears to be from an executive of that business. Additionally, the email requests for employee W-2 data imposes a sense of urgency and pressure for an immediate response.

When encountering unfamiliar emails, companies should try to identify common grammatical, spelling errors, and old or wrong company information. Furthermore, the email addresses can seem like the company's internal domain email address, but will typically have an external domain email address (e.g., Gmail, yahoo).

ADOR recommends that businesses not respond to any suspicious email and instead connect with the person whose name is on the email by phone or in-person to confirm its authenticity. If there is an internal phone directory available, employees should use the number listed in that directory. Employers are encouraged to establish specific internal procedures for learning how to identify and address W-2 form and other phishing scams.

Individuals and businesses that encounter suspicious activity or have any questions should contact the Department of Revenue's Identity Theft Call Center at: (602) 716-6300, toll-free: (800) 352-4090 or at <a href="https://azdor.gov/individual-income-tax-information/identity-theft">https://azdor.gov/individual-income-tax-information/identity-theft</a>



# ADOT News: Avoid scam 'DMV' websites

Arizona motor vehicle services available at AZ MVD Now and ServiceArizona

Arizona has a lot of unique features – like having a Motor Vehicle Division instead of a Department of Motor Vehicles.

But what might seem like a simple name difference can lead unsuspecting customers to unauthorized websites and scams when they're simply searching for ways to do business online with the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division.

That's because many people may reflexively do a web search for the "Arizona DMV" or something similar, and that can lead them to websites that aren't affiliated with ADOT.

"Azmvdnow.gov iceArizona.com are the only authorized web portals for the MVD, and people need to be wary of imitation sites that could be a scam," said MVD Stakeholder Relations Manager Jennifer Bowser-Richards.



She added, "There are fraudulent websites falsely offering motor vehicle services such as Arizona driver licenses, IDs, and vehicle titles and registration. They can appear in searches with keywords such as MVD or DMV. The best protection for our customers is to activate their secure and personal AZ MVD Now account."

More than two-thirds of MVD services are available through AZ MVD Now. They include popular options such as registration renewal, ordering a duplicate license, and getting a 3-day permit as well as newer online offerings like prepaid vouchers, electronic title services, updating insurance information, the Permit Test @ Home for those getting a learner's permit, getting a motor vehicle record and many more.

Activating an AZ MVD Now account takes just a few minutes. Every current MVD customer already has an account with their driver and vehicle information that's waiting to be activated. Customers may go to <a href="mailto:azmvdnow.gov">azmvdnow.gov</a> and follow the prompts for how to activate their account. The process is free and is protected by several security protocols that are explained on the site and in an accompanying "how-to" video for those who wish to view it.

Additionally, ADOT does not offer MVD services through phone solicitations, nor does it endorse or advertise for online businesses claiming to provide MVD services.

There are legitimate Authorized Third Party businesses that are licensed and authorized to perform MVD transactions in person. A list of Authorized Third Party businesses can be found at <a href="mailto:azdot.gov/mvd">azdot.gov/mvd</a>

# ADOT detectives arrest used-car dealer on charges of defrauding customers and lenders out of hundreds of thousands of dollars

Agency assisted many victims in getting titles for their vehicles

**PHOENIX** Detectives with the Arizona Department Transportation Office of Inspector General have arrested а used car dealer after he allegedly cheated customers and lenders out of hundreds Ωf thousands of through dollars fraudulent schemes and practices.



During the course of the investigation, detectives discovered that Farhad Kankash, owner of Onyx Motorsports in Tempe, had allegedly committed several types of fraud, including failing to provide titles to customers who purchased vehicles, not paying off liens on trade-in vehicles, and defrauding lenders by obtaining multiple loans for the same vehicle.

Through a special titling process known as the director's letter, ADOT was able to provide most of the victims with the titles they needed for the vehicles they purchased. The director's letter process allows ADOT to provide a letter of title to the owner of a vehicle when there is sufficient evidence to show the vehicle belongs to that person.

One of the largest fraud schemes involved a customer who purchased a 2014 Bentley from Onyx Motorsports. After obtaining a loan for the vehicle from his bank, the customer was not satisfied with the car and returned it. Kankash allegedly not only did not refund the customer's money, but obtained a loan for the same vehicle for \$60,000. He then turned around and sold it to another local car dealer under the Onyx dealership name. This allowed Kankash to allegedly obtain more than approximately \$200,000 from three different sources for the same vehicle.

On other occasions, Kankash is alleged to have failed to pay off the liens of vehicles traded in to the dealership leaving the customers with two vehicle loans to pay off. On at least one occasion, Kankash not only failed to pay off the lien of a trade-in, he turned around and sold the vehicle to another customer. This allowed the dealership to profit off the trade-in while leaving the previous owner of the vehicle stuck with paying it off.

Kankash also allegedly committed fraud against lending companies. On one occasion, Kankash obtained two loans from two different lending companies for the same vehicle, a 2014 Land Rover. Each loan was worth over \$60,000, and Kankash used trade-in vehicles that were not his as collateral for the loans.

Kankash was arrested at his Scottsdale home on Sept. 23. He was booked into the Maricopa County Sheriff's Fourth Avenue Jail on 14 felony counts for theft and fraudulent schemes.

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

### INFO OF THE MONTH

Share a tip, recipe, info or some humor, e-mail it to <a href="info@bmcainfo.com">info@bmcainfo.com</a>

### OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PAINT PHOENIX PURPLE

Paint Phoenix Purple is a local Domestic Violence awareness campaign brought to you by a collaboration of more than 50 community, private, and public organizations. Domestic Violence is a serious widespread and dangerous health and safety challenge in our community today. Displaying and wearing purple throughout October, the community can come together to express a strong message there is no place for domestic violence in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, or workplaces. Join us in October as we Paint Phoenix Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness!

### **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)

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: PROTECTING OUR PETS

Join the Oct. 6 webinar and learn more about how Domestic Violence impacts the victims and their pets. Attendees will learn: • Up-to-date statistics and prevalence information about pets and domestic violence. • Information about the intersecting dynamics of pet abuse, child abuse, and domestic violence. • Abuse tactics involving pets. • Strategies to support survivors escaping abuse with their pet. • Traumatic implications of pet abuse and domestic violence on adults and children. To register for the Protecting Our Pets please webinar. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN U URK5tzkRE2IVAtGq8njAQ For any questions please contact samantha@acesdv.org

# JOIN BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE ON FACEBOOK



WHERE WE SHARE INFORMATION!

# DON'T GIVE TO INDIVIDUALS GIVE TO SHELTERS

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

https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgibin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ

www.givesmartaz.org





#### **ELECTION DATE**

General Election November 3, 2020

#### **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

October 5, 2020

https://azsos.gov/elections/voting-election/register-vote-or-update-yourcurrent-voter-information

### **CANDIDATE DEBATES**

Watch the candidates in action and learn where they stand on the issues.

https://www.azcleanelections.gov/arizona-elections/debate-information



### 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 <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom">www.phoenix.gov/newsroom</a>

### CORONAVIRUS BUSINESS & RESIDENT RESOURCES

Please visit <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/Resources">https://www.phoenix.gov/Resources</a> 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 <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/em-and-hs/1054">https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/em-and-hs/1054</a> 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) <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/newssite/Documents/COVID19">https://www.phoenix.gov/newssite/Documents/COVID19</a> Newsroom Main S</a>
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### BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT Block Watch / PNP LISTINGS

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

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

ALL MEETINGS EXCEPT ZOOM MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ANTHEM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH for info call 623-533-2226 or e-mail Chairman Teresa Pierson at <a href="mailto:anwchairman@gmail.com">anwchairman@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:www.OnlineAtAnthem.com">www.OnlineAtAnthem.com</a>

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

BELCANTO BLOCK WATCH gloriapink12@gmail.com

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

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

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

DEER VALLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH ORGANIZATION / PNP (DVPNBWO) Meetings are held at the Deer Valley Park Community Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 contact info call or e-mail Dee at 602-380-1854 or <a href="mailto:giddeeup37@cox.net">giddeeup37@cox.net</a>

**MINI MOON II BLOCK WATCH** (in Moon Valley along Interlacken) Primary Contact: Myra Ridder <a href="mailto:myraridder@cox.net">myraridder@cox.net</a> President/Chair: Ron Gundlach <a href="mailto:ron@azfab.com">ron@azfab.com</a> Contact us for meeting info.

**MOON VALLEY BLOCK WATCH** For info contact: Blanche Lukes at 602-993-6736 or <a href="moonvalleybw@cox.net">moonvalleybw@cox.net</a>

**MOON VALLEY GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH** meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, May, September and November. The other months they are with the BMCA Meetings. <a href="mailto:mvge@cox.net">mvge@cox.net</a> 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. 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm in the Clubhouse. Call 602-471-5861 or e-mail <a href="mailto:sevenpalmsblockwatchpn@yahoo.com">sevenpalmsblockwatchpn@yahoo.com</a> for info.

VILLAGE MEADOWS BLOCK WATCH for info call Debbie Delwiche 602-942-7550 or e-mail <a href="mrs427ford@aol.com">mrs427ford@aol.com</a>

# CRIME TIPS:

## ONLINE SHOPPING CAN LEAD TO BIG DEALS ... OR BIGGER SCAMS

The pandemic has many of us trying to limit our time in stores. This has led to a surge in the already growing online shopping industry. However, while shopping online is more convenient these days, the recent increase has also presented an increased opportunity for scammers. And their goals are always the same: to get a hold of your money or take your sensitive personal information in order to commit identity theft.

### **HOW IT WORKS:**

Scammers create bogus websites or apps to lure in unsuspecting shoppers with too-good-to-be-true deals. They may even use a web address that closely mirrors a well-known retail site in the hope that shoppers won't notice.

Scammers are pros at mocking up emails that look like they are from Amazon; one of the more sophisticated versions of this scam has evolved into the "tech support scam," in which the criminal convinces the target to grant remote access to his device.

Scammers are also able to post fake customer-support phone numbers online. So when a person does a search for "Amazon customer service," there's a chance it might not be the real contact number and the call goes directly to the scammers.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Online shopping scams are a huge industry unto themselves; chances are high that you have or will come across a scam site as you surf the internet.

Some copycat sites will deliver merchandise, but they'll be shoddy versions of what you were expecting. More often, however, they'll take your money and run, never sending anything at all.

Scammers have sophisticated tools they use to make fake email messages appear legitimate.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Shop online with stores you trust rather than finding unfamiliar or unverified companies through a search engine.

Don't rely on a web search to look up customer service numbers. Go directly to the store's website. Or when contacting your credit card issuer, refer to the number on the back of your card.

Rather than clicking on a link to a store from an email message, go to your browser and type in the web address in order to avoid landing on a fake site.

Listen to your inner skeptic as you scroll through your inbox, knowing that some messages might not be what they appear to be.

## TECH SCAMMERS KNOW YOU ARE HOME ... AND ONLINE

Two things have been certain during this pandemic: People have been home more than ever, and they've been using technology more than ever to stay connected to the outside world. Scammers are keyed into these facts and are taking advantage. It's the classic tech-support scam, and it is running rampant right now.

### **HOW IT WORKS:**

You receive a phone call from what appears to be Microsoft or another big tech company, claiming they detected a virus on your device that requires your immediate attention.

Or you sit down to your device to find a pop-up message warning that your device is infected and you need to call the number in the message or click a link right away.

A "technician" explains the severity of the issue, requests remote access to your device and then shows you "the problem."

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

The "technician" often calls back months later, offers you a refund and asks for your bank account information to deposit the money.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Big tech companies say they don't call customers to warn of problems on their devices.

The supposedly problematic files the "technician" shows you on your device are completely benign.

The scammer may ask you to pay by credit card or may direct you to purchase a gift or reloadable card and provide the account number and PIN (this is always a red flag).

The "technician" may install malware on your device while they have access to harvest usernames and passwords to exploit your accounts.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

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

If the caller claims you have a problem with your device, don't believe it.

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

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

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



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.

### **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

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e.mari.herrera-daniels@phoenix.gov

Dist. 3: KRISTA ROY 602-495-0380

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### **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 be1/4 -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 day,

I'm sharing information I copied from the Police Department's Facebook page. In case you haven't received the news:

#### **G.A.I.N. 2020 INFORMATION**

Due to city and state restrictions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board and the City of Phoenix regret to announce that our scheduled GAIN events (kickoff-October 03, 2020 and GAIN day-October 17, 2020) have been postponed until further notice. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep everyone updated on future projected dates for the GAIN events.

Thank you for understanding and stay safe.

For more information call 602-534-9514, email Detective Justin Martin at <u>Justin.Martin@phoenix.gov</u>

From: <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/police/resources-information/gain">https://www.phoenix.gov/police/resources-information/gain</a> [I.facebook.com]

Phoenix PD is participating in the **National Faith and Blue Weekend** scheduled October 9-12, 2020.

Visit the following link for more information and how churches can participate:

https://faithandblue.org/about/

Communities are stronger and safer when residents and law enforcement professionals can relate as ordinary people with shared values, hopes, and dreams. The partners who are a part of National Faith & Blue Weekend believe we can find ways to work together around our many commonalities instead of being divided by our differences.

### **ROOF RAT RESOURCES**

I hope this email finds you and yours well. Recently I have received emails regarding issues with roof rats. In my quest to assist I was sent the following helpful information. Please share, together we can combat the problem:

What does the City of Phoenix do About Roof Rats in the Sewer? The City Water Services Department's Wastewater Collection Division has an aggressive program to trap and remove roof rats that occasionally find their way into the sewer. Traps are quickly set, baited, monitored and remain as long as rats continue to be captured. Contact 602-262-6691 (business hours on weekdays) or 602-261-8000 (afterhours and weekends) to report roof rats in the City's sewer system.

Here are some additional resources to reference:

https://www.phoenix.gov/waterservicessite/Documents/Roof %20Rats%202019.pdf

https://www.maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6374/What-You-Can-Do-to-Prevent-and-Control-Rats-PDF

https://www.maricopa.gov/632/Vector-Control

Take care and stay connected. - Mari Herrera-Daniels



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!

Good afternoon Neighborhood Leaders.

Over the last several weeks we've shared our Neighborhood Activities Flier with you. The flier was our small way of encouraging folks to stay positive and socially connected while remaining healthy and safe. True to form, our neighborhoods with creativity, compassion and resilience far exceeded any expectations we had. So this week we don't have a flier to share, we have a slideshow celebrating all of you and all you've accomplished through these trying times. We love our neighborhoods. You're what makes Phoenix great and we couldn't be more proud! Please use the following link to access the video, and don't forget to share this message with your family, neighbors and friends.

□ Neighborhood Activities Flier Slideshow: <a href="https://youtu.be/0t0vrJqXHvc">https://youtu.be/0t0vrJqXHvc</a>

## PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES UPDATE

The city's <u>indoor recreational facilities are</u> temporarily closed.

The city's outdoor recreational facilities are open normal hours of operation. That includes parks, trails and golf courses. Some <u>park</u> <u>amenities and sports complexes are temporarily closed</u>.

Reservable athletic fields reopened September 10. #Homepage

All large gatherings and events on city park property have been canceled or postponed until further notice. This includes groups and organizations that have a special activity request.

Registration for in-person classes, programs and activities is postponed until further notice. Community members are encouraged to participate in the FREE PHXPlays at Home and FitPHX virtual recreation programs. #Community Centers #allpks

<u>Learn more about Parks and Recreation</u> impacted services

Review physical distancing guidelines for public parks and trails





People say 60 is the new 40. The cop who just pulled me over didn't agree.

# 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 det13ermine 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.)





### 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

## "JUST IN CASE"

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

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

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

Made possible by the Phoenix Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program

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





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

PERSONAL ID KITS have been put on hold due to COVID 19 and until the City reopens the Community Centers.

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

#### **KEY FEATURES of the PERSONAL ID KIT:**

- The PERSONAL ID KIT includes contact information, digital fingerprints, photos & video interviews
- The EZ Child Computer System digitally scans all 10 fingerprints in a matter of seconds
- The EZ Child Computer creates Child, Adult and Senior ID reports along with two laminated ID Cards
- 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 19<sup>TH</sup> 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/cgibin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ

**IDENTITY THEFT** / FEDERAL TRADE COMM. Recovery and information <a href="https://www.ldentityTheft.gov">www.ldentityTheft.gov</a>

### **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 <a href="https://maricoparegion911.onthealert.com/Terms/lndex/?ReturnUrl=%2f">https://maricoparegion911.onthealert.com/Terms/lndex/?ReturnUrl=%2f</a>

### 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

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### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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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
	/ 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
	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

WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT AND DONATIONS FOR OUR CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY PROJECTS FROM OUR

# COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERS!

BUSINESSES: If you are interested in partnering with the BMCA, please call Candice Fremouw at 480-467-7399.

e-mail to: info@bmcainfo.com Mail to: BMCA, P. O. Box 41306, Phoenix, AZ 85080

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