



A Secured Community Versus Controlled Access

What is the difference between a secured community and a gated community?

Debate continues over the meaning of security while living in a gated community. Homeowners are reminded that living in a gated community means vehicle access to the community is controlled, but the community is not “secured.”

The Anthem Country Club’s perimeter is more than six miles long, much of which is open desert. A walking tunnel connecting the Country Club with Parkside, sidewalk entrances and washes provide additional access to the community.

What is the role of gate personnel?

The Anthem Country Club Community Association (ACCCA) contracts a company to monitor the vehicle traffic entering through the gates. Contractors with resident-approved access are permitted between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The gate personnel check traffic at the manned gates to ensure people entering the community through the gates are legitimate, based on information residents provide. Their job is greatly simplified when residents use the Gate Access entry system (GateAccess.net). Otherwise, gate personnel must call residents to verify access privileges, which can result in significant backups at the gates. Additionally, gate personnel conduct parking patrols and use radar monitoring to help control speeding on the streets of the Club.

Who provides security for Anthem Country Club residents?

That is the job of the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) deputies assigned to Anthem. Additionally, Sheriff Joe Arpaio introduced the concept of a posse as a way of increasing the Sheriff’s ability to provide service to and presence in the community. The North Valley Posse operates in Anthem and surrounding communities.

The MCSO patrol the Country Club community regularly and increases patrols as needed. The Posse provides vacation watch services and assist the MCSO deputies. Through Vacation Watch, the Posse regularly inspects the perimeter of a home and notifies homeowners of any issues.

The MCSO reminds all residents, “The first line of defense lies with our residents, our eyes and ears in the field. Watch out for your neighbors and contact the MCSO immediately at 911 if you see any suspicious activity.”

For safety tips and to get the vacation watch phone number, please go to the Country Club pages of OnlineAtAnthem.com/ANW.