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Photo: Lynelle Glysso

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Lupe Dalluge is shown with her three pups at this year's **Bark in the Park** event held on Saturday, September 11 at Laguna Park. This is the first time Lupe has attended the event and was so proud of how her three dogs behaved.

Dogs from left to right are: **Scout** - 5-year-old Labradoodle; **Oso** - 4-month-old Double Doodle (hybrid combination of Golden Retriever, Poodle and Labrador Retriever), and **Maggie** - 2-year-old Goldendoodle.

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Message From the Association President



By **Allen Johnson**
Association President

Reserve Study, Water Management and Public Safety Being Addressed

Happy October Fellow Ranchers,

It's hard to believe that most of 2021 is behind us, and that the holidays are just around the corner. This season's events and community gatherings will surely be a welcome relief from the hot and stressful year that so many of us have experienced.

Every three years, the Association collaborates with a third party to perform a comprehensive on-site **Reserve Study**. This involves a review of all Dobson Ranch owned assets, where they fall in their usable life, and what their projected replacement cost will be. The purpose of this review is to ensure that adequate funds are being allocated to cover these expenses. Our vendor, *SmartProperty*, recently completed this process, and their representative joined us last month during a special public workshop. They presented their findings, and there was time allowed for Q&A from the Board and residents. The takeaway from our Reserve Study is that while costs are unfortunately going up due to inflation and other economic pressures, the Association is in a solid financial position.

Anyone who lives or spends much time near Lake 8 is aware of the ongoing water quality concerns that have persisted there for the last few years. Lake 8 is small and relatively shallow, and being located at the end of the chain of lakes that span throughout the Ranch, it presents some unique challenges. During the September meeting, the Board reviewed a proposal from our **Lake Habitat & Water Management Committee** to apply a phosphorus-managing additive, with the hope of reducing algae growth. The committee reviewed different mitigation options, and sought guidance from **Dr. Rick Amalfi** of *Aquatic Consulting & Testing*. They concluded that the most effective and environmentally friendly solution is to apply a product called Phoslock, which the Board unanimously approved.

Public safety is always one of the highest concerns for the Board. Although Dobson Ranch has remained relatively safe in comparison to several nearby areas, we have unfortunately seen an increase in criminal activity, particularly property crime. This has us looking for ways that we can do more to keep the Ranch safe. One effective way to bring neighbors together to push back against criminal activity is through **Neighborhood Watch Programs**. We have several very active Watch groups throughout the Ranch. In support of their efforts, the Board voted unanimously to allow them to use the Association's meeting rooms free of charge. There was also discussion about potentially forming a Ranch-wide committee of Neighborhood Watch representatives to collaborate and share insight.

Dobson Ranch has a close, long standing partnership with the Mesa Police Department. We can't thank them enough for their continued support. Please join us in person on October 20th at 6:30 pm in the La Casita Grande Room for a Safety Presentation by **Amy Sailors** from the MPD. (See page 3 for more info.)

Be well!

Executive Director's Message



By **Lynelle Glysson**
Executive Director

Keeping Our Skills Sharp Through Ongoing Training

Serving a complicated community like Dobson Ranch requires keeping skills sharp. The Dobson Ranch staff participates in various training sessions throughout the year.

Jesse Wright, Recreation Manager, attends an annual **National Parks and Recreation Conference** as well as the **Arizona Parks and Recreation Conference**. These conferences offer training on how to better run recreation departments as well as innovative ideas for new events. He also attends many webinars on COVID-19 procedures. These have been important in following government guidelines for our activities and preschool.

Camille Gonzales, Operations Manager, participates in training throughout the year as well. She has completed the Community Association Institute's M-100 course that teaches association management. She is also completing courses in computer applications and human resource management and has completed a communications course.

I have taken several online courses that better sharpen my skills. In September, I attended the **Community Association Institute's Large Scale Community Conference**. Topics included common area management, legal updates, strategic planning, conservation and more. It is also good to network with other professionals and exchange ideas. I always learn many new strategies from colleagues.

The staff as a whole takes part in skills training, software training and process updates. I like to keep the staff involved when implementing a new process. The departments and staff members who will be a part of the process will give valuable feedback. They know their part of the process and their feedback fine tunes it overall.

I say all this to let you know we are working hard to serve you better! We want to be more efficient and skilled to continue to make Dobson Ranch **"The best place to live!"**

Let us stay #DobsonRanchStrong! Thank you for the continued support of your neighbors, Board and staff.





Message From the Editor



By Nancy Roggio
Communications Manager

Thanks for Your Generosity!

Thanks to the generosity of many in the community of Mesa, including many of the residents of Dobson Ranch, the **Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign** has collected well over 550,000 bottles of water to help people in need, including the homeless and unsheltered during the hot summer months. (The Campaign goal was 400,000 bottles!)

The number of cases of water donated by Dobson Ranch residents alone totalled **91** cases, the most water ever collected during an annual water drive. In addition, that amount was doubled by the Dobson Ranch HOA, bringing the grand total up to a whopping **182** cases of water!

"We have seen incredible generosity this summer by so many in our community to help people who are struggling," said Dobson Ranch Executive Director **Lynelle Glysson**.

There have been numerous collection drives this year organized by residents, businesses and organizations. **Amanda Ferguson** led the **Bottles for Bill**, a nonprofit organization named in honor of her brother who died from heat exhaustion in the Arizona desert in August 2013. Her campaign, with the help of Niagara Bottling, collected **90,014** bottles this summer.

"I'm so grateful to our caring community members who came together to honor my brother with so many donations of water.

This campaign truly saves lives and raises awareness about the dangers of the summer heat," said Ferguson.

Other campaigns included donations of 84,965 bottles from the Eastmark community, 43,520 from Niagara Bottling, 38,330 from Walmart, 32,310 from Friendly Auto Centers, 27,872 from the Mesa Rotary Club, 18,252 from Cigna, 10,041 from several donors who participated in a collection drive sponsored by Norris Air and Channel 3 and a donation of three pallets or 8,640 bottles of water from Fry's Food Stores during a fundraiser promotion with United Food Bank and Channel 12.

Several donations were from the **One Ton Water Challenge** started in 2017 by Mesa Chamber of Commerce, United Food Bank and the City of Mesa. It challenged businesses, residents and organizations to buy a pallet of water, which weighs more than one ton, for approximately \$150.

"United Food Bank is extremely grateful for the donations of water and money for the campaign and we encourage residents to continue helping us in the future," said **Dave Richins**, United Food Bank CEO. "Your five dollar donation or a case of water will save lives."

The Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign, which started in 2007, is a partnership involving the City of Mesa, nonprofit agencies and businesses to provide supplies of water to those in need. The water is distributed through United Food Bank to numerous nonprofit organizations in Mesa and throughout the valley including Paz de Cristo, Mesa United Way and A New Leaf-East Valley Men's Center.



Above: Lynelle Glysson and Nancy Roggio pose for United Food Bank promotion photo. **Right:** Palette with cases of water for Dobson Ranch HOA match.



Loop 101 - Noise Study

The Maricopa Association of Governments Transportation Policy Committee approved a freeway noise analysis study in March of 2021 and it was approved by the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee. This was done in response to noise complaints after Loop 101 was diamond grinded. This was done as an alternative to rubberized asphalt which can be costly. Some of your neighbors in Dobson Ranch participated by allowing sound measuring equipment to be installed in their yards. Below are dates in which reports are expected from this testing.

Full sound readings – Conducted in September
Final Report – December 2021

You can go to azmag.gov to learn more about this project. If you have concerns, you can contact **Diana Mann**, ADOT Communications by email at Dmann@azdot.gov or call (480) 271-3327.

Happy Birthday Shirley! You made it to 100!



Shirley P. Jones

Shirley was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 1, 1921. After a lifetime of worldwide travel as a travel agent, she settled in Arizona at Dobson Ranch in 1978. After retiring from travel, she continued being active with *Meals on Wheels* through *Friendship Village*, and activities through her sorority Beta Sigma Phi. Shirley currently lives independently in

her home on Dobson Ranch. She plays bridge weekly at the Pile Center in Tempe, and does her crossword puzzles daily to keep her mind sharp. Shirley still keeps in contact with friends and family both here and around the world through her emails, and enjoys solitaire on her computer. Her family (*nephew Rick, great nephew Arthur, niece Monica, and husband Dan*) are all close by and check in on her daily. Shirley continues to be an amazing and inspiring woman to all who know her.



Best wishes from all of us at Dobson Ranch!

Resident **Rob Johnson** wanted to let everyone know that **Vince Galgano**, WWII veteran who turns 103 this year, will be moving out of Dobson Ranch in October. "Vince was one of the original owners, a good neighbor and a great friend. We'll all miss him dearly."

MPD COMMUNITY SAFETY PRESENTATION



OCTOBER 20 • 6:30 PM • GRANDE ROOM

Residence

Vehicle

Personal

Community



Please join us on Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30 pm in the La Casita Grande Room at 2719 S. Reyes for a **Community Safety Presentation** led by **Amy Sailors**, Crime Prevention officer with the Mesa Police Department.

Sailors will talk about safety as it relates to Dobson Ranch residence, vehicle and personal safety. She will give tips to our residents to help lower their chances of being victimized.

"The biggest aspect of crime prevention is encouraging citizens to be actively engaged in taking away the crimes of opportunity, which makes it harder for the suspects to be successful in whatever they are attempting to do," Sailor says.



"We continue to see on a daily basis that citizens are leaving vehicles unlocked with valuables in plain sight which leads to purses, wallets, guns and garage door openers being stolen. Sometimes people leave their vehicles running and unattended or with the keys in them, which in turn makes them convenient for suspects to steal," she continued.

"My goal is to remind citizens of the simple things they can do to add the extra layer of protection to avoid being a victim such as to take the extra few seconds to double check the door handles and to make sure the garage door is shut before they go to bed," Sailors added.



One of the current crime trends in our community is catalytic converters being stolen from vehicles because of the precious metals inside the unit. Sailors will give some suggestions on how to avoid yours being stolen and how to report any suspicious activity or people you see around or under vehicles.



Lt. Diana Williams, a new patrolwoman for the Fiesta Division, is an 18-year veteran of the Mesa PD. She has worked assignments in Patrol, Training, Media Relations, Organized Crime Unit, and Mesa Family Advocacy Center as a Personal Crimes Detective and serves on several community boards.



Monthly Update From Councilmember Heredia

Get ready for GAIN!

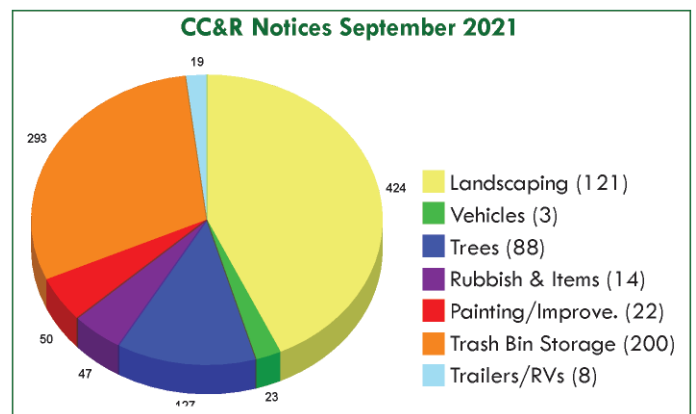
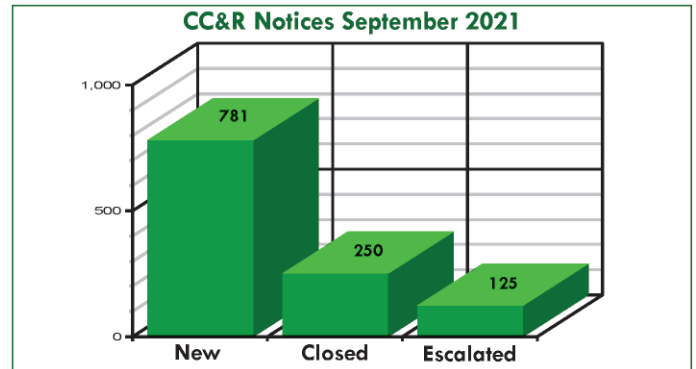
G.A.I.N. (*Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods*) is a statewide annual event designed to encourage Neighborhood Watch programs and bring together communities throughout Mesa for a common goal – to work together against criminal activity. The foundation for this event is the partnership between Mesa Police and our citizens.

During G.A.I.N., various members of our police department, and myself, drive around visiting parties/gatherings in our neighborhoods. These events are meaningful to the City of Mesa because of the opportunity to connect with residents in a casual setting. This is a time to turn on your porch lights, go out into your neighborhood, and get to know your neighbors, while enjoying a cook out, refreshments and fun!

G.A.I.N. will be held on Saturday, November 6 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The deadline to register your party is Friday, October 15. For FAQs regarding this event, please visit the Mesa PD Community page: <https://www.mesaazpolice.gov/community/gain>. You can also contact the Fiesta District Crime Prevention Officer at 480-644-2539 or fiestacrimeprevention@mesaaz.gov.

I look forward to seeing you all as we come visit!
~ Councilmember Heredia

CC&R Notices



Backyard Structures & Architectural Applications

By Camille Gonzales, Operations Manager



With Code Compliance out and about in the neighborhood, we wanted to remind all homeowners that any backyard structure, sheds, green houses, play structures, or any other permanent structures need to be approved by the DRAC committee. We would like to encourage residents with any backyard structures that are already up, to please submit an

Architectural Application if you haven't already done so. It is important to submit an Architectural Application regarding changes, or past changes, to the outside of your home so you will not receive a violation.

Section 2.7 Accessory Structures

2.7.1 Storage Sheds, Green Houses and Permanent Structures



All Accessory Structures that are visible from outside the lot must have prior written approval from the DRAC.

2.7.2 Sunshades, Gazebos and Pergolas

Play structures will be considered by the DRAC on a case-by-case basis. Play structures must be at least 5 feet away from perimeter walls.

You can find Architectural Applications on the Dobson Ranch website, in person at the Administration Office and now on the Dobson Ranch phone app.

If you ever have any questions regarding Code Compliance or filling out the Architectural Application, please contact our office.

Thank you,
Camille



DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

Agave Stalk Becomes Nursery

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

Your most treasured agave has sent up its life ending flower stalk, blooming with superb beauty. Don't despair, you may be losing the agave, as most species only bloom once and die, but keep the stalk as it can become a nursery and a reminder of your special plant.

Cut the stalk to an appealing size with a saw and wedge it between heavy rocks, or other items, to maintain its verticality in a protected and semi-shaded area. As the stalk dries out, it will become the perfect nursery for carpenter bees. These handsome bees are hairy, bluish-black, about one-inch long, and as wide as your thumb. They won't sting you unless trapped or threatened and do not form a hive as they live alone. They are excellent pollinators and important to have in your landscape.

Single female carpenter bees (*Xylocopa tabaniformis*) nest in wood. They will compete heavily for a chance to nest in your stalk. The winning architect will then proceed to chew into the stalk and begin to tunnel a 8- to 9-inch section. You can see the telltale signs of sawdust collecting at the base of the stalk. If you listen closely, you can hear the chewing and digging going on inside as she makes a tunnel three-quarters of an inch in diameter. Somewhere during this time, she mates. When finished with her tunnel, she will collect pollen, fertilizing your plants, returning to the nest with it.

The pollen is then rolled into a ball and placed in the bottom of the tunnel. She then lays an egg on top of it. The pollen becomes food for the developing bee. Chewing up the cellulose of the stalk, she forms a roof over this cell. She continues this process until the tunnel is full. When the adult bees are ready, they emerge, each in turn, chewing out their roof.

Carpenter bees normally use dead tree limbs or other unfinished wood, like firewood, as nurseries. If they are tunneling into wood of value, cover it, varnish or paint it. They hibernate over winter in their tunnels or, in this case, your agave stalk. I've had bees nesting in a cherished agave stalk for several years, providing great entertainment and valuable pollination. This is a grand natural history lesson to observe for kids as well.



▲ Carpenter bee. (Photo by Gerardine Vargas from bugguide.net.)

▼ Three agave stalks in bloom. (Photo courtesy of Plantmaster.com.)

Homeowner Improvements

Architectural Applications September 2021

By Carole Stabile, Member Services Coordinator

25 Applications \$ 221,660

DOBSON RANCH UNIT I

Patio Cover \$ 32,000

DOBSON RANCH UNIT III

Landscape \$ 2,190

Paint \$ 4,100

Roof Replacement \$ 2,000

DOBSON PINES

Block Wall \$ 1,000

Paint \$ 10,100

DOBSON SHORES

Paint \$ 3,000

LAGUNA SHORES

Paint \$ 6,000

Roof Replacement \$ 16,000

Solar \$ 31,860

LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED

Solar \$ 36,190

Landscape \$ 14,000

Paint \$ 3,500

LOS ALTOS

Window Replacement \$ 7,900

Security Door \$ 500

REGENCY ESTATES

Roof Replacement \$ 15,500

Paint \$ 500

Sun Shades \$ 800

SARATOGA LAKES

Paint \$ 6,360

Mailbox Replacement \$ 1,600

Front Door \$ 960

KNOELL VILLA SOLANO

Roof Replacement \$ 7,600

Solar \$ 18,000

Home Sales

Trustee Properties:

1 – House

Home Sales: 42





Annual Fall Fish Restock

By Joseph Trickett, Water Management and Lake Habitat Committee Chairman



With another summer behind us, this one bringing ample amounts of rain, we can welcome a long-deserved fall. Cooler temperatures draw us back outside where we can enjoy the explosion of growth and blooms all that rain helped produce. With fall comes our Fall Fish Stock.

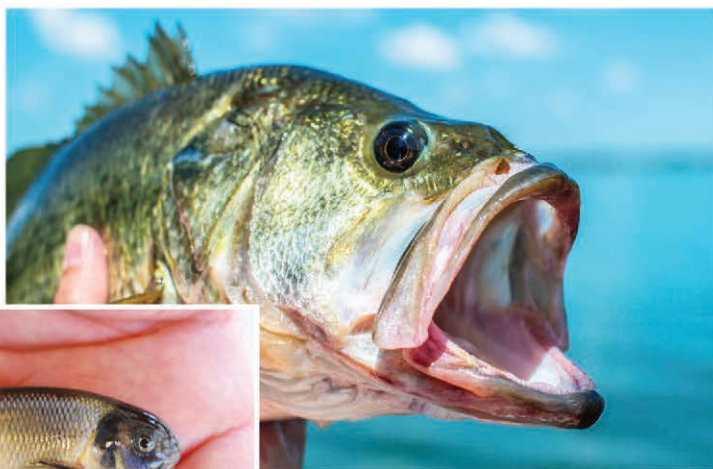
This fall, we are stocking 210 **White Amur**, which are also know as “Grass Carp.” The Amur help control the weed and algae growth here in the lakes, though there are already White Amur in our waters, new age classes are needed since it is the younger fish that are the more active feeders.

Along with the White Amur, we will be stocking approximately 1,000 **Bluegill** in the 4-inch-plus size range, 2,100 **Redear**

Sunfish in the 1- to 2-inch size range, and 25,000 **Fathead Minnows** 1 inch or larger. Though the Fathead Minnows are part of our lakes foraging base, being that they are low on the food chain, they are also hard workers! The Fathead Minnows eat algae, organic sediment, duck and goose waste, leaf litter and mosquito larva. These guys work 24/7!

We are also excited to welcome approximately 400 new **Largemouth Bass** to our lakes this season. The new bass along with the population currently residing in our lakes should give anglers plenty of action.

Just remember our “Catch and Release” policy goes for all our fish here at the Ranch. Resident and non-resident fishing licenses are available at the La Casita Recreation Department. You can also submit photos of your catch to *Ranchers’ RoundUp* for a chance to be featured in a future issue.



Clockwise from L. to R.: White Amur; Largemouth Bass; Bluegill; Redear Sunfish Center Photo: Fathead Minnow

Are you a Ranch fisherman? Send your photos to nroggio@dobsonranch.com. Include your name, type of fish caught and in which lake.



Arizona Hydrological Society - 2021 Symposium

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management Committee Member



Happy fall from the "Conservation Corner!" Thanks to **Becky Zusy** and **Donna DiFrancesco**, Conservation Coordinators with the City of Mesa, for their contributions to the "Conservation Corner" this summer. Becky and Donna did a great job sharing information about programs offered by the City of Mesa to all residents to aid in water conservation efforts. Did you use the online Know Your H2O Water Calculator? Are you now considering Mesa's Grass-to-Xeriscape Landscape Incentive? (*What an incentive - conserve water and get \$500!*) I hope their articles inspired you to start taking part in many of the city's great programs.

Dobson Ranch also takes water conservation very seriously, through efforts such as the SMART Irrigation Controller Rebate Program and the Spring Expo. Last month, I had the honor of representing our community at the **33rd Annual Arizona Hydrological Society (AHS) Symposium**. This event is billed as "The Southwest's premier event for hydrology and water resources research, management and public policy" and I am sure I was the lone attendee from a homeowners association.

Presentations at the symposium covered many topics, such as "Quantifying the impacts of climate change on the water-food nexus in central Arizona through crop, water management and climate models," "A 40-Year Retrospective on the Granddaddy of all Arizona Groundwater Contamination Sites," to something near and dear to all of us, "Homeowners Associations - An Overlooked Water Sustainability Opportunity." All told, there were 36 technical sessions.

I learned first-hand about the complexities of Arizona's water supply. There are many players: Central Arizona Project (CAP), Salt River Project (SRP), Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Arizona Department of Water Resources, etc., that support and manage municipal, industrial, agricultural, and tribal users. Arizona's water issues do not have one-size-fits-all solutions. What is needed is innovative water sharing and agreements as well as adaptive measures, according to **Chuck Cullom**, CAP's Manager of Colorado River Programs.

This sentiment was also echoed during the keynote address by none other than Arizona's former Governor, Attorney General and U.S. Secretary of the Interior, **Bruce Babbitt**. Governor Babbitt's talk focused on rural water issues, particularly groundwater use in Cochise and La Paz Counties. Governor Babbitt also believes a new water management paradigm is needed for the State of Arizona.

Where do non-symposium goers go to learn more? Let's start learning about water locally, right here at Dobson Ranch! Next month, the "Conservation Corner" will discuss our own water supplies for the artificial lakes and residential use. Want a sneak peek? Visit AZWaterBlueprint.asu.edu. This is a new tool developed by the Kyl Center for Water Policy at Morrison Institute at ASU to help introduce water data to the general public. And, yes, there will be a quiz! Stop by the Water Management & Lake Habitat Committee table at the Fall Festival on November 20 to take the quiz and be entered to win great prizes.

Thank you to Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association for entrusting me to represent the community at the AHS Symposium. Dobson Ranch is truly a community leader in conservation. Let's all go with the flow... to conserve water! **#DobsonRanchStrong**



If you are inspired to take action, get involved with the City of Mesa's **Climate Action Plan**. This plan is Mesa's commitment to proactively and responsibly protect and conserve Mesa's environment and natural resources. Check out FootprintFutureMesa.com for more information.



Staff Day at the Movies



The Dobson Ranch HOA Staff and their families were invited to go a cruise (Disney's Jungle Cruise), complete with popcorn, candy and drinks at Harkins Theatre in the Chandler Fashion Mall on Sunday, August 29th. Not a bad way to spend a hot summer's day!

Shown above: 1. Marc Diaz and son Elias 2. Shaunda Diaz (Marc's wife) and son Easton 3. Annalise Gonzales (daughter of Camille Gonzales) 4. Brock and Brinley Wright (son and daughter of Jesse Wright) 5. Romy Feltmann (daughter of Jessi Feltmann)

Photos by Nancy Roggio

Staff Service Awards

Staff members were recognized for their length of service at the recent Quarterly Staff Meeting in August.

Marc Diaz 1 year	5/4/2020	Fausto Olivas Fabela 2 years	2/27/2019	Gustavo Melendez 14 years	5/18/2007
Camille Gonzales 1 year	8/3/2020	Carolyn Burleson 3 years	7/11/2018	Gonzalo Garcia 16 years	5/31/2005
Lynelle Glysson 2 years	1/2/2019	Luis Viera 8 years	7/1/2013	Felipe Gutierrez 16 years	2/21/2005
Nancy Roggio 2 years	3/18/2019	Jesse Wright 9 years	8/14/2012	Rodrigo Verdugo 16 years	1/05/2005
Chuck Robertson 2 years	4/16/2019	Dennis Melgreen 11 years	2/1/2010		



DO YOU HAVE **concerns** **about falling?**



A MATTER OF BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- View falls as controllable.
- Set goals for increasing activity.
- Make changes to reduce fall risks at home.
- Exercise to increase strength and balance.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Anyone concerned about falls.
- Anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength.
- Anyone who has fallen in the past.
- Anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns.

This program is being conducted at this location by A.T. Still University as a public service.

Classes are held once a week for 8 weeks for 2 hours each.

START DATE:

January 14, 2021

DAY: Fridays

TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

COST:

The class is **FREE!**

LOCATION:

La Casita Recreation Center - Chica Room
2719 S. Reyes
Mesa, AZ 85202

CONTACT: Jesse Wright

PHONE: 480-831-7464

EMAIL: jwright@dobsonranch.com

Sign up online today using *ActiveNet* or call Jesse Wright at 480-831-7464!



From the Recreation Director's Desk



By **Jesse Wright**
Recreation Manager

Thank you to all who participated in the **2021 Annual Dobson Ranch Golf Tournament**. Congratulations to **Josh Legan, Bryan Stalkfleet, Tony Herbert and Brad Faupel** for taking First

Place! As always, the golf tournament was a great success especially with the participation of all our great sponsors this year! (See page 14 for photos from the event.)

October will be full of fun for everyone! Our **Community Clean-Up, Garage Sale and Shred** event kicked off the month on Saturday, October 9th. This year, for the first time ever, residents were able to locate Garage Sales using the Dobson Ranch App!

Our **Halloween Spooktacular** event takes place at Laguna Park on Friday, October 15 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. There'll be food, games, inflatables, a Pumpkin Parade, Costume Contest, and Prizes... plus *The Spiderwick Chronicles* movie starts at 7:00 pm. Don't forget to bring blankets, sweaters and lawn chairs to get comfy during the movie. We'll provide the freshly-popped popcorn!

And, don't forget to mark your calendars for our fabulous **Fall Festival & Beer Garden** on Saturday November 20 at Laguna Park. You'll want to try the zesty Mexican food from the **Dez Burrito Food Truck**, stop by the **Beer Garden** sponsored by **Two Brothers Artisan Brewing** (must be age 21+) and rock out to the sounds of **Caution** at this wonderful family-friendly event!

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming fall events.

Tennis Tip for October



By **Kwong Young**
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Doubles is a Net Game

Too many times players will get a ball to hit in "No Man's Land" and after the shot they do not proceed forward... can you relate?

Approach Shot: Is an offensive or defensive shot (*Forehand/Backhand*) that allows a player to transition from the baseline to the net to control net play as well as to join their partner to become a stronger force. This type of shot helps eliminate court space to hit, thus ending the point much quicker to preserve energy.

When you get a comfortable short ball to strike where you are approaching the service line, then you should attack the shot and position yourself closer to the net. This will put more pressure on your opponents and hopefully force them to rush their shot by not allowing them much time to think. But, be aware of the almighty lobbers.

Also, keep in mind when the ball is heading toward the net player, you should then take that moment to advance toward the net in case the net player doesn't put away the ball. You will then become a stronger team rather than the stagnation of the one up, one back position.

Certainly, there's no perfect position that will guarantee a winning point. But, time and time again, it's been proven through the years that **doubles is a net game and not a baseline game**.

Dobson Ranch Blood Drive



Tuesday, October 12, 2021 • 1:00 - 6:00 pm
La Casita Grande Room • 2719 S. Reyes, Mesa



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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, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **6048 \$50 R/\$75 NR**
Wednesday, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 **6049 \$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, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **6050 \$50 R/\$75 NR**
Wednesday, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 **6051 \$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.

8:30 am - 10:00 am | Sessions: Monthly
Saturday, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 **6052 \$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, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **6046 \$50 R/\$75 NR**

9:30 am - 10:30 am | Sessions: Monthly
Saturday, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 **6047 \$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

*November Social 11/20

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: 10:00 am Intermediate Tai Chi
 11:00 am Beginning 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.

PLEASE NOTE: We do not allow spectators at this class.

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Jeanne
 When: Mondays
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center (after Oct. 11)
 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.

PLEASE NOTE: We do not allow spectators at this class.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: We do not allow spectators at this class.

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

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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.





CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Code: 6055
 When: Thursdays (November 4 - December 16)
 Where: Saratoga 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: 6053
 When: Tuesdays (November 2 - December 14)
 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: 6054
 When: Thursdays (November 4 - December 16)
 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.**

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.



ACTIVITIES

Texan Hold 'Em Tournament Style Poker (Must be 18 or older)

When: 4th Friday of month (October 22)
 Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Bunco (A fast paced, yet easy game played with dice.)

When: 3rd Friday of month (October 15)
 Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Bridge

When: Mondays (Call Bette Parrish at 480-206-3514 to join.)
 Time: 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Cost for Poker and Bunco: Free to residents, \$5 non-residents.



GET YOUR PUNCH CARDS FOR RECREATION CLASSES 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.

Look Who's New!



Amanda Jensen

Welcome to Amanda Jensen, Recreation Coordinator

Amanda was born and raised in the small town of Scotia, California (right in the middle of Redwoods State and National Parks). She was active in many sports growing up, including softball, swim team and cheerleading. She's also a huge sports fan of the Golden State Warriors and San Francisco Giants.

She went to Junior College at College of the Redwoods, where she earned her degree in Communications. She transferred to California State University, Chico in 2016 and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation Administration with an option in Parks and Natural Resource Management. While at Chico, Amanda completed her internship with Chico Area Recreation and Parks District.

She moved to Mesa in March of 2021, and is currently in Graduate School at Arizona State University, studying Sustainable Tourism and Non-Profit Leadership and Management.



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People and their pets gathered at Laguna Park for **Bark in the Park** on Saturday, September 11.



Photos above by Lynelle Glysson

CONGRATS TO OUR VIRTUAL BARK IN THE PARK CONTEST WINNERS:



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EVENING ACTIVITIES

6:30 - 8:30 pm Saratoga Recreation Center
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Dobson Ranch Recreation Center ❄️ 2719 S. Reyes, Mesa, AZ ❄️ 480-831-7464 ❄️ dobsonranchhoa.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, December 11
La Casita Recreation Center

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



- Pancakes
- Juice
- Fruit
- Milk
- Coffee

9:00 am & 10:00 am Seatings

Tickets are required and are on sale at the La Casita Rec. Center starting November 8th.

\$5 per person, 2 years and under **FREE***

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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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Dobson Ranch Republicans

Michelle Masters, Chairperson



Join for FREE by emailing:

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Did you know that conservatives comprise over a third of all Dobson Ranch HOA's registered voters? With nearly 15,000 voters, Dobson Ranch is high on the Candidates' list of places to visit and talk directly with voters like you!

Every month through October 2022, your Dobson Ranch Republican Club will host Candidates for Town Halls. So, join the club and let your voice be heard by them!

- **Candidate Schedule:** www.DRGOP.com/events
- **Where:** Native's banquet room (Dobson & Guadalupe)
- **When:** 1st Thursday of each Month @ 6:30pm

Dobson Ranch Independents

By Jack Wagner, Chairman & Dobson Ranch resident since 1979



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Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By **Kim Zeman**, Club President

By the time this **RoundUp** edition hits your mailbox, our Retiree's Club outdoor activities will be ending their summer hiatus. We welcome back our hiking and biking leaders and look forward to them getting us back moving outside!

Luckily our social chairs have kept us engaged during the heat. **Dinner Night Out** on August 17 was held at *La Famiglia's Restaurant*, where 14 of our members enjoyed delicious Italian cuisine. The food was exceptional, and the wine was even better! Kudos to the server, who was on top of her game.

Happy Hour was at *Philly's Sports Grill* on August 25. The 12 attending members were treated very well and had a great time.

Game Day on September 2 had five members playing *Rummikub* and *Yahtzee* while chatting it up and munching on snacks.



Ladies Lunch

Ladies Lunch was held at *Blue Adobe Grill* on September 9, where nine of our gals enjoyed the reliably awesome food and lively conversation.

Men's Breakfast was held at *Crackers Restaurant* on September 13. Eight of our guys had a great meal and enjoyed hearing a bit of the life of **Don Willgale**, who

was the speaker. **Mike Davis** will have the floor next month.

Members may join any of our activities by signing up online when the Sign-up Genius link is sent out 5 – 10 days prior to the event. PLEASE be courteous to our Social Chairs, and especially the venues they painstakingly choose, by letting them know if you have signed up and find yourself unable to attend.

This month's shout out in **Spotlight on our Leaders** goes to **Dovie Bryant**, our Membership Chair. Dovie keeps our membership roster meticulously accurate, gets our name badges updated every year, provides us with current membership directories, signs up new members, and keeps our annual member renewal process smooth. Dovie has been a member of the DRR since 2011. She spent two years as our club treasurer before taking over the membership duties from Sarah and Nancy in 2014. The computer skills she honed in the job world led her to digitize our membership roster from paper and pencil into the succinct, organized, more easily maintained database it is today. The year's end is the most hectic time for our Membership Chair; as she prints dues renewal sheets, collects our dues, updates our badges for the current year – all while she is also compiling the semester class schedules for *New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning*. Dovie is also on our DRR Board, and has been for about five years. Thank you for all your efforts, Dovie! You do the job so well, we have little clue of the work that goes into it.

That's it for this month, folks. If you're interested in becoming a member of the Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club, email Dovie at dlbryant1@cox.net to sign up.

Eight New Post-Tensioned Concrete Courts Are Coming to Dobson Ranch Pickleball!

By **Rich Bitner**, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Construction of eight new post-tensioned pickleball courts at our Los Altos Recreation Center began October 4th! A new sidewalk leading to the courts was poured on September 20th and looks great! This does involve a temporary re-location to our Saratoga Recreation Center where temporary lines have been installed on the tennis courts to support our regular pickleball schedule with nets that move on and off the tennis courts to accommodate play on a first come, first served basis outside of scheduled pickleball hours. Our schedule at Saratoga remains the same, but please get on our email lists for updates should that change with the construction schedule. "Drop-In" Hours on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday are at 7:00 am, and Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-10:00 pm under the lights.

The courts remain open to association members and their guests from 7:00 am – 10:00 pm every day of the week, so drop by for some fun with family and friends to enjoy the fastest growing sport in America! Schools are now offering pickleball instruction in PE, so listen to your young ones! If there is enough interest, we can start offering family-oriented instruction times, so let us know what you think.



We welcome new resident players, but do advise checking with us before coming out to make sure our schedule has not changed. We provide balls for drop-in play through the generous donations of our players, and can provide loaned paddles, but please wear appropriate court shoes. 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, Practice Safe Exercise, Get the Vaccine & Pickle-On!

Women's Club

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

Happy Halloween! We are going to participate in the **Spook-tacular** event on Friday October 15 at 5:30 pm. Please let me know if you can help hand out treats to the Goblins.

Out to Lunch in September was held at *Mimi's Café*. In October, we went to *The China Gate*. On November 5, we will go to *T. C. Eggingtons*. Email or call **Chris Dugandzic** for reservations.

Bunco for October will be at **Pauline's** home. November's Bunco will be hosted by **Barbara Stout**. We still need someone to host in December.

Remember our veterans on November 11th. We thank our members, families and friends for their service to our country.

God Bless You and the USA!



Virtual College Fair Connects Students to Higher Education

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



Photo: Tim Hacker

In October, students across the valley will gather virtually for a two-day event to learn more about higher education opportunities. The **Greater Arizona Virtual Fair**, hosted by Mesa Public Schools, provides a platform so students can explore a variety of universities, colleges and military academies. The Zoom event is 5:00 - 8:00 pm, October 25-26.

Ben Fisher is the college and career coach in the district's opportunity & achievement department. He shares that the virtual fair is one of many tools to help students discover post-secondary opportunities.

During the event, students will hear from six colleges within a 45-minute session, where they can learn about programs of study, financial options, scholarships and the application process. Students will also have the chance to interact with representatives. Once students better understand their options, their high school counselors will assist with the next steps in their post-secondary education quest.

"For students on a college path, the fair marks the beginning of their fact-finding journey," Fisher says. "Students start thinking about what college can look like for them. The fair creates intrigue, and opens the door for students to have important conversations with families, counselors and favorite teachers."

How to prepare for the Virtual College Fair

Interested in participating? Here are some tips from Fisher:

- Make sure your tech is ready to go. The fair is accessible on school devices after hours, and students and parents should be ready to access Zoom via phone, tablet or computer.

Charge your devices and practice using Zoom. Although students will be muted during the fair, the chat feature will be used for questions.

- Do preliminary research by visiting the schools' websites and be prepared to take notes.
- Remember to save the college representative's contact information for follow-up questions.
- Students should invite their parents or a grandparent to participate, and engage in family conversations regarding post-secondary plans.
- Reach out to your child's school counselor, keeping them in the loop so they have accurate information regarding students' aspirations.

How to pay for college

Most students receive some type of financial aid. Fisher highly recommends students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form, even if they are unsure if they will qualify so they are prepared when they start the application process. The FAFSA is the free application used by all schools in awarding federal student aid.

"It's one of the most important steps students and families can take to pay for college," Fisher shares. "The earlier a student applies, the more sources of aid may be available."

College fair participants must pre-register to receive a specific link containing their college groupings for the event. Registration opens October 1. Learn more and register at mpsaz.org/collegefair/.

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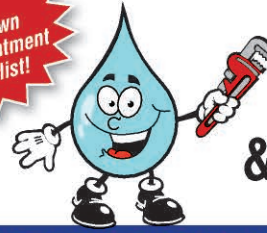


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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
<p>11</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>BLOOD DRIVE American Red Cross RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 1:00-6:00 pm Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermed. & Beginner 10:00/11:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermed. & Beginner 6:00/7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Retirees' Game Day 1:00 pm Chica Room</p> <p>HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR 5:30 - 9:00 pm Laguna Park</p>	<p>16</p> <p></p> <p>JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC 5:00 pm Dobson Ranch Golf Course</p> <p>Sunday 17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Retirees' Board Meeting 9:00 am Grande Room</p> <p>Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermed. & Beginner 10:00/11:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermed. & Beginner 6:00 & 7:00 pm Chica Room</p> <p>MPD Safety Presentation 6:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm Grande/Chica Rms.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Poker 6:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p>Bunco 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>Sunday 24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermed. & Beginner 10:00/11:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermed. & Beginner 6:00/7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Legante Paseo Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>Sunday 31</p>
<p>1</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Retirees' General Meeting 9:00 am Grande Room</p> <p>Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p>Water & Lake Mgmt. Mtg. 5:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Recreation Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermed. & Beginner 10:00/11:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermed. & Beginner 6:00/7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Master Planning Committee 6:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Sunday 7</p>
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