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# **RoundUp**

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Nine-year-old **David Squires** enjoyed every single moment with his parents and siblings at our **Fall Festival** on November 19th, including the inflatable slide and rock climbing wall. But, he especially loved every single morsel of the scrumptious BBQ chicken steak sandwich from **The CheeseSteak Joint** food truck. And, yes, he finished it all by himself!

With food, fun, friends and family together on a beautiful day in the park, what more could you want? Turn to pages 16 - 17 to see lots more photos of Ranchers of all ages enjoying this family-friendly annual event!

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## Message From the Association President



**By Nicole Lynam**  
Association President

### Looking Back at 2022 and Looking Forward to 2023!

Happy December!

It has been a very busy year around Dobson Ranch. We had several amazing events. We had a ton of projects. We have had some great times with great neighbors. Things are finally slowing down a bit as we near the end of the year. It's a good opportunity to realize how thankful I am for this unique community. To be thankful for our residents and the opportunity I have been given to serve as your President.

And, I am thankful to help guide our community into 2023 and Dobson Ranch's **50th Anniversary** year. Our Anniversary Committee and Staff have been working hard on some amazing plans that will be scattered throughout the year. You will see many new things, some nostalgic things, and a lot of fun things happening on the Ranch. The Anniversary events will kick-off in February at our **Sunday in the Park** event. Look for a "Special Edition" of *Ranchers' Roundup* in September. And, be sure to join us for the big Anniversary bash at our **Fall Festival** next November. I hope you will help us celebrate this amazing milestone year for Dobson Ranch!

We have a wonderfully diverse community in Dobson Ranch. This becomes visibly apparent during December when we see the variety of holiday decorations popping up. Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Diwali, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Yule, or something else, I appreciate being able to call you my neighbor and helping to make Dobson Ranch **"The Best Place to Live!"**

I wish all of you a wonderful and safe holiday season. I am excited to see what the new year brings!

## Interim Executive Director's Message



**By Michael Fee**  
Interim Executive Director

### Moving Forward on Many Community Improvement Projects

Hello Dobson Ranch Residents!

As I begin my second month as the Part-Time Interim Executive Director for The Dobson Association, I continue to be amazed by all the community improvement projects that have recently been completed, are currently underway, or are scheduled to begin soon. Below is an update on several of these projects:

- The engineer the Association has been working with has completed the plans for the Laguna Park restrooms project. The final plans for this project have been submitted to the City of Mesa for permitting.
- SunState Recreation has installed the poles for the splash pad shade structure. The shade structure is being fabricated and is scheduled to be installed by the time of this publication. Raven Pools is also scheduled to have the splash pad renovation completed in December.
- The concrete contractor has completed installing the walkway at Dobson Road and Isabella Avenue. The Maintenance Department Staff has to install the trees in this area, and the remaining plants and community artwork project is scheduled to take place in March.
- The Saratoga walkway lighting project is underway as part of a community-wide project to upgrade and enhance the lighting along the common area walkways throughout Dobson Ranch.
- The Association is in the process of obtaining bids for the installation of new audio/visual equipment and system in the Grande Room and Chica Room at the La Casita Recreation Center.

As you can see, there is a lot going on here at The Ranch. Finally, I would like to thank you for the continued support of your neighbors, Board of Directors, Association Staff, and this great community we all call home.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

# Happy Holidays to One and All!



Help sponsor our **50th Anniversary** by purchasing a **Commemorative Brick** to be placed at **Sunset Plaza!**



Email [sriss@dobsonranch.com](mailto:sriss@dobsonranch.com) for more information





## Message From the Editor



**By Skye Riss**

*Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor*

### We Can't Celebrate Our 50th Anniversary Without YOU!

As we get closer to 2023, there are a lot of exciting things we have in store for our great community. We will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary all year long in 2023, and the official kickoff will be at our **Sunday in the Park** event on Sunday, February 5th at Laguna Park starting at 3:00 pm.

The Board of Directors has recently approved the budget for 2023, and that gives us the green light to start booking special treats and planning the projects for next year, which we have already begun. I sit on our 50th Anniversary Committee, and we meet once a month to discuss the celebratory plans for 2023.

For the 50th Anniversary celebration, we will be adding several commemorative elements to our events for next year. Some of these special elements include a Community Art Installation built near a Dobson Ranch entrance, a beer garden, live entertainment, and food at Sunday in the Park in February and our Fall Festival in November 2023, a time capsule, special T-shirts, and much more!

That being said, we are looking for sponsors to help us with the funding of these projects, and in return for sponsorship, we're offering multiple advertising opportunities throughout the entire year of 2023. In honor of your generous gift (at any sponsorship level), you will be featured in our special 50th Edition of *Ranchers' RoundUp*, which will be mailed to over 18,000+ residents in Dobson Ranch. You will also be listed as a generous sponsor on our website and the Dobson Ranch App.

#### The 50th Anniversary sponsorship levels are:

- **PLATINUM** - \$5,000 - Your own banner (featured at all 2023 events), and a Commemorative Brick placed at Sunset Plaza.
- **GOLD** - \$2,500 - A banner with your logo and other gold sponsor logos (featured at all 2023 events), and a Commemorative Brick placed at Sunset Plaza.
- **SILVER** - \$1,000 - Your own lawn sign (featured at all 2023 events), and a Commemorative Brick placed at Sunset Plaza.
- **BRONZE** - \$500 - A lawn sign with your logo and other bronze sponsor logos (featured at all 2023 events), and a Commemorative Brick placed at Sunset Plaza.
- **BRICK SPONSOR** - \$250 - A Commemorative Brick placed at Sunset Plaza.

Please consider donating to our special 50th Anniversary projects! To contribute, please email me at [sriss@dobsonranch.com](mailto:sriss@dobsonranch.com) and I will provide you with complete details.



## Important Reminder: 2023 Annual Assessment and Payment Options

Your 2023 annual assessment will be **\$608.58**. This is an increase of **5% over 2022** and was approved by the Board at an open meeting on **October 27, 2022**.

#### You can pay your annual assessment dues using either of the following options:

- Annual assessment payment of \$608.58 on the 1st day of January 2023.
- Quarterly assessment payments of \$152.15 on the 1st day of January, April, July and October 2023. Please note, a late fee of \$15.00 will be charged quarterly if your payment is not received by the 30th of the first month of each quarter.
- Monthly assessment payments of \$50.72 on the 1st day of each month. Please note, your first monthly payment for each quarter must be received by the 30th day of the first month of each quarter, to avoid the quarterly assessed late fee.

#### You may pay your assessment dues by using either of the following four methods:

1. Setting up an account on our online payment portal at [dobsonranchhoa.com/make-a-payment/](http://dobsonranchhoa.com/make-a-payment/). Then, click **Assessment Payment Portal**. Click the "Make a Payment" button and enter the following information:
  - Management ID = **1194**
  - Association ID = **00DR**
  - Property/Account Number: Your 16-digit account number at the top right of your statement.
2. Utilizing your bill pay services with your banking institution.
3. Mailing your check to **P.O. Box 98148, Phoenix, AZ 85038** or to our La Casita office at **2719 S Reyes, Mesa, AZ 85202**.
4. Placing your check in our drop box near the La Casita office.

**If you are using your bank bill pay method, add your 16-digit account number.  
If you are using the check method, write your 16-digit account number on your check.**





## Project Updates Around the Ranch



**By Dennis Melgreen**  
Associate Director of Facilities

Our maintenance crew has been busy updating our facilities and amenities around the Ranch. Here is a list of the latest projects and their scheduled completion dates:

### 1. Saratoga Restrooms

- All trades on site.
- Grading, curbs, irrigation and planting front of building will follow.

### 2. Laguna Park Lighting

- Bollards and pole light project is complete.
- Gravel replenished along walkway and in bollard cut outs.

### 3. Laguna Park Restrooms

- Building Plans approved by State.
- Utility plans are waiting for City of Mesa approval.
- Expected completion date is February 2023.

### 4. Perimeter Walls (On Hold)

- Guadalupe Road exterior block wall painting will finish project. There are many badly water damaged block walls from Dobson to Price. Homeowners should complete waterproofing, block repairs and trimming back shrubs by February 2023 for painting to begin.

### 5. La Casita Pool Area

- A new shade structure over the entire splash pad, new splash pad water features, new soft splash pad surface, new pool equipment and electrical wiring, acid washing the pool and making tile repairs took place in November.
- When splash pad is completed, the artificial turf around the play area will be replaced.

### 6. Corner of Dobson Road and Isabella Avenue

- A preliminary landscape and irrigation plan has been approved for the SW corner of Dobson and Isabella.
- Sidewalk, boat dock, trees, drip irrigation, and low voltage lighting expected to be installed by December 1st.
- The remaining plants and granite will be installed in the spring of 2023 and will incorporate any approved additions made by the 50th Anniversary Committee to the overall plan.

### 7. Saratoga Walkway Bollard Lighting

- Finalizing electrical plans to add bollards along the walkway from Laguna Park to the end of Lake 7.
- Tentatively scheduled to begin by December 12, 2022.

Thank you all for your patience during these projects! They will make our Ranch an **even better place to live, work and play!**



**By Skye Riss, Ranchers' RoundUp Editor**

Congratulations to **Ronnie** and **George Bohlander**, the homeowners of 2420 S. Catarina, for being selected for this month's Green Thumb Award. Ronnie and George have lived in Dobson Ranch since 1977, and they moved from their first Dobson Ranch home to their current home on S. Catarina in 1988.

Ronnie and George live in a lovely home that overlooks Lake 7, and they take great care of their landscaping. Out front, they have a beautiful Mesquite tree that is pruned once a year and provides cool shade for their home in the summer months.

Otherwise, their landscaping requires very little maintenance and water. Some of the other foliage on their property adding to the natural desert look include Arizona Blue Agave, small palm trees, two Mexican Bird of Paradise plants, Palo Verde Trees, and a Texas Sage.

"As soon as we moved into this house, it had a Tiff grass lawn that looked beautiful, but required a special lawn mower. We removed the Tiff grass and had rocks put in. We also added pavers to the walkway and the front entry to make a more welcoming entrance into our home," Ronnie reminisced.

Taking pride in your property like Ronnie and George is what makes Dobson Ranch indisputably... **the best place to live for almost 50 years!**



*Congrats To The Bohlanders!*

If you would like your home or a neighbor's home featured in a future issue of Ranchers' RoundUp, please email [sriss@dobsonranch.com](mailto:sriss@dobsonranch.com).

# Hogan Holiday Favorites

By Dr. Andrea Hogan, Resident Guest Writer

My husband **Josh** and I have lived in Dobson Ranch for seven years. We have a daughter **Ella** (8) and son, **Emmett** (6). Our family loves to celebrate the holidays and explore all the festive events and activities the Valley offers. Below are some of our favorites!

## CHRISTMAS AT THE PRINCESS

For the past three years, we've been able to purchase a Groupon for this event at the **Fairmont Scottsdale Princess**, making this exclusive "5-Star" experience very affordable. The Lagoon Lights, Princess Express S'moresland at The Village, and rides at Twinkle Town are our favorites. Add-ons include photos with Santa, ice skating on real ice, and plenty of food and beverages for purchase.

**7575 E. Princess Drive, Scottsdale**

## ZOOLIGHTS AT THE PHOENIX ZOO

As members of the **Phoenix Zoo**, my kids look forward to this event every year. But, this year is extra special because Zoo-Lights admission includes admission to **Dinosaurs in the Desert**, my son's favorite dinosaur experience! My kids love the music and light show and the sneak peaks of the animals at night.

**455 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix**

## CHRISTMAS AT SCHNEPF FARMS and THE LIGHTS AT VERTUCCIO FARMS

While we've never done either of these events, we've enjoyed the fall festivals at both farms in the past, and have friends that rave about the Christmas events. Vertuccio Farms has a synchronized light show on their 10-acre property, providing a walk-thru experience similar to ZooLights. Schnepf Farms offers snow, light displays, an ice rink, and train rides.

**Schnepf Farms - 24810 S. Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek, Vertuccio Farms - 4011 S. Power Road, Mesa**

## MERRY MAIN STREET

Another local event we love is **Merry Main Street** in downtown Mesa. It's our family favorite event of the season! This is where we visit Santa (for free!) under the beautiful Christmas tree and it's our favorite place to ice skate! We also enjoy the vendors and atmosphere there. Similarly, my children love visiting the **Tumbleweed Tree** and **Sugarland** in downtown Chandler and the nightly snowfall at **Tempe Marketplace**, both free local experiences!

**Merry Main Street - E. Main Street, Mesa  
Chandler Park West - 3 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler  
Tempe Marketplace - 2000 E. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe**

## LAS NOCHES DE LAS LUMINARIAS

If you're looking for a kid free holiday experience, my husband and I highly recommend **Las Noches de las Luminarias** at the **Desert Botanical Garden** for a date night. We love walking around the sparkling luminarias and twinkling lights and the performances and entertainment has always been fantastic!

**1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix**

## WORLD OF ILLUMINATION and HOLIDAY LIGHT EXPERIENCE

**World of Illumination** at Tempe Diablo Stadium and **Holiday Light Experience** at Salt River Fields are both drive-thru light experiences you can purchase by the car full. If you're looking for a free drive-thru light experience, there are many amazing home light displays in the Valley! Josh and I also love driving the kids around in their PJs with hot cocoa to explore the holiday lights in different neighborhoods. Check **abc15.com** for their map showing the best home Christmas light displays.  
**Tempe Diablo Stadium - 2200 W. Alameda Dr., Tempe, AZ  
Holiday Light Experience - 7555 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ**

While the holidays are magical, it can also be stressful. If doing any of the above causes more stress or anxiety for you, skip it. The best part of the holidays is simply spending time with loved ones, whether it's at a big Christmas event or in your own living room, it is the **time together** that makes the season magical!



(L. to R.): Ella & Emmett decorating cookies; Hogans at ZooLights; Kids & friends at neighborhood light display; Ella & Emmett ice skating at Merry Main Street.





## Monthly Update from Councilmember Heredia

### Mesa City Council Updates Fireworks-Related City Code

The fireworks season is upon us! Here's an update on recently approved changes to the Mesa City Code regarding the permissible use of fireworks. These changes align the City code with recent changes made by the State of Arizona while strengthening Mesa's fireworks enforcement efforts.

SALE	USE
April 25 - May 6	May 4-6 between 8am and 11 pm.
May 20 - July 6	June 24 - July 6 between 8am and 11 pm *With the exception of July 4 between 8am and 1 am.
Dec. 10 - Jan. 3	Dec. 24 - Jan. 3 between 8am and 11 pm. *With the exception of Dec. 31 between 8am and 1 am.
2 days before 1st day of Diwali through the 3rd day of Diwali each year	The second and third days of Diwali.

Additionally, the penalties and fines related to the sale and use of illegal fireworks have also been updated:

- The updates in civil penalties include a minimum \$500 fine.
- The updates in Class 1 Misdemeanor penalties include fines of no less than \$1,000 and up to \$2,500.

Please contact my office if you have any questions or comments: 480-644-6275 or [District3@MesaAZ.gov](mailto:District3@MesaAZ.gov).

~ **Councilmember Francisco Heredia**



## Happy Holidays to Each and Every One of Our Residents!

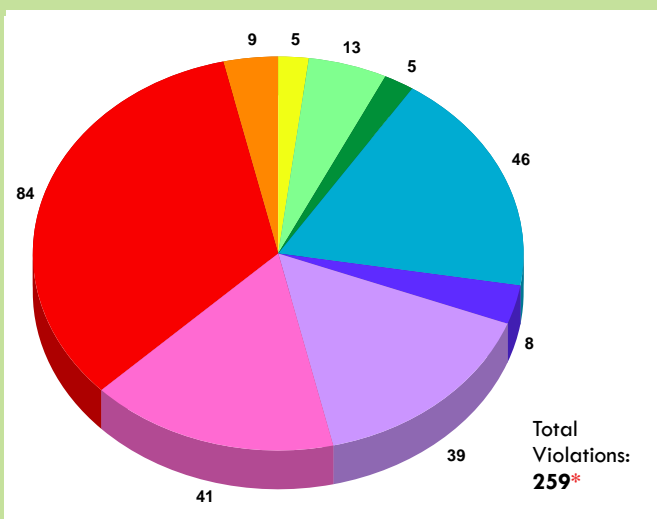
For this holiday article, I would just like to keep it short and wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. Reflecting back over the year, our Code Compliance team has been working hard this year, and there have been changes with the revision of our Residential Architectural Guidelines. We all want to help make and keep Dobson Ranch **"An Even Better Place to Live!"**

As a reminder, homeowner violation letters are now being sent (since October 17th) via email to those homeowners with email addresses on file. Emailing violation letters will help save on postage for the HOA. If we do not have your email on file, and you would like to receive your violation notices by email, please contact the Administration Office, and we would be happy to add that for you in our system.

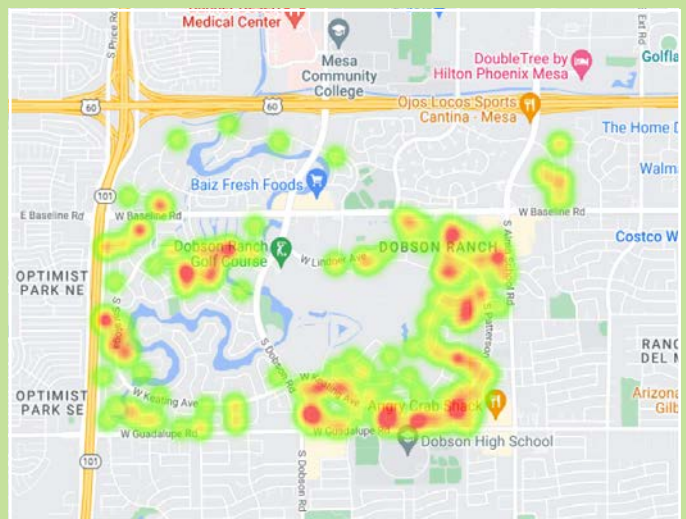
You can find the new Residential Architectural Guidelines on the Dobson Ranch website, the Dobson Ranch App, and there are hard copies in the Office as well, if needed. If you have questions regarding the new guidelines or HOA Life, I will be happy to speak with you. If, at any time, you have questions or concerns regarding code enforcement, please contact the office at 480-831-8314.

**Thank you,**  
**Camille Gonzales**  
Operations Manager

## CC&R Notices for November 2022

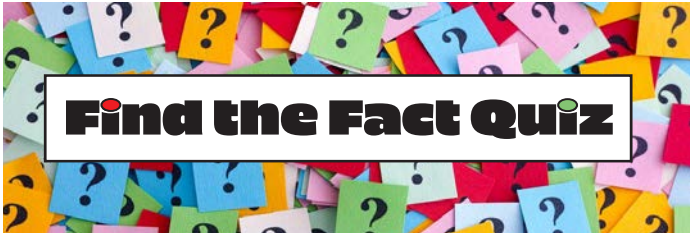


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The heat map above indicates where the most violations were given in the month of November.

\*Total number of violations includes 9 "Other" Violations: Outside Lighting; Signs; Windows and Awnings; Grass and Landscaping; and Roof Maintenance. Sections can be found in our Residential Architectural Guidelines.



## Find the Fact Quiz

We received **eight** entries from our fifth **Find the Fact Quiz** in November. A random drawing was held on November 21st to select the winner of the **\$20.00 Amazon Gift Card**. The gift card for November goes to **Steven J. Hulet**. Thanks for taking the time to find all the facts, Steve!

To enter the December **Find the Fact Quiz**, simply email all of the answers to questions 1-20 below to [nroggio@dobson-ranch.com](mailto:nroggio@dobson-ranch.com) by no later than December 18, 2022. All residents (of any age) with all 20 correct answers will be put into a drawing. One winner will be randomly selected to receive a **\$20.00 Amazon Gift Card**. December's winner will be announced in the *January Ranchers' RoundUp*.

### Ready, Set, GO!

1. What time will our Sunday in the Park event take place at Laguna Park on February 5th?
2. What is the phone number for La Casita Recreation Center?
3. What special certification does the Dobson Ranch Library hold?
4. What month in 2023 will there be a special 50th Anniversary Edition of *Ranchers' RoundUp*?
5. Name three types of popular accent plants in our area.
6. What is the advertising slogan for new advertiser Heaven's Best Carpet Cleaning?

7. What is the dollar amount for a 50th Anniversary Silver Sponsorship?
8. Who should you contact if you wish to join the new Dobson Ranch Small Business Club?
9. What is the 2023 Dobson Ranch monthly assessment fee?
10. What is the anticipation of where your opponent will send the ball on the tennis court called?
11. What is the name of the nomadic people who established a 500-mile-long canal system along the Salt River?
12. What is the minimum fine for Class 1 Misdemeanor penalties for sale and use of illegal fireworks in Mesa?
13. How many trash bin storage violations were given out in November 2022?
14. What was the median home price in Dobson Ranch in October 2022?
15. Where can you pick up a 2023 Events Calendar magnet?
16. Where will the December 16th Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Style Poker game be held?
17. What is the last date to send in your digital photo(s) for our Happy Holidays Photo Contest?
18. Who gave a solar cooking demonstration at the November Retirees' Club meeting?
19. Which advertiser is having a Holiday Gift Card Special exclusively for Dobson Ranch HOA members?
20. Which hospital will benefit from the City of Mesa's Annual District 3 Toy Drive?

That's it for December! Hope you have fun fact finding! We'll be back in January with another **Find the Fact Quiz** and gift card giveaway.

DR logo: *Enjoy a night out while your kids play at La Casita!*

# Parent's Night Out!

**50th Anniversary**  
CHEERS TO 50 YEARS!

**Saturday, February 4th**  
5:00 to 8:30 pm  
La Casita Rec. Center

**Ages 6-12**  
Activities include:  
★ Movie Games ★  
★ Popcorn & Hotdogs  
Raffle Prizes & More! ★  
**Cost: \$12 per child**

Register on ActiveNet or at the La Casita Rec. Center by February 1st or until filled.  
For more information, call 480-831-7464.

SAVE THE DATE

## La Casita Preschool Registration

Limited Space! 10 children per class

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**  
8:00 am (Residents only)

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**  
8:00 am (Non-Residents)

Activities: Holiday Field Trips, Plays, Show & Tell, Arts & Crafts, Science, Music/Motion, Math, Dramatic Play, Practical Life, Holiday Parties, Field Trips

Call 480-831-7464 or email [fjeltmann@dobsonranch.com](mailto:fjeltmann@dobsonranch.com) for more details and pricing.





## DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS



Agave plant

### ACCENT PLANTS... AND HOW THEY ARE USED IN THE LANDSCAPE

The great variety of plants available today makes it possible to find the right plant for almost any landscape need. One of the most important uses of plants is as accents.

The word "accent" is a design term for a plant that contrasts with its neighbors and so catches the eye; it has features or characteristics that make it more noticeable than the average plant. Some plants may serve as accents during a particular season with showy flowers, fruit or fall colors, while other plants serve as year-round accents with distinctive leaf shapes and colors, stem colors, plant shapes or growth habits, and bark characteristics.

Smaller accents are more effective when planted in clumps or groups in odd numbers such as three, five, etc. Medium and large accent plants need enough space so the form can be displayed to its best advantage. Plant these in groups or as a single specimen.

When selecting accent plants, do not mix non-complementary plants in the same area. For example, do not place an Ocotillo beside a citrus tree. Ocotillos are commonly found in the Sonoran and Chihuahuan deserts, while citrus are native to Asia, Melanesia and Australia. Not only do they require different amounts of water, which will make them difficult to irrigate correctly, but they visually do not belong together. Plants should work together to create a mood instead of clashing with one another.

Specimen or focal point plants are a sub group of accent plants that are used singly to show off some special feature of the plant such as its unique shape, foliage or color. They are often the largest plants in a landscape. They can be used to draw attention to a feature like an entry door, or can be used as a focal point all on their own.

There are many benefits to incorporating accent plants into your design. Accent plants are a great way to define and enhance your property and do a wonderful job at creating first impressions that are sure to last. There are many types of accents plants to choose from and any landscape will be enhanced by their unique features.



Ocotillo ▲

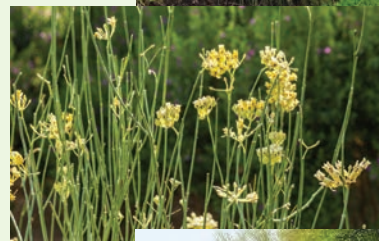
Some of the most popular accent plant choices in our area are:

- Agaves
- Aloes
- Ornamental Grasses
- Desert Milkweed
- Yellow Bells
- Ocotillo
- Red Bird-of-Paradise
- Hesperaloe
- Yuccas
- Lady Slipper
- Saguaro
- Texas Ebony
- Weeping Bottlebrush



◀ Aloe Vera

Ornamental Grasses ▶



◀ Desert Milkweed

Red Bird-of-Paradise ▶



◀ Red Yucca

Lady Slipper ▶



◀ Texas Ebony Tree

Weeping Bottlebrush Tree ▶



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## Savor the Season... Keep Calm and Save Water!

By **Kathrine Blomquist**, Water and Lake Management Committee Member



Happy Holidays! Are you ready? I am sure by the time this article comes out my cards will be mailed, all the shopping done, and the presents wrapped and under the tree. (A person can dream, right?)

Whatever and however you celebrate the season, here are a few different ways to save water this time of year:

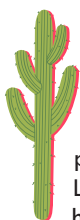


- Scrape dishes rather than rinsing them before washing.
- Run the dishwasher when full.
- When waiting for hot water at the tap, collect the running water and use to water indoor and outdoor plants.
- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day to cut down on the number of glasses to wash.
- Reuse leftover water from cooked or steamed foods to start a soup.
- Thaw food in the refrigerator instead of using water.
- Only wash full loads of laundry.

Actually, as readers of the **Conservation Corner**, you know



that saving water is done year-round. Throughout 2022, this column covered a variety of topics related to water conservation. One of the favorites was "50 Easy Ways to Voluntarily Save Water" inside and outside of our homes. We learned about water at the Ranch (our lakes and other common areas), statewide (our watershed and the Colorado River), and globally (the importance of investing in our planet and Earth Day).



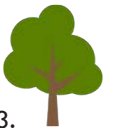
Other 2022 highlights include the return of the **Spring Expo**, which showcased different ways to conserve resources and save money. Many homeowners planted desert-adapted shade trees thanks to **SRP's Shade Tree Program**. The City of Mesa Water Conservation and SRP presented "Saving Water & Energy with Dobson Ranch" at La Casita, and Dobson Ranch's conservation successes were highlighted at the **Annual City Breakfast**.



What a year! Have some fun and enjoy a break from the end-of-year rush by completing a Dobson Ranch conservation-themed **Word Search**. But wait, there's more! The remaining letters spell out a 5-word phrase pertaining to 2023. Figure out the phrase for a chance to win a prize, compliments of SRP. Directions, including how to enter, are listed at the end of this article.

Thank you, residents, for continuing your conservation

journey in 2022! I can't wait to see what's in store for the community in 2023.



Thanks to everyone that stopped by the Water and Lake Management Committee table at the **Fall Festival** and took the "Our Water - Our Home" quiz, and to the kids that made a water cycle bracelet. (Due to copy dates, a wrap-up of the event will be in January's RoundUp.)

Wishing you and yours a happy holiday season. Remember... keep calm and save water!

### CONSERVATION WORD SEARCH

P D H S N O I T A G I R R I A P  
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| XERISCAPE       | DESERT ADAPTED | LADYBUGS               |
| SPRING EXPO     | POOL COVERS    | STAGE ONE              |
| SHADE TREES     | PHOENIX AMA    | TREES MATTER           |
| EARTH DAY       | COLORADO RIVER | CITY OF MESA INCENTIVE |
| CONSERVATION    | SUSTAINABLE    | RAIN                   |
| SRP             | WATER CYCLE    | SMART DEVICES          |
| ARID            | SAVINGS        | IRRIGATION CONTROLLERS |
| RETENTION BASIN | DAMS           | THERMOSTATS            |
| LAKES           | UNLESS         |                        |
| DROUGHT         | CAP            |                        |



### Directions for Word Search:

- Words can run forward, backward, up, down and diagonal.
- Letters can be used more than once.
- Phrases can be divided (i.e., "Smart Devices" is not together, while "Desert Adapted" is, hint hint).
- All words are separate (i.e., "CAP" is not inside "Xeriscape," hint hint)
- There will be 35 letters left over.
- The remaining letters make a 5-word phrase pertaining to 2023.
- Email the phrase and your name to [DRSpringExpo@gmail.com](mailto:DRSpringExpo@gmail.com) by January 5, 2023.
- All residents with the correct phrase will be put into a drawing.
- One winner will be randomly selected to receive a prize package donated by SRP.
- Answer key and winner will be announced in February's *Ranchers' RoundUp*.







## Our Home Has Always Been Someone's Home

By Craig A. Wilson, Water and Lake Management Committee Member



Our home bears the name used by the most recent family to occupy the homestead now called Dobson Ranch. But a nomadic people nearly 2,000 years ago also found themselves along the Salt River, a river that would support farming if water could be applied to the soil. And over the next

1,000 years these people, numbering at times some 6,500 inhabitants, that called themselves the **Totono O'odham** people, would do just that; establish a canal system some 500 miles in aggregate length. Most of those canals have now been lost to history, including the canals that brought water to our corner of the Sonoran Desert.

The Salt River, a tributary of the Gila River and its major tributary, the Verde River, carry the run-off from the vast tracks of land east and north of Dobson Ranch. In 1877, when the Mormons trekked from Salt Lake to Mesa to settle in what is now called the Valley of the Sun, they found those ancient canals and rebuilt many of them. Part of those canals have been preserved and can now be seen at the **Park of the Canals** in the Levi section of Mesa. New canals were built to move water through the 131 miles of canals the Salt River Project would build to distribute the water captured behind the Roosevelt and Bartlett dams.

Very little rain falls in this area, and what rain that does fall is

rapidly absorbed by the desert soil. Hence, no Wild Arroyo to carry the stormwater off. At some point, an idea arose that what was a ranch could become a planned community. Now, what rain does fall on the new streets, houses, buildings, and paved parking lots has nowhere to go, but must be dealt with somehow.

In the 1970s, the solution chosen by the City of Mesa for the future Dobson Ranch was a series of wet retention basins. These basins would be filled by the same water first employed to irrigate the pre-historical Dobson Ranch; local stormwater run-off and stormwater diverted from the Salt River. The soil from eight areas in the new development was excavated down to a depth of from 10 to 16 feet to form eight drainage basins. Two other areas would follow to make a 10-lake system where stormwater run-off would be channeled by drainpipes, gutters and scuppers. From these basins the run-off water would be stored until it evaporated or seeped into the ground.



Additional water would also be needed to control the water level in these new lakes, making the lakes an aesthetic and recreational asset to our Dobson Ranch. Now we have a chain of lakes with walking paths, fine vistas, boating areas and fishing spots that enhance the place we call home.



## Real Estate on the Ranch

### Home Sales & Mesa Market Trends

By Nicole Lynam, Board President



#### Homes Sold in Dobson Ranch

**October 2022: 47 Homes Sold**  
October 2021: 82 Homes Sold  
September 2022: 54 Homes Sold  
September 2021: 84 Homes Sold

#### Median Home Sale Price in Dobson Ranch:

**October 2022: \$455,000**  
October 2021: \$318,500  
(29.1% Growth Year-Over-Year)  
September 2022: \$497,500  
September 2021: \$311,000  
(60.0% Growth Year-Over-Year)

#### Median Home Sale Price in 85202:

**October 2022: \$391,000**  
October 2021: \$296,769  
(24.1% Growth Year-Over-Year)  
September 2022: \$354,000  
September 2021: \$300,000  
(20.7% Growth Year-Over-Year)

All data as reported by Redfin.com

#### What is the housing market like in Dobson Ranch today?

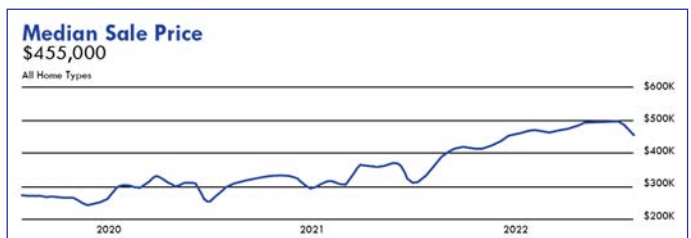
In October 2022, Dobson Ranch home prices were up **29.1%** compared to last year, selling for a median price of **\$455K**. On average, homes in Dobson Ranch sell after **46** days on the market compared to **26** days last year. There were **47** homes sold in October this year, down from **82** last year.

#### How hot is the Dobson Ranch housing market?

The average homes sell for about **2%** below list price and go pending in around **48** days. Hot homes can sell for around list price and go pending in around **36** days.

#### Number of homes sold in Dobson Ranch in November 2022

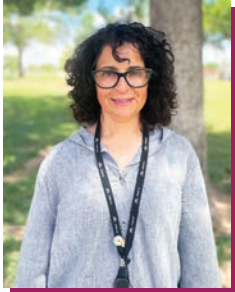
(as of 11/23): **20**. Final figures for November 2022 will be reported in the next issue of *Ranchers' RoundUp*.





## Our Strong Community Roots Behind the Dobson Ranch Library

By Skye Riss, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



**Anna Mathews is the Branch Coordinator at the Dobson Ranch Library, one of the three Mesa Public Library branches. Anna has been working in libraries since 1989, and she especially loves working with the Dobson Ranch public, to help provide them access to a safe place where they can discover something new.**

The best part about Dobson Ranch Library is that it is located within Dobson Ranch and is a great part of the Ranch's history since it first opened its doors in 1987. The Dobson Ranch community has always been a strong advocate of the Library. In 1991, the Library was going through some budget constraints, and it was added to the City Council's list for potentially cutting the hours of operation. Because the list is public, the Dobson Ranch residents quickly caught on and rallied to prevent the hours from being shortened. Over 250 children and their families came with signs and petitions, in support of the Library and the hours of operation did not get reduced! That goes to show the power of our Dobson Ranch community.

That story is just one example of why Anna Mathews wanted to work at Dobson Ranch Library. Anna was hired in 2018 as a Branch Coordinator at the Dobson Ranch Library. Before that, she worked at the Red Mountain Library, which is another branch location of Mesa Public Libraries.

*"When I came to interview at the Dobson Ranch Library, I said to myself, I love this library and I want to work here. I was so delighted to get hired,"* Anna beamed.

Anna explained that each Mesa Public Library location has its own Branch Coordinator who handles the day-to-day operations hands-on, and their responsibilities include making sure the staff and the community have what they need to be able to have the best possible experience with their programs, workshops, materials, technology, and spaces available.

There are many excellent programs that the Dobson Ranch Library offers for FREE to library members including kids, teens, and adults, and membership for a Library Card is FREE as well! Talk about invaluable information right at your fingertips! Some of their hallmark programs include **Storytimes** for kids, **Teen Advisory Board** for teens, and **Book Groups** for adults, but there are over 60 workshops that the Dobson Ranch Library hosts each month. And, the Dobson Ranch Library has special programming that you won't find at the other Mesa Public Library branches.

Anna walked me around the beautiful park right next to the Library and pointed out their **Storywalk Project**. "We have a Storywalk Project that changes each month. There are a series of raised plaques throughout the park walkways, each with a different page from the book of the month starting with page one.



*"The Book of the Month for December is **Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter** by Kenard Pak. So, when the community comes to the park, they can read the story together. We often add current program flyers if we have a few open display cases available."*

This project is one great example of what Anna and her team at Dobson Ranch Library work on every day for the community. Another amazing fact is that Dobson Ranch Library is an **Autism Certified Library**. The library was awarded the certification by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards.

*"The staff members at Dobson Ranch Library completed their Autism Certification Training. When families visit, we help them feel comfortable by offering their children comfort kits, and we are currently working with some different autism groups to offer other mindful elements for both teens and adults. Also, our park and playground are ADA compatible and available to all abilities,"* Anna happily shared.

The Dobson Ranch Library has recently undergone a transformation with the new construction of its **THINKspot!** THINKspot is a Mesa Public Library program that provides a special place where the community can have access to certain resources, training and networking. For example, the THINKspots at the **Main and Red Mountain Libraries** have sewing machines, DJ equipment, computer-driven laser machines, and 3D Printers! Now, the THINKspot at the Dobson Ranch Library has its own special equipment that Library members can use. Before using the space, they must first go through some training on how to use the equipment and then book a time. It's that easy!

Anna exclaimed, *"Our THINKspot is a place where the community can come together and create. There is unlimited potential!"* Since working at the Dobson Ranch Library, Anna has met so many interesting people and has great stories to share. One great story and favorite memory of Anna's is from the Halloween of 2020.

*"Because of the pandemic, we had been closed to the public for several months and I felt bad. So, we partnered with an organization called **Kids Need to Read** that provides books to disadvantaged children, and we put on a **Halloween Boo Parade**. People drove up in their decorated cars, wearing their costumes and holding their treat bags, and each car got a pack of books from Kids Need to Read. It was a blast, and the families had a great time,"* Anna laughed.

In conclusion, Anna shared her thoughts on why the Dobson Ranch Library is so special. *"The library is special because of its history, location and especially its community. There are so many exciting things in store for the Dobson Ranch Library that we will soon share with the residents of Dobson Ranch. All I can say is that I leave work feeling fulfilled every day because I get to interact with the wonderful people in our community, every single day. So, thank you!"*





## Nurture Young Learners During the Holidays

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

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is upon us. This busy time of year provides students and their families the opportunity to take a well-deserved break from regular routines. It's also important to keep students' brains active and alert so they are ready to return to school picking up where they left off.

**Lisa Bullock-Grotting**, director of early learning at Mesa Public Schools, says learning is ongoing and never stops. It's especially important during the holidays to keep students' minds engaged in activities that make them think. Research supports early literacy experiences as key to academic achievement, higher graduation rates, enhanced productivity in adult life and a lifelong love of learning.

"Children have such a great capacity to learn when they are little; they absorb everything," Bullock-Grotting shares. "Their young minds are like sponges, which is the reason it's important to make learning fun, during the holidays and all year long."

### Looking for ways to engage your young learner? Here are a few tips from Bullock-Grotting:

- Read aloud to your child every day. Reading and talking to your child creates a bond, models the love of reading and stimulates and strengthens their language and literacy skills.

- Get out and explore. Whether going to the park, taking a day trip for a family hike, or going to the zoo, there are many things to explore in nature and a variety of ways to keep busy and engaged.
- Go on a scavenger hunt. Children love to find things and having a list with pictures and words will keep them interested and busy for hours.
- Start a collection. Little ones enjoy looking for rocks, leaves, pebbles and flowers.
- Bake sugar cookies. Use a variety of cookie cutters and decorate them using fun-colored glitter and icing.
- Narrate your adventures in the store or car, and talk about what your child is doing.
- Assign age-appropriate responsibilities such as watering the plants, picking up toys, making their bed and pulling weeds.
- Do arts and crafts. Construct holiday decorations or cards using a variety of tools like chalk, pens and crayons.

For more information regarding early learning programs, please visit [mpsaz.org/earlylearning](https://mpsaz.org/earlylearning).



**Photo 1.** Get outdoors with your children. (Photo by Tim Hacker/MPS)  
**Photo 2.** Explore what sparks their joy to learn and play. (Photo by Samantha Chow/MPS)  
**Photo 3.** Let them teach you new things. (Photo by Samantha Chow/MPS)



## From the Recreation Director's Desk



**By Jesse Wright**  
Recreation Manager

I'm proud to boast that our **Fall Festival** was a huge success! I wanted to thank all the families in the community for participating this year.

I'm very excited that Christmas is only a few days away and our Recreation Department has been busy decorating the Rec. Centers for the holidays. We're anxious for 2023 to arrive and have many new and improved programs and events being offered to usher in our 50th Anniversary.

In January, look for **Bark in the Park** on January 21st. Bring your dogs out to Laguna Park for a fun romp in the park. You can sign up at the event to participate in our three in-person contests (*Best Trick, Pet Owner Lookalike and Ugly Sweater*) and see vendors that cater exclusively to your canine. We'll have areas for big and small dogs, so come on out and enjoy this delightful day.

Parents... if you're looking for a break or date night, **Parent's Night Out** will be back on Saturday, February 4th. We're offering a fun night in for the kids, so you can have an enjoyable night out. We'll be watching a movie, selling candy, and serving popcorn, hotdogs and refreshments. We'll also be playing games, making crafts and giving out great raffle prizes. Be sure to bring a pillow and blanket! Sign up online or at the La Casita Recreation Center. Thanks for all the 2022 memories and I look forward to making many more in 2023!

### Please note our Recreation Center Holiday Hours:

12/23 Open 8:00 am to 2:00 pm; **Christmas Eve 12/24 and Christmas Day 12/25 CLOSED.** Will reopen on Monday 12/26 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.  
**New Year's Eve & New Year's Day CLOSED.** 1/2/23 open 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

## Tennis Tip for December 2022



**By Kwong Young**  
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

### The Art of Poaching

When we play with the same tennis opponents on the court for many years, we start to notice a "pattern" of play. We can begin to anticipate where our opponent will send the ball on the court, even before they strike it. This common anticipation is called "poaching", which is the art of anticipating a weak return from your opponent or moving across the net after the ball is poorly struck and putting the ball away.

Poaching results in two things:

1. Your opponent's turn ends quickly so it conserves your energy.
2. Your opponent can't get into a good rhythm, and it forces the receiver to try to return the ball wider and potentially make an error.



So, if your opponent has a good lob, drop shot, strong forehand, etc., make sure you learn not to give them the chance to make those strong shots. Or, you can simply hit the ball more toward

their partner to take that person out of the equation. Look for the "pattern" and begin to "anticipate" your opponent's actions, so you can be ready to outperform them!

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
1/21 BARK IN THE PARK Laguna Park	2/4 PARENT'S NIGHT OUT La Casita Rec. Center 2/5 SUNDAY IN THE PARK Laguna Park	3/4 SPRING CLEAN UP Ranchwide 3/10 MOVIE IN THE PARK Laguna Park 3/13 - 3/17 SPRING BREAK CAMP Saratoga Rec. Center 3/24 BYOB La Casita Rec. Center	4/11 SPRING EXPO & PANCAKE BREAKFAST La Casita Rec. Center 4/17 TWEEN EGG HUNT Laguna Park 4/8 EGGSTRAVAGANZA Laguna Park 4/11 ANNUAL MEETING La Casita Rec. Center	5/12 CASINO NIGHT La Casita Rec. Center 5/30 - 7/28 SUMMER CAMP La Casita Rec. Center
JUNE/JULY	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
6/2 FLICK 'N' FLOAT Los Altos Rec. Center 7/29 PARENT/JR. GOLF TOURNAMENT D.R. Golf Course	9/16 GOLF TOURNAMENT D.R. Golf Course 9/29 FALL CLEAN UP Ranchwide	10/9 - 10/13 FALL BREAK CAMP Saratoga Rec. Center 10/20 HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR Laguna Park	11/4 FALL FESTIVAL Laguna Park	12/2 WINTER WONDERLAND Saratoga Rec. Center 12/9 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA La Casita Rec. Center

**2023 EVENTS CALENDAR**



## NEVER MISS A SINGLE EVENT IN 2023!

**Pick up your Dobson Ranch HOA Events Calendar Magnet today!**

The Recreation Department is pleased to present their 2023 Events Calendar Magnet, perfect to post at home on your fridge or in your office at work. The magnets are offered to all Dobson Ranch homeowners and will be available at the Front Desk at the La Casita Recreation Center. Be sure to pick one up!

All of your favorite events are back, but look for some extra special treats as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary!

We thank you for your participation at all of our events in 2022, and we look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events in 2023!

- The Recreation Department





## 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, January 9, 16, 23, 30 **6219 \$40 R/\$60 NR**  
Wednesday, January 4, 11, 18, 25 **6220 \$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, January 9, 16, 23, 30 **6221 \$40 R/\$60 NR**  
Wednesday, January 4, 11, 18, 25 **6222 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

#### Adult Saturday Doubles

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

**9:00 am - 10:30 am** | Sessions: Monthly  
Saturday, January 7, 14, 21, 28 **6223 \$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 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, January 9, 16, 23, 30 **6218 \$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 and relaxed setting.

**Saturday | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**\*January Social 1/21**

**\*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 & PM Classes  
 La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 10:00 am Intermediate Tai Chi  
 11:00 am Beginner Tai Chi  
 6:00 pm Intermediate Tai Chi  
 7:00 pm Beginner 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  
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center  
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
 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 also very helpful. You can attend yoga class with your punch card.

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

#### ZUMBA

Instructor: Karen  
 When: Tuesdays  
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center  
 Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
 Cost: \$7 drop in rate, \$30 resident only for a 5-use punch card



Zumba is a fusion of Latin and international music that incorporates a variety of dance styles such as salsa, cumbia, belly-

dance and reggaeton. This class combines high energy and uplifting music to help you burn fat and tone your body. Even if you have never danced before, you will have a blast, because the routines are fun and easy to do. So what are you waiting for? Join the party and try Zumba today! Punch card expires two months from the date of purchase. Punch Cards may be punched one time for residents per class. No additional punches for guests or residents.

#### HEALING YOGA

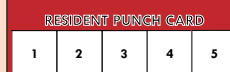
Instructor: Samantha  
 When: Tuesdays and Thursdays  
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center  
 Time: 8:15 am - 9:15 am  
 Cost: \$8 drop in, \$42 resident only for a 7-use punch card.



Hard to get up off the floor? Body having a hard time moving? Feeling every ache and pain? Come 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, 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. Punch card expires two months from your purchase date.



Dobson Ranch Recreation Department  
2719 S. Reyes, Mesa, AZ 85202  
(480) 831-7464



**GET YOUR PUNCH CARDS\* FOR RECREATION CLASSES AT LA CASITA REC. CENTER**

\* 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.





## CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

### FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Class Code: 6116  
 When: Thursdays (December 22nd - January 26th)  
 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: \$35 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)

Class Code: 6110  
 When: Tuesdays (December 20th - January 24th)  
 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: \$35 check or cash only.**

This upbeat and fun class is perfect to sample different dance styles such as jazz, ballet, modern, hip hop, and other styles. Get moving with this upbeat, fun class and discover dance! Contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

### INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)

Class Code: 6122  
 When: Thursdays (December 22nd - January 26th)  
 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: \$35 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 to improve motor skills and creative expression. Soft-soled shoes or bare feet are recommended. 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

### Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Style Poker



(Must be 18 or older)  
 When: Friday, December 16th and January 27th  
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center  
 Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)  
 Cost: Free to residents, \$5 non-residents  
 Poker night is a free monthly program for Dobson Ranch residents. Meet your neighbors for a friendly game.

### Bunco



When: Friday, December 16th and January 20th  
 Where: La Casita Rec. Center (Chica Room)  
 Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)  
 Cost: Free to residents, \$5 non-residents

This fast-paced, yet easy game is played with dice. It's a fun social hour with other residents.

### Bridge



When: Mondays  
 Where: La Casita Rec. Center (Chica Room)  
 Time: 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
 Cost: \$1.00 per player

We are actively seeking more bridge players. We play party bridge; singles and couples are welcome. Call Susan Toevs at 317-446-8641 for info on joining.



**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.
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- 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 their 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.

#### DATES:

January 20, 2023 - March 10, 2023  
 DAY: Fridays  
 TIME: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
 COST: The class is FREE!

#### LOCATION:

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

#### CONTACT: Recreation Department

PHONE: 480-831-7464

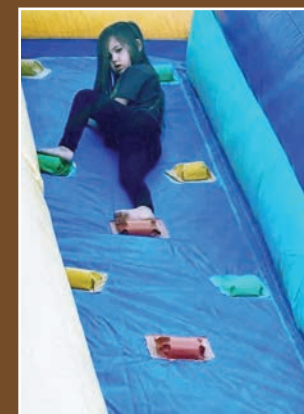
EMAIL: [jwright@dobsonranch.com](mailto:jwright@dobsonranch.com)

Sign up online using ActiveNet or call Recreation Dept. at 480-831-7464!





Ranchers of all ages came out to Laguna Park to enjoy our fabulous **Fall Festival** on Saturday





Saturday, November 19th. Please visit our Facebook page to see lots more photos from this event.







# Bark in the Park

Saturday, January 21  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
@ Laguna Park



**Live Music and Refreshments!** Bring lawn chairs and blankets!  
Call the Recreation Department with questions • 480-831-7464





WIN GREAT PRIZES & HAVE YOUR PHOTO IN RANCHERS' ROUNDUP!

# Happy Holidays PHOTO CONTEST



## 1. SHOOT

Snap a pic of you, or your family members, having fun at any type of holiday event this December. **Any holiday is fine!**

## 2. SHARE

Email your best digital photo with your name & address to [nroggio@dobsonranch.com](mailto:nroggio@dobsonranch.com) by 12/26/2022.\* Please include names of everyone in the photo.

## 3. SHOUT

You'll holler "WOO-HOO!" when you win a holiday gift card and your photo is on the cover or in January's RoundUp magazine.

No more than 2 entries may be submitted by the same person.

Winners to be selected on 12/27/2022 by an impartial group of HOA staff.

## PHOTO CONTEST PRIZES INCLUDE:

**EDITOR'S CHOICE WINNER** receives a \$50 Gift Card!

**FIRST PLACE WINNER** receives a \$45 Gift Card!

**SECOND PLACE WINNER** receives a \$30 Gift Card!

**THIRD PLACE WINNER** receives a \$25 Gfit Card!

\*All digital photos must be received by no later than December 26, 2022 at 12:00 noon. Your photo may be used on our social media, website or in Ranchers' RoundUp. Happy Chrismahanukwanzakah to one and all!



The City of Mesa will be all aglow during the holiday season. Here are just a few of the special events

## Head to **Downtown Mesa** This Holiday Season to Create Magical Memories!



### Going on now through **January 7, 2023!**

Delight in the holidays at **Merry Main Street**, a spectacular celebration of the season! The festivities began on November 25th and run through January 7th. Adding to the joy of Mesa's Merry Main Street is the **Winter Wonderland Ice Rink** - more than 6,000 square feet of ice open for more than 40 days at the new Plaza at Mesa City Center. The **Jack Frost Food Truck Forest** delights foodies, while **Santa** himself asks visitors if they've been naughty or nice on Friday and Saturday evenings.



Winter Wonderland Ice Rink



Visits With Santa



Mesa's Christmas Tree



Mesa's Menorah



Jack Frost's Food Truck Forest



Santa's Merry Makers Marketplace



Reindeer Roll & Stroll




Holiday Happenings at the MAC

For more details and locations for each, visit [www.merrymainstreet.com](http://www.merrymainstreet.com).



Events lined up now through the end of the year. For more details, visit the [www.mesaaz.gov](http://www.mesaaz.gov) Events Calendar.

DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 12	DECEMBER 13	DECEMBER 14	DECEMBER 15	DECEMBER 16	DECEMBER 17
Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Holiday Aprons - Teens 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Downtown Mesa Farmers Market 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Visit with Santa 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Ballet Etudes - The Nutcracker 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Harry Connick, Jr. - Holiday Celebration 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Harry Connick, Jr. - Holiday Celebration 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Gentri Christmas 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Ballet Etudes - The Nutcracker 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm
Salt River Brass - Holiday Pops 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm			Dave Coz & Friends 25th Christmas Tour 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm		Jack Frost's Food Truck Forest 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Visit with Santa 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	<b>EVENT LOCATION COLOR KEY</b> 				Mesa Santa Express 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
					Handel's Messiah - Phoenix Symphony 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Jack Frost's Food Truck Forest 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm
						Mesa Santa Express 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
DECEMBER 18	DECEMBER 19	DECEMBER 20	DECEMBER 21	DECEMBER 22	DECEMBER 23	DECEMBER 24
Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mesa's Menorah on Display - Dec. 19th - Dec. 26th					
Ballet Etudes - The Nutcracker 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Holiday Card Design Cutting 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Visit with Santa 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Visit with Santa 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Jack Frost's Food Truck Forest 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Mesa's Menorah Lighting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm			Holiday Aprons - Adults & Teens 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Switchfoot: This Is Our Christmas Tour 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm					Jack Frost's Food Truck Forest 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
					The Illusionists - Magic of the Holidays 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	
DECEMBER 25	DECEMBER 26	DECEMBER 27	DECEMBER 28	DECEMBER 29	DECEMBER 30	DECEMBER 31
Mesa's Menorah on Display		Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Jack Frost's Food Truck Forest 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm
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	Winter Wonderland Ice Rink 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Straight No Chaser 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm			Jack Frost's Food Truck Forest 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Mesa Temple Christmas Lights 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm



## Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Susan Toevs, Retirees' Club President

**The Retirees wish very happy holidays to one and all!**

We are busy little elves as we have three families to shop for and bring a little holiday cheer to their families. It is a lot of fun to stuff stockings and provide gifts and a meal to these deserving families that otherwise might have a meager holiday.

Once again our group will be volunteering to cook and serve the yummy pancakes at **Breakfast with Santa** on December 10th at La Casita. Hope to see you there!

At our November Retirees' Club meeting, we learned about solar cooking from our expert and member, **Merry Bevill**. We were treated to solar-baked meatballs or vegetarian balls. We celebrated Thanksgiving a little early at our luncheon with roast turkey and all the trimmings. Our committee, headed by **Tanya Andrew**, really outdid themselves.

On December 5th, we also had a gift exchange between members. This was chaired by two of our Board Members at large, **Chuck Weitzel** and **Bill Tekien**. They had planned a fun way to exchange gifts.

These gentlemen also handled the nominations and election of officers for 2023. The current Board was elected to serve for another term. They are: **Susan Toevs**, President; **Donna Fox**, Vice President; **Carolyn Sedlack**, Treasurer; and **Jane Weitzel**, Secretary.

We have had two activities that have been in dire need of leadership, and I am happy to report that in the New Year

**Dinner Night Out** will be organized by **Dan Fuller**, assisted by **Scudder Black**. Much thanks to **Tanya Andrew** and **Judy Bielo** who stepped up when Member **Linda Kosko** had to resign. **Day Trippers** have not been active since COVID, and will be reinstated and be arranged by **Betsy Hertzler**.



*Merry Bevill gave Retirees a tasty solar cooking demonstration at the November Retirees' Club meeting.*

**A heads up, dear readers, our January 2nd meeting will begin at 10:45 am because La Casita will not open until 10:30 am due to holiday hours. Dues will be collected in January and we're happy to report that inflation has not hit our Club! \$20.00 is our annual membership cost.**

### The Retirees' Club held their General Meeting on Monday, November 7th in the Grande Room at La Casita. Photos by Skye Riss.







## Women's Club

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

December finds all of us busy with friends and families to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Enjoy this special time.

Our **Out to Lunch** group had a great time at *Nunthaporn's Thai Cuisine* in Downtown Mesa. Their food is excellent. Be sure to take a drive downtown to look at the delightful decorations!

The January 6th **Out to Lunch** will be held at *The Taste of Peru*. Chris will send out the info.

Our Christmas **Bunco** was hosted by **Lynda**. We had a delicious dinner and our gift exchange was lots of fun. **Miss Mike** will send out the information for the January Bunco.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a joyous Kwanzaa! Blessings to all,  
Patty



Out to Lunch gals at Wildberries in November.

### LADIES - ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LINE DANCING?

Why not join in the fun every Tuesday at 9:30 am at La Casita Recreation Center? Please provide your email to **Barbara Stout** ([stoutgeo@gmail.com](mailto:stoutgeo@gmail.com)), so she can add you to her email list.

## "Pickleball Winter" Brings Perfect Playing Weather!

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

Dobson Ranch Pickleball is back hitting its stride into our delightful "winter" weather. Pretty ideal for playing pickleball, so let's get to it! Many of our winter residents have returned and courts are busy, so this is an ideal time for new players to begin playing, or come out from indoors or wherever you were hiding out during the heat.

In early November, we were fortunate to have one of our residents, **Leandro Echeverria**, reserve courts and host a very successful round-robin tournament. Here is his report:

"Sunday was a fun day with an eight-team pickleball tournament at Los Altos Recreation Center. Eight co-ed teams (comprised of friends, family members and significant others) got together for a morning of competition, but most importantly, community. New introductions were made, phone numbers were exchanged, and laughs were shared. In the end, **Julia** and **Casey Benford** won the championship game. Casey grew up in

## Retirees' Hiking Club

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

Here's the remaining hiking schedule for December.

Happy trails!  
Barb

December 14	<b>Usery Park</b> - Blevins Moon Rock - <b>Pacers</b> Blevins to Meridian to Ruidoso to County Line to Meridian to Blevins to Chain Fruit to Lost Sheep <b>Clippers</b> 6.5 miles
December 16	<b>Usery Park</b> - Pass Mountain <b>Clippers</b> 8 miles
December 21	<b>McDowell Mountains/Fountain Hills</b> - <b>Shallomo Dr. staging area</b> . Pemberton to Escondido Trail in and out <b>Pacers</b> Escondido Trail to Shallomo Wash to Pemberton to Escondido 9.5 miles <b>Clippers</b> (separate cars)
December 23	<b>Usery Park</b> - Pass Mountain to Cats Peak to Blevins <b>Pacers</b> Blevins to Cats Peak to Blevins to Moon Rock to Blevins 5.5 miles
December 28	<b>Gateway Trailhead McDowell Mountains</b> - Gateway Trail Loop <b>Pacers</b> Gateway Trail Loop to Paradise to Quartz Trail in and out <b>Clippers</b> 9 miles
December 30	<b>Gateway Trailhead McDowell Mountains</b> - Gateway Trail to Windgate Pass <b>Clippers</b> 5.4 miles



Left: McDowell County Park hike. Right: Balance Rock hike.



Julia and Casey

Dobson Ranch, where his parents still reside, so the title will stay in the neighborhood!

"Pickle Ranchers will work to organize charity tournaments throughout the year. Look forward to different formats and styles of play for varying age levels of competition. If you would like to participate in future events or make a donation to St. Jude's Hospital, please email Leandro at [pickleranchers@gmail.com](mailto:pickleranchers@gmail.com).

"Thanks to all the participants! Special thanks to **Frank Mizner** for sharing the news and helping Dobson Ranch pickleball tournaments grow. See you in the kitchen!"

Contact **Rich Bitner** ([rebitner@cs.com](mailto:rebitner@cs.com)) or **Frank Mizner** ([planner1948@gmail.com](mailto: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** ([donna85202@gmail.com](mailto:donna85202@gmail.com)) to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.

**PICKLE-ON!**



join the club

## RETIREES' CLUB

The Retirees' Club gets involved in several fundraising activities throughout the year, and has many activities for members to enjoy such as Dinner Night Out, Happy Hour, Movie Day, Bicycle Riding, Line Dancing, monthly General Meetings, and more.

**Contact:** Susan Toevs, President at [suzilla@aol.com](mailto:suzilla@aol.com).

## RETIREES' HIKING CLUB

Hikes are planned to such places as Salt River, White Tank Mountains, Usery Park, Estrella Mountains, Cave Creek, San Tan Mountains, and more. There are two hiking levels: **The Pacers** (shorter hikes) and **The Clippers** (longer hikes).

**Contact:** Barbara Stout, Chairperson at [stoutgeo@gmail.com](mailto:stoutgeo@gmail.com).

## DOBSON RANCH PICKLEBALL

Dobson's eight courts at Los Altos Recreation Center are available to residents and their guests anytime between 7:00 am to 10:00 pm daily, so come out for some fun with family and friends to enjoy the fastest growing sport in America.

**Contact:** Rich Bitner at [rebitner@cs.com](mailto:rebitner@cs.com) or Frank Mizner, Pickleball Commissioner at [planner1948@gmail.com](mailto:planner1948@gmail.com).

## DOBSON RANCH WOMEN'S CLUB

There are many activities in which the Women's Club members participate: Bunko, Out to Lunch, Out to Dinner, and more. Fundraising activities have provided scholarships to High School graduates living in Dobson Ranch.

**Contact:** Patty Smith, President at [smiths1975@cox.net](mailto:smiths1975@cox.net).

## DOBSON RANCH MOM'S CLUB (NEW!)

**Contact:** Andrea Hogan, Chairperson at [andreabaranyak@yahoo.com](mailto:andreabaranyak@yahoo.com). Watch for more details to come.

## DOBSON RANCH SMALL BUSINESS CLUB (NEW!)

The Small Business Club will provide a coordinated effort to support our resident-owned businesses, provide networking opportunities for business owners and residents, and help strengthen community bonds and support for our neighbors.

**Contact:** Nikki Ausdemore, email [nikki@orangeblossombookkeepingaz.com](mailto:nikki@orangeblossombookkeepingaz.com) or call 480-628-6730.

## DOBSON RANCH TENNIS CLUB

The ladies doubles tennis team competes in the Valley of the Sun league, playing home matches on the La Casita Recreation Center tennis courts.

**Contact:** Lynda Bailey, Chairperson at [lbcarpediem13@gmail.com](mailto:lbcarpediem13@gmail.com).

## DOBSON RANCH YACHT CLUB

This club is responsible for the annual Lighted Boat Parade and other boat-related activities throughout the year.

**Contact:** Wes Ver Woert, Chairman at [WesV56@gmail.com](mailto:WesV56@gmail.com).

## DOBSON RANCH DEMOCRATS & FRIENDS CLUB

Join us the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 9:00 pm (to be held at the Saratoga Room in December) to hear special guest speakers on current issues, City of Mesa government, and how to get involved in grassroots organizing. Visit their Facebook page to register for the next meeting at [www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchDemocrats](http://www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchDemocrats).

**Contact:** George Thihanyi at 480-792-6746 or email Kerry Lengel at [kerrylengel@gmail.com](mailto:kerrylengel@gmail.com).

## DOBSON RANCH REPUBLICANS CLUB

Monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at Native Grill (Dobson & Guadalupe Roads). Doors open at 6:30 pm and program begins at 7:00 pm. Join the Republicans Club and let your voice be heard.

**Contact:** Michelle Masters, Chairperson at [DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com](mailto:DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com).

## DOBSON RANCH INDEPENDENTS CLUB

Explore other political options. The Independents Club meets virtually.

**Contact:** Jack Wagner, Chairman at [golfingjack@msn.com](mailto:golfingjack@msn.com).



# Ranchers' RoundUp 50th Anniversary

The Official Publication of the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association

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CHEERS TO 50 YEARS!

Dobson Ranch will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2023. The **50th Anniversary Special Edition** of *Ranchers' RoundUp* will be published in September 2023 and take the place of our normal September issue. Make sure you reserve your advertising spot early, because space will be limited. The 50th Anniversary Special Edition will include stories and history about what makes Dobson Ranch so special. It will be read by all in the community of over 18,000+ residents and will be a collector's item that will be cherished for years to come. Because of the longevity of this Special Edition, the ad costs for the month of September alone will increase by 20% and the new prices are reflected below in the gold column.

The *Ranchers' RoundUp* is a full **COLOR** magazine and is the official publication of the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association. It is published on (or before) the 10th of every month and is mailed to approximately 5,000 homes in the community. The deadline to advertise is the **10th of the month prior to publication**. For the Special Edition, **the deadline to submit your ad is Friday, June 9, 2023**. The *Ranchers' RoundUp* magazine may also be viewed online at [www.dobsonranchhoa.com](http://www.dobsonranchhoa.com). Contact Nancy Roggio at [nroggio@dobsonranch.com](mailto:nroggio@dobsonranch.com) to place an ad.

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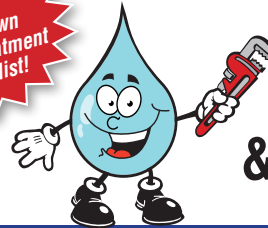
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<p>12</p> <p><b>Bridge</b> 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Yoga for Beginners</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>Water and Lake Mgmt. Committee Meeting</b> 5:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Budget and Finance Meeting</b> 6:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Line Dancing</b> 9:30 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>DRAC Meeting</b> 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p><b>Zumba</b> 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Tai Chi</b> 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.</p> <p><b>Democrats &amp; Friends Mtg.</b> 6:00 pm Saratoga Room</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> 7:00 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>Retirees' Game Day</b> 1:00 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Poker</b> 6:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>Bunco</b> 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>Sunday 18</p>
<p>19</p> <p><b>Retirees' Board Meeting</b> 9:00 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Bridge</b> 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Yoga for Beginners</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Line Dancing</b> 9:30 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Dance Sampler</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>Zumba</b> 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>Tai Chi</b> 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Fairytale Dancers</b> 4:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>Intro to Ballet &amp; Jazz</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>Legante Paseo Board Mtg.</b> 7:00 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>23</p> <p>LA CASITA REC. CENTER <b>HOLIDAY HOURS</b> 8:00 am - 2:00 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>OFFICE &amp; REC. CENTER <b>CLOSED</b></p> <p>Sunday 25</p> <p>OFFICE &amp; REC. CENTER <b>CLOSED</b></p>
<p>26</p> <p><b>Happy KANZAA</b> LA CASITA REC. CENTER <b>HOLIDAY HOURS</b> 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>Bridge</b> 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Yoga for Beginners</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Line Dancing</b> 9:30 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Dance Sampler</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>DRAC Meeting</b> 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p><b>Zumba</b> 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>Tai Chi</b> 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.</p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Fairytale Dancers</b> 4:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>Intro to Ballet &amp; Jazz</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p>	<p>30</p> <p>LA CASITA REC. CENTER <b>HOLIDAY HOURS</b> 8:00 am - 2:00 pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>OFFICE &amp; REC. CENTER <b>CLOSED</b></p> <p>Sunday 1</p> <p>OFFICE &amp; REC. CENTER <b>CLOSED</b></p>
<p>2</p> <p>LA CASITA REC. CENTER <b>HOLIDAY HOURS</b> 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>Retirees' General Meeting</b> 9:30 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Bridge</b> 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Yoga for Beginners</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Line Dancing</b> 9:30 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Recreation Committee Mtg.</b> 5:00 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Dance Sampler</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>Zumba</b> 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>Tai Chi</b> 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.</p> <p><b>Democrats &amp; Friends Mtg.</b> 6:00 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Retirees' Game Day</b> 1:00 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Fairytale Dancers</b> 4:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>Intro to Ballet &amp; Jazz</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>Master Planning Meeting</b> 7:00 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Sunday 8</p>
<p>9</p> <p><b>Bridge</b> 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Yoga for Beginners</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>Water and Lake Mgmt. Committee Meeting</b> 5:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Line Dancing</b> 9:30 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>DRAC Meeting</b> 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p><b>Dance Sampler</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>Zumba</b> 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Tai Chi</b> 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Fairytale Dancers</b> 4:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>Intro to Ballet &amp; Jazz</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Sunday 15</p>
<p>16</p> <p><b>CIVIL RIGHTS DAY</b> OFFICE CLOSED LA CASITA REC. CENTER <b>HOLIDAY HOURS</b> 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>Bridge</b> 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Yoga for Beginners</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Line Dancing</b> 9:30 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE</b> 1:00 - 6:00 pm Grande Room</p> <p><b>Dance Sampler</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>Laguna Village Meeting</b> 5:00 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Tai Chi</b> 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.</p> <p><b>Democrats &amp; Friends Mtg.</b> 6:00 pm Saratoga Room</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Fairytale Dancers</b> 4:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p><b>Intro to Ballet &amp; Jazz</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>Retirees' Game Day</b> 1:00 pm Grande Room</p> <p><b>A Matter of Balance Class</b> 1:00 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Bunco</b> 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>BARK IN THE PARK</b> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Laguna Park</p> <p>Sunday 22</p>