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Kimberly Ernst is shown here, along with her daughter, mother and their beautifully iced cookies.

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Message From the Association President



By **Allen Johnson**
Association President

Recognizing Community Members Who Have Gone Above and Beyond

Hello Ranchers,

Last month Arizona was the envy of just about everyone. Many of my friends in Texas and throughout the Southeast texted me winter storm pictures that made my bones chill. Yikes! After texting them all screenshots of our local weather forecast in return, I couldn't help but think of how doubly fortunate we are to live in a community with so many outdoor recreation opportunities.

When I began serving on the Board in 2019, I was also given the opportunity to serve on our Water Management Committee. Prior to this involvement, I had no idea how much careful planning goes into maintaining our lakes, both in a structural and biological manner. In close partnership with our staff and third-party consultant Dr. Rick Amalfi, our newly combined Water Management & Lake Habit Committee guards against harmful conditions such as golden alga (See *article on page 11*). Spring fish stocking is right around the corner, so anglers get your rods and reels ready!

In other news, the Board voted to move forward and receive bids for the potential construction of restroom facilities in Laguna Park. Significant research has been done by our Master Planning Committee to determine what configuration might serve our needs best. A final decision as to whether or not to move forward with the project will be made soon. We'd like to thank the many residents who've provided valuable feedback on this proposed project.

Finally, I'd like to close with a couple of personal shout-outs for two of our community members who've gone above and beyond.

For the better part of three decades, **Ron Magaw** has served as Chairperson of our Water Management Committee. You may not have had the pleasure of meeting Ron, but if you live on the Ranch you've benefited from his leadership, expertise and commitment. As a volunteer, Ron has advocated on behalf of the Ranch throughout years of negotiations with the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). His dedication has helped ensure the sustainability of our lake and water infrastructure for the years to come. Last month, Ron passed the torch of leadership to our new Water Management & Lake Habitat Committee Chairperson **Joe Trickett**. We thank Ron for his service to the Ranch, and we're grateful to Joe for stepping forward to carry on this important work.

Another Dobson Ranch community volunteer who deserves to be recognized is **Kathrine Blomquist**. As President of the Board of Directors for the Dobson Dolphins swim team, Kathrine was the driving force who helped make their 2020 swim season possible. Kathrine worked closely with our Dobson Ranch staff to devise creative and effective solutions to mitigate the dangers caused by the pandemic. 2021 will mark 41 uninter-

rupted seasons for the Dolphins. At the February meeting of the Dobson Ranch Board of Directors, Kathrine presented us once again with an annual sponsorship opportunity for the Dolphins swim team, which we eagerly accepted. Thank you, Kathrine, for continuing to make this cherished Dobson Ranch tradition available for today's young swimmers!

Be Well, and Best Springtime Wishes!

Executive Director's Message



By **Lynelle Glysson**
Executive Director

Clear and Timely Communication Strategies Now In Place

Dear Residents,

Communication is key. Here at Dobson Ranch, our staff continues to initiate improved communication. With several staff members still working remotely, we have had to streamline our flow of communication with residents.

Some new changes include our customer service standards recently adopted by staff. We want to deliver clear and timely communication to the residents we serve. One of the strategies we have adopted is an internal communication system to ensure each inquiry gets handled in a timely manner. For example, we have a "Contact Us" form on our website that goes to three people in our office. It is monitored seven days a week. If there is an urgent matter, it will be received and given to the appropriate staff member to handle quickly.

With our phones being answered off site, it has been a challenge to get all calls returned in a timely manner. Again, we have implemented safety nets internally so that calls do not get missed and are returned.

Residents can utilize the Dobson Ranch App to get updates and current information. Nancy puts all new information on both the website and the App daily.

Staff is working on our re-opening plan that will be presented to the Board for review. With the government guidelines and metrics changing frequently, we want to be sure we can re-open safely for our staff and residents.

I want to thank the Board and residents who have been supportive of the Association and community. Often challenging times bring out the best in people. I am proud to serve the Dobson Ranch community.

Until we can come together in person, let us stay **#DobsonRanch-Strong** while we are **#HomeontheRanch!** Thank you for the continued support of your neighbors, Board and staff.



Water Awareness



By **Craig A. Wilson**
Water Resources Manager

Last Year

Last year at this time I had just attended the **2020 SRP Water Conservation Expo** to obtain a new smart controller. My intention was to demonstrate this new controller at our own **Spring Expo**. Our 2020 Spring Expo was well into the planning stage when it became apparent it would not be safe to gather. I was really looking forward to watching the children and some adults immersed in ladybugs and all other activities of the fair. Well, it is still not safe to gather in crowds, so I will have to wait for our 2022 Spring Expo – as there will be no 2021 Spring Expo this year.

While we may not yet be able to gather to examine the new irrigation equipment and water conservation techniques, we can still learn about them, examine how they can help save water and how our landscape can be improved. Look for future articles in the **Ranchers' Roundup** for tips to increase the efficiency of backyard irrigation systems. Ranchers can also attend one or more of many SRP webinars to learn more about water conservation. Go to SRP online and sign up for one or more SRP programs at srpnet.com/WaterExpo. Also look for **Kathrine Blomquist's Conservation Corner** article just a few pages back in this issue.

Last year was a scorcher, one for the record books. 2020 started off cool and then went on to give us an extra month of summer, and an extra 30 days of over 100° F temperatures, 15 days of which were over 110° F. Then, Mother Nature cursed us with a monsoon season with no rain as nature reacted to a changing climate.

The question is, did your irrigation controller keep up with your yard's landscape needs? The irrigation controllers used to irrigate the common areas on the Ranch worked just fine. Somewhat more water than usual was used, but that was to be expected given the higher temperatures and next to no monsoon rain. Our nearly 22 acres of turf and desert landscape consumed nearly 2 million extra gallons of water over the summer.



2019 Spring Expo photo by Craig Wilson

I trust we are staying healthy. I am looking forward to next year's Spring Expo. With a little luck, we will all have received our vaccinations and will be ready to gather for a Fall Expo. I would like to think we could do that. In the meantime, stay safe!

Message From the Editor



By **Nancy Roggio**
Communications Manager

Reflections on 2020

Whew! By the time you read this, it will be almost one year to the day that the Dobson Ranch HOA office closed to the public and I began working from home.

What a year it's been! A year of discomfort. A year of uncertainty. A year of worry and fear. A year of isolation and cancelled vacation plans. A year of staying at home day after day. A year of waiting. A year of slowing down. A year of fewer expectations. A year to take a deep breath. A year to remind myself what is truly important. A year of learning new ways to communicate. A year that I won't soon forget.

It's been a year of testing patience, feeling alone and constant chaos in the world around us. It's been a year that has forced many of us to change our priorities. A year to let go of expectations and just get by. Goals were thrown away and new roles were forced upon us. We became teachers and babysitters and personal chefs and master "Zoomers" and professional balancers of EVERYTHING. We learned that there is so much more we can do with less, and although this year has been mentally exhausting, we are stronger and more capable than we think.

If 2020 has taught me anything, it's that a year is short. So much can change and sometimes we don't have control over those changes. But, on the bright side, 2021 is bringing many

exciting changes for Dobson Ranch, and I can't wait to help take you on this adventure!

In the meantime, why not look back and reflect on all the wonderful things that have happened here on the Ranch in 2020? A special 10-minute video entitled "**Creative Thinking**" was produced which focuses on the many wonderful events, contests, drive-in movies, talent shows, and so much more that we've had at Dobson Ranch during the past year for our Virtual Breakfast with the City webinar.

The video was then expanded for our residents' viewing pleasure. You might just catch yourself, your child or one of your neighbors in the video! The original song "**Walking the Dog**" was performed by resident **Dan Villanueva**, one of the winners of our Virtual Adult Talent Show.

To see the full 20-minute version of the video, go to this link: <https://youtu.be/autA4P1sM7E>. Then sit back, relax, take a deep breath and enjoy!

If you have a message or **Letter to the Editor** you'd like us to share with our readers, please email your comments to nroggio@dobsonranch.com. The copy deadline for the April **Ranchers' RoundUp** is March 19, 2021.

Please use the same email address above to send your reviews, comments and suggestions for future issues. We'd love to hear from you!



THE DOBSON ASSOCIATION VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021



BOARD CANDIDATES

Complete candidate bios have been printed in the February and March 2021 issues of *Ranchers' RoundUp*.

CANDIDATE FORUM

Join us online **Thursday, March 18** at 6:30 pm via **YouTube** and live-stream prior to the Board of Director's Open Session Meeting. Board Candidates will be in attendance to request your votes and respond to questions from our residents.

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

The Virtual Meeting begins at 7:00 pm via **YouTube** and will be live-streamed. Links to the meetings will be available on the Dobson Ranch website Events Calendar. Online voting for Board Member candidates closes promptly at 6:30 pm.

The 2021 Board of Directors election will utilize online voting. You will receive a notice by mail with all the details at the beginning of March. Election results of new Board Members will be announced at the Virtual Annual Meeting of the Members.

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MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

Sam Cocchiarella

Do you regularly attend Dobson Ranch HOA Board Meetings?
Yes.



What is your motivation for running for the Board of Directors?
I am motivated because I enjoy being a resident of the community. I have lived in Dobson Ranch for 21 years. I want to continue to help enhance our community and address barriers with solutions that would have a positive impact on all aspects of the maintenance of our HOA.

What activities, events, programs, and/or amenities do you enjoy at Dobson Ranch?

I enjoy the following: lakes, parks, movies in the park, yearly Easter event, fall festival, any dedications held, fall and spring Garage Sale events. I enjoy interacting with my neighbors and other residents of the community.

As you look at the Dobson Ranch community, what specific challenges do you see facing the HOA?

The following are challenges I currently see: a community that is aging, reserve fund that needs to be fully funded, infrastructure that requires consistent maintenance, and to maintain property value.

Autobiography:

I moved to Dobson Ranch 21 years ago with my wife, son and daughter. I was a business owner for 35 years as a licensed painting contractor which included interior decorating and home improvement. I serviced individuals throughout the valley, including Dobson Ranch residents. I have a B.A. in Business Administration from ASU, part of my degree includes accounting and business management. I have volunteered in many events hosted by the Dobson Ranch HOA -- such as being a member of the budget and finance committee for six years, Halloween event as a judge of costumes, judge for the Boat Parade at Christmas, took on the roles of Santa and the Easter Bunny, and 4th of July as the role of Uncle Sam in the parade. I was employed by the DR HOA for 14 years.

Chris Diamond

Do you regularly attend Dobson Ranch HOA Board Meetings?
Yes.



What is your motivation for running for the Board of Directors?
Having been on the Board for over a year now, I appreciate that I have been able to be a voice for all Dobson Ranch residents. I'm

lucky to be serving and working with some really awesome people that show how much they really care about Dobson Ranch and how with respect and teamwork we can accomplish great things for the Ranch. One of my goals is to get more residents involved with the Board and DR Committees.

What activities, events, programs, and/or amenities do you enjoy at Dobson Ranch?

My family and I enjoy and regularly attend the events and activities on the Ranch including the Movies in the Park, Easter and Halloween events, Bark in the Park, Pancake Breakfasts, etc. And, as the head of the Yacht Club, I help coordinate the annual Holiday Lighted Boat Parade.

As you look at the Dobson Ranch community, what specific challenges do you see facing the HOA?

I feel the biggest challenge we face currently is keeping up with the CC&R regulations in a way that's fair to all residents as well as operating and getting things back to normal during the Covid pandemic.

Autobiography:

My wife Sandra and I moved to the Ranch in 2005. We now live here with our two adopted daughters, ages 12 and 14, and two dogs. We moved here from the Los Angeles area where I worked as an IT Manager at Disney Theatrical Productions and I now own a Web Development business and T-Shirt Web Shop. I was a founding member and now Commodore of the Dobson Ranch Yacht Club. We love biking, camping, boating, traveling, and just hanging out in the pool on a hot Arizona summer day.

Nicole Lynam

Do you regularly attend Dobson Ranch HOA Board Meetings?
Yes.



What is your motivation for running for the Board of Directors?

I am running for the Board because I love living in Dobson Ranch. Our community is so diverse and unique. We have many things to offer residents and the surrounding areas. I have enjoyed being involved in our community over the past several years and feel that participating on the Board of Directors may allow me to further assist in guiding our community into remaining as "The Best Place to Live."

What activities, events, programs, and/or amenities do you enjoy at Dobson Ranch?

There are so many ways to get involved with and enjoy Dobson Ranch. Over the past several years, I have regularly attended (*live and now virtually*) the Board Meetings and have been a member of the Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee. I love taking my



dogs to Bark in the Park, walking them around our gorgeous lake paths, or taking them on our boat. I recently decorated Christmas cookies via Zoom and watched the awesome Boat Parade. Even with the pandemic, Dobson Ranch has found amazing ways to keep activities fun and safe.

As you look at the Dobson Ranch community, what specific challenges do you see facing the HOA?

I think our biggest strengths are also our biggest challenges. As we approach 50 years, Dobson Ranch is an aging community. That history gives us an amazing diversity, with residents of all demographics and homes of varying styles and ages. But, it also brings a need to focus on maintaining our community and not let it deteriorate with age. Whether it is upgrading our aging facilities and infrastructure, adding new community amenities, or encouraging residents to upgrade their properties, we have an obligation to ensure that our community maintains a high level of integrity.

Autobiography:

My husband, Brian, and I moved to Dobson Ranch in 2017. We are both local business owners and attempt to stay involved in improving our community. I am an ASU Alumni with a degree in Housing Development and currently sit on the City of Mesa's Board of Adjustments. When I'm not designing buildings at my architectural firm, I enjoy playing with my two dogs, reading books or learning new things. I try to always look at the positive aspects of life and motivate those around me to work hard and reach for big dreams.



Rich Bitner

Do you regularly attend Dobson Ranch HOA Board Meetings?

Yes.

What is your motivation for running for the Board of Directors?

While I had not initially planned on running for the Dobson Board of Directors this year, I do respond to serious requests to participate in self-governance, which I have always believed is the bedrock of sustaining our democracy. When duty calls I try to answer, although as a seriously "retired person" I did not necessarily plan on attending more Zoom meetings than I am already enduring. However, I think we all know that Dobson Ranch depends on its residents to volunteer their time when the need arises to serve our community.

What activities, events, programs, and/or amenities do you enjoy at Dobson Ranch?

As the Recreation Committee's Pickleball Representative, I love the time spent coordinating/playing at our Los Altos Courts. We also walk regularly on our great pathways, and have enjoyed participating in the Yacht Club since its founding, and the Retirees' Club since retiring. Fishing on Saratoga Lake with our grandchildren is special, along with attending the Easter Egg Hunt, concerts, and so many other great social events over the years. Ever since we moved here in 1998, this truly has been the greatest place to live, and I would enjoy helping to sustain our achievements and keep us moving forward.

As you look at the Dobson Ranch community, what specific challenges do you see facing the HOA?

Dobson Ranch is in a really good place right now. A solid Board overseeing a great staff, with sound financial management, including solid reserves. As we approach our 50th anniversary, however, we will need to increase our vigilance to maintain our facilities and common areas as they age. We also face challenges here and there with maintaining public health and safety, including from criminal activity. As a participant in my own neighborhood

watch group, I know that we need to maintain our strong liaison with the City of Mesa to keep everyone safe, especially including our police and fire services.

Autobiography:

I am a "retired" attorney, having run a home-based lobbying practice focused on the Arizona legislature, mostly in the health care field, for about 22 years. I also served 3 years on the Governors Regulatory Review Council. Before that I was on staff for the Arizona State Senate for five years, my last 3 years as the Executive Director and General Counsel. Prior to moving to Arizona in 1987, I worked for the Washington State Legislature for 10 years, including serving as the Attorney for the Majority Leader. Previous neighborhood service includes membership on the Park Place Board of Directors for 10 years, including 2 years as President. Before moving to Arizona from Olympia, I was a founding member of the Bigelow Historic Neighborhood Association, which still exists today and now contains a City Park the neighborhood was instrumental in getting donated and developed by the City of Olympia.



Shauna Fields

Do you regularly attend Dobson Ranch HOA Board Meetings?

No.

What is your motivation for running for the Board of Directors?

After two years of living here, I've been impressed by the enthusiasm of the homeowners and the care taken to communicate and foster community by the board and staff.

What activities, events, programs, and/or amenities do you enjoy at Dobson Ranch?

We enjoy walking the neighborhood, movie events, and use of the pool/splash pad. We also plan to make use of the tennis courts soon since our kids are old enough to learn.

As you look at the Dobson Ranch community, what specific challenges do you see facing the HOA?

I think the rising tension within our broader communities due to the state of the economy and of course COVID-19, requires a gentle but firm approach when those tensions spill out into public forums.

Autobiography:

I'm a Mesa native, two-time ASU grad, wife and mother. I'm invested in our community. I want my kids to feel safe to wander and to experience the joy of connection with neighbors. I have built a career using design and language to simplify complex concepts, mediate conflict, and encourage positive action, and believe most issues can be solved with compassion and communication.

NOTE: Answers given by Board Candidates have not been edited and are posted exactly as they were written on their application forms.



IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY

Raffle

- Dobson Ranch HOA will be selecting two raffle winners at random:
1. One resident that has already downloaded and uses the Dobson Ranch App.
 2. One resident that downloads and uses the Dobson Ranch App for the first time between the dates of February 17 and March 17.
- Both winners will have a choice of breakfast or lunch for two at **First Watch** restaurant or dinner for two at **Macayo's Mexican Table**. Winners to be selected on March 17 (St. Patrick's Day).

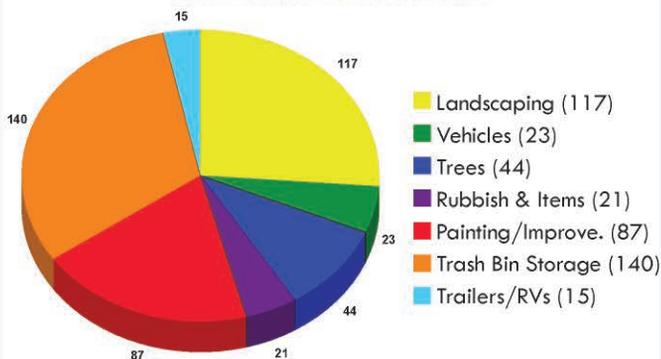


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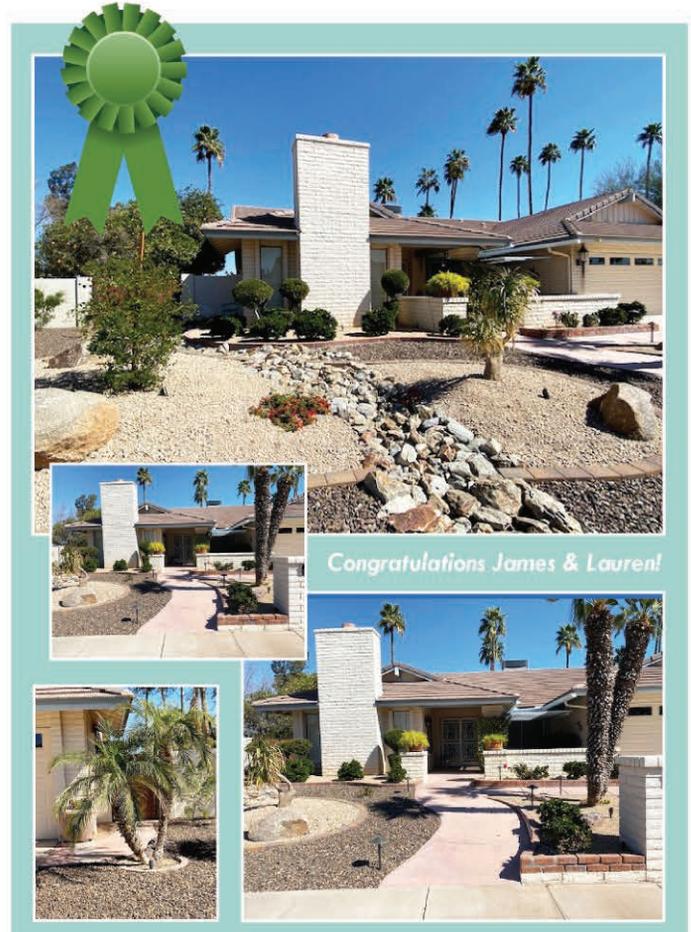


By **Nancy Roggio**
Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Our **March Green Thumb Award** goes to **James and Lauren Luick** at 2437 S. El Dorado.

While I was driving through Dobson Ranch looking for a home that was deserving of a Green Thumb Award, I hit the brakes when I saw this dramatically-landscaped property with meticulously manicured shrubs that looked GREAT from every angle.

Homeowners taking pride in their property like the Luicks is what makes Dobson Ranch indisputably... *the best place to live!*



There are many impressive and well-manicured yards in Dobson Ranch that it's hard to pick just one each month. If you would like your yard or a neighbor's yard featured in a future issue of **RoundUp**, email nroggio@dobsonranch.com.



Introducing Our Two New CC&R Inspectors

by Camille Gonzales, Operations Manager



Dear Homeowners,

I wanted to take the time to introduce you to our two new CC&R Inspectors at Dobson Ranch, **Luke Mosiman** and **Nate Kane-McClaren**. Both have been an asset to our compliance department and Administration team since they started, and we are happy to have them as part of the Dobson Ranch team.

Luke Mosiman

Luke hailed from our Recreation Department and made the switch over to the CC&R department in August of 2020. Luke produces a large amount of work and has great attention to detail. He is a fast learner and has been able to jump right in, working on CC&R compliance. He is friendly with homeowners and works to help resolve violations and answer questions. Luke works in the La Casita office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and even on Saturdays.



Luke Mosiman



Nate Kane-McClaren

Nate Kane-McClaren

Nate joined the CC&R team in late January of 2021. Nate comes to us with previous property management experience as well as code compliance experience under his belt. He, like Luke, has been able to produce a large amount of work in a short period of time. Nate is also a friendly fellow and works to answer homeowner questions. Nate works in the office Monday through Friday.

We, on the Dobson Ranch Administration Team, are very excited to have both Nate and Luke working with us!

If, at any time, you have questions related to CC&R Code Compliance, please contact Luke, Nate or myself at 480-831-8314. We would be happy to assist you.

Thank you for helping to make Dobson Ranch *"The best place to live!"*

Camille Gonzales
Operations Manager



Celebrating 27 Years of Service

Resident **Ron Magaw**, former *Chairman of the Water Management Committee* for many years, was presented with a plaque featuring a clock on behalf of the Dobson Ranch Board of Directors at the Water and Lake Management Committee Meeting on February 1. Ron served on the Water Management Committee since 1994.

The inscription reads... *"With much appreciation and gratitude for your unwavering support and unrelenting guidance in helping us maintain the Dobson Ranch Lakes."*

Thank you for your dedicated service from your friends, neighbors and fellow committee members at Dobson Ranch.



Landscaping Tips



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Quick Tips for Pruning Flowering Shrubs

Why Prune?

Pruning is the intentional removal of plant parts and if you do not have a good reason for pruning or do not know why you are pruning, then do not prune! In Arizona, needs for pruning vary from no pruning to seasonal pruning depending on plant species, location in the landscape and/or intended use. Pruning should only be done when necessary and at the right time of year.

Rule #1:

Don't prune, but if you must, remember that most, if not all, flowering shrubs look best and flower best when allowed to grow in their natural form or habitat. Shearing is the worst technique to use on flowering shrubs. Examples of shrubs that require little or no regular pruning include **Buddleia, Dodonea, Larrea, Ruellia, Simmondsia** and **Justicia**.



Rule #2:



Prune spring flowering shrubs after they flower. Spring flowering shrubs bloom between February and the first of June. These shrubs bloom from bud formation on wood produced the previous growing season. If you remove the buds in late winter or early spring, you will be removing the flowers! Examples of spring flowering shrubs are **Senna, Rosmarinus, Eremophila, Encelia, Euphorbia, Carissa,**

Calliandra, Oleander and **Feijoa**.

Rule #3:

Prune summer flowering shrubs in late winter or early spring to promote vigorous growth and flowering in late spring and early summer. Summer-flowering shrubs bloom from buds that develop on new wood that grows in spring of the current year. Frost-damaged plants such as **Bougainvillea** and **Tecoma** should be cut back to living wood. Examples of summer flowering shrubs are **Caesalpinia, Leucophyllum, Bougainvillea, Salvia, Justicia, Lantana, Tecoma, Fulva** and **Thevetia**.



Rule #4: Never shear flowering plants! Flowers are produced at the tips of the branches or just behind the growing points and shearing removes flower buds, flowers and destroys the natural form of the shrubs. Shearing is labor intensive and requires repeat shearing to maintain the shape which is typically unnatural looking.

Knowing and understanding the principles behind pruning flowering shrubs results in colorful landscapes year-round.



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Homeowner Improvements Architectural Applications February 2021

By Carole Stabile, Member Services Coordinator

21 Applications \$ **89,674**

DOBSON RANCH UNIT I

Paint \$ 11,016
Gate \$ 2,200
Shed \$ 1,500

DOBSON RANCH UNIT III

Paint \$ 2,400
Roof Replacement \$ 12,000
Garage Door \$ 2,500

LAGUNA SHORES

Paint \$ 2,500

LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED

Security Door \$ 2,900
Landscape \$ 10,000

GOLDEN PALMS ESTATES

Window Replacement \$ 7,758

LOS ALTOS

Window Replacement \$ 4,400
Garage Door \$ 2,500
Window Shutters \$ 1,500

REGENCY ESTATES

Paint \$ 6,500
Roof Replacement \$ 15,000

SARATOGA LAKES

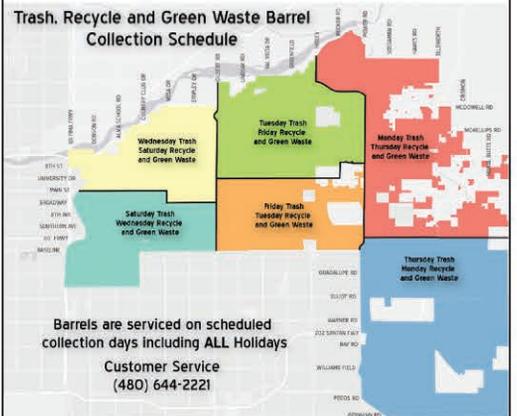
Paint \$ 3,200
Landscape \$ 1,800



Home Sales

Trustee Properties:
1 – House
Home Sales: **26**

REMEMBER: Only keep your trash barrels out on designated days. Visit mesaaz.gov for more info and larger map.





It's Spring Already? Be-Leaf It!

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management Committee Member



Thank you to all the residents that attended **SRP's Shade Tree Webinar** on March 6. Next up is picking up your two free shade trees. Dobson Ranch has collaborated with **SRP** and **Trees Matter** to make the program extra easy for Dobson Ranch residents! Your new trees will be available for convenient pick-up on Saturday, March 27, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at La Casita's

parking lot (2719 S. Reyes). If you have questions about the webinar or your registration, please contact **Trees Matter** at shadetree@treematter.org or 602-325-1254.

Please enter La Casita's parking lot via W. Nopal Avenue and you will be directed to the pick-up area. Dobson Ranch resident, Master Gardener and **Trees Matter** volunteer, **Deb Coy** will be on hand to answer any additional questions you may have about planting and caring for your new trees.

If you were unable to join in the Shade Tree Webinar, SRP will offer additional online workshops this summer. It is one of the best deals in town -- two free trees for one hour of your time. Check srpnet.com/ShadeTrees for future dates.

Still stumped about the importance of trees? Shade trees are vital both to your home and to the community. Shade trees help reduce cooling costs, improve air quality and lower the Valley's heat effect. By selecting desert-adapted trees, you reap these benefits without using a lot of water,

something Dobson Ranch residents take to heart. Keep in mind that a minimum of one live tree is required in each front yard. The **Residential Architectural Guidelines** were recently revised and copies are available from **Camille Gonzales**, Dobson Ranch's Operations Manager, at cgonzales@dobsonranch.com.

To learn more about water conservation, attend **SRP's 14th Annual Water Conservation Expo**. The event is virtual this year and there are three dates from which to choose – March 13, March 16 and March 18. Each date has different presentations, ranging from **Liberty Wildlife, Watershed Management Group** and the **Arizona Nursery Association**. There are also pre-recorded training videos, such as how to install a smart irrigation controller and classes from **Water – Use it Wisely**. Sign up today at srpnet.com/WaterExpo.

Spring is always a wonderful time on Dobson Ranch. Whether you are planting trees or your spring garden, enjoying water birds from a distance on a lakeside path, or releasing ladybugs in your backyard, environmental stewardship helps us all. Dobson Ranch is a community leader in conservation practices; knock on wood we keep it that way in 2021 & beyond!



#DobsonRanchStrong



By the end of each year, Trees Matter distributes over 5,000 trees and educates over 4,000 Valley residents. Photos above courtesy of Trees Matter.

Dobson Ranch is a community leader in conservation practices, let's keep it that way in 2021 & beyond!



We Are Steering a Ship, Not a Sailboat

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



Executive Director **Lynelle Glysson**, gives us a candid, behind-the-scenes look at facing today's HOA challenges in this Q&A-style interview.

Q: Tell us about your background.

LG: I was a stay-at-home mom for 20 years. During those years, I was actively involved in my children's education and was

appointed to several committees for the school district. Once my children got older, I reentered the work force as a server at **The Ritz-Carlton**, Dove Mountain. That is where I learned about HOAs. (I was the first employee hired at the Residences of Dove Mountain.) From there, I went on to other Ritz-Carlton properties including Dallas, Toronto, Ontario and The Ritz-Carlton, LA LIVE. Along the way, I earned several designations from **Community Associations Institute** that furthered my education in community management.

Q: What is your family status?

LG: I have been married to my husband, Damon, for 32 years. We have five children and five grandchildren. Family is everything to us and we moved back to Arizona to be closer to them. My husband and I enjoy a variety of interests, but many are separate, such as when we go camping together, I go hiking and he goes mountain biking. We enjoy live music together and have missed that most this past year. Since many of our favorite activities have been closed, we started learning different dances from *YouTube*.

Q: Please give a brief overview of previous positions held in the community management industry.

LG: After six years working at Ritz-Carlton properties, I wanted to take on a new challenge. I was hired to manage an aging property in West Hollywood called **Empire West**. It was an iconic building with a rich history. I loved everything about it including the challenges. Dobson Ranch is so similar, it is eerie. First, I had to update and correct their governing documents. Then, I had to correct some processes and staffing issues, and worked on enhancing the common areas. I am proud of what was accomplished and have made lifelong friends there.

Q: What do you love most about your role as Executive Director? What is the most difficult aspect of your position?

LG: My favorite part is building a sense of community with staff, residents and the Board of Directors. We have accomplished much over the last couple of years and I enjoy watching a community grow. I like to problem solve and one of the things I identified that needed attention is the internal structure of the staff. For example, challenges with maintenance and landscaping needed to be addressed with our facilities manager and supervisor. We did a SWOT analysis of their operations and came up with several solutions.

It was important to include those doing the work as their perspective was vital. They know what can work and what cannot. From those meetings last year, the staff was restructured and retrained. Needed tools and equipment were

purchased and there is a marked improvement in their operation that is visible.

Q: What is the most difficult aspect of your position?

LG: The most challenging aspect is having patience with delays in projects. Some things are simply out of our control such as permits from the city and supply chain delays. It was disappointing to learn that our bollards for Lake 1 were delayed and would not be here until June. I have to remind myself and others, we are steering a ship, not a sailboat; it takes a while to turn it around. I have to have realistic expectations and reset them from time to time.

Q: How has the COVID-19 pandemic changed the operations of the Dobson Ranch HOA?

LG: It's changed everything! However, how the staff has responded has been nothing less that astounding. They were forced to do things differently. We have now learned that staff can be effective working from home and the business of running the Ranch carried on despite all the challenges. I would bet the residents would agree all the new events and contests kept everyone engaged and was a silver lining to a very challenging year.

New protocols were put in place in response to government guidelines. Our staff has been diligently doing their part; wearing masks, following safety protocols and social distancing.

Everyone has been patient with the new format for meetings using *Zoom*. The exciting part is that we are all used to live streaming and recording meetings, and I do not see that going away. It makes it easier for those who cannot be physically present at a meeting to participate.

Q: Are there any specific goals that you have set in 2021 for the Dobson Ranch HOA?

LG: One of my goals in 2021 is to keep our reserve projects on track. The Board-approved list of projects for Dobson Ranch is extensive. We are staggering the projects in a systematic order to ensure they are completed. Los Altos restrooms are underway, then we will do the sports courts. While those are being done, we will be working on Kavanaugh Park and the monument signs. While those projects are being completed, we will be in the planning stage for updates at Saratoga Recreation Center.

The staff and I will continue to improve the internal operations of Dobson Ranch. Last year, we created a procedure manual for each department. This year we will be outlining and implementing customer service standards. Our Operations Manager is working on this and we will get feedback from each department and refine it over the year.

Q: Name one thing that most people do not know about you.

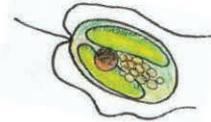
LG: I went skydiving with two of my sons. And, yes, I would go again!





Not So "Golden" Alga

By Joe Trickett, Chairman of the Water and Lake Management Committee



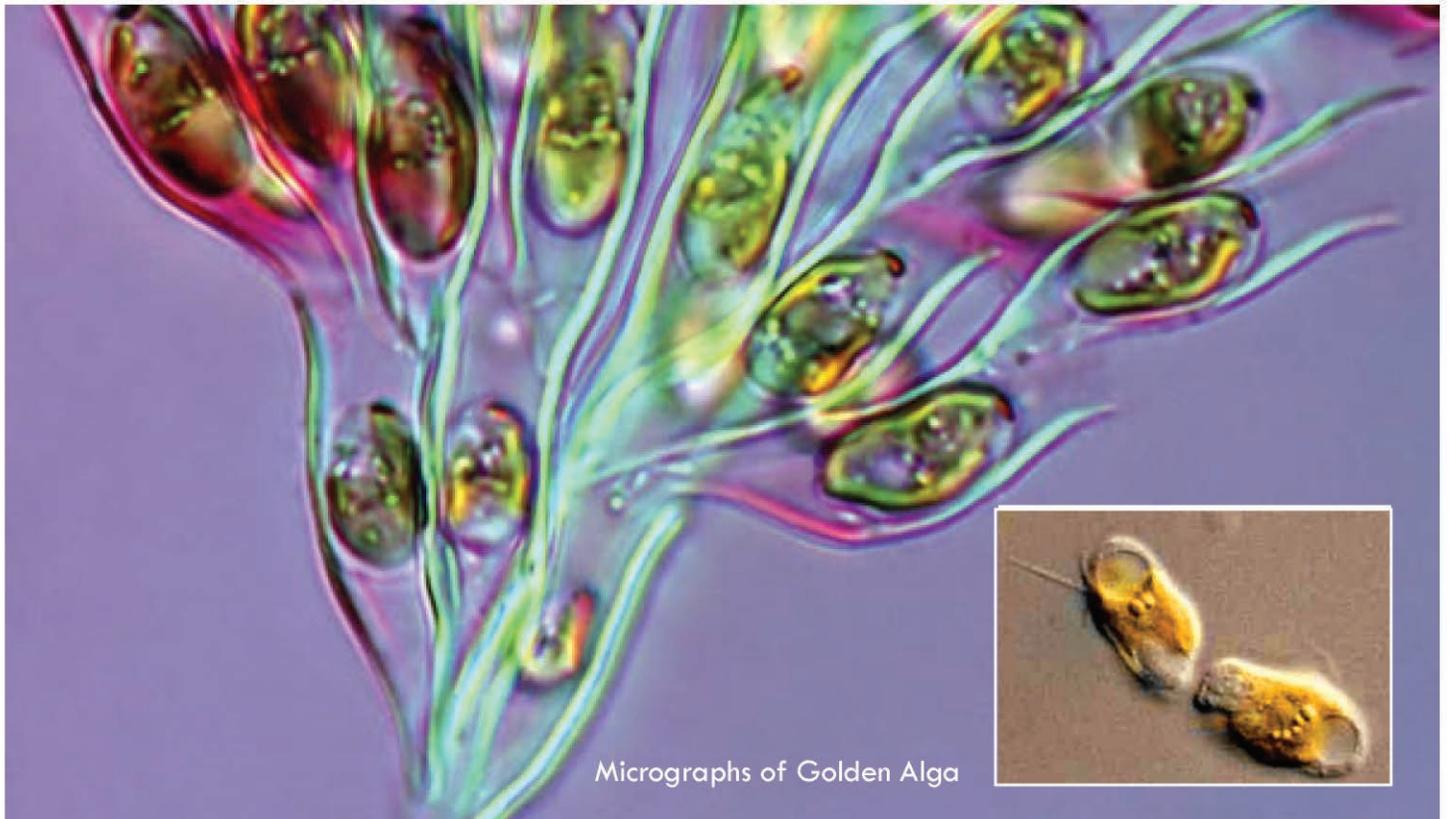
This February, Lake 8 in Dobson Ranch experienced a fish kill due to **Golden Alga**. Golden Alga (*Prymnesium parvum*) is a type of microscopic, single-celled species of algae. Under certain kinds of stress, Golden Alga cells release chemical compounds that combine with minerals in the water to make toxins. These toxins can be harmful to fish by damaging the exposed cells of the gills causing them to not be able to absorb enough dissolved oxygen from the water. Fish that are affected often look sluggish and can be seen sitting at the bottom of a lakebed or up at the surface gulping for air.

Golden Alga is part of the plankton community that forms the base of the food chain in aquatic environments. Single-celled algae are among the phytoplankton (*microscopic plants*), which are eaten by zooplankton (*microscopic animals*). Zooplankton are eaten in turn by aquatic insects and small fish, which provide food for bigger fish. It may sound simple, but the food chain is more like a web than a chain, with complex interactions especially at the low end. Different species of plankton compete for food and often eat each other. It is believed that the chemical compounds that Golden Alga produce is to help it outcompete and kill off other bacteria and algae. When phytoplankton dies it releases its inorganic nutrients back into the water column, Golden Alga can then use this freed-up resource to produce food with the help of the algae's chlorophyll and the ample amount of sunlight we have here in Mesa, then reproduce.



Though Golden Alga occurrences are rare here at the Ranch we do test for it monthly, the algae can live in a wide variety of temperatures, but it appears to be more active towards the end of winter when the water begins to warm slightly. Golden Alga does not need to "bloom" to be harmful to fish, it can be harmful at concentrations of 10,000 cells per milliliter, however effects are not usually seen until 20,000 or more cells per milliliter, also it may only affect part of a lake or fish population.

The Golden Alga occurrence we had in February was caught fairly quickly, after several dead fish were seen in Lake 8 the water was tested: first with a negative test result, after more fish began to die the water was retested this time with a positive result. The water was then treated for the algae and the following water test read negative for Lake 8 as well as all the other lakes here at the Ranch. Though this occurrence is unfortunate, we are using the data to help better identify any future occurrences sooner to minimize fish loss.



Micrographs of Golden Alga



From the Recreation Director's Desk



By Jesse Wright
Recreation Manager

The weather is starting to heat up and so are the Recreation Programs and Events at Dobson Ranch HOA! **Spring Break Camp**, for students ages 6-12, runs March 8-12 and will be held virtually

this year.

It's also the time of year for some spring cleaning. Join us for our **Spring Community Clean Up & Shred** event on Saturday, March 13. (See ad on page 16 for more details.)

Easter will be here before we know it, and we've come up with some great socially-distanced activities, so be sure to tell all your family and friends. First up, is our **Family Drive-In Movie Night** featuring the animated movie "Hop" on Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 pm. Reserve your spot on the Dobson Ranch App.

There will be a **Social Media Photo Hunt** beginning Monday, March 29 through Friday, April 2 for ages 13 and up. There will be a picture posted on **Facebook** and **Instagram** each day taken around the Ranch. You will have to determine where it was taken and send in your guess by 7:00 pm daily to jwright@dobsonranch.com. Every day your guess is correct, your name will be put in the drawing for our Grand Prize.

Another fun event for the holiday will be our **QR Code Easter Hunt** running Friday, April 1 through Sunday, April 3 for ages 0-12. There will be Easter pictures scattered around Laguna Park and walkway. Scan each QR code with your phone and write down the answer. When you have all 10, email the answers to awright@dobsonranch.com. All participants will receive a goodie bag.

Last, but certainly not least, we will have an **Easter Egg Decorating Contest**. Age categories will be: 5-8 years;

9-12 years; 13-17 years; and ages 18 and up. First Prize: \$50 and Second Prize \$30 in each age category. Send a photo of your egg to jwright@dobsonranch.com along with your name and age by no later than April 4 at 5:00 pm. (See the ad on page 17.)

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Tennis Tip for March: Slow Down!



By Kwong Young
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Slow Down... You're Going Too Fast!

Too many players play in a quick tempo and often tend to rush and not put much thought about carefully addressing their shots or, more importantly, adding tactical thinking during their performance.

One must learn to outsmart the opponent, rather than trying to constantly outhitting them with hard pace and using wasted energy. We can all stand back and become a baseliner and go into our slugfest with each other, but you must learn to use your opponent's pace to your advantage... such as blocking the shot back where there won't be pace on the ball, lobbing or drop shots where it will give you or your opponent more or less time.

Think more about your shot placement on the court rather than pounding balls back where potentially you can and will create unforced errors and will get tired sooner. This is not to say don't ever hit the ball hard, but you don't need to do it constantly.

QUICK TENNIS TIP

When it's with you...
don't change.

When it's against you...
SLOW DOWN.

When it's neutral...
look for opportunities
to get it and to build it.





DOBSON RANCH TENNIS ACADEMY

All tennis lessons and Round Robin events are held at the La Casita Recreation Center. All tennis sessions begin on the first of each month and run until the end of the month. Contact the La Casita Recreation Center for more information at 480-831-7464 or visit dobsonranchhoa.com.



ADULTS

Dobson Ranch offers a full-range of programs and playing opportunities for ages 16+ and various ability levels. We focus on developing the complete player who can perform in any match situation at any level. Our tennis pro combines technical, mental and physical elements of the game to help build confidence and conditioning to ensure a positive, successful and fun experience.

Adult Skills & Drills

Geared for advanced beginners/intermediate players, this class focuses on technique and spin production on shots, as well as basic match strategies. Through structured drills, players will improve their playing consistency, build confidence, and learn how to generate more speed and power.

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, April 5, 12, 19, 26 **5967 \$40 R/\$60 NR**
Wednesday, April 7, 14, 21, 28 **5968 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Adult Weekday Doubles Play

If you enjoy playing doubles, but want to improve by doing various shot selections, direction, height, speed, and court positioning, then this will be a court-wise way to help improve your doubles game.

8:30 pm - 10:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, April 5, 12, 19, 26 **5969 \$40 R/\$60 NR**
Wednesday, April 7, 14, 21, 28 **5970 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Adult Saturday Doubles

If you enjoy playing doubles, but want to improve by doing various shot selections, direction, height, speed, and court positioning, then this will be a court-wise way to help improve your doubles game.

9:00 am - 10:30 am | Sessions: Monthly
Saturday, April 3, 10, 17, 24 **5971 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

JUNIORS

The mission of Dobson Ranch junior tennis is to provide quality instruction in a fun and friendly atmosphere with a multilevel juniors program from the youngest beginners to sanctioned tournament players. Each tennis student's placement is based on age, experience and a challenge ladder. Classes combine energized drills, fun games, match play, and conditioning. Our goal is for students to reach a higher level of play and learn to love a sport they will play for a lifetime. Bring a friend!

Junior Clinic

This class is for junior tennis players ages 7-12 looking for an introduction to tennis. This class will introduce basic technique through fun drills and games. Learn how to serve into the correct service box, how to keep score, how to properly rotate the racquet, and how to sustain a rally. If you don't already have a racquet, our tennis pro will fit your child for the proper racquet size during the first class.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, April 5, 12, 19, 26 **5965 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

10:30 am - 11:30 am | Sessions: Monthly
Saturday, April 3, 10, 17, 24 **5966 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Monthly Round Robin Social*

This monthly social is a fantastic way to meet other tennis players in the community. Players will participate in doubles and mixed-doubles matches in a round-robin format, assorted by levels. No matter what your playing level is, come out and meet other tennis players in a fun, relaxed setting.

Saturday | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

*April Social 4/17

FREE! Adults 16+ (Register in advance, space is limited.)

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

Private tennis lessons are available for individual one-on-one instruction with the Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional. Please call **Kwong Young** at 480-759-2248 or kyoung@dobsonranch.com to schedule private lessons. The Dobson Ranch tennis courts are for the exclusive use of Dobson Ranch residents and the Association Tennis Professional. Other professionals are not to teach classes, lessons or clinics on our Association courts at any time. To ensure the Ranch tennis program remains viable, Dobson Ranch residents should consult the Association Tennis Pro for all tennis instruction. No outside tennis professionals are permitted on Association courts.



RECREATION CLASSES

The following classes are tentatively on the schedule and are subject to change. Please visit the events calendar for the most up-to-date information at www.dobsonranch.com.

ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES

TAI CHI

Instructor: Linda
 When: Wednesdays
 Where: AM Classes & PM Classes at La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 9:00 am Beginning Tai Chi
 10:00 am Intermediate Tai Chi
 6:00 pm Intermediate Tai Chi
 7:00 pm Beginning Tai Chi

Cost: \$3 drop in residents, \$6 drop in non-residents
 \$12 resident only for a 6-use punch card



Tai Chi is a gentle Chinese exercise system that may enhance strength and flexibility as well as reduce stress. Learning the Tai Chi form can be the beginning of a healthy, lifelong practice that can improve

the quality of life of individuals who choose to practice it.

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Jeanne
 When: Mondays
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Cost: \$8 drop in, \$42 resident only for a 7-use punch card



Transform your mind, body and spirit! Yoga will improve your flexibility and strengthen your core muscles while banishing stress and tension. This relaxing but invigorating

class promotes inner calmness using breathing techniques, balancing postures and stretching/floor work. Modifications available to meet all levels. Bring a yoga mat, Yoga blocks, strap and blanket/towel are very helpful. You can attend either yoga class offered with your punch card. *

HEALING YOGA

Instructor: Samantha
 When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 8:15 am - 9:15 am
 Cost: \$8 drop in or \$42 resident only for a 7-use punch card



Healing Yoga

Hard to get up off the floor? Body having a hard time moving? Join us for gentle, therapeutic body movement. We gently move and stretch different parts of the body to help bring new life to tired parts! Learn how to relax the mind, discovering how to relieve anxiety, bring better sleep, and not letting your worries take control over your mind. If you think your body has had it and can't do anything anymore – think again.



Come join us for gentle recovery. You can try it lying on the floor, or even in a chair. Bring a yoga mat. You can attend either yoga class offered with your punch card. *

FITNESS IN THE PARK

Instructor: Nancy
 When: Mondays & Thursdays 6:00 am - 6:45 am*;
 Where: Laguna Park
 Cost: See pricing below in orange band.
 RSVP: Contact the instructor with questions prior to class at 602-703-7822 or at nancy@magillfitness.com

Buy 5, Get 1 FREE! Residents: \$50, Non-Residents: \$75
 Buy 9, Get 3 FREE! Residents: \$90, Non-Residents \$135

Your 1st class is FREE!!! Contact Nancy at 602-703-7822 or at nancy@magillfitness.com to reserve your first FREE class.

*Your Punch Card for this class expires three months from your purchase date. Punch Cards may be punched one time for residents only per class. No additional punches for guests or residents. Punch Cards can be purchased by appointment at the La Casita Recreation Center.





CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Code: 5981
 When: Thursdays (April 22 - May 27)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 Cost: **Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5. Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

Children will be introduced to dance through their favorite fairytales during this positive and encouraging class. Dance can build self-esteem and improve motor skills. Watch your prince or princess shine in this fun and creative program. Children need soft-soled shoes and comfortable clothes. Ballet shoes, leotard and tights are recommended.



There will be a performance on the last day of class. Children must be able to work in a group setting and follow directions. For more info on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Code: 5980
 When: Tuesdays (April 20 - May 25)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Cost: **Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

This upbeat and fun class is perfect to sample different dance styles which will include jazz, ballet, modern, hip hop, and other styles. Get moving with this upbeat and fun class and discover dance. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.



INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)

Code: 5982
 When: Thursdays (April 22 - May 27)
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Cost: **Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

In a fun, encouraging and high energy atmosphere, your child will be shown the fundamentals of ballet and jazz, which can help improve motor skills and creative expression. Soft-soled shoes are recommended or bare feet. Children must be able to work in a group setting. There will be a recital at the end of the session. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.



GET YOUR PUNCH CARDS FOR RECREATION CLASSES BY APPOINTMENT AT LA CASITA

* Punch cards may be punched one time for residents only per class. No additional punches for guests or residents. Punch Cards expire two months from purchase date.

New Tennis Reservation System for La Casita Tennis Courts Using the Dobson Ranch App



Just follow these simple steps to make your reservation:

1. Log into your Dobson Ranch App.
2. Navigate to the Tennis menu.
3. Tap into which La Casita Tennis Court you would like to reserve.
4. Tap "Reserve La Casita Tennis Court".
5. Select the date you wish to reserve and tap "Manage Reservations".
6. Select the time you wish to reserve.

Reservations are required to use the Dobson Ranch La Casita Tennis Courts.

Have questions? Contact the Recreation Office at 480-831-7464.



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Valentine's Cookie Decorating Class Photos



Cookies shown here
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Nikki Gillies and
Dawn Rogers



Charli Belisle



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Andrew Ernst



Elizabeth Mosaidis



Kellan Hoog



Abby Richards



Allison Ernst &
Grandma Linda Bauer



Eamon Hoog

RANCH-WIDE Spring CLEAN UP SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH



Please follow all social distancing guidelines.



Dump It!

Ranch Clean Up:
7:00 am - 1:30 pm
Los Altos Parking Lot

Residents are responsible for loading and unloading their own material. Unacceptable items include: appliances, rock, block, concrete, tile, carpet, food, animal waste, engines, all hazardous waste, pressurized tanks and gas powered vehicles.

Shred It!

Paper Shredding:
8:00 am - 11:00 am

La Casita & Saratoga Parking Lots

Drop off your boxes of paper to be shredded at either location. Paper clips and staples are OK. No plastic bags.

Please Note:

There will be no Garage Sales this year.





All events are subject to change. Check the Events Calendar on our website for the most up-to-date info.

easter eggstravaganza



Family Drive-In Movie Night Thursday, April 1 • 7:00 pm

La Casita Parking Lot

Featuring the delightful animated movie *HOP*.

Register on the Dobson Ranch App. Space is limited to one vehicle per family. Freshly-popped popcorn will be provided. Please arrive by 6:45 pm to pick your preferred parking spot.

Remember: Social distancing guidelines apply.



easter eggstravaganza



Social Media Photo Hunt Monday, March 29 - Friday, April 2

Ages 13 and up

A picture of an Easter photo taken somewhere on the Ranch will be posted on our Facebook & Instagram pages each day. Once you determine where it was taken, send your guess to jwright@dobsonranch.com by 7:00 pm each evening. Every correct answer will be entered in a drawing to win \$50.



easter eggstravaganza



QR Code Easter Hunt Friday, April 2 - Sunday, April 4

Ages 0-12

Look for Easter pictures scattered around Laguna Park and walkway. Scan each QR code with your phone and write down the answers. When you have all 10 answers, email them to Avé at awright@dobsonranch.com by 5:00 pm on Sunday 4/4.

All participants get a goodie bag!



easter eggstravaganza



Egg Decorating Contest Eggs Photos Due by Sunday, April 4

By 5:00 pm

Decorate an Easter Egg, take a photo of it and you could win a prize! Age categories: 5-8, 9-12, 13-17, and 18 and up.

1st Prize: \$50 in each age group.

2nd Prize: \$30 in each age group.

Send photo to Jesse at jwright@dobsonranch.com with your name & age.





Why I Love It Here

CONTEST ENTRIES



I love Dobson Ranch for the thriving community, the low HOA fees with many amenities, the lakes and parks, and all of the fun activities.

Courtney Rankin



We are original owners, March, 1979, that should say it all! Have no desire to move, as our three children/grandchildren say, "Our home is centrally located."

Richard Trujillo, Sr.



We love our home in Dobson Ranch because of the amazing neighbors in our cul-de-sac, walking paths, abundant wildlife and the fantastic location.

Stephanie Fee



The lakes and parks that we did not even know about when we moved here 25 years ago. What a pleasant surprise that was!

Daryl Gerke



Ducks Orange trees
Bike lanes Swimming pools Outdoor areas
Nice neighbors
RoundUp A round of golf
Newsletter Contests Hoa

Jennifer Frappier



We love our home, canoeing the lakes, beautiful parks, fun community events, Dobson Dolphins, great neighbors, walking paths, tennis courts, sparkling pools and well-managed HOA.

Mikkelyn Adams



Dobson High Oasis (lakes) Bark in the Park Seasonal events Outstanding walking paths Nice parks RoundUp Awesome pools Neighbors Child-friendly Happiest place to live!

Kathleen Lorenzen

Although this entry was longer than 25 words, it was still worth sharing!



**Wendy Dieterich
and friends**

In Dobson Ranch we bought a home
Then Covid struck and we felt alone
When things settled down and we ventured outside
We soaked up the offerings of Dobson Ranch pride.
The running paths, the biking routes
The lakes, the green, there's much to tout
On why we love it here so much,
But mostly friends to share it with.
Community at its very best
Is what sets us apart from all the rest.

And the \$25 Gift Card goes to... **Kathleen Lorenzen**
Thank you to everyone who entered our contest!



Dobson Ranch Democrats & Friends Club

By Jill Snyder, Treasurer

Please join us online for our monthly meetings to stay connected and hear from exciting speakers! We meet on the second Wednesday of each month using **Zoom**. Please visit our **Facebook** page for more information and to register for the next meeting:

<https://www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchDemocrats>

Thank you!

Questions? Call **George Tihanyi** at **480-792-6746** or **Robert Doyle** at **602-321-6169**, or email rdoyle@canyonrecords.com

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Join our Meet-Up group:

<https://www.meetup.com/LD18-Dems/>



Dobson Ranch Republicans

Michelle Masters, Chairperson

Happy Easter

Easter is a time of rebirth. It reminds me of the rebirth mentioned in Lincoln's Gettysburg Address:

"...that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth"

Of, by, and for the people
- not over the people -
is a core Republican belief.

Learn history and explore a rebirth of citizen participation at www.DRGOP.com

Dobson Ranch Independents

By Jack Wagner, Chairman & Dobson Ranch resident since 1979

"We the People" MUST get involved with our VOICES!



As you complete this puzzle, a cure for those citizens' feelings of disappointment, helplessness (*nothing I can do about it*), is involvement. For with that effort, comes commitment, followed by results. Where to start you ask? How about right here in our own community!

Community, civic engagement, such as city council, school board meetings. Attend one and share that experience. How about virtual substantive dialogue and debate?

Joan Rivers, on her TV show, would say: "Let's Talk!"

Community Voices!
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"These are the times that try men's souls."
- Journalism broadcast in 1776 by Thomas Paine.



Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Frank Saavedra, President

Our Retirees' Club has the benefit of remembering the '60s. Back then "shooting up" wasn't legal, but it was relatively easy to do. Today our age group is legally shooting up (*albeit for a different reason*), and now we have to make an appointment online to do so.

It was one year ago that our Club had the last monthly meeting. We held an auction to raise money to help the teachers at Washington Elementary School. Many of them spend their own money for school needs, and we tried our best to help them.

We also had a Membership Appreciation Party last March. There was a country western theme, and those attending had a great time. The various restrictions caused by the pandemic were beginning to take shape, and we wrestled with the decision to go or no-go with the party. Had we known what we know today about the pandemic, we may have made a different decision. Thankfully, we had the party, because it allowed many of those attending to spend one last time together before having to isolate. Fortunately, none of us suffered any illness as a result.

Today we continue to wonder when we will once again gather to meet as a club. While there is a light at the end of the tunnel, it's not clear how far away that light is.

God Bless You!

Frank



Ladies from the Retirees' Club enjoy a socially-distanced get-together at Laguna Park on Friday mornings. Photo by Nancy Roggio.



Arnie Chase led six other bike riders to 24th & Baseline on a recent ride.

Thanks to Jo LeVan for the picture!

8th Annual Valentine's Day Tournament Offered Exceptional Competition and Great Snacks!

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Saturday, February 13th marked the eighth time Dobson Ranch Pickleball offered our **Valentine's Tournament**, with eight mixed doubles teams going head-to-head in our traditional round-robin format. Seasonal trophies with a "love theme" were again presented to all by the **Gillies-Mizner Artisan Elves Studios** using busted pickleballs. An amazing collection of appropriately themed snacks made for a complete morning, mixing exercise and eating! A recently added tradition of coffee brewed courtside is becoming a popular mainstay of recent tournaments! Next up is our **Saint Paddy's Day Competition**, so stay tuned.

We continue to enjoy the clear and sometimes cold winter mornings, with good attendance on all of our drop-in play days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 am. Also, regular evening play on Monday and Thursdays at 7:00 pm is very solid, plus we keep hearing there are other night time groups coming on under the lights and other small groups scattered throughout the day. To those who read this who may not be on our email list, please join us so we can maximize our opportunities for play as the Dobson Ranch HOA considers how best to resurface our courts this summer with pre-stressed concrete, and converting to eight dedicated pickleball courts.

The bathrooms remain under renovation, and there are warnings there may need to be some electrical outages during

some of the reconstruction that will affect night-time play for some periods of time. Progress often comes with inconvenience, but daytime play should not be affected, so let's look to adjust as needed, and make the best of it.

We continue to welcome new resident players, but do advise checking with us before coming out to make sure our schedule has not changed. We can provide loaned paddles, but please wear appropriate attire including court shoes. Please contact **Rich Bitner** (rebitner@cs.com) or **Frank Mizner** (planner1948@gmail.com) for further information, to get referrals for professional instruction, and to get on our email list for announcements regarding pickleball schedules and activities. Please contact **Donna Ransom** at donna85202@gmail.com to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.

Stay Healthy, Mask Up, Practice Safe Exercise, & Pickle-On!!



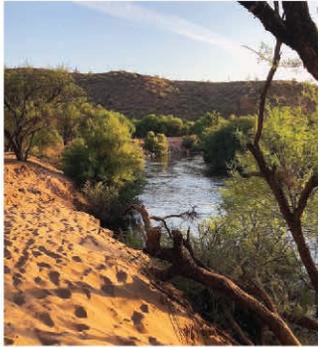
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Retirees' Hiking Club

By **Barbara Stout**, Retirees' Hiking Club Chairperson

Hello Hikers,



Coon Bluff Trail

Although I will not be able to hike this month due to a family emergency, other hikers will step up and lead the group. Below is the hiking schedule for the remainder of March. All hikers will wear masks when in a group and most will drive separately to the trailhead. I will have a list of those people who would be willing to have hikers in their cars.

The Clippers "Extra" hikes are in **Blue** and are on Wednesdays and Fridays.

- March 10 **Superstition Mountains - Dutchman Trail from First Water Trailhead** in and out
- March 18 **Coon Bluff Trail** along the river in and out (we may see wild horses in the river)
- March 24 **McDowell Mountains - Brown Mountain Trailhead - Brown Mountain Trail**
- March 31 **Superstition Peralta Trailhead - Lost Goldmine Trail from Lost Goldmine East Trailhead** *Clippers will go to Peralta Trail*

Happy Hiking,
Barb

Women's Club

By **Patty Smith**, Women's Club President

Hopefully, March finds us getting closer to being able to see each other, in some way or form. I sure miss seeing everyone.

I am in awe of how the Mars landing and exploration was achieved. We are all so proud of the accomplishments of ASU and the U of A teams. They created the cameras and digital photography for the Mars Perseverance Rover. Go Sun Devils and Wildcats!

I have an idea for a service project. We could collect slightly worn bras for ladies in need. What do you think?

Please continue to keep **Phyllis Bleakley** in your prayers.

I've had both vaccines. Make sure you get yours! Soon we can get back to playing **Bunco** and heading **Out to Lunch!**

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy Easter.

Stay safe and healthy!

Patty



A Birthday Tribute to Paul Karban

by **Jack Armstrong**, Editor of *The Good Life Times*



Last month marked a huge milestone for our Retirees' Club's Co-Founder, **Paul Karban**. Paul turned 90 years young in February, and for his birthday his wife, Peggy, gave Paul a brand new 2021 Ford Mustang convertible! Paul replied after sitting in it for the first time, "It makes me feel 50 years

younger!" Those of you who are newer members to the Retirees' Club might not know it but Paul and Peggy were co-founders of the Club, along with the Club's founders **Myron and Jean Brown**, over 20 years ago.

Paul has been an extremely important part of our Club over the years, serving as President, hiking leader and probably as our leader for many other activities. Paul and Peggy rarely missed Dinner Nights Out, Happy Hours, General Meetings and every other Club activity. Paul was an active bike rider up to several years ago. Over the years, it was Paul who would prepare pulled pork for our General Meeting. It was Paul who co-chaired our Pancake Breakfasts. When members needed new DR Retirees' logo shirts... Paul took care of it!

Remember those poinsettias we had at our December General Meetings for years? It was Paul waiting in line at Home Depot at 6:00 am to buy 15 of them for \$0.99. And it doesn't stop there... if our President needed something to be done, it was Paul who said "I can take care of that!"



Career and Technical Education Helps Students Discover Their Future

By Laurie Struna, Media Communications Specialist, Communications and Engagement/MPS



The Mesa Public Schools **Career and Technical Education** department sets students on pathways to success, and helps them answer the important question, “What do you want to be when you grow up?”

The growth of CTE programs is an example of the support and excitement from industry and community. Students enjoy rich opportunities to explore career paths, earn industry credentials and college credits, and obtain real world experience — while still in high school.

Marlo Loria, director of CTE & innovative partnerships, shares that Mesa strives to encourage students and parents to talk about career pathways as early as fifth and sixth grade. “It’s through the exploration process that students discover their passions,” Loria says. “CTE engages students, brings real-world relevance to their everyday learning, and truly leads them to college and career readiness.”

Seventh-graders have access to a career exploration class that helps them develop their **Education and Career Action Plan (ECAP)**. In eighth grade, all students take the ACT Explore test, which includes a career inventory section. Students in grades nine through 12 work closely with counselors, using their ECAPs to identify career aspirations and important coursework that will help them accomplish their goals.

Junior high students use their ECAPs as another tool to select CTE electives in subjects including computer technology, culinary arts, engineering and health sciences. High schools offer an expanded variety of fields, which will include 27 program options in fall 2021. Programs are diverse and innovative, including sports medicine, biotechnology, software development, automotive and welding technologies, and new Amazon Web Services, cybersecurity and construction technologies options.

Exciting careers of the future

This fall, CTE is partnering with the **Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce** and **ElevateEdAZ** to provide a bridge between the business sector and high school education. Another key piece is connecting with community educators and mentors, so students can build relationships that could lead to future internships and employment.

Dobson High Principal **Gabbi Buckley** shares that her school’s location is ideal for the cybersecurity program considering its close proximity to the Price corridor, which is home to companies such as **GoDaddy** and **Shutterfly**. The demand for the cybersecurity field continues to grow each year.

“The goal is that students in this program will be able to earn certifications so that they can seek gainful employment right out of high school,” Buckley says. “Cybersecurity is a field that all companies use — including hospitals, school districts and banks. We are excited for our future Mustangs to have this amazing opportunity!”

Learn more at mpsaz.org/cte.



Photos by Tim Hacker/Mesa Public Schools



The Dobson Association 42nd Annual City Breakfast

February 23, 2021 To view the Dobson Ranch video shown at the beginning of the City Breakfast webinar, go to <https://youtu.be/k11yZi5IZX0>



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Special thanks to all of the speakers for the webinar. We look forward to seeing you all in person next year!



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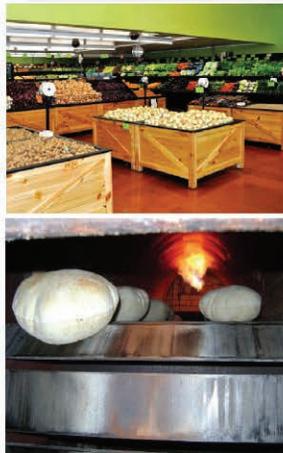
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At Your Service ads are published **FREE** for Dobson Ranch teens.

HIGH SCHOOLER LOOKING TO PET SIT FOR YOU – Willing to pet sit any animals. Call or text Michael at 602-582-0730.

HOUSE SITTING & YARD WORK – My name is Michael. I'm 16 and can house sit, maintain your pool and do light yard work. Call 602-312-0283.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL TWINS WILL DO YARD WORK – Call or text Shane or Cody 480-757-4282.

HI, MY NAME IS EMMA – I'm a 17 year old responsible H.S. student living in Dobson Ranch. I'm available to babysit, house sit or dog sit. 5 years experience. Babysitter/CPR certified. Reasonable rates and I have my own transportation. 480-489-5439.

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The new Classified Ad deadline is the 10th of the month prior to publication date. No exceptions.



8th Annual Valentine's Pickleball Tournament winners



Calendar of Events

MARCH 2021 / APRIL 2021

All events are subject to change. Visit the Events Calendar at dobsonranchhoa.com for updated info.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
8 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room	9 Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm Chica Room	10 Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm. Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	11 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room	12	13 COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP/SHRED 7:00 am - 1:30 pm Sunday 14
VIRTUAL SPRING BREAK CAMP					
15 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room Budget and Finance Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual)	16 Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room	17 Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm. Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm. Raffle Winners Selected	18 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Board of Director's Meeting 7:00 pm (virtual)	19	20 Sunday 21
22 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room	23 Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm Chica Room	24 Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm. Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	25 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room	26	27 SHADE TREE PICK-UP 9:00 - 11:00 am La Casita Parking Lot Sunday 28
29 SOCIAL MEDIA PHOTO HUNT - Enter by 7:00 pm Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room	30 SOCIAL MEDIA PHOTO HUNT - Enter by 7:00 pm Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room	31 SOCIAL MEDIA PHOTO HUNT - Enter by 7:00 pm Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm. Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	1 SOCIAL MEDIA PHOTO HUNT - Enter by 7:00 pm Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Master Planning Committee 7:00 pm (virtual) DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT 7:00 pm La Casita Parking Lot	2 SOCIAL MEDIA PHOTO HUNT - Enter by 7:00 pm QR CODE EASTER HUNT BEGINS - Enter by 5:00 pm	3 QR CODE EASTER HUNT Sunday 4 Happy Easter! QR CODE EASTER HUNT EGG DECORATING CONTEST Photos Due by 5:00 pm
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