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# **Your Neighborhood**

### Message From the Association President



By Allen Johnson Association President

Time Flies!

Happy Spring Fellow Ranchers,

I just realized that I have a problem. We changed the schedule of the Board Meeting. Now, we meet on the fourth Thursday of the month rather than the third. That's not really a big deal, except the deadline for turning my article in for the March RoundUp is February 20th, which falls before February's Board Meeting. This means the obligatory recap of the meeting's events isn't possible, because by the time you read this, the meeting will have already happened (hopefully the Chair didn't screw it up...). So, seeing as how it's after 8:00 on the evening of the 21st (and Nancy's patience is probably wearing thin), I should probably get my homework turned in. This means you'll have to endure my random musing rather than the typical monthly presidential proclamation.

So here goes...

Fifty-ish years ago, my grandfather bought my grandmother a present – the fanciest plastic-wood standing clock Montgomery Ward had to offer. Somehow, through a twist of fate, I now own this, umm... "cherished" family heirloom. There's an irony to inheriting your grandfather's grandfather clock, which is honestly the most significant reason I've clung onto it (in spite of my darling wife's dismay). The other, perhaps more poignant reason, is because of the inscription on its pretentious, yet painfully faux gilt face, that reads: "Tempus Fugit", which Google suggests is Latin for "Time Flies".

My first term on the Dobson Ranch Board of Directors is coming to an end. When I started three years ago, we were bickering over the HOA's proposed regulation of pickup trucks, household pets, and backyard smokers. In my opinion, these three things represent the trifecta of all things worthwhile. After lots of spirited banter, common sense eventually prevailed. Then the whole conversation dynamic shifted. Within a few short months the focus quickly became dominated by the pandemic, and what that meant for all of us. The events we've cherished were cancelled or postponed, and the sense of community we all took for granted became imperiled. Despite the sobering circumstances, we made it through, in no small part thanks to our amazing Association staff. I'm humbled by their perseverance.

We're not all the way back, but things are definitely better now. Prior controversies seem like long forgotten distractions, and we're moving forward in earnest with several community enhancement projects. Events have resumed. And, just like my wife's least favorite home décor item, Dobson Ranch is about ready to turn 50. Time flies!

Here's to capturing the best that these seasons in life have to offer. Never take anything for granted.

### Be well!

### **Executive Director's Message**



By Lynelle Glysson Executive Director

### On the Cutting Edge of Conservation

Dear Residents,

Dobson Ranch residents are on the cutting edge of conservation including water, energy and xeriscape. Some of the top projects approved by the **Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee** are installing solar panels and xeriscape landscaping. The Association used 1.5 million gallons **less** water in 2021 than in 2020 maintaining the common area landscape.

We have partnered with SRP and the Trees Matter program in 2021 and 2022. Last year, 63 more trees were planted in Dobson Ranch through this program. The uniqueness of the Trees Matter Program is that you are taught where to plant the shade trees so that they provide shade for your home, making it more energy efficient. The trees offered are also desert-adapted and participants are taught the best care for their trees.

Kathrine Blomquist is the Chairperson and organizer of the Spring Expo that we are happy to have back this year as an in-person event. This is held in conjunction with the Retirees' Pancake Breakfast and is a fun family event where you can get a great breakfast and learn about conservation techniques and programs. There will also be the kid-friendly ladybug release. This event will be held on April 9th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the La Casita Recreation Center.

We are adding another conservation-focused event. We are partnering with SRP and the City of Mesa who will share conservation programs they offer. SRP will be sharing their money-saving conservation programs. This will be held at La Casita on May 25th at 6:30 pm. More information will be on our App, website and in my email blasts.

Tell me what conservation efforts you have taken. Email me at Iglysson@dobsonranch.com. Maybe we can feature your efforts in an upcoming RoundUp!

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



# **Your Neighborhood**

### **Message From the Editor**



**By Nancy Roggio**Communications Manager

### Whetting Your App-etite

The Dobson Ranch App continues to evolve into an invaluable tool used by close to 2,000 residents on a regular basis with nearly 15,000 screen views per month. In fact, as of February 25, we had 33 Garage Sales listed on the App for the **Spring Clean Up** on March 5th (and the majority of them were posted directly by our residents).

Though those numbers are impressive by HOA-industry standards, my goal is to increase the number of residents using the App by 10% before we reach our two-year anniversary in August... by making the download process even easier.

We have already started introducing a new marketing campaign to do just that. The key to the campaign is the creation of a unique **QR code** that is device specific. By taking a photo of the QR code with your cell phone, you will automatically be directed to the App Store or Google Play (depending on your make of phone), so you can easily download the free Dobson Ranch App.

The QR code has been inserted into a **flyer** that is posted at the front desks of the La Casita Administration Office and the Recreation Center. The QR code has also been added to the bottom of Lynelle's weekly Letter to Our Residents, our Resident 101 Orientation Packet and several other communications vehicles targeted to our residents.

The marketing campaign also includes banner ads, several different Facebook and Instagram posts, and other graphics that can be used at special events as needed. Some campaign samples are shown below.

### **Existing Features are App-ealing**

Our **Resident Owned Business Directory** now features 24 businesses owned and operated by Dobson Ranch residents. This is a great place to look for local businesses and services within our neighborhood.

The **Tried It & Liked It** feature currently showcases three local restaurants and one business recommended by our residents. I would love to increase that number to at least 20 restaurant or business recommendations made by our Ranchers. Why not add your favorite business today or post a testimonial on the already created businesses!

The Memory Makers Photo Albums are now separated by month to make finding the album you wish to view even easier. You'll find photo albums from recent events such as: Parent's Night Out and Sunday in the Park in February; Bark in the Park in January; Winter Wonderland, Lighted Boat Parade, and Breakfast with Santa in December; and more.

The App continues to be successfully used to make reservations for tennis and pickleball courts, swimming pools and other limited space events via our **Amenity Passes**.

Pet owners have been posting their lost pets in the App's Lost & Found Pets section to quickly get the word out to other neighbors that may be able to help locate their cherished pet.

Links to our website's **Events Calendar** and Lynelle's weekly **Letter to Our Residents** are also easily found on the App.

### You'll App-reciate the Convenience

Our innovative custom mobile App was designed to build a more connected community with the information you need, when you need it, wherever you go... all in the palm of your hand.

Still App-rehensive about downloading our App? Don't be. It's safe, secure and resident App-roved. Download the Dobson Ranch App today, so you won't miss a thing going on in your community!







(I. to r.): Instagram post; Flyer for front desks at La Casita; and Facebook post.

> Bottom row (I. to r.): Banner ads to appear in our weekly Letter to Our Residents and on the home page of our website.







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



### **BOARD CANDIDATES**

Complete candidate bios have been printed in the February and March 2022 issues of *Ranchers' RoundUp*.

### **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 Open Session 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

The Meeting begins at 7:00 pm at the La Casita Grande Room. Food and refreshments will be served at 5:30 pm. Online voting for Board Member candidates closes promptly at 6:30 pm.

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

# BOARD CANDIDATE BIOS RS



### STEFANIE 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 associaition 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 throughtout 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!

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# BOARD CANDIDATE BIOS RS





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

Hello neighbors! I'm officially throwing my hat into the ring to re-up for a second term on the Dobson Ranch Board of Directors. The last three years have been a rollercoaster, however despite the adversity, we've made several meaningful accomplishments. I'm especially proud that we've built an inclusive, respectful and community-mind-

ed environment that considers the needs and perspectives of all residents. I'd like to be part of the continued mission to maintain Dobson Ranch as *The Best Place to Live* by promoting a balance of fiscal responsibility with thoughtful and strategic investments in our nearly 50-year-old infrastructure.

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

Since joining the Board three years ago, I've been an active member of the Water Management and Lake Habitat Committee, as well as the Recreation Committee. After stepping in to fill the Vice President vacancy during my first year on the Board, I went on to serve two full terms as Board President. My family and I love attending our many outdoor events, as well as enjoying our surroundings during bike rides and walks with our dog.

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

- 1. Sustainability of our Lakes Thanks to the efforts of our Water Management and Lake Habitat Committee, Dobson Ranch has adapted to escalating regulatory requirements, saving millions of gallons of water annually. We've made tremendous progress, but with drought conditions almost certain to persist, the work is far from complete.
- 2. Public Safety Preserving our strong partnership with the MPD, and using the full resources of the HOA to support Neighborhood Watch Programs must be areas of continued focus.
- 3. Infrastructure We need to continue investing and adapting in ways that maximize our residents' return on investment.

### **Autobiography:**

My wife Maren and I bought our house in Dobson Ranch in 2011. We have two daughters and a beagle named Maggie. Whenever we find spare time, we love hiking in the mountains, fishing, the occasional trip to the beach, or making our best attempt to grow tomatoes in our backyard. I'm an NAU grad with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Supply Chain & Logistics Management, and I've worked for Sunstate Equipment since moving to the Valley 16 years ago.

As a 100% self-managed HOA, Dobson Ranch is rare and special. Three years ago, I felt our Board leadership needed a change. Since then, with broad community support, our Board of Directors has transformed into a leadership body that's worthy of the amazing community it represents. I'm proud that today we've become much more collaborative and resident focused, and I'm grateful for your support.



### **JESSE BROWN**



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

What interests me about running for the BOD is engaging with community in a real way. Ever since I moved to AZ 16 years ago, living in Dobson Ranch has been a goal of mine so now I'd like help keep the integrity of our community in tact and interact more with my neighbors in a positive way.

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

My fiance and I's favorite new amenity is the dog park installed on our street! We feel the HOA really nailed it on the head with the use of this space and the value it brings to our neighborhood. We also use the tennis courts regularly! We don't hear about events often, so that's part of my interest in applying.

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

Dobson is a large community, so I really only see my neck of the woods in most cases. The challenge I see most often is lawn maintenance/weeds. There was some issues with theft stemming from the Extended Stay hotel nearby but that seems to have slowed. However, I'd love to learn more about what challenges we face and how to tackle those issues together.

### **Autobiography:**

I'm currently engaged to my beautiful fiance Megan, both in our 40s, no kids and 1 awesome dog, Gus! We are both licensed full-time Realtors and absolutely love our careers. I'm originally from Atlanta, GA and have been an AZ resident for 16 years. I'm hoping we can provide our neighbors some value with any market updates/questions/concerns that could be useful in the future.

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





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Keep your 16-digit account number readily available for your next payment.

### A Warm Welcome to Cheyenne, Our New Front: Desk Assistant



There is a new friendly face and voice at the Dobson Ranch front desk. Cheyenne Davis has joined the team as our new Front Desk Assistant. She did some temporary work for us in 2020, and I was so impressed with her that I kept her contact information in case we had a position open that would be a good fit for her.

When Carolyn Burleson stepped into her new roll as our Office Administrative Assistant, I gave Cheyenne a call. Thankfully, she was available and eager to work with us on a permanent basis. Welcome aboard!





# THE DOBSON RANCH LANDSCAPING TEAM

**Employees of the Month** 

We have had a team of landscapers who have been with us from two to seventeen years. These men are dedicated to working hard and keeping the common areas pristine. In the last couple of years, with the guidance of Maintenance Supervisor Marc Diaz, they have upped their game. They now have focused areas of responsibilities and take pride in keeping their areas in the best shape. I often hear from residents on what a great job they are doing and how polite they are when working. They are rewarded for notifying

management of deficiencies. This has helped get ahead of areas of concern before they affect residents. I appreciate the team and all their hard work. The Landscaping Team shown above from left to right are as follows:

**Back Row:** Rodrigo Verdugo, Chuck Robinson, Chauncey Houch, John Jenkins, Felipe Gutierrez, Fausto Olivas, and Martin Coria.

**Front Row:** Gustavo Melendez, Luis Viera, Dennis Melgreen - Facilities Manager, Marc Diaz - Maintenance Supervisor, and Gonzalo Garcia.



# Charter, Magnet and Private Schools? Oh My! 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).

I grew up in upstate NY, where you go to the school for which you are zoned. No exceptions - unless you move or pay for parochial school. So, when I first heard the term School Choice, I was very confused. It got even more confusing when I learned about charter schools, public magnet schools, and that private schools in AZ can be paid for via tax credits. It was overwhelming, but I began the mission to find the perfect school for my daughter.

The caveat to school choice is you also must commit to driving if your choice is out of district. When I started looking, I drew a circle in a five mile radius of our home (the distance I was willing to drive) and then googled what schools were located within it. I narrowed it down to 20 schools and made an Excel document with columns for school hours, notes on the ranks and information from schooldigger.com, niche.com, and the AZ Department of Education on test scores and academic standards, student/ teacher ratios, notes on if it was a specialty or magnet school, diversity statistics, and then a section for my notes after my visit. Yes, I toured all 20. I went to Charter Schools, Private Schools, and Public Schools. Because my daughter tested as gifted, I visited schools for gifted kids, accelerated programs, magnet schools for leadership and technology, dual language academies, and Christian schools... basically all the choices.

I had anxiety over making the wrong choice. Or, what if I made the right choice for my daughter's individual needs, but not for my son's future needs? While I appreciate options, sometimes too much is too much. After talking to some members of my mom tribe that were current or former teachers, I came to the conclusion that it didn't matter what I chose. My kids live in a loving home with active and educated parents who support their learning and emotional needs, so they are already ahead. (This was always my husband's opinion, but he loves me and supports my crazy ventures.)

While it was a hard decision, we ultimately chose Kyrene Del Norte, a public dual language academy close to home. I liked the feeling of the school on my tour, that Ella could receive

gifted services, and learn a second language. Plus, every neighbor I encountered with kids there had nothing but great things to say, so I simply went with my gut.

Then COVID came and changed the landscape of education, which changed our plans. After a week of Zoom Kindergarten in Fall 2020, we pulled Ella from Norte and put her at Gethsemane Christian Academy, a private school down the road. I was very grateful for school choice and the option for in-person learning for Ella for Kindergarten. We were even more grateful that her tuition was covered through tax credits from family and friends via the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO).

While our experience at GCA was fantastic (our son is still there and loves it!), GCA is preschool through Kindergarten only, so this year Ella is back at Norte... and she's having an amazing first grade year! We love her teachers and all the friends she's made.

After my search and experience with school choices, my advice to those of you looking is to review realistic options, tour the places you can, and then choose what feels right for you and your family. If you need to rely on school bus services, your options will be more limited. Personally, we have lots of friends/neighbors with kids at Summit Academy who absolutely love it – and there's a bus stop around the corner from us.

If you are confused with all the options, I recommend starting by reading the article "Arizona School Choice Roadmap" on the schoolchoiceweek.com website. This article details the differences, definitions and resources for traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online academies, homeschooling, and learning pods.

Lastly (and most importantly), use your network! Ask your neighbors or parents at the park where their kids go and how they like it. For me, a glowing recommendation and smile from a child when they talked about their school meant more than any AZmerit score ever could. And remember, even if you choose "wrong", AZ is an open enrollment state – so the choices will still be there next year.;)



How Ella felt about Zoom Kindergarten



Kids at Kyrene Del Norte Book Fair



Emmett's 100th day of school at GCA



Volunteering at Ella's school



Ella and her BFF walking

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

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### By Nancy Roggio

Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Kudos to Joan Vrtis and Diane Brown, the homeowners of 2463 S. Gaucho, for being selected for this month's Green Thumb Award.

Joan and Diane originally lived on one of the smaller lakes on the Ranch for about 9 years, but have loved living at their current address for the past 12 years. No matter where you look at this property, from the front or back yard with their gorgeous Lake 7 view, you can feel the love and pride that went into the amazing landscaping.

"Our two desert museum palo verde trees in the front yard are surrounded by vincas and lantana. We also have sparky bells, bells of fire, traditional hibiscus, ruellia, robellini palms, traditional palms, bougainvillea, torch plant, and several ground growing plants with vibrant colors when in bloom," Joan explained.

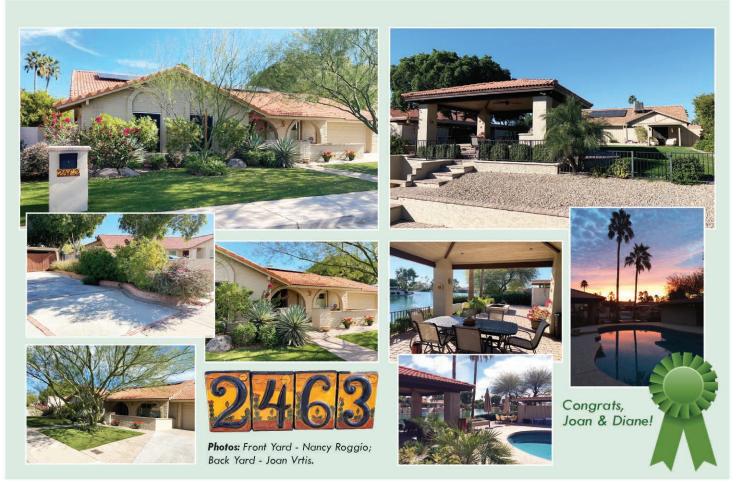
"Though we initially had a landscape architectural company we had known for years do the planting along with our input, we maintain the entire property -- from pruning the palo verdes to trimming all of the other plants. The yards are Diane's masterpiece," Joan emphasized.

"The yards in the front and back are beautiful during blooming season. We have blue hibiscus in the backyard that are just stunning!" Diane boasted.

"In the design of our front and back yards, the plant size at maturity was an important consideration when choosing the plants & trees. This allowed for a healthy yard, minimizing overcrowding and overwatering," Diane explained.

Taking pride in your property like Diane and Joan 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 *Ranchers' RoundUp*, please email nroggio@dobsonranch.com.



# **Your Neighborhood**



### Monthly Update from Councilmember Heredia

Did you know about the improvements happening at the Dobson Ranch Library?

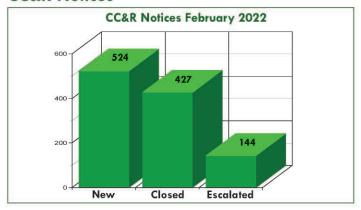
Major renovation work began in early February and will continue through August of this year. The construction project expands the library's footprint by 1600 square feet and adds a **THINKspot** makerspace for community innovation and networking. The library's facade will be updated, adding greater visibility to the building and more convenience for library users.

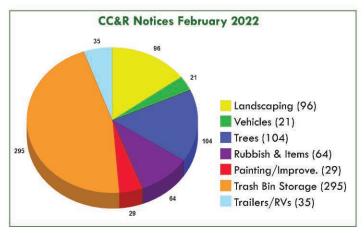
This is the most significant renovation at Dobson Ranch Library since it opened in 1987. This project has been in the making for quite some time and I'm very excited to see it come to fruition. I hope you all take advantage of the new cool spaces being added. For more updates, please visit the Mesa Library page www.mesalibrary.org. Check out the rendering below!



Councilmember Heredia

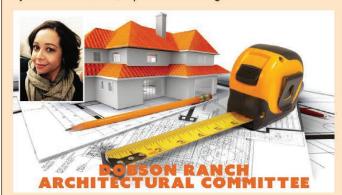
### **CC&R Notices**





## Residential Architectural Guidelines Annual Review

By Camille Gonzales, Operations Manager



On January 25th, 2022, the DRAC held their first workshop with homeowners in attendance to discuss some changes to our guidelines. Most were small changes, but some noteworthy ones are listed here as follows:

- Homeowner Wall Color The DRAC decided on "Bungalow Beige SW7511" for homeowners wanting to paint their walls. This will go with the "Bungalow Beige SW7511" that the Board voted on to paint the arterial walls in Dobson Ranch.
- Organization of sections so the Guidelines are easier to read, and sections are grouped together.

- Exterior Lighting Suggest a section regarding Exterior Lighting in the Backyard.
- Reviewing the Flag and Flagpole section of the guide lines.
- Organize and further explain "Permanent Structures" and "Temporary Structures".
- An Appendix which will feature drawings for further clarification with specs for Sheds, Pavers, Play Structures, etc. Review and possibly add a list of Desert-Friendly Trees that homeowners can plant to help save water, but also keep in line with the overall aesthetic of Dobson Ranch.

The DRAFT of changes made to the Residential Architectural Guidelines, can be found on the Dobson Ranch website, so homeowners can have a chance to look them over before the second and final Workshop on March 22, 2022. The DRAC will have an annual review of the guidelines to also make sure we are in accordance with any new state statutes or new laws.

As a reminder, any changes made to the outside of your home, must have a submitted Architectural Application, and be approved by the DRAC Committee. If you have any questions regarding Code Compliance or Architectural Applications, please contact the Administration Office and we will be happy to assist you.





### DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

### Join the Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society

If you want to learn more about cactus and succulents and how to successfully grow and care for them here in the low desert, you can join the **Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society** (CACSS). The CACSS is a 501(3)(c) organization established in 1973. It is an affiliate of the **Cactus and Succulent Society of America**.

### The purpose of the CACSS is to:

- Study, propagate and cultivate cactus and succulents
- Educate members and the public
- Aid conservation programs
- Support the Desert Botanical Garden and other institutions

### Membership benefits include:

- Monthly programs with renowned speakers
- Free plants and silent plant auctions
- Circulating library
- Monthly newsletter filled with valuable information
- Trips to private and wholesale nurseries in Arizona and California
- Workshops and Propagation Education Group
- Invitations to members' open gardens
- Access to experts
- Annual show and sale
- Support research
- Seed depot
- Social events and more



Growing plants in the Sonoran Desert is tricky, as we've all learned. Choosing and placing the right plant in the right place makes everyone happy. I first joined the CACSS in the late 1970s. I've been successful in my gardening due to what I've learned from CACSS members, programs, workshops, etc. I know that it'll help you, too.

Visit centralarizonacactus.org for CACSS meeting times, programs and membership information. Visit centralarizonacactus on Facebook and Instagram.

On the CACSS website are indexed articles from the club newsletters dating back to the 1970s. To find an article about a particular plant, go to the website, hoover over the Newsletter tab, click on Newsletter Index. Then, scroll down to the Plant Index, click on that and scroll down until you find an article you are interested in reading. Note the year and month. Then go back to the Newsletter tab and click on it, and find the article by searching for the year and month.



The other index filled with valuable information is the Miscellaneous Index. Find that under the Newsletter

Index tab, click on the Miscellaneous Index and scroll through the list of headings and articles. Again, note the year and month, then find the articles the same way as above.

**Photo Captions:** Top Photo - Echinopsis hybrid needs afternoon filtered shade with huge blooms all summer; Bottom photo - Trichocereus 'Firecracker' is a great landscape plant that can take full sun. Flowers are each the size of an outstretched hand.

### Homeowner Improvements

### Architectural Applications February 2022

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Wall Fixtures	\$	2,000		
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Exterior Paint	\$	8,000		
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Landscape	\$	400		
Patio Cover	\$	5,000		
DOBSON RANCH UNIT III				
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Landscape	\$	30,510		
Pergola	\$	1,500		
Security Door	\$	1,800		
Shed	\$	315		
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Entry Wood Structure	\$	3,000		
Roof Replacement	\$	51,000		
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## **Movers and Shakers**

# **Volunteering Her Time and Talents** For the Good of the Community

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



Board Member Sandy Murray is best known for her undying commitment to her community. She has many years serving on various committees and on the Dobson Ranch Board of Directors under her belt. But, what you may not know about her is her passion for volunteering at local churches, schools, events, and non-profit organizations. So, let's see what makes Sandy tick.

### Q: Tell us about your background.

SM: I was born in Michigan and moved to Arizona when I was very young. Except for living in California for a couple of years, I have lived in Arizona ever since. In 1985, my family and I moved from Tucson to Mesa, Dobson Ranch specifically, when I transferred with Quest, which is now CenturyLink. I worked in Sales and

Marketing as a Manager with Century-Link until 1998 when I retired. For the next few years, I worked part time at two other phone companies and took care of my two granddaughters.

Q: How long have you lived in Dobson Ranch and what is your family status? SM: I have lived in Dobson Ranch since 1985 with my family and husband of 57 years, until his recent passing. In addition, my husband was the Landscape Supervisor for nearly seven years. My two daughters graduated from Dobson High School and ASU respectively. I have five grandchildren and one great grandson.

### Q: How many years have you served on the DR Board of Directors? Which positions have you held?

SM: The first time I was elected to the Dobson Ranch Board was in 2002 as a Board Member. I then went on to be asked to join the Board when others could not fulfill their duties and complete their terms. In addition, I have also served as President and Vice-President of the Board. Since 2002, there have only been a couple of years that I have not served on the Board.

### Q: What is your motivation for continuing to serve on the **Board of Directors?**

SM: I love all of the amenities Dobson Ranch offers and the feeling of community the HOA provides to all residents. I enjoy working on the committees which discuss improvements and new amenities for Dobson Ranch. In addition, I enjoy the camaraderie, diverse opinions and backgrounds, and lively discussions the Board has regarding the wants and needs of our community.

### Q: What has been your most rewarding experience as a Board Member and why?

SM: I have met some phenomenal individuals while serving on the Board and various Committees. Both the Board and Committees have diverse members, which is an asset to our Homeowners. I enjoy playing a part in making Dobson Ranch a place where people want to live.

Q: What is your role with the Master Planning Committee? SM: The Master Planning Committee evaluates new projects and upgrades submitted by not only the Board, but the homeowners as well. The committee considers all the options such as design, cost and function. The final approval, regardless of who submitted the proposal, is always done by the Board.

### Q: Tell us about your past and present volunteer activities in the community.

SM: When I lived in Tuscon before moving to Mesa, I would volunteer for the Pima County Fair and the 4-H Community during the year and especially during Fair week. In the years since we moved to Mesa, I have volunteered with the Dobson High School Booster Club, St. Timothy's Catholic Church and School, Seton Catholic Preparatory, and Paz De Cristo. I was also the Treasurer for the Telephone Pioneers and for several

> years volunteered at the Phoenix Open Quest (Century Link).

### Q: Why do you feel volunteering your time and talents is important?

SM: I have been fortunate to be able to volunteer because I have a great family support system. I have always felt that those who have the time, need to assist others in need and I have instilled this in my daughters and grandchildren. Volunteering brings about a feeling of satisfaction and realization that you can always be there for others, no matter what your circumstances may be.

### Q: Why do you feel volunteering is important in a professional capacity?

SM: In my professional capacity, I was fortunate to be able to volunteer for projects that interested me personally that were also able to benefit my company.

Q: Where else can residents volunteer in the City of Mesa? SM: Individuals can volunteer for the Mesa Library and the police and fire departments. Or, you can always look online at mesaaz.gov to see what opportunities may better suit you. Homeowners may also contact Councilman Heredia's office at 480-644-3003 for additional volunteer opportunities.

### Q: Name some ways that our residents can be an active volunteer in Dobson Ranch.

SM: Dobson Ranch has several committees that need volunteers. I would recommend attending some meetings to see where your interests lie. Plus, volunteering at our events is always welcome.

### Q: What would you like to tell future Board Candidates about holding a seat on the Board?

SM: Being a member of the Board is a great experience. That being said, it is time consuming. Before every meeting there is reading and researching to be done, or places on the Ranch to be checked out. Above all else, remember you represent the homeowners of Dobson Ranch.





## Conservation Corner

### EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

## Dobson Runch Homeowners Association Saved 1.5 Million Gallons of Water in 2021!

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management and Lake Habitat Committee Member



The Water Management & Lake Habitat Committee reports that our HOA used 1,500,000 gallons of water less in 2021 than in 2020 due to the rain, reverse irrigation and Smart Irrigation Controllers.

1.5 million gallons is the equivalent of filling the Junior Olympic pool at Los Altos

over 2-1/4 times. In the household, you would waste 1.5 million gallons while brushing your teeth nonstop for a year if you forgot to turn off the tap. Let's celebrate the savings together as a community at our upcoming conservation-themed events.

The family-friendly Fourth Annual Dobson
Ranch Spring Expo returns after three years on
Saturday, April 2, 8:00 -11:00 am outside the
La Casita Recreation Center. Dobson Ranch makes it
easy for you to meet with local businesses and organizations to learn more ways to conserve our natural
resources and save money.

The vendors on hand will answer your questions on Smart Irrigation Controllers, solar energy, gardening, tool lending, and upcycling, to name a few. They are also supplying great raffle prizes, so don't miss out on your chance to win.

New this year is a **Dance Party** with a nature theme for the kids and kids-at-heart led by **Dance 101** at 10:15 am. Back by popular demand is the release of 10,000 live ladybugs at 10:30. The Spring Expo is held in conjunction with the

Retirees' Club Pancake Breakfast, so be sure to bring your appetite and the family for a morning of fun.

Thank you to the residents that attended SRP's **Shade Tree Program** webinar on February 26th. Next up is to pick up your two free shade trees, and Dobson Ranch has made this extra easy for you. Your new trees will be available for convenient pick up on Saturday, April 9, 9:00-11:00 am in La Casita's parking lot. If you have questions about the webinar or your registration, please contact **Trees Matter** at shadetree@treesmatter.org or call 602-325-1254.

If you were unable to join in the Shade Tree Program, the City of Mesa has a "Trees are Cool" incentive coupled with their Grass-to-Xeriscape program. Remember that 60% of household water is used for outdoor landscaping, so this program is designed to help homeowners reduce landscape water use by half or more. The City of Mesa will provide monetary incentives as part of the Grass-to-Xeriscape program. Why not take the online quiz to see if you qualify today at: Mesaaz.gov/conservation.

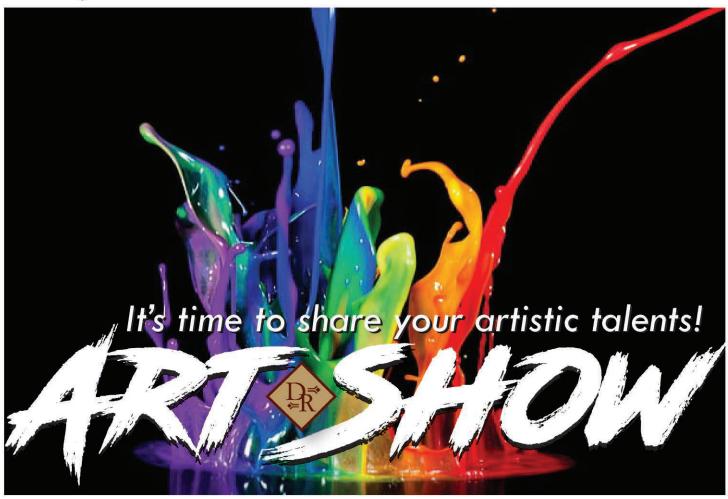
Active water management in our common areas, rebates on Smart Irrigation Controllers, in-person access to conservation-themed businesses, and easy tree pick up...

Dobson Ranch continues as a community leader in conservation. Spring is a great time to join in and make your own conservation headlines!









who: The **Dobson Ranch Art Show Competition** is open to all children (up to age 17) and adults (18 and up) living in Dobson Ranch or working for The Dobson Association.

There are six categories in which to enter your works of art: **Drawing, Painting, Sculpture or Ceramics, Crafts, Jewelry Design** and **Photography**. If you entered last year's Art Show, you may not enter the same piece of art again this year.

which: Send a good quality digital photo of your work of art to nroggio@dobsonranch.com by no later than April 10, 2022. Be sure to include your full name, age, address, and the category that you are entering. You may enter no more than one item per category.

First Prize winners will be selected in each category and in each age group (12 winners total). A **Best of Show** winner will be selected in both age groups. First Prize Winners will each receive a \$10 Gift Card and prize ribbon. The two Best of Show winners will each receive a \$50 Gift Card and prize ribbon. Online voting will be open to all residents and employees of Dobson Ranch. Winners will be announced in the May issue of **Ranchers' RoundUp**.

# THE ART SHOW COMPETITION BEGINS MARCH 10TH!





# Certified Teachers Lead Learning at Mesa Public Schools

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





Photos (I. to r.): Lauren Cluff, second-grade teacher at Hughes Elementary School, is recognized by Dr. Andi Fourlis, superintendent, at Mesa Public Schools as a National Board Certified Teacher, during the January 25th Governing Board meeting; Kizzy Tanner, special education teacher at Dobson High School, shakes hands with Dr. Andi Fourlis, superintendent, at Mesa Public Schools. Tanner was recognized for being named a National Board Certified Teacher. Photo Credits: Tim Hacker, MPS

### **Getting Certified**

Whether inspiring students to become lifelong learners or helping them develop their full potential, certified teachers make a difference. In Mesa Public Schools, highly qualified state-certified teachers lead learning for the district's 60,000 students.

To obtain standard certification, a teacher must have a bachelor's degree, complete a formal preparation program and pass the state's subject and professional knowledge exams. Going through all the credentials gives educators a well-rounded understanding of what classroom management is and helps them become better teachers, according to Renee Parker, director of human resources for certificated personnel at Mesa Public Schools.

"As I got my certification, I could recognize students who needed differentiated instruction, those who were not responding to interventions and when I wasn't providing materials that were enriching enough," Parker shares. "Getting my certification gave me the lens to look through, otherwise I would have just presented the material, hoped my students got it and moved on."

### Going for the Gold

Many district teachers choose to pursue the highest level of certification by achieving and maintaining National Board Certification. This time-intensive certification process must be renewed every five years. Teachers demonstrate their eligibility by submitting evidence including classroom instruction videos and written materials.

Each educator has a unique reason for pursuing certification. Some look for a challenge and others want to impact education on a larger scale. Many use the opportunity to elevate their effectiveness in the classroom in new ways.

The National Board Certified Teacher cohort in Mesa Public Schools is growing, thanks to educators like Lauren Cluff, Hughes Elementary second-grade teacher and NBCT mentor. There are currently 41 new and maintained National Board Certified Teachers in the district. This winter, the district had the highest number of new National Board Certified Teachers in the state, and the third-highest number of teachers earning Maintenance of Certificate. Cluff shares that NBCT's provide value to their schools and community because they are dedicated to improving not only their own teaching but also education as a whole.

"It can take hundreds of hours and up to three years to complete the National Board Certification process," Cluff says. "It helped me become the teacher I always wanted to be. I get to give back by mentoring others, helping them become highly effective teachers."

Learn more at mpsaz.org/proflearn/nbct.

### From the Recreation Director's Desk



**By Jesse Wright** Recreation Manager

The weather is heating up and so are the Recreation Programs and Events at Dobson Ranch HOA!

Our BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle) event will be held on Friday, March 25th. This event is for adults age 21 and over only. So, parents can enjoy a fun night out. We will have live music featuring Notes of Neptune, hors d'oeuvres, great raffle prizes., and dancing, too. This is a blind tasting, so bring your favorite wine or beer. Prizes will be awarded to the best wine (red or white) and beer (light or dark).

Kicking off the month of April, we'll have our popular Pancake Breakfast and the Spring Expo on Saturday, April 2nd. Ranch retirees will be cooking up some tasty pancakes for only \$3 per plate. The Water Management and Lake Habitat Committee will also have vendors outside to answer all of your water quality needs. I know I'll be there, how about you?

Be sure to tell your family and friends that the Recreation Department is hosting two egg-citing Easter events again this year. The Tween Egg Hunt, which is geared for those tweenagers (ages 9-13) in your life, is on Friday, April 15th. Our festive family-focused event, Easter Eggstravaganza, will be at Laguna Park on Saturday, April 16th. There are lots of spring events to enjoy at Dobson Ranch HOA for all ages!

Join us for Casino Night, a brand-new event at La Casita on Friday, May 13th from 6:30 -9:00 pm for adults 21 and over.

Mark your calendars now! More information is on its way. Come on out, enjoy the gorgeous spring weather, and have some fun!

### **Tennis Tip for March**



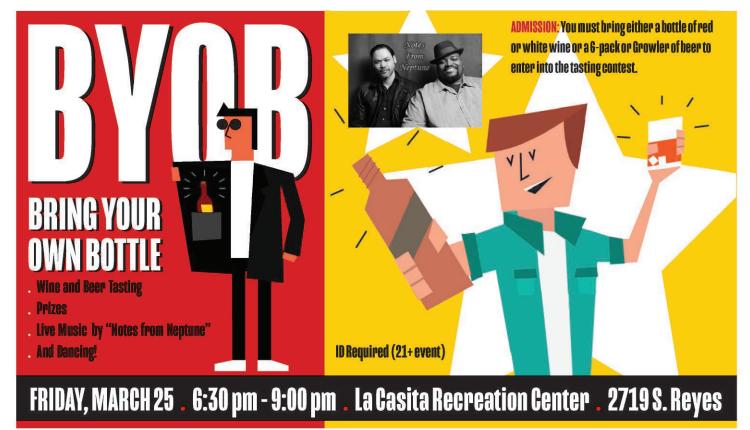
**By Kwong Young**Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

### The Benefits of a Tennis Coach

Would a player benefit who has been playing for years from coaching/lessons? My answer is "yes" and "no."

I will start with the "no" answer. An individual who will not accept change and who wants immediate results probably doesn't realize that changes take time to work and unfold. If that individual takes lessons, they often revert back to what they were accustomed to doing. We all know, when taking lessons, where the ball is being sent, and for the most part, the ball is coming to you directly which will help develop your hitting. But, realistically, balls many times will not come to you in a friendly manner. Sure we can read a book on tennis improvement and watch many YouTube videos, but a coach has skillful eyes to spot things that you are doing which may be preventing you from being a better player.

For those who simply play tennis, they will benefit from the social aspect, but many times will lack the proper ball placement (Zones), proper court transition, as well shot selection to help improve their performance and to help themselves and their partner achieve an easier win. Keep in mind that all pro players have a coach, and if they are capable of beating their coach, then why were they hired?



# **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, April 4, 11, 18, 25
Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20, 27

6128 \$40 R/\$60 NR
6129 \$40 R/\$60 NR

### **Adult Weekday Doubles Play**

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

8:30 pm - 10:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly Monday, April 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6130 \$40 R/\$60 NR Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6131 \$40 R/\$60 NR

### **Adult Saturday Doubles**

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

8:30 am - 10:00 am I Sessions: Monthly Saturday, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 6132 \$50 R/\$75 NR

### **JUNIORS**

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

### **Junior Clinic**

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

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly Monday, April 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6127 \$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 I 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
\*April Social 4/23
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.





Our SUNDAY IN THE PARK event was SUPER! Residents and their families came out to enjoy a beauti



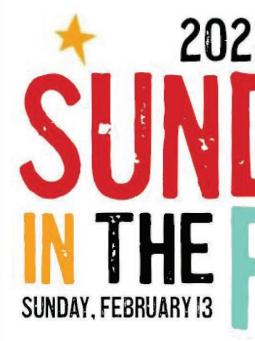






























ful day and live toe-tappin' music. To see more photos, please visit our Dobson Ranch HOA Facebook page.

































**SPECIAL THANKS TO JONATHAN THOMAS &** THE LITTLE ROOM BAND



# 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

TAI CHI

Instructor: Linda

When: Wednesdays (starting April 6) Where: AM Classes & PM Classes at

La Casita Recreation Center

10:00 am Beginning Tai Chi Time:

11:00 am Intermediate Tai Chi 6:00 pm Intermediate Tai Chi 7:00 pm Beginning Tai Chi

Cost: \$3 drop in residents, \$6 drop in non-residents

\$12 resident only for a 6-use punch card



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

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

### YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Jeanne When: Mondays

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

La Casita Recreation Center Where: \$8 drop in, \$42 resident only for a 7-use Cost:

punch card



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

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

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

### **HEALING YOGA**

Samantha Instructor:

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

\$7 drop in rate, \$30 resident only for a Cost:

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)

Fridays When:

Where: La Casita Rec. Center 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Time: Special Notes: Ends at 5:30 pm 3/18.

No table tennis on 3/25.

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













# 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, March 18

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

(Grande Room)

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



### Bunco

When: Friday, March18

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

(Chica Room)

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### Bridge

When: Mondays

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

Cost: \$1.00 per player

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Going on now - April 3rd! Buy your discount tickets on sale at the La Casita Rec. Center. Adult - \$27, Child - \$17 (ages 5-12).

















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By Michelle Masters, Chairperson



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- When: 1st Thursday of each Month @ 6:30pm

### **Dobson Ranch Democrats & Friends**

By Jill Snyder, Treasurer

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Thank you!

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By Jack Wagner, Chairman & Dobson Ranch resident since 1979



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## **Dobson Ranch Clubs**

### **Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club**

By Susan Toevs, Club President

The Retirees' Club continues to grow. At last count, we have 125 members meeting and enjoying their golden years in a variety of ways.

Our March meeting was held on Monday, March 7 at 9:30 am. Once again we had fun and raised funds for a worthy cause. For the program we had an auction of gently used items with **Jack Armstrong** serving as our auctioneer. All proceeds will benefit Booker T. Washington Elementary School teachers and students. Because of COVID, we were unable to do the auction in the past two years and were very excited to be able to once again help out while we have fun and clean out our closets, tool

In February, our Biking group served up a delicious lunch of sub sandwiches and salads. This month the Hiking group will be in charge of our lunch. Our many activity groups take turns serving as our "Chef" of the month.

We will be adding a swap table at future meetings where members can bring jigsaw puzzles, games and books for other members to enjoy. We even recycle FUN.

Where else will you find fun, fellowship and a delicious meal, all included in your annual membership dues of \$20.00. If you

have retired or are 55 plus, you are eligible to join our active group. You are invited to attend a meeting or an activity and give us a try before committing yourself to having fun on a regular basis.

Our 2022 Retirees' Club Officers: Susan Toevs, President; Donna Fox, Vice President; Carolyn Sedlak, Treasurer; and Jane Weitzel, Secretary.



Our Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club cyclists pedalled to Guadalupe on February 8 for this colorful photo.

# DR Picklers Are Very Excited to Get Back to 8 Renovated Los Altos Courts on 3/5 When "March Madness" Happens!

We enjoyed some amazing weather in February while the rest of the country suffered mightily. Many of our winter visitors commented on it frequently, and wished to delay their return home. We had one rainout and some "inconvenient" winds at times, but lots of excellent turnouts at Saratoga enjoying the cool, but tolerable, morning temperatures, while offering great views of Saratoga Lake. We enjoy watching the fisherman haul in some nice catches at times, and it was great to have a front seat to the delivery of the new Dobson Ranch Pontoon Boat into the dock in front of the courts. What an amazing place to live!!

We are very excited to return to the newly-renovated eight courts at Los Altos, and plan to be re-opening with a "March Madness" tournament on March 5th.

Our schedule remains the same, but please get on our email lists for updates should that change due to weather issues or other unanticipated events.

We are still offering our regular "Drop-In" Hours on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 7:00 am, and Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-10:00 pm under the lights. When we move back to Los Altos on March 5th, these hours will remain in effect, but we do usually shift our morning start to 7:00 am sometime in April, so watch for an announcement on that to come.

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!

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.

### Pickle-On!



Another average winter day of Dobson Ranch pickleball in paradise.

Photo taken on January 25 by Rich Bitner.

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### **Dobson Ranch Clubs**

### Women's Club

By Patty Smith, Women's Club President

The LA Rams are the Super Bowl Champions... I was routing for the Cincinnati Bengals (the Undercats)! What exciting playoff games! Hollywood couldn't have written a better script. The Super Bowl will be here next year. Anyone up for volunteering?

Congratulations to our Olympic athletes and the support of their famlies. The Paralympics began on March 5th. I hope you were able to see these amazing athletes in action. We are so proud of their achievements.



The Out to Lunch gang went to Crackers Restaurant in February. We had a wonderful server. She made lunch a much better experience for all of us!

In March, we'll visit Murphy's Law Pub, celebrating the

"Luck of the Irish". In April, we may head to Wickenberg. Chris will keep you informed.

**Bunco** in February was hosted by Miss Mike on Feb. 25th. Our theme was Fat Tuesday. On March 16th, we will be gathering at Tanya's home at 6:00 pm. Don't forget to wear green!

One of our original members, **Patsy Ingram**, passed away after a long illness. She was a lovely lady with so many travel stories. She and her husband Bill traveled all around the world. Our condolences to her family. We will miss her smile.

Will we have a Spring Training Season? We received tickets for Christmas!

Happy St Patrick's Day and keep the snakes out of your yard!

### **Retirees' Hiking Club**

By Barbara Stout, Retirees' Hiking Club Chairperson

Here is the spring hiking schedule for the remaining hikes in March and hikes through May 4th.

### Happy trails!

	The <i>Clippers</i> Extra hikes are in blue and are on Wednesdays and Fridays.		
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.		
April 6	McDowell Sonoran Preserve Granite Mountain Trailhead: Balance Rock Trail		
April 13	Picket Post Mountain (near Superior): Pacers around mountain, Clippers to top.		
April 20	Silly Mountain Park: In and out.		
April 27	Boyce Thompson Arboretum: Picnic		
May 4	Beautiful Prescott Del Rail-to-Trail Path: Easy to difficult.		

### Our Retirees' Club held their February Monthly Meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022. (Photos by Susan Davis.)



















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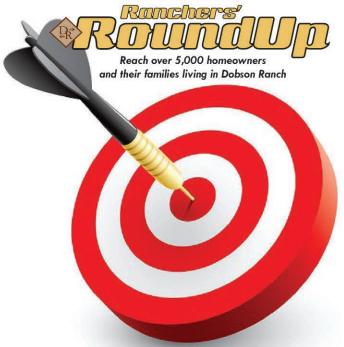
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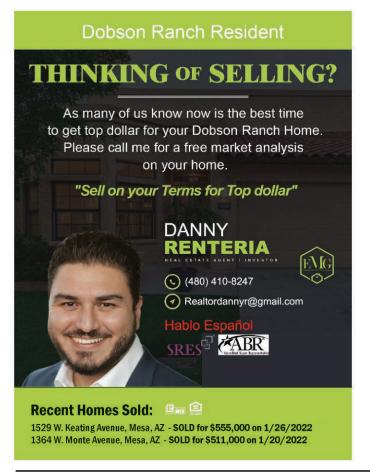
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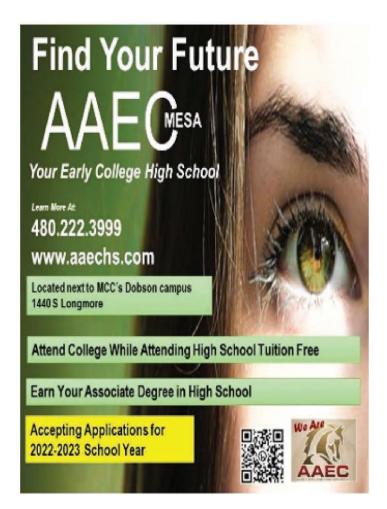
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- Stay and Shop from 8:00 am noon. You'll find some great bargains!
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Proceeds from the sale and Goodwill drive benefit Dobson High School Band. For more information or to donate items, email dhsbandfundraising@gmail.com.

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