



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. All are welcome to attend our monthly **BMCA Block Watch / Black Mountain Precinct Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) MEETINGS** on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except July, August and November) at 6:30 pm where you can meet with your CAOs, get the latest PNP info and see informative Presentations on Crime Prevention at the **Deer Valley Community Center (in the Multi-purpose Room), 2001 W. Wapahila Lane, Phoenix, Arizona 85027**

**BMCA & PNP MEETINGS HAVE BEEN
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO
THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK**

PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

STAY SAFE!

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

We're in this together! Looking for help? Check out these additional resources for Phoenix businesses, the workforce, and residents relating to the Coronavirus COVID-19 health emergency. We will continue to update this page with new information when confirmed. Please call BEFORE visiting any listed location to verify current hours of operation. Residents with questions about city services and programs are encouraged to call (602) 262-3111 or email contactus@phoenix.gov. Please visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/Resources> for the latest updates to accessing resources: – For job seekers & laid off workers – Affordable housing – For businesses – Nutrition assistance – For non-profits/arts organizations – Senior meals – Covid-19 testing – Healthcare – Family or individual meals – Other help – Emergency rent, utility or eviction – Student meals – Parenting resources – For individual artists – Student loan resources – More resources websites



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

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Precinct: 602.495.5002

PEDESTRIAN RELATED TRAFFIC INCIDENTS

Hello!!! I hope that this month finds you well. I hope that you are all making the best of the time you have with your families. We at the Phoenix Police Department are still working and striving to take care of the communities we serve. This month I would like to quickly address pedestrian safety. Last year Phoenix was number one for traffic collisions involving pedestrians. To help reduce these types of collisions, I would like to address a few possible factors that may help reduce the number of future collisions. First, I want to address pedestrians crossing the street mid-block. Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S) 28-793 states that a pedestrian crossing at other point than a crosswalk marked or unmarked at an intersection shall yield the right of way to motor vehicles. This means if you are crossing the street at a place other than a crosswalk you have to yield to the vehicles on the roadway. It also states that a pedestrian shall not cross between adjacent intersections where traffic control signals are in operation. In other words, if there is a crosswalk at an operating intersection you are required to use it.

Secondly, I want to discuss pedestrians on the roadway. A.R.S 28-796 simply states that if there is a sidewalk provided you must use it. If there are no sidewalks than you are to walk only when practical and along the left side of the roadway. You are to walk facing approaching traffic so you as the pedestrian can see on coming vehicles. It also states that a person shall not stand in the roadway to solicit a ride from the driver of a vehicle.

Lastly, there are a few things that drivers can remember to help prevent a collision. First and foremost, the most important, is your vehicle's speed. In addition, cars today are quieter, smoother and faster than they have ever been. These things can contribute to distracted driving such as texting, eating and even turning the radio up loud and singing and dancing along to the music. When you become distracted you lose track of things such as your speed and your direction of travel. When you become distracted, you are more likely to drift to the side of the road. If there is a pedestrian walking nearby the likelihood of you colliding with them will increase. Your vehicle's speed is important to monitor. The faster you go, the less time you have to react to something in your path. This is because you are covering ground more quickly than you would at a lower speed.

There is also one other thing to be thoughtful about as a driver of a motor vehicle. A.R.S 28-645 discusses how to handle a pedestrian in a crosswalk at an intersection. It states that if you approach an intersection to make a right or left turn and there is a person in the crosswalk (marked or unmarked) the driver of the motor vehicle will yield the right of way to the pedestrian. However, there is a section that instructs pedestrians to obey the walk signal at a marked intersection.

My goal today is to simply educate you to a few things that might help reduce the chances of a pedestrian involved collision. I included the statute numbers so that you are able to continue reading them for further education and reminders of our responsibilities while on the roadway.



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

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

I will send out information 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.

-Sgt. Rachel Warren

'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)

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.)

<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

DON'T GIVE TO INDIVIDUALS GIVE TO SHELTERS

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

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

www.givesmartaz.org



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



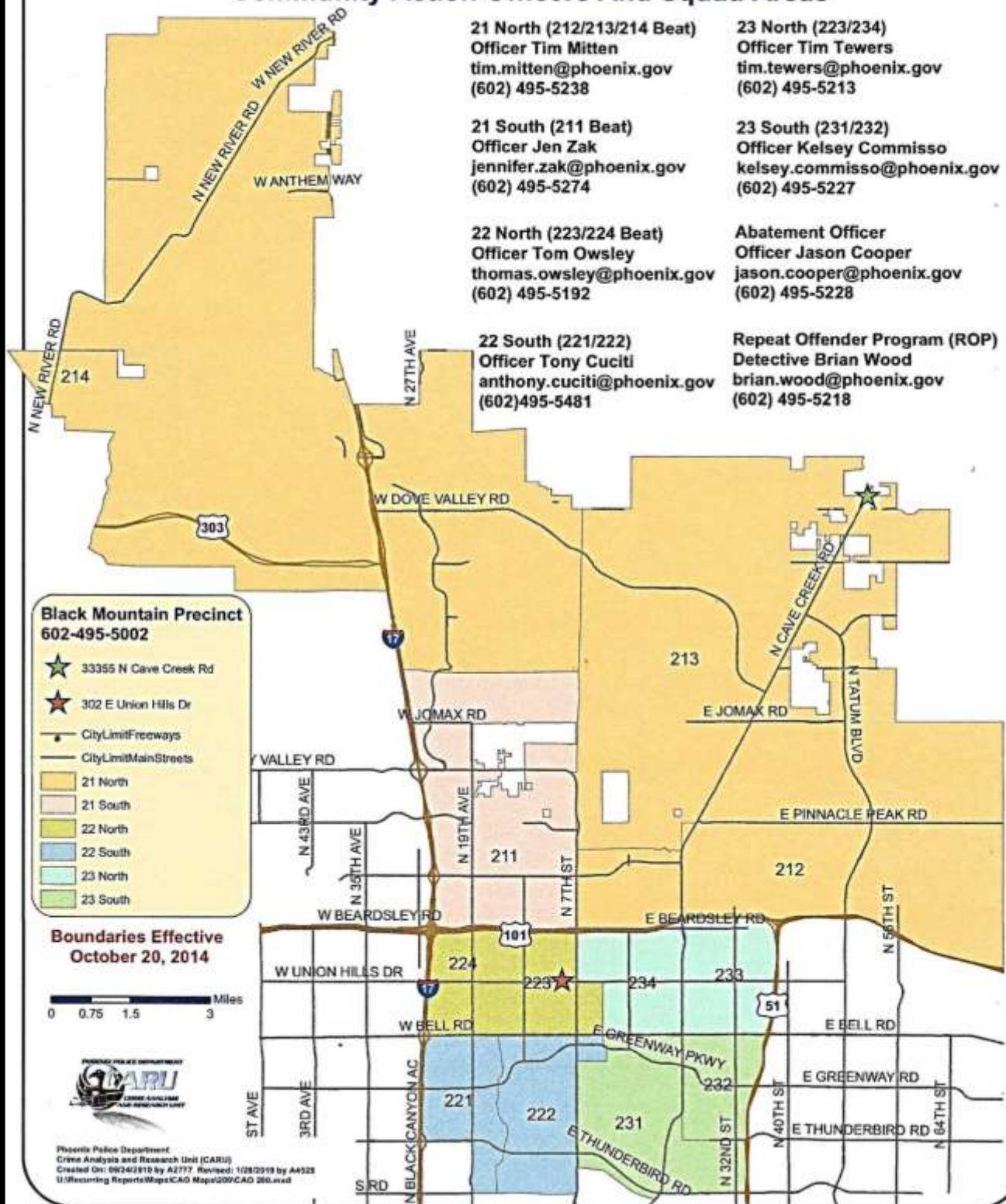
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Black Mountain Precinct Community
Programs Lt. Brian Rimsza
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City of Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct (200) Community Action Officers And Squad Areas



CITYWIDE PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL



Detective Brian Kornegay

Online Meetings and Classes

APRIL 24: This week PNP hosted 2 successful online meetings using the Zoom platform, the monthly citywide PNP meeting and a PNP Radar class. We were testing the online format and we want to everyone who signed in. The monthly meeting had 50 people in attendance by my count, if not an attendance record it was close.

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. I have attached 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.

PNP Classes

Although we hear rumors that the COVID-19 restrictions might be lifted or partially lifted in the upcoming weeks, we are going to err on the side of caution, and cancel the "in-person" PNP class scheduled for May 16, 2020 and offer an online class in its place. The exact date and time of the replacement online classes has not been determined yet, we are still working out the logistics. I will be reaching out to everyone who has registered for May 16th and let them know.

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 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 photo with the application to be used for their PNP badge.

More to follow as we get everything finalized.

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.

602-256-4303 Desk / 602-534-2346 Fax

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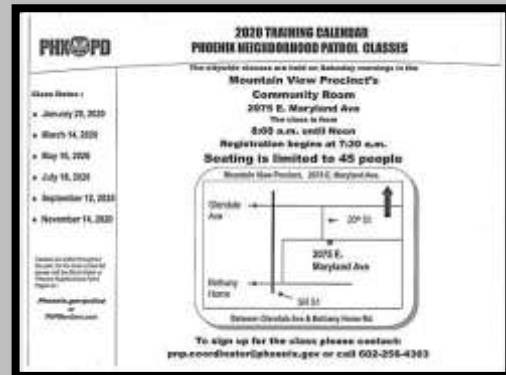
"Policing with a Purpose"

Block Watch and Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol TRAINING

Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol / Block Watch 4 hour Training

- Helps neighbors to be better eyes and ears for the Phoenix Police Department.
- Know when to call 911 or Crime Stop [602 262 6151](tel:6022626151)
- Understand the process of why the operator asks the questions and what information to be prepared with.
- Be an observer without being confrontational.

**NEXT TRAINING ON MAY 16th
MAY BE ONLINE**



PNP PATROL OPPORTUNITY!

**First Friday's Art Walk
PNP Patrols
have been suspended at this time**

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

FOND FAREWELL...

Shereen's last day with the District 1 Office was on Monday, April 20; she recently accepted a position outside the city of Phoenix. Shereen joined my office three years ago and has never hesitated to jump in and help...with a smile. While I served as Mayor, she worked in both offices helping residents in District 1 and around the city resolve concerns. Thank you, Shereen. She will be missed, but I am excited for her future and wish her well as she begins her next chapter. Andrea will be taking over the newsletter and will continue her work with constituents. Sina will continue as my assistant will also help with constituents. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 602-262-7444 or council.district.1@phoenix.gov.



PHOENIX DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

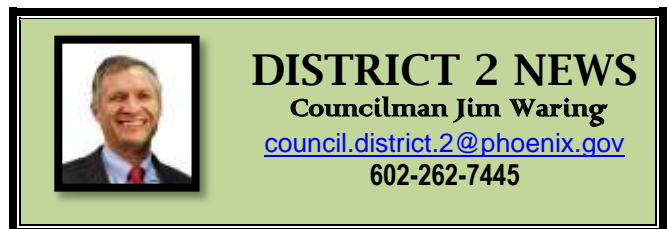
The City of Phoenix Family Advocacy Center, the Phoenix Police Department and the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence are teaming up to spread a message of hope and help for those facing dangerous situations at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Domestic Violence Help! is a community initiative launching today designed to share hotline and website information so victims of domestic abuse can move forward as survivors. Police has invited local radio stations, TV stations and billboard companies to join with us in spreading this important public service message. The Phoenix Newsroom will have sharable stories of survivors along with expert advice for people who need help or know someone who needs help. Why this message right now in the middle of a world-wide pandemic? Domestic violence calls are on the rise. In the month of March, calls for service were up more than 5% year-over-year. The first two weeks of April, that number jumped to 15%. While the causes of domestic violence are as varied as the individuals involved, we know the following risk factors are increasing due to COVID19: • Stay at home orders and social isolation could put potential abusers closer to their victims • Victims may not have access to the same network of support systems through family and friends • Economic fears could add increased stress on both the abuser and their potential victim. • Domestic abuse is about power and control. Abuser may use COVID19 fears to exercise control over their victims • Victims may worry that shelters or other resources aren't available because of COVID closures— that's not true. Help is available whenever you need it. The following resources are available: • The Family Advocacy Center: 602-534-2120 • Find resources at <https://www.phoenix.gov/police/domesticviolence> • National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-SAFE (7233) • Arizona Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence:

<https://www.acesdv.org/> • Remember if you can't speak you can text 911. We invite you to use your social media platforms to share this important message. Finding individual and group support is crucial for victims to develop the strength required to leave the abusive situation and make a better life for themselves.

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>



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

Facebook: [facebook.com/waringjim](https://www.facebook.com/waringjim)



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

Greetings from Councilwoman Stark,
The City of Phoenix has just enacted changes to city services as a response to Coronavirus.

Please continue to protect yourself and others around you--stay home if you are sick; cover your cough/sneeze with your elbow or tissue; and wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds (or use hand sanitizer if soap isn't available). Remember to get your information from a credible source, like the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) and the [AZDHS](https://www.azdhs.gov).

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

Please click [here](#) for more information from the City of Phoenix Communications Department.

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](#)

INFO OF THE MONTH

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

Maricopa County Parks Taking Preventive Actions to Protect Visitors

Maricopa County's parks, trails, and open spaces provide spaces for respite, health, and wellness. However the temporary closures of local gyms, entertainment services, and recreational opportunities has made open space parks and trails some of the most sought after spaces to exercise, relieve stress, and relax.

"The first weekend the Governor's closure of non-essential services was put in place, our regional parks saw a 26 percent increase in park attendance," stated Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairman Clint Hickman, District 4. "Our team quickly realized we had to modify our operating procedures to ensure those visiting the parks would have a safe environment to hike, bike, and recreate in."

For the past month, the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department has been relying heavily on guidance and expertise from the Public Health Department for the most up to date information on COVID-19 best practices and safety protocols for the parks. Marcy Flanagan, Executive Director for Maricopa County Department of Public Health notes, "Exercise is an important component of overall health and wellbeing. Physical activity also helps support mental health, and outdoor activity can be a great way to maintain mental health while practicing physical distancing."

The parks department has made difficult operational decisions to ensure physical distancing in County parks. "While the decision to close several popular trailheads, the northern section of Lake Pleasant Regional Park, and limit the capacity for each park was a difficult one for us to make, the majority of our park visitors understand why these decisions were made and support our efforts," added R.J. Cardin, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department Director.

This week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released COVID-19 Guidance for Park Administrators to offer guidance to local, state, and national parks managing the resources. The guidelines cover the following safety precautions:

- Promoting everyday preventive actions
- Guidance on maintaining and ensuring restrooms remain open for public visitation
- Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection of swimming pools
- Canceling or postponing large events and gatherings
- Social-distancing in popular areas of the parks
- Postponing or canceling organized activities and sports
- Educating staff sick-leave, teleworking policies, and COVID-19 preventative actions
- Reviewing the CDC's guidance for businesses and employers

"These guidelines, coupled with the guidance we've received from Public Health, provide me comfort in knowing we've taken the appropriate recommended actions to promote physical-distancing and safe recreational experiences in the parks. And, our parks will continue to follow these additional safety precautions until we are informed by the Board or Governor that they are no longer needed," Cardin added.

The department would also like to remind the community that they should continue to:

- Stay home if they are sick or do not feel well.
- Visit parks that are close to your home.

- Prepare before you visit. Make sure you bring sunscreen, water, hand-sanitizer, and personal hygiene items.
- Use physical distancing and maintain at least six feet between individuals in all areas of the park.
- Stay at least six feet away from others to ensure physical-distancing and help stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Move to another area if the trailhead or area of the park you are visiting is crowded.

We are all in this together and need to work together to help stop the spread!

REMINDER!

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.

CRIME TIPS:

THERE'S NO CURRENT CURE FOR CORONAVIRUS. THAT WON'T STOP SCAMMERS FROM TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR STRESS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

As the novel coronavirus spreads, so too have coronavirus scams. The most obvious are companies touting colloidal silver as a defense against the outbreak or selling access to nonexistent vaccines. Others include peddling illegal prescription drugs, impersonating health agency officials, and spoofing or phishing attempts.

These deceptions don't only raise false hopes and lighten victims' wallets. Medications that have not been proven to treat, prevent or cure diseases can cause real harm, leading people to delay or stop proven courses of treatment. Read on for an array of scam tactics seeking to take advantage of our coronavirus fears.

TYPES OF SCAMS:

Scammers use ads, bogus websites, direct mail, email and social media to push herbs, oils, pills, powders, supplements and teas with supposed properties to cure chronic diseases, ease pain, melt away pounds, ward off infection — and now to prevent, treat or cure coronavirus.

Along with peddling snake oil, shady companies or outright scammers offer actual medications without a prescription.

Scammers are impersonating federal health agencies in phishing emails designed to get your personal data.

A map of the outbreak online offered by Johns Hopkins University is being spoofed, and if you click on an ad or email link to a fake map, it will deploy malicious software on your device that will steal your login credentials or your bank account information.

The internet is replete with fake websites with "coronavirus" or "COVID-19" in their web addresses. Avoid doing searches on these terms and instead go to websites of authorities that you personally trust.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Be skeptical. If a claim for an untested or little-known product sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Carefully check the email addresses for messages supposedly coming from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the World Health Organization. Best practice is to visit their actual websites by typing [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [who.int](https://www.who.int) into your web browser to get reliable, up-to-date information.

Don't open attachments or click on links in unsolicited emails or texts about medical products or global health crises.

Make sure you are up to date with your security software, browser and operating system, and run antivirus software regularly.

Report scams to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov/complaint or to your state Attorney General.



"CENSUS DAY" MAY HAVE JUST PASSED ... BUT CENSUS SCAMS ARE JUST BEGINNING

While the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic dominates headlines, the 2020 census count continues, albeit with some adjustments. And while April 1st was Census Day, that doesn't mean it's too late to complete your questionnaire. In fact, it is required by law.

And as always, scammers are chasing headlines for their own personal financial benefit. One example — scammers hunting for personal info are calling folks just like you, claiming that completing the census is required in order to be eligible to receive coronavirus stimulus funds (the Census Bureau says stimulus fund distribution is NOT connected to completion of the census questionnaire). But census scams don't stop there.

HOW IT WORKS:

Census scammers may contact you by phone, email, regular mail or home visit, or direct you to phony websites, seeking personal and financial information.

Like other government impostors, they adopt the mantle of officialdom in hopes of winning your trust — and they have the added advantage of pretending to represent an agency specifically tasked with asking questions.

Census scammers may threaten you with arrest if you fail to complete their questionnaire or provide them with the information they ask for.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

All census mailings will have a return address of Jeffersonville, IN, the site of the National Processing Center. If it's from somewhere else, it's not from the U.S. Census Bureau.

There are some things no genuine census survey or agent will ask for, whether by phone, email or in person — for example, your Social Security, credit card or bank account number. They won't ask for money. They won't threaten jail time if you don't answer their questions.

Traditionally, those who do not complete their survey questionnaire could receive an in-person visit from a census representative. However, in light of the coronavirus pandemic, the U.S. Census Bureau has temporarily suspended in-person interviews.

While taking part in the census is required by law, you CANNOT be imprisoned for failing to complete it.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Contact the Census Bureau's [National Processing Center](https://www.census.gov/processing/datacenter) or the [regional office](https://www.census.gov/processing/datacenter) for your state to verify that census communications you receive are genuine.

Don't trust caller ID — scammers can use "spoofing" tools to make it appear they're calling from a real Census Bureau number. Call the National Processing Center at 800-523-3205, 800-642-0469 or 800-877-8339 (TDD/TTY) to verify that a phone survey is legitimate.

You can report suspected scams to the regional Census Bureau office serving your state and to the [Federal Trade Commission](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint) (online or at 877-382-4357). And, as always, you can call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline to report a scam or for help at 877-908-3360.

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](https://www.aarp.org/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.*



MCAO Employees Organize Donations to Domestic Violence Shelter in the Valley



Spending more time at home puts those in abusive relationships at risk, that's where support from local domestic violence shelters can make a difference. While shelters receive funding from many sources, they still rely on donations for essential supplies. As we follow the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected" order these essential items are now even more limited. Additionally, due to COVID-19 concerns most shelters aren't taking in-person or drop-off donations, especially those of used items, for health and safety reasons.

MCAO attorney Maureen Feeney from the Family Violence Bureau saw this need and stepped up to help. "Based on reporting and statistics from around the world, we are anticipating that there will be an increased need for domestic violence services and shelters in the coming weeks and months. Even under normal circumstances, it is hard for victims to remove themselves from unsafe environments, and right now, it is especially challenging, given that there is such a strain on the availability of basic supplies."

With help from fellow attorney Shay Beasley, the two called around local shelters and compiled a list of items that were needed the most. They then shared that list with other employees in the Family Violence Bureau and encouraged them to participate. "This is an uncertain and stressful time, and collecting basic items to donate to families in crisis seemed like a simple and constructive action we could take as a bureau."

The Family Violence Bureau along with support from friends and family have collected an impressive amount of diapers, baby wipes, books, coloring/activity books, crayons, makers, puzzles, towels, underwear, toiletries, and cleaning supplies. "Our hope is that these donations, even small ones, might help victims choose to remain in safe situations and away from their abusers."

While organizations are currently not accepting gently used or drop off items, they have created Amazon Wish-Lists, where items can be purchased online and shipped directly to the shelter. For those doing some spring cleaning at home, set aside gently used items that could be donated to shelters at a later time. To help support victims of domestic violence during this very difficult time, [browse the list of shelters](#) to find one in your local community.

For anyone in need of support call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233, text LOVEIS to 22522, or chat safely online at [TheHotline.org](#)

Allister Adel
Allister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney

COVID-19 Resources and Information for Maricopa County Residents

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

Operations Impact

The declaration of emergency has impacted operations at County facilities. Customers are encouraged to conduct business online whenever possible. This link has a list of county services and department operations that are being impacted by COVID-19, and what's being done to provide the most optimal customer service given the circumstances: <https://www.maricopa.gov/5378/County-Services-Impacted-by-COVID-19>

Community Assistance

Resources are also available for those struggling in the community. Maricopa County can connect residents to rental assistance, food assistance, mental and physical health resources, and employment opportunities for job seekers. Much of this is being coordinated through the Maricopa County Human Services Department: <https://www.maricopa.gov/5511/HSDs-Response-to-COVID-19>

Recreational Options

Staying healthy and protecting your community means it's a good idea to stay home when possible. If you do need a nature break, you can check out some of the less traveled Maricopa County Parks trails

(maricopacountyparks.net). With 596 miles of trails, there is plenty of room to roam. Visitors are cautioned to be mindful of social distancing practices (maintain 6-8 feet distance where possible) while on the trail and in busy parking lots. You may explore other outdoor options by using the Healthy Maricopa app which is available for download on both Android and Apple devices (<https://maricopacounty.github.io/healthy-app/>).

Public Inquiries

Members of the public can get the latest information on the county response to COVID-19 by visiting maricopa.gov/COVID19. You may also want to follow Maricopa County and Maricopa County Public Health on social media. There are updates available in both English and Spanish.

Twitter: [@maricopacounty](#) [@maricopahealth](#)
[@condadomarcopa](#) [@saludmaricopa](#)

Facebook: [@maricopacountyaz](#) [@MCDPH](#)
[@condadomarcopa](#) [@saludpublicamaricopa](#)

For community partners looking to share approved messaging to help stop the spread, we have a [COVID19 Communications Toolkit](#). There are multi-language flyers, FAQs related to the virus, and downloadable graphics designed to share on social media.

Media Inquiries

All media requests related to COVID-19 should be directed to the Joint Information Center using the following email address: caomedia@maricopa.gov. These requests will be sent to the assigned JIC public information officer for follow-up and response. JIC coverage is also in place for the weekend.

MARICOPA COUNTY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROVIDE RESOURCES TO PEOPLE IN CRISIS

In this community, partnerships between government bodies, private industry, non-governmental agencies, non-profit organizations and others play an important role in providing critical services to those in need, especially during an emergency. Maricopa County's Community Organizations Active in Disaster group (COAD) is stepping up to provide support services to residents in coordination with Maricopa County's efforts.

"These organizations are from public, private, faith-based and non-profit sectors," said Robert Rowley, Director Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management. "Our COAD is new and this is the first time these organizations have activated and integrated into County Unified Command."

The COAD's member organizations work behind the scenes to coordinate logistics and delivery of services for those who are most vulnerable in our community. One of them stepped up to answer a call by the governor to provide information and resources to Arizonans who need it most.

At the request of Governor Doug Ducey, the Crisis Response Network activated a hotline on March 22 to provide information and resources to those in need. The bilingual hotline is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by dialing 2-1-1.

The hotline connects people throughout the state with local services, and for those of us living in Maricopa County, it connects individuals and families with organizations participating in the COAD.

"It's natural for people to feel unsure and anxious in times like this," said Justin Chase, President and CEO of Crisis Response Network. "We recommend people take breaks from social media and news because hearing repeated messages about the pandemic can take a toll. Reach out to the crisis hotline if you need help."

Live-answer service in Spanish and English is available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days per week. Trained specialists listen carefully to callers' concerns and connect them to community resources as needed.

As of April 20, 2020, the line has received over 25,000 calls.

Emergency Management Director Rowley praised the work of this effort at a news conference earlier today. "This partnership is something our community should be proud of. It is about helping those in need and doing what it takes to care for each other."

In addition to providing resources to individuals, business owners and managers can also call 2-1-1 to get information on what their businesses can do to support employees, customers, and staff, as well as resources that can support the business.

Justin Chase offered these other tips to those in the community who may be struggling:

- Take care of your body. Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, and avoid alcohol and drugs.
- Make time to unwind. Try to do some other activities you enjoy.
- Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.

For more information about resources in the community, visit www.arizonatogether.org or call 2-1-1.

"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**

FOR SAFETY SAKE, WATCH YOUR SPEED IN WORK ZONES

Even with lighter traffic, slow down
around work crews

PHOENIX – Freeway construction crews have a message for drivers tempted to speed when they find themselves on freeways that have lighter traffic these days: Slow down.



The Arizona Department of Transportation's workers and contractors are continuing improvement projects on state highways while many people are at home during the current public health situation. Work continues on Interstate 10 in Phoenix and Tucson, on Loop 101 in the Phoenix area and elsewhere across Arizona, with ADOT able to expand the hours of some projects because of the lighter traffic.

Speed limits in work zones are reduced for the safety of both workers and drivers, said Dallas Hammit, ADOT's state engineer and deputy director for transportation.

"There often are fewer lanes open, and drivers need to slow down so they can adjust to lane closures and other restrictions they aren't used to," Hammit said. "They also need to give themselves time to react if another driver changes lanes because they weren't aware of a lane restriction."

The danger crews face is real and fresh in their minds. In March, Frank Dorizio of ADOT's Incident Response Unit was struck and killed by a car that veered out of travel lanes while he was setting up signs alerting drivers to pavement repairs along I-10 south of Phoenix.

Those stopped by law enforcement for speeding in work zones can face substantial fines, often more than standard speeding fines.

"Troopers take a zero-tolerance stance to speeding in a construction zone," said Lt. Col. Jenna Mitchell, assistant director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety's Highway Patrol Division. "Everyone plays a part in public safety, and we ask drivers to slow down and be courteous so everyone can get home safely."

Following these work zone safety tips from [azdot.gov/WorkZone](https://www.azdot.gov/WorkZone) may save your life and the lives of road workers and others:

- **Pay attention:** Observe and obey posted warning signs, as well as flaggers. You can be cited for disobeying a flagger's directions.
- **Expect the unexpected:** Speed limits might be lowered, travel lanes could be narrowed or eliminated and people may be working near your travel lane.
- **Slow down:** Speeding is one of the leading causes of work zone crashes.
- **Merge safely:** Do it early and carefully or as directed by signage instead of barging into a line of vehicles at the last moment.

Don't tailgate: The most common crash in a work zone is the rear-end collision. Don't follow too closely and, again, slow down.

ADOT REALLOCATES N95 MASKS TO SUPPORT VETERANS, OTHERS IN PANDEMIC

More than 2,600 masks delivered to assisted care facilities

PHOENIX – The Arizona Department of Transportation has reallocated more than 2,600 N95 respirator masks to two state-operated assisted care facilities to help address a need for personal protective equipment during the current health situation.

ADOT delivered 1,440 masks to the Arizona State Veteran Home in Phoenix and 1,200 masks to the Arizona Pioneers' Home in Prescott following a call for the protective gear from the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs and Governor Doug Ducey.

"We knew there was a shortage in the medical community, so we made these available to the other state agencies that had a more critical need," said Sonya Herrera, director of ADOT's Administrative Services Division.

Until receiving the donation, the Arizona Pioneers' Home had only a small supply of the protective gear remaining for a staff that cares for pioneers and retired miners.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart on behalf of the Arizona Pioneers' Home for your donation of masks," Director of Nursing Jamie Suffriti said in a note to ADOT. "I am beyond grateful over the support ADOT has provided us! You are helping to save lives and keep the staff and our residents safe. I am and will always be grateful."

ADOT had purchased the personal protective equipment during a previous viral outbreak and quickly evaluated its inventory when learning of the current demand for the medical-grade masks.

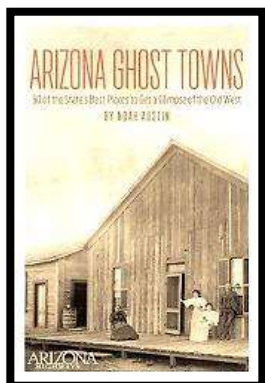
"We truly appreciate ADOT's quick response to our need for more N95 masks," Arizona State Veteran Home Administrator Kimberly Trotta said. "Through this critical time, we are encouraged by the kindness shown to us as we continue to care for our veterans."

As with many other professions, ADOT's staff and construction contractors are working to abide by guidance from the Arizona Department of Health Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including social distancing and a recommendation to wear cloth face coverings in public places.

To learn more about ADOT's efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit [azdot.gov/covid-19-resource-center](https://www.azdot.gov/covid-19-resource-center)

ARIZONA HIGHWAYS GUIDEBOOK EXPLORES FRONTIER-ERA GHOST TOWNS

Book celebrates 50 sites, from mining camps to
military posts



PHOENIX – Arizona Highways celebrates the mining camps and military posts of the state's frontier past with a new book that reveals the history of ghost towns for modern-day visitors.

Arizona Ghost Towns documents the fascinating past of 50 historic locales with stunning photographs from today and pioneer times.

The book is authored by Noah Austin, managing editor of Arizona Highways, who first explored these historic sites while researching 13 ghost towns for the magazine's October 2018 issue. A 1994 Arizona Highways book on ghost towns guided the fact-finding while also showing the need for new information. Towns were no longer accessible, had been demolished or changed fundamentally over the decades.

Rather than update the previous book, Austin trekked 5,000 miles to take a fresh look at the state's ghost towns. Austin shares behind-the-scenes stories, from getting startled by a giant cow while hiking to the Gold King Mansion near Kingman, to changing a flat tire on a dirt road in mid-July near Swansea in far western Arizona. Misadventures aside, he remained focused on identifying ghost towns that are worth seeing and also accessible to the general public.

Online research and old newspaper clippings helped paint a picture of the towns in their heyday so Austin was prepared before visiting every destination featured in Arizona Ghost Towns. To illustrate the state of the locations today, the book features new photographs, primarily by Eirini Pajak, of the mostly abandoned but occasionally occupied buildings.

"I hope this book will be useful not only for people looking to visit these sites, but also for the armchair travelers more interested in the history and culture of each place," Austin said. "I also think the photography is just as important and will really pull readers into the book."

For adventurous travelers, the guidebook offers detailed driving directions, GPS coordinates and more.

The ghost town book is the latest in Arizona Highways' collection of guidebooks on subjects including camping, hiking, scenic drives and photography. Arizona Highways, produced by the Arizona Department of Transportation, has subscribers in all 50 states and more than 120 countries. It also publishes a variety of coffee-table books and popular calendars.

For more information on Arizona Highways magazine or to purchase a subscription or a book, please visit ArizonaHighways.com.

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...

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

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

BELCANTO BLOCK WATCH gloriapink12@gmail.com

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

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

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

DEER VALLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH ORGANIZATION / PNP (DVPNBWO) 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. mvg@cox.net Candice 602-402-7914

MONTE CRISTO BLOCK WATCH LECADDSERVICES@Yahoo.com

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

PALM LAKES VILLAGE BLOCK WATCH Meetings held on the first Fridays at 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

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NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

General Information 602-534-4444



Neighborhood Specialists for the Black Mountain Precinct

- Dist. 1: **RONNIE MC GUIRE** 602-262-1682
ronnie.mcguire@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.



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.

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.



NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES

#PHXGreaterTogether

- 1 COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS ONLINE**
Now is a great time to complete your Census. We all count! my2020census.gov
- 2 NEIGHBORHOOD ART GALLERY**
Display your family's art work in your window or on your porch. Create a weekly theme to keep the gallery fresh.
- 3 FACETIME FRENZY**
Now that you have time, make time to connect with long lost friends through video chats.
- 4 POSTCARD/NOTE EXCHANGE**
Reach out to neighbors with a postcard/note to ensure they are safe, have essential needs, and know that you care.

BE CREATIVE AND STAY SAFE

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NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES

#PHXGreaterTogether

- 1 ROCK ON!**
Show your artistic creativity, paint a rock, or share a positive message. Leave it for passersby to admire.
- 2 FYTY! FRONT YARD THANK YOU**
Create a yard sign to say thank you. Is it first responders, mail person, a neighbor, the delivery person, you decide.
- 3 SHAKE AND BAKE!**
Share recipes on FB, email, text. Enjoy a new dish and turn the music up so you don't forget the SHAKE!
- 4 RELIEF FOR SMALL BIZZ**
Grants available for small business experiencing economic distress due to COVID-19. phoenix.gov/resources

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**JOIN BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
ON FACEBOOK**



WHERE WE SHARE INFORMATION!



2020 Tax Season Update ADOR Extends Income Tax Deadline to July 15, 2020

The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) has announced it has moved the deadline for filing and paying state income taxes from April 15 to July 15, 2020 following direction today by Governor Doug Ducey.

This is consistent with Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin's announcement that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has moved the deadline for 2019 federal tax returns to July 15, 2020.

The announcement by ADOR includes individual, corporate and fiduciary tax returns.

The new deadline means taxpayers filing state tax returns or submitting payments after the previous April 15 deadline will not be assessed late filing or late payment penalties. Taxpayers anticipating they will need more time beyond the new July 15 deadline to file state income taxes should consider filing for an extension by submitting Arizona Form 204 by July 15. Taxpayers do not need to submit Arizona Form 204 if they have already received a federal extension from the IRS.

Individuals should ensure to file accurate tax returns. Here are some key tips:

- E-file. Electronic filing is more accurate, secure and faster.
- Ensure all the necessary lines and forms are filled out correctly. Avoid math errors or miscalculations.
- Don't misspell names or use two different names.
- Make sure key information like tax ID number, Social Security number, routing number or account number are correct in all the appropriate boxes.
- If filing a paper return, use black ink and print on white paper.
- Do not staple or attach anything to paper returns.
- Don't forget to sign and date the return.

The Department of Revenue encourages taxpayers file electronically, as e-filing is more efficient, more secure and refunds are processed faster than refunds from paper tax returns.

Check out the Arizona Department of Revenue's website at www.azdor.gov for 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!

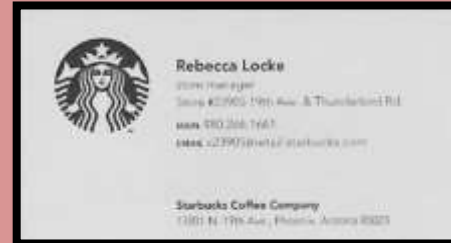


Ranger R. Patton, Ranger A. Gonzales and
Ranger D. Olson, Urban Supervisor 602-665-2297

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

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 MEETINGS AND EVENTS
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BMCA RESOURCE LIST

www.bmcainfo.com

ARIZONA ANGEL INITIATIVE

Help with substance abuse

www.substanceabuse.az.gov/angelinitiative

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

www.211arizona.org

BOLOCOP

Register for Crime Alerts

www.bolocop.com

BLIGHT BUSTERS

Join the Blight Buster Program!

www.phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/blight

CARING CIRCLES

Volunteer to help neighbors in need

www.aaaphx.org

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24/7 HOTLINES

FOR LOCAL SHELTER CALL: 602-263-8900

OLDER ADULTS: 602-264-HELP (4357)

FAMILY SERVICES CENTERS

Social services for low-income households

www.phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/emergency

FOLLOW POLICE CALLS ONLINE

See what's going on in your neighborhood

www.radioreference.com

HEADS UP!

TO KEEP PHOENIX ROADS SAFE!

www.phoenix.gov/HeadsUp

HOMELESS SHELTER DIRECTORY

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

IDENTITY THEFT / FEDERAL TRADE COMM.

Recovery and information

www.IdentityTheft.gov

KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25

Post signs and stickers to slow traffic

www.KeepKidsAliveDrive25.org

MY COMMUNITY MAP

Neighborhood map and information

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

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME STATS

www.communitycrimemap.com

or check out: www.spotcrime.com

PHOENIX C.A.R.E.S.

Help the homeless!

[PHX At Your Service.](#)

PHOENIX CITY CAM

View the city in all directions

[PHXCityCam](#)

REVERSE 911

Community Emergency Notification System

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

SENIOR LOCK BOXES

In partnership with Phoenix Fire

www.lockbox.shopkidde.com

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

In and around your neighborhood

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

www.offenderwatch.com

www.missingkids.org www.nsopw.gov

VIRTUAL BLOCK WATCH

Sign up now!

[Police Virtual Block Watch](#)

www.phoenix.gov

WRIC WASHINGTON

FAMILY RESOURCE INFORMATION CENTER

www.wesdschools.org/wric

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.azagov

BLACK MOUNTAIN PNP PATROLERS:

REMINDER!

ONLINE REPORTING OF PNP HOURS

volunteer@phoenix.gov

PNP online Patrol Log entry

To get a username and password email

Brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov

The following information:

Your name

PNP Badge number

Assigned precinct

Preferred Email address



For questions call 602-256-4303

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e-mail to: info@bmcainfo.com

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

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