

Community

Dear
Editor



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Mr. Peace brings peace to local family

I am a relatively new resident to Maricopa. My family is from San Diego, CA where everything is convenient, whether it be walking to the mall, a grocery store, or even to a movie. There was constant and reasonably priced transportation to wherever and whenever your heart desired, to say the least.

This past Friday my husband and I and our 15-month-old baby girl, Serenity, were in a car accident on the corner of John Wayne Parkway and Honeycutt. Needless to say our car was totaled, and on Monday my husband needed to get to work at 46th and Baseline. We were out of our minds on how to get him to and from work when I remembered there is a shuttle service here in Maricopa.

MARICOPA SHUTTLE SERVICE AND MR. PEACE brought peace to our dilemma. After calling in to Maricopa Shuttle Service and speaking to Mr. Peace, I can honestly say he brought peace to my state of mind. He is a very nice man and he had no problem with accommodating our needs. He was considerate and fair on pricing for the services needed and I will recommend his services to anyone in any situation regarding transportation services.

This is a note to inform you and Maricopa of how much my family appreciates the Maricopa Shuttle and Limo Service and thanks especially to Mr. Peace -- for bringing Peace to our situation.

Maricopa residents,
Lovell and Carla Wright

Dear Editor:

I have two questions. The first: Are there any garden clubs in the area of Maricopa? Second question: If not, then why not?

I moved from Ohio to Arizona about six years ago. In both Ohio and Gold Canyon, Arizona, I've been a gardening club member. After moving to Arizona, I found I needed a lot of help in growing plants under the stressful weather.

The garden clubs enabled us to make new friends and swap experiences in growing things. We also ran plant sales to help the cost of visiting various public gardens as well as

SR 347 – a nightmare

SR 347 between Maricopa and Phoenix is a very dangerous highway resulting in many fatalities. It is also resulting in many accidents traveling along the 12-mile stretch of Riggs Rd. because there are many accidents at that distance.

The latest nightmare occurred on SR 347 between Maricopa and Phoenix on Monday, September 3, 2007. The accident occurred 8 miles south of Phoenix on SR 347 at 7:20 AM. We entered SR 347 at 8:00 AM and there was no traffic. At 8:30 AM a problem (40 minutes after the accident) occurred at the corner, we were stopped for 40 minutes until we got to the entrance of SR 347. We turned off, having traveled 8 miles. As we turned off at 8:30 AM, we were stopped for 10 minutes blocking the northbound lane. 10 minutes after the accident, the traffic turned into a 1½-hour backup. This accident involved 3 law enforcement agencies: Gila River Police, and Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. No coordination among the agencies is unacceptable -- Homeland Security is not the exception; it is the rule.

It wasn't that long ago that there was a 12-mile backup due to a fatal accident at the intersection of SR 347 and Riggs Rd. I remember that the Maricopa Rd/Riggs Rd intersection was a 12-mile backup. County sheriff cars in the intersection, talking to each other, but they let us drive right into the intersection with no "escape" road for the next 12 miles. This particular accident had 3 law enforcement agencies affect the traffic: Maricopa PCSO, and Maricopa police.

Again, obviously there was no coordination among the agencies which is a totally unacceptable situation. A 12-mile backup at night turned into a 3½-hour