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Twenty-year, second generation, Dobson Ranch residents Mark and Christine Evans were thrilled to bring their Miniature Schnauzer, Luna Marie, to our Bark in the Park event on January 22nd.

Christine ironically commented after this photo was taken, "Hope this makes the cover!"

She also said, "This event brings a smile to our faces watching so many happy dogs mingling and running free!"

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Your Neighborhood

Message From the Association President



By Allen Johnson Association President

Highlights From Our January Board Meeting and More

I hope everyone had a wonderful January. We had a blast at **Bark in the Park**. It was great getting to talk with so many of you. Thanks to our Recreation team who put on this top-notch event. If you missed it, no worries. Bring your pooch and check out the brand new **Kavanaugh Dog Park**, which is now open! Stay tuned for an upcoming announcement about a formal grand opening celebration. Hope to see you there!

Even though the January Board Meeting was relegated back to Zoom, much was accomplished. One of the most exciting actions taken was adopting a charter for the soon to be formed 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee. Next year marks this special milestone for Dobson Ranch, and our goal is to commemorate this event in spectacular fashion. If you'd like to volunteer, contact our HOA office for an application form.

Beginning in February, our monthly Board Meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month rather than the third Thursday. Also, our Budget & Finance Committee meeting will be held on the Monday immediately prior to the Board Meetings. This will enable the prior month's financials to be reviewed, rather than delaying their review for an additional month. We understand this might necessitate some adjustment to your schedules, and we appreciate everyone's flexibility.

We also discussed the placement of dog waste receptacles in the southwestern portion of the Ranch. Some of them were relocated recently to enhance availability and access. If you're looking to map out a walk with your pooch, feel free to request a map of their locations from the HOA office.

Also discussed at January's Board Meeting was the potential creation of a Ranch-wide **Neighborhood Watch Collaboration Committee.** With safety being a top concern, we'd like to explore the possibility of bringing together representatives from our many individual Dobson Ranch Neighborhood Watch groups. The goal will be to share information, and to help get the word out about what we as residents can do to ward off nefarious activity. We're working on a draft charter to present during February's Board Meeting, and we'd love your feedback as we plan for how this might take shape.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the retirement of our longest tenured Dobson Ranch employee. For 17 years, **Carole Stabile** was a mainstay in our HOA office, in addition to being one of our neighbors on the Ranch. Whether or not you've had the pleasure of meeting her personally, Carole most certainly has played a vital role supporting you by processing escrows, payments, assisting with bookkeeping and CC&R enforcement, and everything in between. Carole dedicated nearly two decades of her working career to making Dobson Ranch "The Best Place to Live." We're incredibly grateful for everything she's done, and we wish her happiness and fulfillment as she begins her well earned retirement.

Be well!

Executive Director's Message



By Lynelle Glysson Executive Director

A Renewed Sense of Community

I have the pleasure of being appointed to the **Arizona Legislative Action Committee** through Community Associations Institute. This committee is formed to track, monitor and act as needed, with respect to state legislative activity that affects homeowner associations. We meet weekly, via Zoom, to discuss upcoming legislation, and, at times, will need to act. Occasionally, asking for community members to act as well. To learn more about this committee, visit: https://www.cai-az.org/azlac. The goal of this committee is to represent and protect homeowners.

We continue to work on multiple projects around the Ranch. We had a "soft opening" of our new **Dog Park** on Saturday, January 15th. We still have a few kinks to work out, and we are doing that as you read this article! We will schedule an official "grand opening" once we have all the loose ends tied up.



Remi and Chloe; Lincoln. Dogs in bottom

Dogs in botton row (l. to r.): Storm; Sam.

We are pleased to announce that we now have a new **pontoon boat**. Each household gets to take one free ride on the boat. We will begin scheduling the rides in February. Please call the Recreation Center at 480-831-7464 for more details.

Since the pandemic hit us in 2020, our projects have taken longer that we expected. We have learned to pivot and adjust to these changing times. I would like to thank the Dobson Ranch residents for their patience when these projects take longer than expected. We are adjusting our expectations and timelines.

Times are challenging, things have changed, and life hasn't been easy for any of us in the last couple of years. One thing that hasn't changed, the renewed sense of community we feel in Dobson Ranch. I see it every day in this community!

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



Your Neighborhood

Message From the Editor



By Nancy RoggioCommunications Manager

Get Involved in Your Community in the New Year

Are you looking for ways in which you can get more involved in your community in 2022? From participating in neighborhood clean ups to supporting local businesses owned by our residents, here are 8 ideas you can use to give back and contribute to a positive community culture.

1. Participate in community events.

Whether it's having your own **Spring Clean Up Garage Sale**, trying your luck at **Casino Night**, or enjoying an outdoor **Movie in the Park... PARTICIPATE!** You'll meet or greet your neighbors in a relaxed and friendly setting.

2. Volunteer your time.

There are many ways you can volunteer your time. For example, you might want to become a member of one of our **Dobson Ranch Committees**, or volunteer to help at one of our special events. Just think about what's important to you, then reach out and **VOLUNTEER!**

3. Join a class or team.

The Recreation Department provides our residents with a variety of fitness classes such as Yoga, Zumba or Water Aerobics, Tennis lessons from a tennis pro, and fun activities like Texas Hold 'Em Poker, Bunco and Bridge. Our Retirees' Club offers Hiking, Biking (of the pedaling variety), and even Line Dancing. JOIN IN the fun!

4. Attend Community Meetings.

While the idea of attending a community meeting such as the Annual Meeting of our Members or a monthly Board of Directors Meeting might sound about as entertaining as a dental appointment to some, they can be a great source of pride. You'll bond with people who live around you. You'll become familiar with what's happening in your neighborhood and why, and more than likely, you'll gain a sense of ownership for your community. The more you **ATTEND**, the better!

5. Serve on the Board.

Joining our **Board of Directors** is a great way to help serve our community's needs. You'll help make decisions that impact everyone in the community. Three spots are currently open on the Board, all with three-year terms. Isn't it time you **STEP UP** and send in your application today?

6. Sponsor local events.

If you are a business owner and live in Dobson Ranch, you might want to consider becoming a **SPONSOR** or a **VENDOR** with a booth at an event like our **Annual Golf Tournament** or **Fall Festival**. You'll be able to generate valuable engagement and positive public relations for your business.

7. Support resident owned businesses.

Small businesses have been hit particularly hard during the coronavirus crisis and ripple effects are still being felt over a year later. Neighbors need to support local businesses owned by our residents now more than ever. Check out our **Resident**Owned Business Directory on the Dobson Ranch App today to find businesses that need your SUPPORT.

8. Get social.

By following our Dobson Ranch **SOCIAL MEDIA** pages on *Facebook, Instagram* and **Pinterest**, you'll find an effective and fun way to stay in touch with the community. You'll find interesting tidbits of information, photos of our residents, upcoming Ranch events, community happenings in the city of Mesa, and contests that aren't published anywhere else.

Why not make becoming a part of your community culture a top priority in 2022? You'll feel a sense of connection, solidarity and strength that comes from participating within your own neck of the woods.







THE DOBSON ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS APRIL 12, 2022

BOARD CANDIDATES

Candidate bios will be printed in the February and March 2022 issues of Ranchers' RoundUp.

The deadline to be in the March RoundUp is February 21, 2022.

CANDIDATE FORUM

Join us Thursday, March 17 at 6:30 pm in the La Casita Grande Room at 2719 S. Reyes, prior to the Board of Director's Meeting.

The Board Candidates will be in attendance to request your votes and respond to questions from the audience.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Meeting begins at 7:00 pm at the
La Casita Grande Room. Food and
refreshments will be served at 5:30
pm. Online voting closes at 6:30 pm.

To apply online or print an application form: dobsonranchhoa.com/join-the-board-of-directors

The 2022 Board of Directors election will utilize online voting. You will receive a notice with all the details at the beginning of March. Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Members.



BOARD CANDIDATE BIOS TORS

Stephanie Fee



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

I was appointed to the Board of Directors when there were resignations 2.5 years ago. I have enjoyed contributing to the community I have lived in for over 20 years. I have served in the capacity of Treasurer for the last two years and think it's important to protect the Association Funds to ensure we have replacement funds available for the infrastructure and

amenities the association is responsible for maintaining.

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

I am a big walker and love the walking paths and streets throughout Dobson Ranch. When my daughter was young, we loved the movies in the park. I keep hoping to sign up for yoga, but can't seem to get home from work in time to participate!

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

We are an aging community -- almost 50 years old and there are improvements and maintenance issues required of Dobson Ranch to remain competitive in the marketplace. DR is in a great location and has a tremendous amount of amenities and open space available for resident use. I want to keep it attractive to new buyers and protect the investment in our homes.

Autobiography:

Born in Louisville, KY, lived in Dallas, TX for 6 years before I moved to Arizona in 1991. I have worked in the Community Association industry for 35 years. I interviewed my husband for a job and didn't hire him, but married him two years later! We have one daughter who is a senior in high school. We bought our first home together on the Ranch and upgraded on the Ranch when we needed more room for our toddler. I enjoy hiking, travel and cooking. Loved renovating our home although the process was difficult!

Call for Candidates It's Time to Step Up!

We have started our call for candidates for the three **Board of Director** seats that will be filled at the April 2022 **Annual Meeting of the Members**. Each position is for a 3-year term. So far, as you can see above, we have only one candidate.

Serving on the Board of Directors for Dobson Ranch can be a fulfilling volunteer experience. Whether you are a long-time resident or new to Dobson Ranch, serving as a board member means you can partner with other residents in building a strong sense of community.

The Board of Directors are responsible for serving their neighbors and making sound decisions regarding finances, amenities, events, policy and governing documents. It is an endeavor that requires a time commitment of monthly meetings, committees, and executive sessions. It requires education on how homeowners' associations run and their responsibilities to the members. These members are your neighbors and every decision will impact them. It can be very rewarding to see your input come to fruition in the aesthetic qualities of Dobson Ranch as well as sound policy and finances.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please go to the website (www.dobsonranchhoa.com/board-of-directors/-join-the-board-of-directors), fill out an application and send it to: Iglysson@dobsonranch.com. Please include a bio and photo of yourself to be published in the March issue of Ranchers' RoundUp.





New Mom on the Ranch? I See You.

By Dr. Andrea Hogan, Resident Guest Writer

My husband **Josh** and I have lived in Dobson Ranch for six years. We have a daughter, **Ella** (7), and son, **Emmett** (5). As a Psychology professor, mental health is something I'm passionate about, and I preach the importance of self-care and self-love. However, as a mom, I know that fitting this into your life is hard. As my kids have gotten older, it's become easier. But, I remember the days of being a new mom and the pressures that came with it.

This past year I've seen a lot of young families move into Dobson Ranch. As I watch new moms walk babies in strollers around our neighborhood, I've reflected a lot about matrescence. "Matrescence" is the transition to motherhood. Similar to adolescence, it comes with physical, emotional and social changes. It's hormonal and may cause identity and role confusion. It can also be magical, as a new mom feels the benefits of oxytocin during every cuddle. (And, how cute are chubby cheeks and baby rolls?!)

Cuteness aside, our culture says we should automatically love being moms, and yet 80% of new moms experience some type of post-partum depression, anxiety or baby blues. Our society gawks at the beauty of newborn babies, while mostly ignoring the needs of the newborn mothers. We are an individualistic culture that places high value on autonomy. Women should be able to do it all!

Society pushes us to have successful careers, while raising children that eat organic, healthy food, have limited screen time and participate in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities that require a full-time chauffeur. On top of that, we should make whimsical seasonal treats for birthdays, holidays and school events. And, of course, we must exercise, eat healthy, and stay on top of the latest fashion trends - which we should wear on the romantic dates we plan for our partners. Plus, don't forget to be a good friend/sister/daughter! It's no wonder 80% of new moms have anxiety during the transition to motherhood.

Luckily, new moms, you moved to the right place. The famous proverb, "it takes a village to raise a child" feels more necessary today than ever before, and Dobson Ranch is a great village. My neighbors have been there to take walks around the block because we all needed to get the kids out of our houses, they've watched my sleeping baby while I picked up my preschooler, planned fun spa days with me, provided advice or shared experiences on mom/kid-related things, or they've simply had a sympathetic ear for a fellow mom in need.

So, first, if you have not slready done so — go meet your neighbors! Say hi to a fellow mom at the park or on a walk. Also, join the **Dobson Ranch Mommy Meetup/Support Group** on Facebook. Reach out to moms in your community! For example, the Dobson Ranch Library has a fantastic Baby Lap Sit Storytime class, and I've met so many awesome moms there! Or, if you are a member of a local church, check to see about any mom groups they may have to support you.

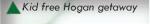
Most of all, do not feel bad for asking for help or taking a break when you need it. Never feel guilty for putting yourself first. Taking time for yourself is not only good for you, it is good for your kids. According to Dr. Alexandra Sacks, a women's mental health professional and matrescence scholar; when a mother preserves a separate part of her identity for herself, she also leaves room for her child to develop their own identities. Demonstrating self-love and boundaries to your children sets healthy expectations for their futures, too!

Setting up time for yourself is hard, but it IS worth it. The first time I was away from my baby overnight, I cried. The second time was easier. Now, after the umpteenth time, I rejoice and bask in the glory of not having to wake up when my kids do. So, moms (new or not), remember to take a break and give yourself some self love this Valentine's day – you deserve it! (On that note... why not register your kids, ages 6-12, for the

(On that note... why not register your kids, ages 6-12, for the **Parent's Night Out** event on Saturday, February 12 at La Casita. It's a WIN-WIN!)







 Girls night out with DR resident Nicole Denniston





Spa day with neighbors Alicia Gifford and Nichole Pach

Newborn Ella and Mom

Are you a parent in Dobson Ranch? Share your experiences with me on Instagram! You can follow me at @drehogan or #kidsontheranch.





If you need help paying your assessments, we are here to help with a few tips. If you use the CIT Property Pay Portal, and you get a message that a payment can't be made, you most likely need to update your account number. Your account number is on the upper right-hand corner of your statement and is 16-digits long. Login to https://propertypay.cit.com, then click on your address. On the next page, scroll down to the bottom to enter your account number and save. You should then be able to make your payment. If not, please call the office at 480-831-8314 and we can help.

If you have questions about your statement, please contact Barkan directly at 617-482-5500.

If you are having technical issues with the CIT portal, please call 866-351-5646, option #1.

If you are mailing in checks, please be sure to put your 16-digit account number in the memo section of your check and mail payments to: The Dobson Association, Inc., PO BOX 98148, Phoenix, AZ 85038.



MIKE JEPSEN Employee of the Month January 2022

Mike Jepsen, the Dobson Ranch rosarian, has had a distinguished and award-winning hobby tending rose gardens throughout the Valley. The Dobson Ranch rose garden under Mike's guidance in 2012 won "Garden of the Year" for the Pacific Southwest division of the American Rose Society.

When Mike began in 2001, there were five rose bushes on either side of the bus stop seating area. Under his direction, the garden today has grown to over 200 beautiful and unique rose varieties. Mike has also helped train the landscape crew on tending roses in other common areas. Mike Jepsen is an unsung hero who quietly makes the Ranch a better (and more beautiful) place to live.



By Nancy Roggio

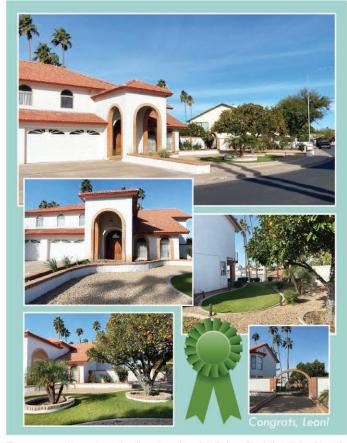
Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Congrats to Leon Martinez, the homeowner of 2542 S. Playa, for being chosen for this month's Green Thumb Award.

The stunning curves with brick accents are certainly eyecatchers everywhere you look on this property. From the bumped out portico and arched windows to the planting beds and grassy patches, this home is a visual treat.

Tangelo trees, pygmy palms and a variety of roses in bloom add just the right flourish of color to the landscaping. The arched iron gateway leads back toward the home's amazing lakefront view.

Taking pride in your property like Leon is what makes Dobson Ranch indisputably... the best place to live!



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



Your Neighborhood



Monthly Update from Councilmember Heredia

Begin 2022 by decluttering/cleaning up your home and take advantage of the various programs the City of Mesa offers:

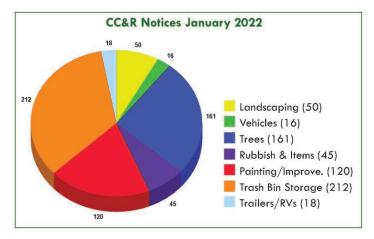
- Bulk Item Collection: Curbside collection of bulky items and smaller bundled, boxed, or bagged items that do not fit into the black trash barrel. This service includes the collection of items such as prepared or bundled yard waste, furniture, mattresses, and other large household items.
- Appliance Recycling: Curbside collection of appliances such as air compressors, refrigerators, dishwashers, stoves, washers/dryers, water heaters, microwaves, evaporative coolers, etc.
- Roll-off Trash Container Rental: The Environmental Management & Sustainability Dept. has 20-, 30- and 40-cubic yard roll-off containers available for construction, roofing, and other large-scale projects, both for commercial and residential use.

To schedule a request for any of these programs, or for more information, please call **Solid Waste** at (480) 644-6789, Monday - Thursday, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm, and Fridays, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm. The City of Mesa offers many more programs! Visit **www.mesaaz.gov/residents/trash-recycling** to learn more or you can also contact my office at 480-644-6275 or email *District3@mesaAZ.gov*.

~ Councilmember Heredia

CC&R Notices





When is a Good Time to Plant My Trees?



With cooler temperatures many homeowners have asked when is it a good time to start planting trees? In the great state of Arizona, the best time to start planting trees is fall to early spring (October through May). The cooler weather is a good time for a new tree to become established. As our current guidelines stand, homeowners are allowed to plant any type of tree they like, as long as they maintain a minimum of one live tree (15-gallon size or larger) and two live shrubs (5-gallon size or larger) and must be permanently planted in the ground.

If you are concerned about the size of tree or want to know which desert trees do not need a lot of water, our code compliance team has a list of Arizona Desert Trees created by one of our DRAC Committee members that may help give you some ideas.

Typically, native trees do better than imports because they are better adapted to the climate and need less water. In 2022, Dobson Ranch will again be offering the SRP Free Shade Tree Program to all Dobson Ranch homeowners. This program allows homeowners to attend a workshop on Saturday, February 26 at 10:00 am and earn two free desert-adapted trees to plant in your yard. Shading your home helps reduce cooling costs, improves air quality and lowers Dobson Ranch and the Valley's heat effect without using a lot of water.



If you ever have any questions regarding tree planting or code compliance, please contact the Administration Office, and the code compliance team and I would be happy to assist you.

Camille Gonzales
Operations Manager



Your Neighborhood



THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED SAVE A LIFE!

















Our goal was 24 units of blood. We ended up with 25 units

"The headline here is that we beat our goal, thanks to the dedication of blood donors in your community. THANK YOU for providing a great space and donor recruitment." - Colin Williams, Blood Drive Account Mgr., AZ/NM

La Casita Preschool Registration

Limited Space! Low ratios!

plays & programs show and tell arts & crafts science music/motion math dramatic play practical life holiday parties

Weds., February 16 8:00 am (residents only) La Casita Rec. Center Weds., February 23 8:00 am (non-residents) La Casita Rec. Center We learn through play! Science Math Literacy Art Sensory and more!















To Register: Place a \$50 deposit to hold your spot! Deposit will go toward your tuition fee. A one-time \$40 registration fee will also be due for new students.

Program Dates: 2022-223 School Year - August 8 - May 17 Summer Camp - May 31 - July 15, 2022 Classes: Age 3 (turning 4) - \$154,35/mo. Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 am - Noon

Ages 4-5 - \$223.65/mo. Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00 am - Noon Ages 4-5 - \$292.95/mo. Monday - Thursday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Call for non-resident rates.

For further questions or if you would like to meet the teacher, call 480-831-7464 or email ifeltmann@dobsonranch.com.

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DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

LADYBUGS - Don't Buy Them

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener



LIFE CYCLE: The length of the ladybug life cycle depends upon temperature, humidity and food supply usually requiring about three to four weeks. In the spring, overwintering females find food, then lay egg clusters of 10 to 50 eggs in aphid colonies. They lay from 50 to 300 eggs in a lifetime. Eggs hatch in

3 to 5 days with the larvae feeding on aphids or other insects for 2 or 3 weeks, then they pupate. Adults emerge in 7 to 10 days. There may be 5 or 6 generations per year. In the autumn, adults hibernate in aggregation sites. These sites can be along a fence row, under a fallen tree or under a rock.

AMOUNT OF FOOD CONSUMED: Although adults and larvae are primarily known as predators of aphids, they also like soft-scale insects, mealybugs and spider mites. Some feed on plant and pollen mildews. One larva will eat about 400 aphids during its development. An adult will eat about 300 aphids before it lays eggs, or about 3 to 10 aphids for each egg laid. An adult will consume more than 5,000 aphids in its lifetime.

COLLECTING LADYBUGS FOR SALE:

Ladybugs are collected in the mountains of California. Ladybugs return to the same huge aggregation sites each year. Some sites have been known to contain as many as 500 gallons of the bugs (72,000 to 80,000 adults per gallon). Bugs collected in December, January, February, and early March before normal migration, are cold-stored.



When released, they tend to disperse quickly and widely, especially when temperatures reach 65°F and above. As a consequence, few stay in the area where they are liberated. Those released in the summer don't disperse any great distance. They will drink water, but don't eat, existing on their stored fat.



PURCHASED LADYBUGS = UNWISE INVESTMENT:

Shipped-in ladybugs aren't really an economical way to manage aphid infestations. Bugs collected from outside Arizona are of less value as a pest eater than the local beetle populations, which will multiply in accordance with prey. Ladybugs can be

beneficial in a greenhouse with tightly screened vents. In that case, one-half pint (about 4,500 ladybugs) per 3,000 square feet is the recommended rate. Release in the evening after watering down the area. Spray wheast (a combination of whey and yeast) on plants to attract ladybugs.

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Homeowner Improvements

Architectural Applications January 2022

By Carolyn Burleson, Admin. Assistant/Architecture

51 Applications	\$	211,157
DOBSON RANCH UNIT I		
Exterior Paint	\$	100
Gate Repair Window Replacement	\$	600 16,000
Wildow Replacement	Ψ	10,000
DOBSON RANCH UNIT III	. 0	
Exterior Painting	\$	4,300
Side Gate Repair Solar Panels	\$	75 22,982
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Movers and Shakers

Maintaining the Integrity of the Association's Finances

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



All members of the Board of Directors are responsible for the Association's overall financial health; but the **Treasurer** has specific duties to protect the Association's assets. These duties -- and the authority to exercise them -- are found in the HOA's governing documents. It's a big responsibility, but **Stephanie Fee** has been up for the challenge for the past two years. Find out how she helps maintain the

integrity of the Association's finances.

Q: Tell us about your background.

SF: I am originally from Louisville, KY, and celebrate the first Saturday (Derby Day) in May each year! My siblings and I are spread out across the country from Louisville, Charleston, San Diego, and Mesa. I have lived in Arizona since 1991, when I moved from Dallas with CCMC to work in the Arizona office. I have been with the same company in many different positions over the years. I love the desert and enjoy hiking and exploring our wonderful state.

Q: How long have you lived in Dobson Ranch and what is your family status?

SF: My husband Mike and I have lived in Dobson Ranch since 1998. When our family grew, we purchased a different home in the Ranch in 2005. We have a daughter who is a senior in high school, two cats, two desert tortoises, one dog, and anywhere from three to eight goldfish in our fountain... depending on whether the big heron has visited for lunch.

Q: Give us a brief overview of the position of Treasurer.

SF: The position of the Treasurer is to monitor the financial position of the Association. This includes the review of monthly financial statements (income and expenses), advising the Board on investments with the assistance of a professional, and reviewing or assisting on budget preparation. The role also requires examining financial policies and making recommendations for changes. I also review and approve invoices weekly.

Q: What qualities do you possess that help make you a good fit for Treasurer?

SF: I have managed and supervised managers of Community Associations for 35 years, and yes, I started when I was 12! I have maintained my PCAM Designation and AACM designations with continued education every year. I know how to be a fiduciary. As a manager, I have had to prepare budgets for associations, analyze financial statements and prepare variance reports each month. I love my neighborhood and want it to be a vibrant, successful community for years to come.

Q: Why is it important to review all contracts and financial statements?

SF: Each contract is different, some have automatic renewals with increases, others have acceleration clauses. We want to make sure that Association funds are used wisely. Financial statements are a snapshot of where the Association stands financially each month. We can monitor budget variances easily, by reviewing the

financial statements. Monthly statements also allow the Board and Committees to monitor delinquent assessments and cash flow.

Q: In what ways do you assist in preparing the annual budget?

SF: The Dobson Ranch Executive Director and department heads propose the budget numbers which are reviewed by myself and the Budget Finance Committee. We look at historical expenses as well as what is proposed for future planning or added services. When reviewing the budget, we take into consideration whether each item is a community project that affects staffing or new contractors such as outsourcing the financial portion of the Association's business to a third party.

Q: Why do you feel it is important for the HOA to audit all financial and accounting records periodically?

SF: It is important to have an independent third party review the financial practices of the Association to ensure compliance with GAP Accounting practices, ensure policies are being followed, collections and payments are processed properly, and there is no duplication or fraud. Typically, the Board would review three bids from independent auditors specializing in community association audits and choose one of those firms to perform the audit. Per state statute, there should be an audit or compilation completed annually 180 days following the year end.

Q: Treasurers are the "watchdogs" for the Association's investments. Please explain.

SF: Treasurers are "watchdogs" because we monitor the investments for renewal and laddering to ensure reserve and operating funds are available when needed. Associations may only invest in FDIC insured instruments which limits our growth potential at this time. But, it is important to ensure that the Association does not compromise its principal investment.

Q: Why is monitoring delinquent assessment accounts important?

SF: In any homeowners association there is always some portion of assessments that is not collectible and that may be due to a number of factors such as untimely payments, delayed payments due to health or wellness of the residents, or bigger issues like bankruptcy and foreclosure. Because the Association has a zero based budget, meaning assessments and income equal expenses, we have to plan for adequate cash flow to pay monthly expenses. Monitoring delinquent assessments keeps us on top of collection policies, helps with budget assumptions related to assessment income and monitors payment trends over the years depending on the overall economy which is helpful for future planning.

Q: Is there anything you would like to tell future Board Candidates about holding a seat on the Board?

SF: I'm a big proponent of not doing things just because it's the way we've always done them in the past. Don't be satisfied with the status quo. Express your opinion, show up for meetings, do your homework, and think outside of the box.



Here Come the Birds...

By Joseph Trickett, Water Management and Lake Habitat Committee Chairman



Annual Migratory Birds

If you've been able to get out and about on the grounds here at Dobson Ranch, you may have noticed an influx of our yearly migratory birds. It's no secret how great and mild our weather can be this time of year. This great weather attracts both the human and avian snowbirds alike!

Heading South for the Winter

Water birds and other migratory birds make the journey south each winter, and one cannot blame them for making a pit stop or riding out the winter here. Wild geese, Canada's goose, ducks, grebes, coots, egrets, rails, bitterns, shorebirds, and several fish-eating birds such as bald eagles, two varieties of cormorants, ospreys, and belted kingfishers make up a few of the species that pass through the Phoenix metropolitan area.

These birds often make appearances or take up residency at many of the hundreds of urban lakes and ponds that are here. On several occasions, I have seen a large osprey making the rounds over Lakes 1 through 4, and have witnessed one failed attempt it made at snagging a fish. An osprey's success rate is generally 1 in 4, but can be as high as 70 percent, making any human angler envious!

Hummingbirds

There are also more than 12 varieties of hummingbirds that can be seen buzzing around the common areas and our gardens to feast on the nectar of our abundant winter blooms such as honeysuckle and flowering plants, but will also feed on small flying insects when abundant and have even been known to steal trapped insects from spider webs.

Waterbird Census

Arizona Fish and Game conducts a single day census on the third Saturday of January each year. The census is conducted

by over 65 volunteers and encompasses 26 cities within the Phoenix metropolitan area. The census usually documents 40,000 to 65,000 wild waterbirds of 50 to 60 species wintering in this otherwise desert urban environment. In comparison to size, there is no other area in Arizona that contains such a high density and diversity of wintering waterbirds.

Negative Effects

Though great for birding, it is important that the birds do not over congregate or overstay their welcome. Large numbers of fish-eating birds such as cormorants can have negative effects on fish stock. Their droppings also have shown to be harmful to the soil underneath the trees in which they roost. Duck and geese waste can upset the PH balance of the water and cause other issues. To help ensure that the birds move on it is important that we do not feed them!

Look Up

Next time you enjoy a walk or bike ride around the Ranch, be sure to look up at the trees, around the blooming plants and at the shoreline around our lakes. You just might see a vacationing snowbird. If you can grab a photo of it, be sure to send it to the Editor of Ranchers' RoundUp to be featured in a future issue.



We want to see who had the BIGGEST CATCH in Dobson Ranch! Enter our Best Catch Photo Contest today!









Photos 1, 2 & 4: Justin Pries shows off a few of his recent large mouth bass catches on Saratoga Lake. Photo 3: Kelly Harris caught a catfish on Lake 1.

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



Conservation Corner

Why I W My Community - Trees and Ladybugs!

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management and Lake Habitat Committee Member



The Water Management & Lake Habitat Committee is happy to announce two popular programs coming back to our community in 2022. You will have the opportunity to save water, save money and learn ways to be environmental stewards, all without leaving Dobson Ranch!

First, Dobson Ranch is partnering with SRP and Trees Matter again on SRP's Shade Tree Program. This program gives SRP customers two free, desert-adapted shade trees! As desert dwellers, conserving water outside the home is one of the best things we can do to be environmental stewards. How much household water is used for outside landscaping? Up to 60%!

Participation couldn't be easier; simply attend the free online Zoom workshop on Saturday, February 26 at 10:00 am to learn about the eligible trees, the best methods for planting in energy-saving locations, caring for your trees, and more. Then, on Saturday, April 9 from 9:00 to 11:00 am, simply drive to La Casita to pick up your trees.

All current SRP residential customers are eligible to receive two 4- to 6-foot saplings, as long as certain criteria are met, such as planting trees within 15 feet of exposed exterior walls and windows, and not previously receiving trees for the home at a prior workshop.

Register today for the online Zoom workshop on Saturday, February 26 and enjoy convenient tree pick-up at La Casita on April 9. Registering for this program is easy at: www.srpnet.com/shadetrees.





Also in 2022 is the return of the **Dobson Ranch Spring Expo!** The 4th Annual Spring Expo will be held Saturday, April 2, 8:00 to 11:00 am at La Casita. This event is your opportunity to meet with local businesses and organizations to learn more ways to conserve our natural resources and save money. Back by popular demand is the release of 10,000 live ladybugs! The Spring Expo is held in conjunction with the **Retiree's Club Pancake Breakfast**, so bring the entire family for a morning of fun. (See full size ad on page 22 for more details.)

Readers of the *Conservation Corner* know that conservation is important because a smaller environmental footprint today helps to create a more sustainable tomorrow. Your stewardship helps the community, your pocketbook and the environment for future generations. Let's all grow forward together in 2022 - Dobson Ranch makes it easy!







My new shade trees - March 2021

My shade trees - nine months later





nesa the exciting field of cybersecurity COMES TO DOBSON HIGH

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



Inset Photos (I. to r.): Dobson students use problem-solving skills while learning how to protect computers from being hacked. (Photo by Tim Hacker, MPS); Ransomware has increased by 200 percent and cybersecurity is one of the fastest-growing IT fields. (Photo by Time Hacker); and Miller's students tackle the world of digital forensics. (Photo by Bruce Miller).

Now more than ever, cybersecurity is an in-demand industry. Dobson High offers the opportunity to gain valuable career experience in the field.

LEADING THE WAY

Bruce Miller has taught computer science for 16 years and now leads Dobson's new cybersecurity career & technical education program. Miller shares that cybersecurity is a rewarding career choice for a variety of reasons, including a 200% increase in ransomware issues. The Dobson program gives students exposure and a front-row seat into cybersecurity's unlimited growth potential and learning opportunities.

"Students have a unique opportunity to leave high school with global CompTIA Security+ certification," Miller says. "The certification validates the baseline skills necessary to perform core security functions, opening the doors to a career in cybersecurity. After graduation, students can earn entry-level positions in the field, or transition to college to earn a degree and open even more opportunities."

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Miller enjoys talking with students, parents and community to

increase awareness while building his program. Most students enter the program knowing little about the field. Students learn skills such as computer hardware and software, operating systems, networking and coding. One of Miller's goals is to increase underrepresented student demographics in the field.

"Dobson High has a wonderfully diverse population, and we are engaging students who traditionally are not introduced to the IT field," Miller says.

REAL-WORLD APPLICATIONS

Career and technical education programs at Mesa Public Schools provide real-world applications and opportunities for students to build future-ready skills employers are seeking. Students take what they learn and apply it to something tangible, like building robots or extracting DNA.

High school programs also include agricultural science, sports medicine, biomedical sciences, industrial technology, automotive or welding technologies, construction technologies and more.

Learn more at mpsaz.org/cte.

From the Recreation Director's Desk



By Jesse Wright Recreation Manager

First up is **Parent's Night Out** on February 12th. You'll enjoy a much needed night out with your spouse and your kids will enjoy a variety of fun games and crafts, watch the movie *Encanto*, munch

on popcorn, and win great raffle prizes. WIN-WIN! Don't forget a pillow and blanket! Sign up today on *ActiveNet* or at La Casita Recreation Center, but hurry... space is limited.

Sunday in the Park is scheduled for February 13th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Laguna Park. Kick back with your friends and family and enjoy a stirring mix of live Americana, folk and bluegrass music by **Jonathan Thomas & The Little Room Band!** Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and non-alcoholic beverages.

Coming up in March we have Movie in the Park on Friday, March 4. "Cruise" on in to Laguna Park, get comfy and cozy and watch Disney's Jungle Cruise. Bring your entire family for a free movie, popcorn and hotdogs... while supplies last.

It's almost time for our **Spring Clean Up**. Join us for ranchwide garage sales, clean up and paper shredding on Saturday, March 5th. Be sure to use the DR App to find the garage sales.

Spring Break is also right around the corner, so have your kids come check out our **Spring Break Camp** March 7-11. Sign up online or at La Casita Recreation Center. We'll be introducing new activities and have lots of fun throughout the week.

Finally, we have our **BYOB** (Bring Your Own Bottle) event on Friday, March 25th. You must be 21 or over to attend. We will

have live music featuring *Notes of Neptune*, hors d'oeuvres and raffle prizes. This is a blind tasting, so bring your favorite wine or beer. Prizes will be given to the best wine (red/white) and beer (light/dark). Hope to see you there!

REMINDER: Don't forget to stop by La Casita Recreation Center to pick up your 2022 magnetic events calendars!

Tennis Tip for February



By Kwong YoungDobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Tips to Combat Sun Blindness

One big benefit in playing indoor tennis is that you won't ever have to experience that blinding sun!

Unfortunately, that's not the case when playing outdoor tennis. As we all know, that when looking up at a high lob or overhead shot, many times we tend to lose sight of the ball even though we wear a hat and sunglasses.

My tip for this matter when you have to look up into the bright sun is to put up your hand to cover the sun, so you will be able to see and deal with the ball more effectively.



So, use your hand similar to your blinds at home to shield the sun and you will see the ball much better. This will help prevent you from losing sight of the ball and not automatically lose the point due to sun blindness.



Recreation Happenings



DOBSON RANCH TENNIS ACADEMY

All tennis lessons and Round Robin events are held at the La Casita Recreation Center.

All tennis sessions begin on the first of each month and run until the end of the month.

Contact the La Casita Recreation Center for more information at 480-831-7464

or visit dobsonranchhoa.com.



ADULTS

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

Adult Skills & Drills

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

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm I Sessions: Monthly
Monday, March 7, 14, 21, 28
Weds., March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
6099 \$50 R/\$75 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.

Adult Saturday Doubles

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

8:30 am - 10:00 am | Sessions: Monthly Saturday, March 5, 12, 19, 26 6102 \$40 R/\$60 NR

JUNIORS

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

Junior Clinic

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

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly Monday, March 7, 14, 21, 28 6097 \$40 R/\$60 NR

Monthly Round Robin Social*

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

Saturday 1 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm March Social 3/19 FREE! Adults 16+ (Register in advance, space is limited.)

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

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





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Recreation Happenings

RECREATION CLASSES

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

ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Jeanne When: Mondays

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Cost: \$8 drop in, \$42 resident only for a 7-use

punch card



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

Healing Yoga

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

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

HEALING YOGA

Instructor: Samantha

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 8:15 am - 9:15 am

Cost: \$8 drop in or \$42 resident only for a 7-use

punch card

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 hat it and can't do anything anymore — think again.



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

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

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

This is a fusion of Latin and International music that incorporates a variety of dance styles such as salsa, cumbia, bellydance and reggaton. This class combines high energy and motivating 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 2 months from date of purchase. Punch Cards may be punched one time for residents only per class. No additional punches for guests or residents.



COMMUNITY TABLE TENNIS (Drop In)

When: Fridays

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm



NEW FOR 2022! Table Tennis is available for Dobson Ranch residents only. Tables are available on a first come, first serve basis. Must be 13 or over to participate or with an adult. Paddles and ball free to rent with driver's license or school ID.



* 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.



Recreation Happenings

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Code: 6080

When: Thursdays (February 24 - March 31)

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Cost: Reg. fee due at time of enrollment:

Residents \$5. Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.

Children will be introduced to dance through their favorite fairytales during this positive and encouraging class. Dance can build self-esteem and improve motor skills. Watch your prince or princess shine in this fun and creative program.

Children need soft-soled shoes and comfortable clothes. Ballet shoes, leotard and tights are recommended. There will be a performance on the last day of class. Children must be able to work in a group setting and follow directions. For more info on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.



DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Code: 6078

When: Tuesdays (February 22 - March 29)

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: Reg. fee due at time of enrollment:

Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10.
Contractor fee due to instructor the first

day of program: \$30 check or cash only.

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

INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)

Code: 6082

When: Thursdays (February 24 - March 31)

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: Reg. fee due at time of enrollment:

Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.

In a fun, encouraging and high energy atmosphere, your child will be shown the fundamentals of ballet and jazz, which can help improve motor skills and creative expression. Soft-soled shoes are recommended or bare feet. Children must be able to work in a group setting. There will



be a recital at the end of the session. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

ACTIVITIES



Texan Hold 'Em Tournament Style Poker

(Must be 18 or older)

When: Friday, February 25

Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)
Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Poker night is a free monthly program for residents of Dobson Ranch. Come meet your neighbors for a friendly game.



Bunco

When: Friday, February 18

Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm) Where: La Casita Recreation Center

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



Bridge

When: Mondays

Time: 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Cost: \$1.00 per player

We are actively seeking more bridge players. We play party bridge, singles and couples are welcome. During COVID, we are following best practices by being vaccinated and/or wearing masks. Call Susan Toevs at 317-466-8641 for info or to join.

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



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- 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.

PROGRAM DATES:

January 14, 2022 - March 4, 2022

DAY: Fridays
TIME: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

COST:

The class is FREE!

LOCATION:

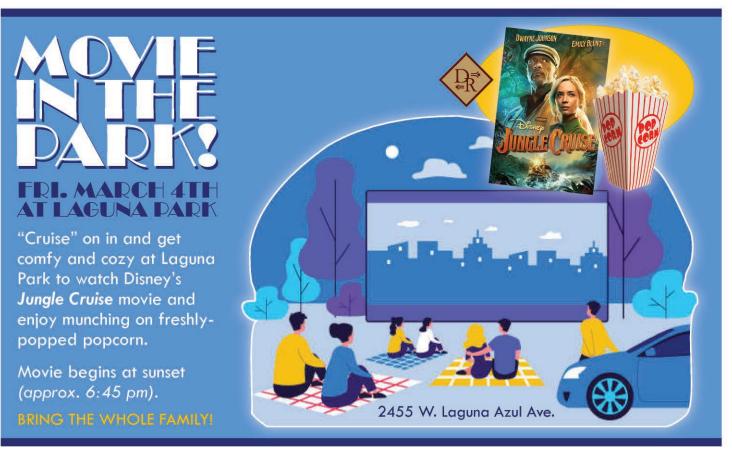
La Casita Recreation Center - Chica Room 2719 S. Reyes Mesa. AZ 85202

CONTACT: Jesse Wright PHONE: 480-831-7464 EMAIL: jwright@dobsonranch.com

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











Sell It!

Ranchwide Garage Sales: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm Homes of Residents



Register by email: cburleson@dobsonranch.com or call Carolyn at 480-831-8314. Signage is your responsibility. Deadline to register is Friday, February 25. Be sure to post your Garage Sale on the **Dobson Ranch App** so fellow Ranchers can find you!

Join your neighbors for a Ranchwide spruce up!



Dump It!

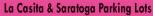
Ranch Clean Up: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm Los Altos Parking Lot

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

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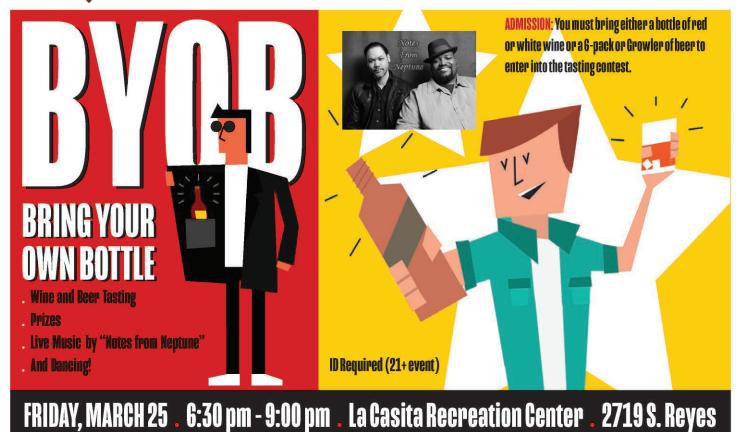
8:00 am - 11:00 am



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Dobson Ranch Democrats & Friends

By Jill Snyder, Treasurer

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

https://www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchDemocrats

Thank you!

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

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Dobson Ranch Republicans

By Michelle Masters, Chairperson



Join for **FREE** by emailing:

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
- Where: Native's banquet room (Dobson & Guadalupe)
- When: 1st Thursday of each Month @ 6:30pm

Dobson Ranch Independents

By Jack Wagner, Chairman & Dobson Ranch resident since 1979





Dobson Ranch Clubs

Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Susan Toevs, Club President

The Retirees are off to a fantastic start this New Year. I am happy to announce that all board officers and 15 committee chairs are full! Thanks to all who stepped up to fill vacancies. We have a full slate of activities planned for this coming year.

Each month we meet at La Casita, on the first Monday at 9:30 am for fellowship and fun, followed by a short business meeting at 10:00, a presentation, and lunch. All this for your \$20.00 membership dues. I am happy to report that at the latest count 110 retirees have renewed or begun their membership. We welcome new members monthly, so we continue to grow and are a vibrant group of Senior Citizens. Three of our members are over 90!

A big shout out to **Susan Davis** for volunteering to be the editor of our weekly newsletter. She has stepped up to the challenge and is sending out a weekly e-mail to the membership detailing the activities of the week. Many of our leaders send in pictures of their activities which she includes. **Dennis Stewart** faithfully prepares the monthly calendar filled with our activities. These two volunteers help us stay on track, so we don't miss out on any of the FUN.

At our February meeting, we heard about the benefits of massage therapy. Looking ahead to March, we will have our "White Elephant" auction with proceeds benefiting the teaching staff at Booker T. Washington Elementary School. Our April presentation features a travelogue on Antarctica.

All are invited to come try us out, we would love to meet you, and hope you will want to build our membership.

Oops!

In the January 2022 issue of *Ranchers' RoundUp*, I mistakenly used a photo that was not **Jack Armstrong** in the *Letter to the Editor* article written by **Frank Mizner** on page 24. My had!



So, let's try this again. Here's the REAL Jack Armstrong with wife Carol.

With my sincerest apologies, Nancy Roggio Editor

Ranch Pickleball Kicks Off the New Year With Record Attendance January 3rd of 22!

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

After a few rainouts and some lower attendance over the holidays, Dobson Ranch pickleball hit the courts in January with some record attendance and a continuing influx of new players. Our Mixed Doubles team, the *DR Picklers*, also kicked off our East Valley Interclub League (EVIL) Mixed Doubles 3.5 competition at home on January 5th against the *Pecos Pirates #2*. The season runs through the end of March. It was great to get started and we are looking forward to moving back to Los Altos soon to complete the season on eight new courts. Hopefully, we can do so in time to hold our traditional Valentine's Day tournament there.

We remain temporarily re-located to four courts at Saratoga until the reconstruction at Los Altos is complete. Our schedule remains the same, but please get on our email lists for updates should that change with the construction schedule or other weather-related adjustments. We are still offering our regular "Drop-In" Hours at the four courts at Saratoga on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 7:00 am, and Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 10:00 pm under the lights.

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

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

Happy New Year Everyone & Pickle-On!



EVIL Mixed Doubles Team, the DR Picklers, at January 5th competition



Dobson Ranch Clubs

Women's Club

By Patty Smith, Women's Club President

February is here, and that means it is only 10 months 'til Christmas! Happy Valentine's Day. It is particularly difficult writing my article this month, since the Super Bowl won't be held until after this issue comes out. It's tough not knowing which teams will be in it and who will win.



Out to Lunch in January was at Wildberries. In February, we are headed to Crackers for another great lunch. On March 4th, we will be going to Murphy's Law for St. Patrick's Day.

(L-R): Patricia, Laurie, Patty, Barb, Jacque, Chris, Miss Mike and Carole.

Bunco for January was hosted by Donna Fox. We had lots of Buncos and laughs. Thank you for a fun evening with yummy food. Bunco on February 25th will be hosted by Miss Mike, and Tanya will host Bunco in March. Laurie will be sending more info.



Liz Helfand's Celebration of Life will be June 18th. **Zoe** appreciates our support, including the Water Aerobics ladies. We are doing a memorial brick for **Phyllis Sipes** and Liz.

We send our thoughts and prayers to **Sandy Murray** on the passing of her husband, Bob. Bob worked for the Ranch for many years before retiring.

Stay Safe and Healthy! Patty

Retirees' Hiking Club

By Barbara Stout, Retirees' Hiking Club Chairperson

Here is the new hiking schedule for the remaining hikes in February and hikes through March.

Happy trails!

	days and Fridays.				
February 9	McDowell Mountains: Marcus Landslide - Pacers. Tom's Thumb - Clippers.				
February 16	Superstition Mountains: Dutchman Trail from Peralta trailhead in and out. Clippers will go to Miner's Needle.				
February 23	Superstition Mountains: Second Water in and out.				
March 2	Butcher Jones Beach Trail				
March 9	Superstition Mountains: Dutchman Trail from First Water Trailhead in and out.				
March 16	Coon Bluff Trail along the river in and out. We may see some wild horses in the river.				
March 23	McDowell Mountains: Brown Mountain Trailhead - Brown Mountain Trail.				
March 30	Superstition Mountains: Peralta Trailhead. Lost Goldmine Trail from Lost Goldmine East Trailhead and Peralta Trail for Clippers.				

Our Retirees' Club started the New Year with their first Monthly Meeting held on Monday, January 3, 2022.





















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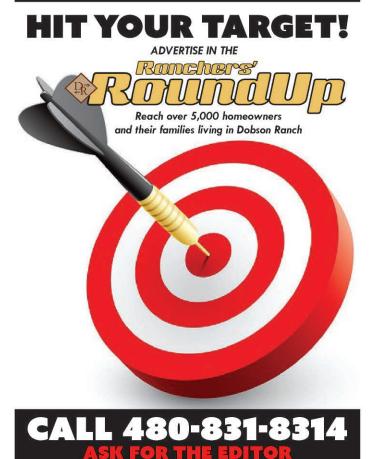




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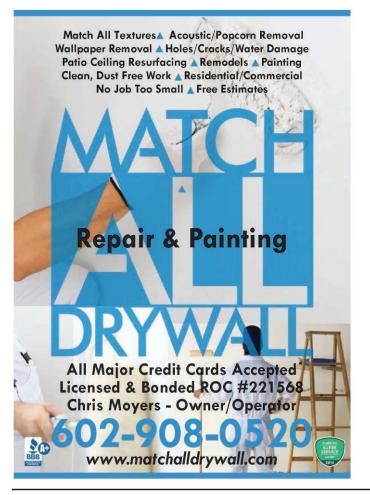


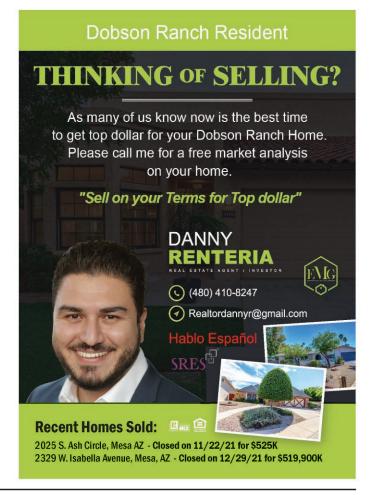












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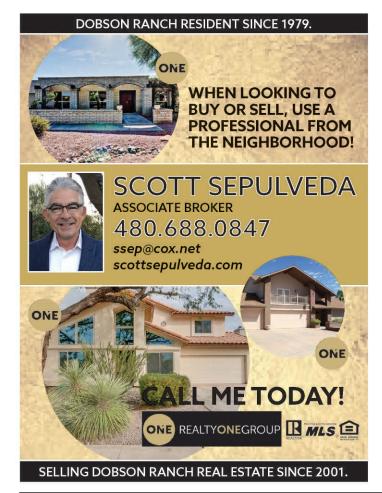
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