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**Karsten, age 10, and his mom, Melanie Dunmar, were one of the nine two-person teams that participated in our first ever Parent-Junior 9-Hole Golf Tournament held at Dobson Ranch Golf Course on Saturday, July 31.**

**Prizes were awarded for Longest Drive on Hole 1, Closest to the Pin on Holes 4 and 7, and the First, Second and Third Place winners.**

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## HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
2719 S. Reyes, Mesa, AZ 85202  
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[www.dobsonranchhoa.com](http://www.dobsonranchhoa.com)

### ADMINISTRATION HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Closed Saturday and Sunday

### LA CASITA RECREATION CENTER

2719 S. Reyes, Mesa, AZ 85202  
480-831-7464

### SARATOGA RECREATION CENTER

2345 S. Saratoga

### LOS ALTOS RECREATION CENTER

2524 W. Campo Alegre

Please call 911 for reporting emergencies, vandalism, suspicious activity, etc., occurring on or to Dobson Ranch property.

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Household Hazardous Materials Center	480-644-4463
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AZ Blue Stake	602-263-1100
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## Message From the Association President



By **Allen Johnson**  
Association President

### Recreation, Remodeling and Committee Recommendations

With fall just around the corner, it's event season again. Our Recreation Committee finally held its first meeting again in August after more than a year on hiatus. There's an intense focus on making up for lost time with some extra special community gatherings. Things will kick off with **Bark in the Park**, and upcoming events include our **Annual Golf Tournament**, **Fall Community Cleanup**, **Halloween Spooktacular**, and much more. If you haven't already, please make sure to get connected with the Dobson Ranch App to receive real time neighborhood info and updates.

The Board of Directors resumed its regular monthly meeting schedule in August after taking July off. The 2021 onsite third-party **Reserve Study** is complete. The Board reviewed recommendations from our Master Planning and Budget & Finance Committees regarding the schedule and funding of various community maintenance projects, and voted to allocate funds accordingly. The Board also voted to move forward with architect plans for the **Saratoga Recreation Center** remodeling project, as well as receiving bids for new Laguna Park and Lake 7 pathway lighting. In other news, construction is nearly complete on our new **Kavanaugh Dog Park**, so stay tuned for an official grand opening date.



R.: Kavanaugh Dog Park irrigation L.: Front gate graphics

We're excited to announce that three new volunteers have been appointed to serve on our Budget & Finance Committee. Thank you to **Jack Milligan**, **Kellie Alto**, and **Joan Long** for volunteering your time to help support our community!

Dobson Ranch has four committees that support the Board of Directors by reviewing information and making recommendations in key areas. These are: **Master Planning**, **Budget & Finance**, **Water Management & Lake Habitat**, and **Recreation**. Committee meetings are open for all residents to attend, and many of our committees have openings for additional members. Check out a meeting if you're interested in participating. These are a great way to meet your neighbors and learn about what's going on in the Ranch.

**Be well!**

## Executive Director's Message



By **Lynelle Glysson**  
Executive Director

### Quarterly Statements and Quarterly Staff Meeting

Ahhh, pumpkin spice season is around the corner! It's been a great monsoon season and outside of some fallen trees, most welcome. We are pressing forward into the fall and our fun community events.

In the office the big project is the transition to our new account services company, **Barkan**. We look forward to smoother processes and improved service to our residents.

Please be aware that you will get a new account number. It will be in your mailbox soon. Your fourth quarter statements will have your new account number on it as well. Please make sure you updated it with your bank if you are set up on autopay and in the CIT portal. This will be the last account number change for a long while.

The staff has been super busy with projects, transitions and challenges. Every once in a while we take the opportunity for some fun. At our Quarterly Staff Meeting on Friday, August 20, we invited Board members to attend, enjoyed delicious cheesesteaks from **The CheeseSteak Joint** food truck, and played a few olympics-themed games.

I cannot be prouder of the staff and their efforts. They are dedicated, loyal and always strive to do their best. You can see that by the pristine common areas, improved communication through **RoundUp**, the App and social media, and many ways that are unseen. It means so much that the Board recognizes the unsung heroes working behind the scenes and applying their knowledge and skills to make Dobson Ranch "the best place to **LIVE!**" And, I always want them to feel it is the best place to **WORK**, too!

(See more photos from the Quarterly Staff Meeting on page 9).



L. to R.: Marc Diaz, Lynelle Glysson and Dennis Melgreen await their cheesesteaks at Quarterly Staff Meeting.

**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

### What's App-ening?

As I mentioned in my previous article in the August **Ranchers' RoundUp**, the Dobson Ranch App has three brand new features that are sure to enhance your everyday user experience.



The **Fillable Forms** feature went "live" on the App in mid-August. You can now fill in our **Architectural Guidelines Application**, the **CC&R File a Complaint Form**, and a **Keyless FOB Application Form** from your phone or tablet anywhere, anytime. You can

find all three forms under the Menu Header entitled "HOA Documents" on the App.



The Dobson Ranch App will also be used to enhance your Garage Sale experience at our upcoming **Fall Community Clean-Up** event on Saturday, October 9. You are now able to post the location of your garage sale on the App, along with a list of items

you will have for sale. Your garage sale address will be pinpointed on a map making it easier to find. This special feature went "live" on August 30.

See the Community Clean-Up event flyer on page 17, complete with detailed visuals and step-by-step instructions on how to post your garage sale on the App and how to find garage sales using the App. **The deadline to post your garage sale on the App is Friday, October 1.** Please note: Paper maps will still be available for those residents that prefer using hard copies.



We've begun gathering information for our Dobson Ranch **Business Directory**. Residents who own and operate a business, and who wish to be included in our Business Directory, need to answer seven questions which are listed on the following page, and then send your info to [nroggio@dobsonranch.com](mailto:nroggio@dobsonranch.com) by September 17.

Your business will be listed by both name and category, making it easier to find by other residents. And, best of all, posting your business in our Business Directory is **FREE** for all Dobson Ranch residents!

Using the Business Directory will keep more money in our local economy, celebrate the uniqueness of our community, encourage community spirit and pride, and help your neighbors' business thrive.



I'm happy to report that we celebrated our 1-year **App-y Anniversary** in August.

**Don't worry... be App-y!**

For pallet deliveries, contact **Melissa Forrester** at [mforrester@unitedfoodbank.org](mailto:mforrester@unitedfoodbank.org)

## Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign

**HELP THE VULNERABLE DURING TRIPLE DIGIT HEAT**

Donate bottled water to help the homeless and unsheltered during the summer

**Last day to drop off water is October 1!**

- United Food Bank Volunteer Center 358 E. Javelina Ave.
- Paz de Cristo 424 W. Broadway Road
- Dobson Ranch HOA Administrative Office 2719 S. Reyes**
- A New Leaf - East Valley Men's Center 2345 N. Country Club Drive
- Klaus Team - Keller Williams Integrity First Realty 2919 S. Ellsworth Rd #133
- The Salvation Army 241 E. 6th St.
- Mesa Fire Station 202 830 S. Stapley Drive
- Mesa Fire Station 216 7966 E. McDowell Road
- Mesa Fire Station 217 10434 E. Baseline Road
- Mesa Fire Station 218 845 N. Alma School Road
- Mesa Fire Station 220 32 S. 58th St.
- Mesa Main Library 64 E. 1st St.
- Red Mountain Library 635 N. Power Road
- Red Mountain Library 757...
- Mesa Sun 6555...
- Mesa 165 N. C. (Public St.)
- Mesa Co. 1833 W. So (College Park)
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- Athoria Gam 6134 E. Main St.

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## Dobson Ranch Residents:

**YOU can make TWICE the difference!**

Dobson Ranch HOA will now match up to 100 cases of water donations. Drop off your cases of water at the La Casita Administrative Office between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm M-F.

**WATER DONATIONS AS OF 8/30/21 = 86 CASES (WITH MATCH = 172 CASES!)**

EVERY CASE HELPS!

HELP THE VULNERABLE DURING TRIPLE DIGIT HEAT

### MESA Hydration Donation Campaign



### RODRIGO VERDUGO Employee of the Month - August 2021

Rodrigo Verdugo is not only the Ranch's longest employed staff member (16 years!) but also one of the most experienced landscape maintenance employees.

His proficiency at installing all the common area irrigation systems, which have a replacement cost of \$980,000, has saved the community hundreds of thousands of dollars. He has helped train new employees on tree and shrub planting, pruning, fertilization, and on industry standards for healthy plant maintenance.

Rodrigo is an asset in maintaining the community appearance and value.

*Congratulations, Rodrigo!*



## APP BUSINESS DIRECTORY

If you are a Dobson Ranch resident who owns and operates your own business and would like to be included in our new **App Business Directory**, please answer the 7 questions listed below. It is absolutely **FREE** to advertise your business in the App Business Directory.

1. Business Name
2. Resident Name
3. Business Description
4. Business Website - if applicable
5. Business Phone
6. Business Email - if applicable
7. Business Address

Email your info to [nroggio@dobsonranch.com](mailto:nroggio@dobsonranch.com) by no later than September 17. Please include one image to represent your business such as a logo, photo or advertisement.



By Nancy Roggio  
Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

September's **Green Thumb Award** goes to **James and Lauren Luick** who moved to Dobson Ranch in 2019 and recently updated their front yard and fencing.

This inviting home at **2437 S. El Dorado** backs up to Lake 7 (across from Laguna Park) and has meticulously trimmed greenery, contrasting gravel planting beds, and a fluid motion of river rock running through the center and curving off to the left. I especially love the winding walkway leading to the front door with just a hint of pink added to the cement. A variety of large and small palms and planters add the finishing touches to their crisp and clean desert landscaping.

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



Congrats,  
James and  
Lauren!



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](mailto:nroggio@dobsonranch.com).



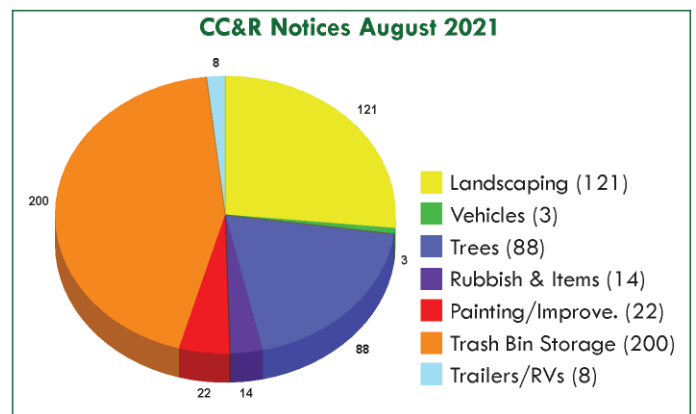
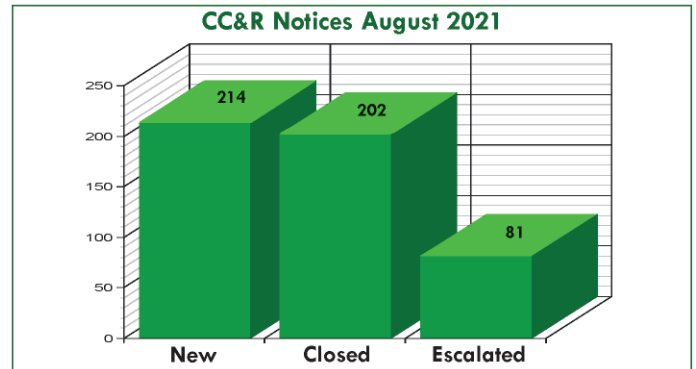
## Monthly Update From Councilmember Heredia

Did you know? Most projects in Mesa go through the Planning & Zoning Process.

Generally, this process involves a pre-submittal, formal submittal, citizen participation, and follow-up submittal. All submittals require a **citizen participation plan**, which must state how the applicant will engage surrounding property owners and residents in review of the development request. This part of the process is crucial because it gives our residents the opportunity to learn about and comment on the proposal. Learn more about this process and how you can get involved by visiting the **Planning & Zoning Process Overview** webpage: [www.mesaaz.gov/business/development-services/planning/planning-zoning-process-overview](http://www.mesaaz.gov/business/development-services/planning/planning-zoning-process-overview).

Stay informed about developments surrounding your neighborhood by visiting [www.mesaaz.gov/maps](http://www.mesaaz.gov/maps). Explore the **Planning the Zoning Map** or the **Development Sites Map** for information on current developments. One exciting example of what you'll find exploring these maps is **Mekong 88**, an expansion to the existing Mekong Plaza. This project is a great addition to our already amazing Asian District! Next time you travel north along Dobson Road, make sure to check out the progress of this development, as you enjoy great food and diverse grocery spots that the Asian District has to offer!

## CC&R Notices



## The Danger of Dead Trees

By Camille Gonzales, Operations Manager



With monsoon season in full swing, dead trees in front and back yards can become a dangerous hazard. Tree care, which can include the removal of dead trees, is important for the safety of residents and their properties. Storms and strong winds can be very destructive to trees

with heavy leaf cover and thick crowns. Severe weather can cause a healthy tree with a fully leafed-out crown to uproot and fall over. Weak or dead branches can be lethal when falling to the ground. Early detection and treatment is often much more cost effective than ignoring the issue until it's a big problem. Please refer to the **Residential Architectural Guidelines**, Section 2.17 Trees regarding heights and trimming.



### SECTION 2.17 TREES

No trees, shrubs or planting of any kind on a Lot shall be allowed to overhang or otherwise to encroach upon any bicycle path, sidewalk, or any other pedestrian way or any other property in the Dobson Association, including another Lot, from ground level to a height of 8 feet

or overhang or encroach upon any public right-of-way or street from ground level to a height of 14 feet.

Dead tree stumps must either be cut below ground level or the stump be "ground" so as not to be visible from the street. Trees, shrubs or plantings must be maintained with significant dead foliage/limbs removed. All palm trees must be trimmed on a regular basis to remove any dead or brown fronds from palm trees in front yards and rear yards. Trees and shrubs shall be trimmed 8' above lakes. In addition, please consult the declaration for your particular subdivision to determine whether more restrictive provisions or additional restrictions may apply.

Well cared for trees, are a valuable and important asset to the community. Trees improve the overall quality of life and enjoyment for residents. Remember to look in the **Ranchers' RoundUp** for landscaping and tree trimming vendors. If you have any questions regarding Code Compliance, please don't hesitate to contact the Administration Office.



## DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

### Cochineal on Cactus

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

What's that white cottony stuff on my prickly pear cactus? *Dactylopius coccus*, cochineal, is related to aphids, scale and mealy bugs. They live on prickly pear cactus and chollas as a parasite. The bug lives under a white, sticky, fluffy-looking layer that looks like cotton candy, that is secreted by the female around her body. She hides herself behind it as she sucks out the nutrients and juices of the plant. If left on your plant, they will spread very quickly and will kill your plant.

The carminic acid in her body fluids provides a dye so powerful, that it will color anything it touches with flaming red. In Mexico and Peru, the bugs are harvested by hand, dried, then pounded into a fine powder. It takes about 70,000 female bodies to make one pound of dried powder. The powder is used in cosmetics, fruit drinks, candy, popsicles, artificial crab, sausage, catsup, and more. When first discovered by European explorers, it was used to dye the red coats of British soldiers and royalty.

When you find cochineal on your cactus, likely others in your neighborhood have it too. It can often plow through a neighborhood destroying all the prickly pear cactus and chollas it encounters. The bugs are spread on the feet of birds.

The most effective way to deal with cochineal is to duct tape an old toothbrush to a long stick. Then rub the cochineal until you see red, which means you've squished it and it's dead.

You will need to repeat in about 7 days, and again in 14 days, to kill the new hatchlings and egg cases. Be sure to get in the pads where they join the plant as this is a favorite hiding place. You will know that you have been successful in killing them when the white stuff looks gray. Squeeze or poke the fuzz, and if there is no red, they are all dead. Just wash the dead bugs off with a blast from the hose.



▲ A bad infestation of cochineal on a prickly pear cactus. Photo: Sue Hakala

▲ A close-up of cochineal on a prickly pear cactus.

### Homeowner Improvements Architectural Applications August 2021

By Carole Stabile, Member Services Coordinator

24 Applications \$ 189,812

#### DOBSON RANCH UNIT I

Paint \$ 2,700  
Solar \$ 41,407

#### DOBSON RANCH UNIT III

Landscape \$ 10,000  
Paint \$ 3,000

#### DOBSON PINES

Gate Removal \$ 100

#### DOBSON SHORES

Landscape \$ 750  
Window Replacement \$ 12,500

#### LAGUNA SHORES Unit 5-9

Paint \$ 14,000  
Roof Replacement \$ 34,200

#### LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED

Rain Gutters \$ 2,500  
Landscape \$ 8,000  
Window Replacement \$ 1,000  
Pergola \$ 15,000

#### GOLDEN PALMS ESTATES

Window Replacement \$ 11,648  
Paint \$ 9,200

#### LOS ALTOS

Window Replacement \$ 8,800

#### SARATOGA LAKES

Landscape \$ 10,550

#### LAGUNA VILLAGE

Mailbox \$ 500

#### KNOELL VILLA SOLANO

Window Replacement \$ 2,417  
Side Gate \$ 1,140  
Landscape \$ 400

### Home Sales

Trustee Properties:  
1 – House  
Home Sales: 34





## Innovative Ideas Save Thousands

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



Marc Diaz, our Facilities Manager, has been an asset to the Dobson Ranch Facilities Department for more than four years in total and has been recently awarded the **Employee of the Month Award** for July 2021. He has been integral to the overall improvement in the common areas maintenance standards on the Ranch. Find out more about him and his innovative ideas that are saving thousands in this Q&A-style interview.

**Q: What is your educational and work background?**

**MD:** JR College – Certificate of Completion in Microsoft Office Levels 1 & 2, Trade School – Certificate of Completion in Residential and Commercial Electrical Wiring, Heating and Cooling, Mechanical Maintenance, Boiler Operator Course Work, and Pool Operator Course Work.

**Q: What is your family status?**

**MD:** I have been married to my beautiful wife Shaunda for 19 years. We have two wonderful boys, Easton - 6, an Elias - 8. (Marc and his family reside in Mesa.)

**Q: How long have you worked for Dobson Ranch?**

**MD:** I was originally employed at Dobson Ranch from 2016 to late 2018, and then returned in May of 2020.

**Q: What do you most enjoy about working for Dobson Ranch?**

**MD:** I especially love the ability to work outside and move about the property.

**Q: Tell us how you lead by example.**

**MD:** I believe leading by example is demonstrating the willingness to tackle any task at hand. Also helping when needed regardless of workload.

**Q: Tell us about your experience with large semi-public pools.**

**A:** My pool maintenance journey began sometime around 2012 while working for *Four Seasons at Troon North*.

**Q: What is causing the extreme shortage of chlorine tablets for pools this year?**

**MD:** The chlorine shortage has been a mixture of supply and demand. A fire at a chemical plant and a pandemic-driven boom in the construction of backyard pools is forcing end users to supplement with liquid chlorine. Plus, COVID-19 kept more families at home in 2020, allowing them time to utilize their pools more so than in previous years. Panic buying of chlorine tabs could make the situation even worse.

**Q: Explain how you introduced an automated chlorine and**

**acid feeder system, along with bulk chlorine storage tanks for our four Dobson Ranch pools.**

**MD:** While employed here during late 2016, I noticed pools were difficult to properly maintain due to lack of automation. With the understanding that most, if not all, continually used, large bodies of water utilized automation; I approached management with implementing controllers. After consideration, controllers were installed on each body of water. Results were positive, and residents continue to notice a significant improvement in water quality.

**Q: How do automated acid and liquid chlorine feeders work in simple terminology?**

**MD:** An automatic pool chlorinator plugs directly into your pump and filter system and sanitizes the water returning to the pool. Rather than placing the chlorine directly in the pool in a floating chlorinator, for example, an automatic chlorinator dispenses liquid chlorine steadily from outside the pool. Both systems are long lasting and energy-efficient.



Sample Digital pH Liquid Acid/Liquid Chlorine Controller

**Q: Approximately how much money has Dobson Ranch HOA saved this year by using the automated chlorine and acid feeder system in our pools?**

**MD:** Cost savings are hard to calculate, but the main advantage of automation would be to constantly administer pH adjustments and disinfectants continually. Pool automation greatly reduces the need for pool closures due to poor water chemistry. (According to **Dennis Melgreen**, our Facilities Director, it is estimated that this system will save thousands of dollars per year.)

**Q: Tell us how you are learning to master the art of balancing lake levels through seasonal cycles and forecasted weather conditions.**

**MD:** Balancing lake levels has become a constant teacher. I need to understand what the weather will do 3 to 5 days out, sometimes it should rain, other times not. My challenge is understanding the length of time needed to fill and/or empty the lakes enough to account for any changes in the weather.

**Q: What is the single most important thing that you have learned from Craig Wilson regarding balancing lake levels?**

**MD:** That it is most important to anticipate storm water runoff.

**Q: What other challenges are you looking forward to tackling in Dobson Ranch and why?**

**MD:** I am looking forward to future property improvements and streamlining our maintenance programs.

**Q: What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**

**A:** I enjoy skateboarding, playing airsoft with my kids, and assisting my wife with home improvements.





## Learn to Live Green

By Donna DiFrancesco, Conservation Coordinator, City of Mesa



Practicing a sustainable lifestyle or 'living green' is an increasingly important focus for many individuals. Are you always looking for ways to care for your family and home in a way that is safer, healthier, and with consideration of our resources? What I find is that the majority of our community members want to do the right thing – not just for themselves but for all living things that call Earth "home."

However, to successfully protect and conserve our environment and natural resources, we must integrate actions from the whole community. Solutions must be integrated from the government level, from our businesses, and, of course, through actions taken by individual citizens.



### Climate Action Plan:

Some exciting news to share is that in June, Mesa formed its first Climate Action Plan! This Mayor and Council priority initiative will help establish policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, build resilience in our community, and address the negative outcomes of climate change. The initial plan addresses city operations and will focus on energy, air quality, heat mitigation, water stewardship, materials management, and food systems.

The Plan is a living document that will evolve over time as new strategies and resource technologies come to light. Next steps will be to work with community members to gather viewpoints and priorities of all Mesa stakeholders in preparation for a community-wide plan. Watch for dates from mid-September to November for surveys and community engagement opportunities offered both in-person and virtual. In fact, **Councilmember Heredia** will present on the Parks Master Planning and this topic on Thursday, September 23 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at Dobson Library. Learn more at [mesaaz.gov/ClimateAction](https://mesaaz.gov/ClimateAction).



### Arizona Green Business Certification:

In February, the City of Mesa teamed up with **Local First Arizona** to recognize independently owned businesses that are doing good for the planet. Businesses will receive a tailored sustainability plan that focuses on waste diversion, energy consumption, water conservation, and transportation emissions.

More and more, people are seeking to buy from, invest in, and work for businesses that are environmentally conscious and good stewards of their communities. The program is offered at no cost to Mesa businesses. Visit the three businesses who have already qualified - **Stardust Building Supplies** at 1720 W. Broadway, **OneOhOne Gallery** at 101 W. Main, and **Ivan Martinez Photography** at 165 N. Centennial Way. Consider getting your business certified and learn more at [mesaaz.gov/sustainability](https://mesaaz.gov/sustainability).

**Simple Tips to Take Action:** Looking for ideas? We've got many. Here are just a few to get you started.



**Save water** with a free shower-head, aerators and more. Use our online **Know Your H2O Water Calculator**. Once you get the results of how much water your household should be using, you can order the kit. Go to [secure.mesaaz.gov/watercalculator](https://secure.mesaaz.gov/watercalculator).



**Turn garbage into gold** by composting your kitchen scraps and landscape clippings. The City of Mesa has backyard compost containers available for a \$5.00 non-refundable delivery fee. Call customer service to order yours at 480-644-2221.



**Do your doody!** Picking up pet waste is more important than you might think. Bacteria, nitrogen and other components in dog waste are a major contributor to stormwater pollution that can end up in our canals, parks and community lakes. Yuck! Remember, only rain in the storm drain!



**Plant some shade** and be kind to the trees you have. When we take care of our trees, they take care of us by cleaning the air, and providing oxygen and cooling shade for our homes, sidewalks and cities. SRP offers a shade tree program and will give participants two free trees. Visit [bit.ly/SRP-SHADE](https://bit.ly/SRP-SHADE).



**Take back your meds!** Mesa offers MedReturn boxes at four police stations. Never flush prescription or non-prescription drugs down the toilet where they can contaminate water supplies. Other items that are too toxic to trash, like old gardening or automobile fluids, electronics, paints, and more can be taken to our Household

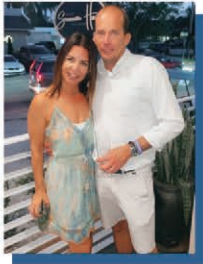
Hazardous Materials facility. Learn more at [mesarecycles.org](https://mesarecycles.org).

Want more info? Check out [mesaaz.gov/sustainability](https://mesaaz.gov/sustainability) or email [conservation.info@mesaaz.gov](mailto:conservation.info@mesaaz.gov). Stay informed by signing up for our **Living Green Events** eNewsletter.



## Way Above Par for the Course

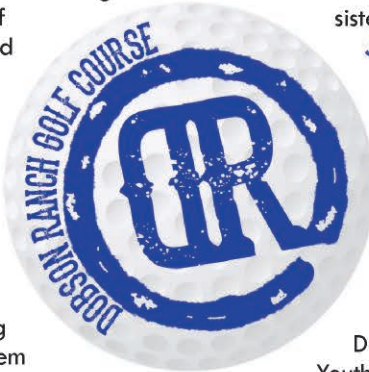
By Lynelle Glysson, Executive Director



Amy & Joe Dahlstrom

The management team and I had the pleasure of spending time with **Joe Dahlstrom** and golf pro **Jason Davis** with **Paradigm Golf Group** at **Dobson Ranch Golf Course** recently. Joe shared all that he and his team have done since taking over management of the golf course. The first thing I noticed was the fun, friendly atmosphere. The dining area, bar and patio have been updated and include pool tables, games, TVs showcasing golf and other sports, and video games. Joe and his team have improved the golf course as well and have recently planted over 120 trees throughout the property.

Jason took us out to the covered **Toptracer** driving range. Toptracer is an enhanced ball tracing system that you can use to practice or play a game whether you are a serious golfer or just learning. Today, every golfer -- from the pros to the Joes -- has access to valuable shot insights like how far, how fast, and (for some of us) where did that shot even go? I would certainly use this program to brush up on my golf skills before going out on the course. Recreation Director **Jesse Wright** was the most experienced golfer out of our group and did well. I, on the other hand, need much more practice!



We value our on-going relationship with the golf course, and we will be partnering with them on several more events. Joe's passion about introducing kids to golf stems back to when he was young. His dad sacrificed so that he and his siblings had the opportunity to play golf, and it changed the course of his life.

Joe and his wife **Amy**, along with his brother-in-law and sister, **Hub** and **Sue Goyen**, introduced **The Pops & Junior Youth Golf Program**, offering free access to golf and fun for the Valley's kids with free clinics, free golf clubs, along with lessons and lots of encouragement for kids ages 7-17.

"It has been great to see so many kids come out and enjoy the clinics. Our goal is to have them keep coming back by providing a fun and safe place for local kids to enjoy the game and our property," Amy explained.

Dobson Ranch has already offered our residents four Youth Golf Clinics, a Ladies Golf Clinic, and a Parent-Junior Golf Tournament at the golf course. We recently added two more **Junior Golf Clinics** on September 4 and 18, and our **17th Annual Golf Tournament** is coming up on Saturday, September 18.

**Cheyenne Stewart** is the Director of Instruction for the Youth Program, and offers various other clinics, instruction and lesson packages.



Front entrance to dining area and bar.



Covered driving range with Toptracer technology.



Relaxing outdoor shaded patio.



Jason explains various Toptracer programs.



Our Managers enjoy the hospitality of DRGC.



Joe D. teaches the fundamentals at recent Youth Golf Clinic.



The Pops & Junior Youth Golf Program offers free access to golf for Valley kids ages 7-17.

Learn more about Cheyenne and The Pops & Junior Youth Golf Program: Visit [www.PopsamdJrGolf.com](http://www.PopsamdJrGolf.com) today!



## Olympics-Themed Quarterly Meeting

On Friday, August 20, the entire HOA staff and several of our Board members participated in a QUARTERLY STAFF MEETING at La Casita. The meeting included a delicious cheesesteak lunch provided by **The CheeseSteak Joint** food truck, staff anniversary awards, project updates from our Managers, and even a few fun Olympics-themed games like Ring Toss and "I've Got Your Back." Prizes were mason jars full of mini chocolates: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups (Gold), Hershey's Kisses (Silver) and Twix (Bronze). Not only is Dobson Ranch "The best place to LIVE!"... it's also "The best place to WORK!"



**Jesse Wright** garners the gold.



**Nancy Roggio** secures the silver.



**Rodrigo Verdugo** brings home the bronze.

Board President **Allen Johnson** & Board Member **Chris Diamond** play Ring Toss game.



Staff and Board Members participate in "I've Got Your Back" game.

**In the winner circle** (clockwise): **Chauncy Houch, Dennis Melgreen, Nate Cane-McClaren, Chris Diamond** and **Gonzalo Garcia** grab gold. **Allen Johnson, Felipe Gutierrez, Rodrigo Verdugo, Stephanie Fee, Sandy Murray** and **Kathleen Tolar** receive silver. **Jessi Feldmann, Carole Stabile, Nancy Roggio, Nicole Lynam** and **Jesse Wright** (not shown) bask in bronze.





## From the Recreation Director's Desk



By **Jesse Wright**  
Recreation Manager

Don't forget! Our **Bark in the Park** event is this Saturday, September 11 at Laguna Park.

Our **17th Annual Golf Tournament** is coming up fast! And, if you're a golfer, you won't want to miss it! The Golf Tournament is Saturday, September 18th at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course. There's still time to register at La Casita Recreation Center. So, please sign up soon if you are interested in playing. Remember... you can sign up individually or as a foursome.

October is packed with great events! Our **Fall Community Clean-Up, Garage Sale and Shred** is on Saturday, October 9th. See page 17 to see how you can use the Dobson Ranch App to list or find a garage sale. Before you know it, school will be on break and your children and grandchildren will be looking for things to do during Fall Break. We are offering a **Fall Break Camp** for ages 6-12 Monday, October 4 through Friday, October 8 at our La Casita Recreation Center. See page 16 for more details and pricing.

Our **Halloween Spooktacular** event is coming up on Friday, October 15th. This event will be fun for the whole family with carnival games, a pumpkin parade, costume contests, and movie (*The Spiderwick Chronicles*) in the park. **Two Fat Guys Grilled Cheese** and **Tziki** food trucks will be serving up some delicious meals this year. Why not enjoy all that we have to offer and be a part of our howlin' good Halloween night?

Come out and enjoy the splash pad at La Casita before it closes down for the season on Saturday, November 1st. Hope to see you all at the upcoming fall events!

## Tennis Tip for September: Good Decisions

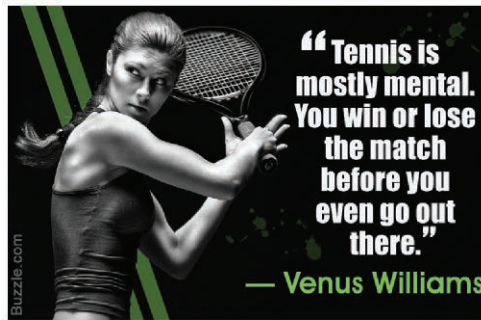


By **Kwong Young**  
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

### Good Decision-Making Skills

In life, we all have decision-making from young adults: choosing the college of your choice, what items you choose to purchase at the grocery store, what to do with your finances, and how to spend your money, etc.

Players on the court, besides having shot-making skills, must have good decision-making skills as well to help themselves and their teammate earn the point and play their best tennis possible.



Your decision making is so important from the very start... how you deliver the serve or how and where you return the serve. Your ball placement and court transition is so vital to

outperform that of your opponent. And, it's **not** one size fits all when you may beat one particular team one day and play the same way against another team with unfavorable results.

If something is not working for you, something has to change... and it's your decision making!

**BOW-WOW! BOW-WOW! BOW-WOW!** IT'LL BE A PAWSITIVELY PERFECT DAY FOR YOU & YOUR POOCH!

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021



## WINNERS OF OUR 3 VIRTUAL CONTESTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED



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### OUR BEAGLE SPONSOR:



**BE SURE TO VISIT WITH THE PET-RELATED VENDORS** Call Dobson Ranch Recreation at 480-831-7464.



## 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](http://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, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 **6041 \$40 R/\$60 NR**  
Wednesday, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 **6042 \$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, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 **6043 \$40 R/\$60 NR**  
Wednesday, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 **6044 \$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.

**8:00 am - 9:30 am** | Sessions: Monthly  
Saturday, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **6045 \$50 R/\$75 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, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 **6039 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

**9:30 am - 10:30 am** | Sessions: Monthly  
Saturday, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **6040 \$50 R/\$75 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**

\*October Social 10/16

**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](mailto: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](http://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.

#### YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Jeanne  
 When: Mondays  
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
 Where: Saratoga 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.





## AQUA ZUMBA

**Instructor:** Karen  
**When:** Thursdays (June 3 - October 7)  
**Where:** La Casita Recreation Center Pool  
**Time:** 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
**Cost:** \$7 drop in rate, \$30 resident only for a 5-use punch card (expires 10/07/21)



Aqua Zumba keeps the Zumba Fitness workout party going in the pool. Aqua Zumba is classic aqua aerobics with Latin flavor added to regular Zumba routines. The typical land-based Zumba dance steps, such as cha-cha,

merengue, salsa, reggaeton, and mambo, are exaggerated and slower in water, so the water tempo is half the land tempo, creating a low-impact work out for all fitness levels. There is less impact on your joints during an Aqua Zumba class so you can really let loose. Water creates natural resistance, which means every step is more challenging and helps tone your muscles.

## WATER AEROBICS

**Instructor:** Becky  
**When:** Mondays – Thursdays (June 7 - October 7)  
**Where:** La Casita Recreation Center Pool  
**Time:** 7:30 am – 8:20 am  
**Cost:** \$4 drop in rate, \$12 resident only for a 4-use punch card (expires 10/7/21)

This morning class will get you ready for the day. The class consists of exercises done in shallow and deep water. It will change your movements and get your heart rate going without all the jolting. Expect to have fun while working out.



## CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

### FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

**Code:** 6033  
**When:** Thursdays (September 16 - October 21)  
**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. (continued)

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:** 6032  
**When:** Tuesdays (September 14 - October 19)  
**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.**

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:** 6034  
**When:** Thursdays (September 16 - October 21)  
**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.



## ACTIVITIES

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

**When:** 4th Friday of month (September 24)  
**Time:** 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)

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

**When:** 3rd Friday of month (September 17)  
**Time:** 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)

### Bridge

**When:** Mondays (Call Bette Parrish at 480-206-3514 to join.)  
**Time:** 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

All three activities are held at the Saratoga Recreation Center. Cost for **Poker** and **Bunco**: Free to residents, \$5 non-residents.



# PARENT-JUNIOR 9-HOLE TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY  
JULY 31**  
Dobson Ranch  
Golf Course

A total of 9  
2-person teams  
competed for  
prizes in our  
first Parent -  
Junior Golf  
Tournament.



Brock (13) & Jesse Wright



Karsten (10) & Melanie Dunmar



Anthony Kallay (14) & Joseph Federico



Kendrick (14) & Michael Jewell



Leonard (11) & Andrew Rehn



Mikayla (12) & Jon Dunmar



Logan (10) & Jesse Larimer



Longest Drive on Hole 1 & Closest to the Pin on Hole 4  
- Jon Dunmar



Closest to the Pin on Hole 7  
- Anthony Kallay



First Place Winner - Dominic Kallay  
(with Danny Kallay)



Second Place Winner - Anthony Kallay  
(with J. Federico)



Third Place Winner - Mikayla Dunmar  
(with Jon Dunmar)

Special thanks to Cheyanne Stewart from Dobson Ranch Golf Course for her help in putting together this fun tournament.

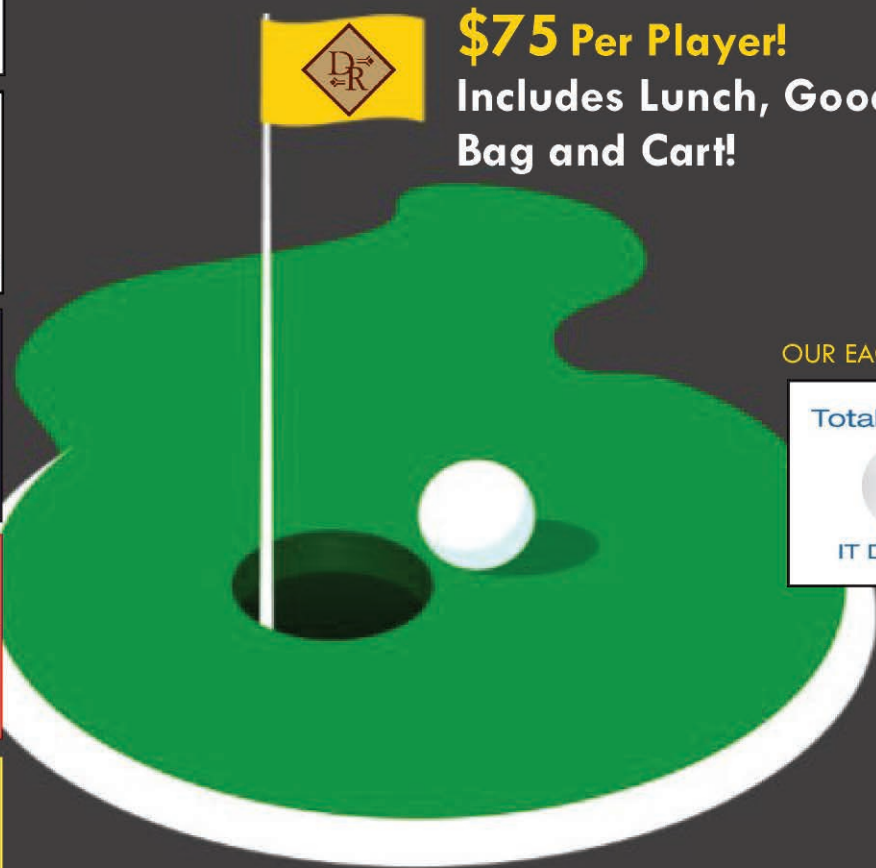




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# 17TH ANNUAL DOBSON RANCH GOLF TOURNAMENT



**\$75 Per Player!**

**Includes Lunch, Goodie Bag and Cart!**

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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

DOBSON RANCH GOLF COURSE

Checkin: 6:30 am / Shotgun Start: 7:00 am



# FALL Break CAMP

Ages  
6-12 yrs.



Daily  
Themes!

Monday thru Friday 8am - 5pm

**OCTOBER 4-8**

La Casita Recreation Center  
2719 S. Reyes

**DAILY THEMES:**

- Hit the Road
- Taste the Rainbow
  - Little Italy
- Enchanted Forest
- Ancient Empires

**PRICING:**

**Early Bird Special - Register before 9/24:**

**\$35\* per day/\$160\* for the week**

**Register after 9/24:**

**\$40\* per day/\$185\* for the week**

\*Prices are for Dobson Ranch Residents  
Non-residents pay an additional \$5 per

**REGISTER ONLINE AT DOBSONRANCHHOA.COM • QUESTIONS? CALL 480-831-7464**



## Saturday, October 9th



Grab your friends and join your neighbors for a Ranchwide spruce up!

Sell It!	Dump It!	Shred It!
Ranchwide Garage Sale 7 am - 1 pm	Ranch Clean Up: 7 am - 1 pm Los Altos Parking Lot	Paper Shredding: 8 am - 11 am La Casita & Saratoga Parking Lots



Register by email: [cburleson@dobsonranch.com](mailto:cburleson@dobsonranch.com) or call Carolyn at 480-831-8314. Signage is your responsibility. Deadline to register: Friday, October 1. Use the Dobson Ranch App for maps, addresses and lists of items on sale. See details below.

# Sell It!

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.

# Dump It!

Get rid of your personal documents safely with a professional mobile shredding service. Drop off your boxes of paper to be shredded at La Casita or Saratoga Parking Lots. Paper clips and staples are permissible. No plastic bags.

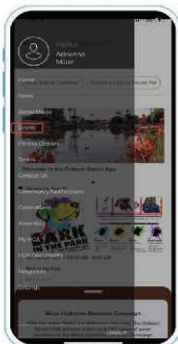
# Shred It!

## NEW! USE THE DOBSON RANCH APP TO POST & FIND GARAGE SALES!

Follow **Steps 1-4** below for posting your garage sale information on the App.  
Follow **Steps 5-8** for viewing garage sale information and location.

### POST A GARAGE SALE

### FIND A GARAGE SALE



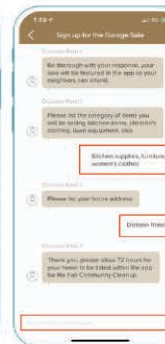
1. Navigate to the Events Menu in the Dobson Ranch App



2. Scroll and tap into the "Fall Community CleanUp" event on Oct. 9



3. Tap the "Sign Up for Garage Sale" button at bottom of page



4. Respond to each prompt completely to help neighbors find your sale



5. Navigate back to the event and tap "View Garage Sales"



6. Tap into the sale to view more info



7. Easily see the items this resident is selling and get directions



8. Map of residence with garage sale will pop up



FOOD TRUCKS:



Tzikii (Greek)



2 Fat Guys  
Grilled Cheese

MOVIE AT THE  
PARK:



7:00 - 9:00 PM

# HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

DOBSON RANCH PRESENTS

*The biggest Halloween party in town!*

Food • Games • Inflatables • Pumpkin Parade  
Costume Contest • Prizes • Movie

## Friday, October 15, 2021

Laguna Park • 2455 W. Laguna Azul Ave. • 5:30 - 9:00 pm



**DOBSON RANCH PRESENTS**

**FALL  
FESTIVAL  
& BEER GARDEN**

**SPONSORED BY TWO BROTHERS**

**FOOD . FUN . MUSIC**

**20 NOV.  
2021**

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**LAGUNA  
PARK**

2455 W. LAGUNA  
AZUL AVENUE

FOOD TRUCK:  
**DEZ BURRITO**

BAND:  
**CAUTION**

**FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!**

\* Must be 21 or older to purchase beer.





## Dobson Ranch Republicans

Michelle Masters, Chairperson



Join for **FREE** by emailing:

[DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com](mailto:DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com)

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

## 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](mailto:rdoyle@canyonrecords.com)

**Donations are always appreciated:**

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/drd20>

**Like us on Facebook:**

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

**Join our Meet-Up group:**

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



## Dobson Ranch Independents

By Jack Wagner, Chairman & Dobson Ranch resident since 1979



His commitment and resolve to the above was **GENUINE**. For many in this great country, dreams continue, even though so many **ideological forces** try to extinguish that dream, morphing the statement to - **you had a dream!**

**Residents, citizens, stand and voice - I have a dream!**

Send an email: [golfingjack@msn.com](mailto:golfingjack@msn.com) or [70sglfr@gmail.com](mailto:70sglfr@gmail.com)



## Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Kim Zeman, Club President



This is my inaugural article as President of the Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club. First, I'd like to thank **Frank Saavedra**, our most recent President, for his tireless efforts in keeping our Club as social as possible over the last year-and-a-half, despite the limits the pandemic put upon us all. Another huge shout out goes to his wife, **Connie**, who has had her finger in so many pies in our club since they joined some eight years ago. We'll all miss them! I hope to adequately fill the gap they leave with the help of our new Vice President, **Frank Mizner**, and all the other dedicated committee and Board members who take on the tasks to keep our members active and entertained. That being said, we still have a couple committee chair openings we need to fill to continue keeping our Club vibrant and engaged. Join us! Come to a meeting! Make new friends and enjoy new activities!

Our **General Meetings** the first Monday of the month are back in full swing with no capacity limits. Our monthly **Happy Hour** meet-ups have been quite happy the last few months. **Dinner Night Out**, **Ladies Lunch** and **Men's Breakfast** – all monthly activities – are going strong. **Game Day**, where our members join in games like *Rummikub*, *Quirkle*, and *Euchre*, happens twice a month. We still have some activities on hiatus until their respective leaders return to the Valley and the weather cools off.

## Thank God for the Rain and Lower Temps, Even If Brief...

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Nice to see the monsoon finally come in, some lower temperatures and some abatement of the wildfires right around us. Pickleball attendance continues to be down a little, due to not only by weather cancellations here and there, but a lot of absences for vacations, heat avoidance generally, and a few folks on the 10-day injured reserve list. Now that the heat is waning and school is back in session, we expect continuing improvement in attendance, although COVID remains a continuing threat to our daily lives.

We are expecting more winter visitors will be joining us soon, although, regrettably, our Canadian friends are not yet allowed to travel here to their winter abodes. Hopefully, our border restrictions will be removed by the time they are ready for their winter sojourn.

Our regular "Drop-In" Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 7:00 am, and Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 10:00 pm. 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



The July **Dinner Night Out** was held at *LaFonda Mexican Restaurant* on Baseline Road. **Linda Kosko** picked the venue and hosted.



**Happy Hour** at *Harbor Seafood* was on July 28. **Tanya Andrew** hosted 14 of our members, who all enjoyed the camaraderie along with their refreshing beverages and food.



I'll be introducing a feature to my article called "**Spotlight on our Leaders**", a short homage to the current dedicated committee chairs and activity leaders in our Club. This month's nod goes to **Judie Bielo**, the Chair of our twice-monthly **Game Day**, our currently dark monthly **Movie Day**, and a member of our Board. Judie has been a member of the DRR since 2002. She's been picking monthly movies for our members to attend since 2007, mostly at *Pollack's Tempe Cinemas* where they're a real bargain! **Game Days** came about from an expressed interest of our members, and Judie has provided games and informal organization to that twice-monthly activity since its beginning in 2014. Attendance varies at these events: anywhere from 4 – 12, but it's always enthusiastic. Judie has been on our Retiree's Board of Directors for the last two years, where she's filled in taking minutes and any other task asked of her. Thank you, Judie, for all you do and always being willing to step up and help out!

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.

The project to reconstruct our courts this fall has been delayed until at least October 1st. Once begun, we will be re-locating to the Saratoga Tennis Courts to play on the four courts there using portable nets until the project at Los Altos is completed. When there is a ground-breaking date and a schedule for relocation to Saratoga we will be letting our email list know, so make sure you are on it if you are planning to play.

Contact **Rich Bitner** ([rebitner@cs.com](mailto:rebitner@cs.com)) or **Frank Mizner** ([planner1948@gmail.com](mailto:planner1948@gmail.com)) for further information. Please contact **Donna Ransom** at [donna85202@gmail.com](mailto: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

We made it through an actual monsoon season and the dog days of summer. The desert foliage was so happy. Our **Out to Lunch** gathering was held at *The Cheesecake Factory* in the Chandler Fashion Mall (always a good eatery). **Bunco** will be held in October. Watch for more details.

**Phyllis Bleakley** and **Phyllis Sipes** appreciate your thoughts and support. Thank you.

Yikes! Only three months to December!

**Stay healthy. We are all in this together!**



## MPS Connects Grandparents to a Season of Fun

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

Fall sports are underway at MPS. Come support:

- Golf
- Badminton
- Swim-Dive
- Cross Country
- Football
- Girls Volleyball



Photo: Tim Hacker



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Ondina Olivas, receptionist at the Administrative Services Center district building, provides assistance with gold card requests.



The 2021-22 school year is underway at Mesa Public Schools. Students are discovering new passions, building lifelong friendships and participating in a variety of exciting activities. Last year, grandparents were instrumental in helping students through a challenging year, and the district wants to ensure these important relationships continue to flourish.

The Mesa Public Schools gold card provides a great opportunity for grandparents to connect with busy students by supporting them in the concert hall, on the playing field and in the theatre.

The gold card provides senior citizens the opportunity to enjoy free or discounted admission to plays, concerts, musical theater, and sporting events sponsored by Mesa Public Schools. The cards are free to residents within Mesa Public Schools boundaries who are aged 62 or older. Spouses are also eligible, regardless of age.

Now that fall sports are in full swing, it's a wonderful opportunity for our senior community to engage with their grandchildren and support students. It's important to consider the weather when attending a game.

"It's always special when grandparents come and watch their grandchildren play," shares **Tommy Eubanks**, director of

athletics. "It can still be hot outside during the fall sports season, so we encourage everyone to prepare for the heat."

To ensure supporters are comfortable during games, Eubanks recommends finding shaded areas and remembering to pack items including water, a hat and sunscreen, a seat cushion, and proper footwear for navigating bleachers. Grandparents will also want to make sure their phones are charged so they can catch photos of their grandchildren in action.

**Jake Riemenschneider** is the proud grandparent of current and former Dobson Mustangs. He is 88 years young and shares a love of football with his grandson, Jordan, who is a quarterback for the school. He says it feels wonderful to watch his grandchildren excel.

"The most important thing is teaching players to do their best and practice good sportsmanship," Riemenschneider says. "It feels great to watch Jordan throw a good pass, and then it's up on your feet to cheer him on. Children need all the encouragement and support that we can give them."

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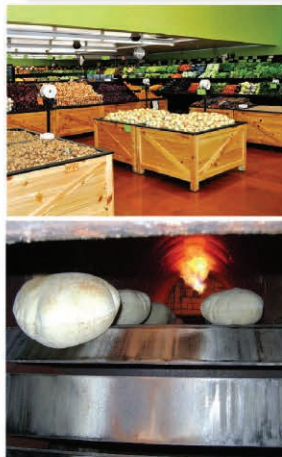
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# Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
6 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Administration Office CLOSED All Recreation Centers OPEN 10:00 am - 6:00 pm	7 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Water & Lake Mgmt. Mtg. 5:30 pm Chica Room Recreation Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm Chica Room	8 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi Intermed. & Beginner 10:00/11:00 am Grande Rm. Tai Chi Intermed. & Beginner 6:00/7:00 pm Grande Rm.	9 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool	10	11  BARK IN THE PARK 8:00-11:00 am Laguna Park Sunday 12
13 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Retirees' Board Meeting 9:00 am Grande Room Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room Budget and Finance Mtg. 6:30 pm Grande Room	14 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm Chica Room	15 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi Intermed. & Beginner 10:00/11:00 am Saratoga Tai Chi Intermed. & Beginner 6:00 & 7:00 pm Saratoga	16 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm Grande/Chica Rms.	17 Retirees' Game Day 1:00 pm Chica Room Bunco 6:30 pm Saratoga Room	18  ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 6:30 am Check-in Dobson Ranch Golf Course KIDS GOLF CLINIC 5:00 pm Dobson Ranch Golf Course Sunday 19
20 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room	21 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Laguna Village Mtg. 6:30 pm Saratoga Room	22 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi Intermed. & Beginner 10:00/11:00 am Grande Rm. Tai Chi Intermed. & Beginner 6:00/7:00 pm Grande Rm.	23 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool Legante Paseo Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Chica Room	24 Poker 6:30 pm Saratoga Room	25 Sunday 26
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FALL BREAK CAMP - La Casita Recreation Center - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Grande and Chica Rooms					
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