



## Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council, Inc.

### PMPC ACTIVITIES UPDATE: FEBRUARY 2019

*PMPC fights the battles needed to keep these natural places intact so YOU can experience all of your favorite outdoor recreational activities in the Phoenix Mountain Desert Preserves.*

**HELLO PMPC MEMBERS:** We continue to provide the *PMPC Activities Update* – a short summary of current priority topics and status - to keep you informed. You can expect to receive the PMPC Activities Update throughout the year. [A request to PMPC Membership:](#) (1) PMPC Membership Dues Renewal Notice was delayed this year – please submit your membership dues – thank you!!! (2) Please send to the PMPC Board any Preserve protection topics & issues you recommend that need monitoring and tracking. Email PMPC at [pmpc@pmcaz.com](mailto:pmpc@pmcaz.com).

#### **PMPC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MAY 6, 2019 - 7PM**

PMPC Annual Membership Dinner is set for Monday, May 6th, at the North Mountain Visitors Center. Several local organizations and the City of Phoenix are invited to keep us all up-to-date on important topics. Dinner will be served. Thank you for your continued help with the protection of the Phoenix Mountain Preserves! The Annual Membership Dinner Meeting Agenda and meeting details will follow soon!!

#### **~ PMPC Representatives attend Public Meeting and actively monitor the following Plans & Projects:**

- Invasive Species - Globe Chamomile Plant:** PMPC Board Representatives attended the January CAZCA Meeting discussing this invasive weed. The “Globe Chamomile Invasive Species” brochure, developed through a collaboration with Maricopa County AZ, Arizona Native Plant Society and AZ Dept. of Agriculture, was reviewed at our meeting. The primary fear regarding this fast-moving invasive species is the; (1) Spread into Preserve areas, and (2) Fire hazard. PMPC is providing \$100 and Terry Horne confirmed that SOMF would also provide an additional \$100 toward printing costs for a total of \$200; to print extra copies of this pamphlet for distribution at NMVC and SMVC.
- March 9 South Mountain Bioblitz Event & Activity Update:** PMPC Board Representatives are coordinating and participating in the March 9th Bioblitz Event activities. PMPC is providing \$50 toward this Bioblitz. Meet promptly at South Mountain Visitor’s Center (SMEEC), 8:30-11:30am. Space is limited. Everyone is welcome!! Event details and registration link: [https://apm.activecommunities.com/phoenix/Activity\\_Search/29376](https://apm.activecommunities.com/phoenix/Activity_Search/29376)
- Rezoning Application MacEwen 480 PUD Application:** PMPC Board Representatives are monitoring this Rezoning Process and have submitted a *PMPC Rezoning Opposition* Letter to City of Phoenix. The Developer’s “Up Zone” application request would change and increase the existing zoning. Approximately 500 homes are currently allowed for this 35,000 square foot site. The Rezone would allow 1,420+ houses with no “per house” square foot requirement. This is almost a tripling of the number of currently allowable home sites. PMPC Board Representatives continue to attend hearings and meetings – and support the local community in opposition to this Rezoning.
- Land into Desert Mountain Preserves – SOMF & PMPC Partnership Brochure:** PMPC and SOMF will partner together to develop a brochure focusing on how privately-owned lands can be donated to the City of Phoenix to become a permanent part of the Phoenix Desert Mountains Preserves. PMPC Representatives will lead the development of the Private Lands Donation Process brochure; title: “*Leaving a Land Legacy for Your Community*”
- Youtube Posting of Maxine Lakin Video of PMPC History:** Approved by Maxine Lakin – PMPC will be posting on YouTube the recently recorded video discussion of Maxine and Patrick (PMPC President) on PMPC history since 1970. The video will soon be posted on YouTube will be titled: “*Maxine Lakin PMPC History Discussion.*”

#### **~ Updates & Information about upcoming events in our Preserves:**

- North Mountain Access Road Update:** PMPC Representatives have attended the City of Phoenix Public Meetings to keep PMPC Membership updated on the North Mountain Access Road progress. Recent updates indicate the New North Mountain Tower Access Road will be completed in late March 2019. Following completion of the access road, the replacement of North Mountain Public Safety towers and equipment begins. PMPC continues to support an alternative “hard surface” access to the North Mountain Tower Road; for the local community that depends on a hard surface to access the tower road.
- City of Phoenix Updates:** (A) Piestewa Peak: Construction on improvements to parking and trail-head access and enlarging picnic area continues. Many areas are not currently available to visitors and hikers. (B). South Mountain: The Ma-Ha Tuak Perimeter Trail is expanding into a 9.6-mile trail connecting with Maricopa Trail. The Park and Preserve hiking area improvements continue. (C) South Mountain Freeway 32 Acre Parcel: The parcels for the 32-acre land exchange have been identified and are currently under review. Public information outreach will soon follow.