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The Official Publication of the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association

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**Lottie Walters**, a dead ringer for a “Zombie Girl”, proudly took home **First Place** in the Costume Contest for ages 6-8 at our **Halloween Spooktacular** on October 14th. Competition was stiff in this age group, but Lottie came out shuffling ahead of the pack. She received a food gift card, so, hopefully, she won’t be eating any brains!

Thanks to everyone who came out to Laguna Park to strut their stuff in costume!

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## Message From the Association President



**By Nicole Lynam**  
Association President

### Getting On Board For 2023!

Hello, neighbors!

It is nice to finally get out and enjoy our beautiful neighborhood. The **Halloween Spooktacular** was a lot of fun with some amazing costumes. I've been able to join neighbors for some great meet-ups. I have also heard reports that our prior Executive Director, **Lynelle Glysson**, has been spotted around Dobson Ranch taking advantage of the Lifetime Fishing License gifted to her by the Water and Lake Management Committee. I always enjoy seeing our neighbors come together and prove that Dobson Ranch is a true community and not just a subdivision.

We had an great response to requests for volunteers to join our Board of Directors and various Committees. I expect the Board of Directors to vote on some appointments at the November Open Meeting. The Dobson Ranch Committees play a critical role in guiding our community and Committee meetings are always open for residents to attend and stay informed.

Like all of you, the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association felt the effects of inflation and increasing costs this year. While we strive to keep homeowner assessments low, the Board of Directors did approve a 5% assessment increase for 2023 at the October 27th Board Meeting. Each fall, our volunteers and Staff members spend countless hours reviewing budgets, reserve reports, special projects, and all of the critical planning that it takes to run a community. This year those long meetings were successful in keeping cost increases substantially lower than inflation rates and ensuring that Dobson Ranch remains financially stable.

We look forward to seeing you at our exciting upcoming events: **Fall Festival** (November 19th), **Winter Wonderland** (December 3rd), and **Breakfast with Santa** (December 10th). With the upcoming holidays, the Board of Directors Open Session Meetings and Budget & Finance Committee Meetings will be held the third week of November and December. Check the Dobson Ranch Events Calendar for all event dates and times.

Stay safe, stay kind, and stay Dobson Ranch Strong!

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



**CHEERS TO 50 YEARS!**  
**SKYE RISS**  
**2023**

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## Interim Executive Director's Message



**By Michael Fee**  
Interim Executive Director

### Bringing 25 Years Experience in Managing Large Master-Planned Communities to the Table

Hello Dobson Ranch Residents!

My name is **Michael Fee**, and I am pleased to have the privilege to serve as the part-time Interim Executive Director for the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association until a new full-time Executive Director is hired.

I have previously managed large master-planned communities like Dobson Ranch for almost 25 years, and most recently served as the Community Manager of the Grayhawk Community in North Scottsdale from 2006 to 2020. I decided to leave the community management industry in December 2020 and currently work part time in the pro shop at Ken McDonald Golf Course in Tempe.

My wife and I have lived in Dobson Ranch since 1999 and our family is currently living in our second home in the community on Lake 8.

As the Interim Executive Director, I intend to ensure a smooth transition during the period in which a new Executive Director is hired and make sure that Dobson Ranch continues to be... **"The Best Place to Live!"**

# HEADS UP ABOUT CC&Rs

Dobson Ranch is looking into updating the CC&Rs in 2023, which will require voting for the entire neighborhood. The intent of these updates is not to make any significant changes, but to bring our 50-year-old CC&Rs into compliance with current state and local laws, and to add clarity for our homeowners.

Our Board of Directors hopes to keep this process as transparent as possible with our residents. Be on the lookout for continuing updates through our weekly Email Blast, *Ranchers' RoundUp*, the Dobson Ranch website, and our social media channels on *Facebook* and *Instagram*.





## Message From the Editor



**By Skye Riss**  
Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

### The Dobson Ranch New App Updates: Pet Directory and More

The Dobson Ranch App continues to grow and grow with new features that everyone can enjoy.

Many of our residents are taking advantage of our new features on the App, and they are using it frequently to stay updated on events, news, and more within the Dobson Ranch Community.

#### Here are the latest App stats:

- **Adoption Rate:** 89.8%
- **Total Sessions:** 5,377
- **Total Screen Views:** 16,002
- **Total Guest Logins:** 774

We had a very successful **Fall Community Cleanup** event with **37 residents** who listed their homes on the App for their Garage Sales.

And, for Halloween, our **Trick or Treat Map on the App** was a huge success with **24** people listing their homes that showed the types of candy that they were handing out to trick or treaters.



Our newest feature is the **Pet Directory!** The Pet Directory is where you can upload a photo of your pet(s) and their information along with your contact information, so in case your pet goes missing, your neighbors can check the Pet Directory and contact you if they find your lost pet! This is a great new feature and we hope you all include your pets on our Pet Directory!



**Step 1:** Go to the home-page of the Dobson Ranch App. Click the small black lines at the top left of your screen, which will take you to the menu.

**Step 2:** Scroll down on the menu and click on My HOA.

**Step 3:** Scroll down until you see Pet Directory and click on the image to get to that page.

**Step 4:** Click on the Pet Directory and see the two options there. "Submit a Pet" is where you can upload your pet profile. "View Dobson Pets" is where you can view the list of other Dobson Ranch pets.

The App can be downloaded from the App Store (for iPhones) or Google Play (for Android phones) by searching Dobson Ranch.





## Project Updates in the Ranch



**By Dennis Melgreen**  
Associate Director of Facilities

### Reserve and Capital Projects

As we head into the winter season, our maintenance crew has been hard at work to update many of our facilities and amenities around the Ranch. Here is a list of the latest projects and their scheduled completion dates:

- **Saratoga Recreation Center Remodel:** Supply chain issues in metal door manufacturing have delayed the project until late November.
- **Laguna Park Pole and Bollard Lighting:** Lighting project was completed in mid-October. Overseeding the park completed on November 1.
- **Lake 7 Walkway Bollards from Laguna Park to the end of Lake 7:** Contractor price increases are under review. Scheduled to begin December 2022.
- **Landscape Improvements at the southwest corner of Dobson and Isabella:** The project is out to bid.
- **Laguna Park Restrooms:** The building plans have been approved by the State of Arizona. The utility plans are under review. The Request for Quotes from the utility contractors will follow.

We thank you all for your patience during these project updates! They will make our Ranch an even better place to live, work and play!

## JOIN THE BOARD!

# Call for Candidates

The Dobson Ranch Board of Directors has two vacancies. If you are interested in serving your community, please consider submitting an application. Each vacancy will fill a term ending in 2025.

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/join-the-board-of-directors](http://www.dobsonranchhoa.com/join-the-board-of-directors)), fill out an application and send it to: [cgonzales@dobson-ranch.com](mailto:cgonzales@dobson-ranch.com). Please include a bio about yourself. The Board will leave the call for candidates open until reasonably practical.



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

Congratulations to **Nancy** and **Bill Tekien**, the homeowners of **2250 W. Monterey Avenue**, for being selected for this month's Green Thumb Award.

Nancy and Bill are surrounded by their gorgeous landscaping with Xeriscape out front and a pier with a great view of Lake 7 in the back! Bill and Nancy both say their landscaping is very easy to maintain and they have a great yard service company that helps keep their property looking its best.

In their landscaping design, they have three trees that are native plants such as Lysiloma, with other plants including some Palo Verde, Red Yucca, Mexican Bird of Paradise, Prickly Pear Cactus, Dwarf Oleander, Sago Palm, and Natal Plum.

Bill and Nancy started their landscaping project in 1979. "Before I started the project, I took a community college course on landscape design. I installed the irrigation system and moved all of the rocks and have been tired ever since!" Bill laughs.

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



*Congrats to The Tekiens!*

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



## Children & Stress Management



By Dr. Andrea Hogan, Resident Guest Writer

*My husband Josh and I have lived in Dobson Ranch for seven years. We have a daughter Ella (7) and son, Emmett (5). I am a Girl Scout troop leader, and recently my Brownies began working on their healthy living patch, focusing on fitness, community, healthy relationships, future goals and health. Learning strategies to fulfill these aspects of wellness creates a more complete way of living.*

When I first read the patch requirements, I realized how similar the content was to the curriculum I teach in my General Psychology classes at GCU, and just how lucky these girls are to be learning these important objectives at a young age. I know many adults who should be working on this patch.

Stress is an inevitable part of life, and stress management is something every adult can work on. To raise better prepared and well-adjusted adults, learning the ins and outs of stress management should start in childhood. The ways children, adolescents and teens apply stress-management techniques are not that different from adults. However, how they learn these strategies can be more fun and involve the whole family. Additionally, the best stress management techniques require prevention rather than treatment. Just as the healthy living patch suggests – living a healthy life that includes fitness, healthy relationships, goal setting and emotional and physical health is the best way to equip yourself with the tools you need to manage stress, no matter your age.

As any good psychology professor will tell you, instilling stress-management techniques in children starts with observational and social learning. The best thing a parent can do for their child is model good behaviors. Family walks, bike rides, dance parties and even family workouts or yoga on *YouTube* are fun ways to demonstrate the importance of physical fitness. Setting boundaries, maintaining your own personal life, and making time for self-care show your children that it is OK to put yourself first.

It is also important to practice stress management techniques with them. My husband and I practice various breathing techniques,

including **Wim Hof**. Our children have seen us do this hundreds of times and join us frequently. They have been “smelling a flower” and “blowing a balloon” since they started talking. As they’ve gotten older, I’ve tried to help them focus on mindfulness and self-regulation. A fun way to focus on mindfulness is to incorporate items such as play dough, pop its, fidget spinners, stress balls or crystals, and have kids focus on those items.

Gratitude is an important part of well-being as well. Personally, as a Christian family, we practice gratitude by giving thanks for our blessings and servant leadership through family mission and community service projects. I also try to demonstrate self-care by doing face and hair masks with my daughter, and sometimes I lock myself in the bathroom to take a bath alone, demonstrating it is okay to put yourself first.

Remember, your kids feed off your energy and follow your example. If you are having a stressful day, chances are they will, too. And, it is okay for your kids to see you stressed! In fact, some stress is actually good for us – it can motivate you to complete a task. What is important is that your children see you overcome challenges and work through stressful times – this will help them be able to

self-regulate in the future. Most of all, don’t be hard on yourself if they see you down or not your best self, that is a normal part of life and can be wonderful teaching moments.

Give your kids a break, too! Children, adolescents and teens have big feelings and underdeveloped brains. It is unrealistic to expect kids always to be able to cope effectively to the various curve balls life hands out and the big feelings those situations bring. Love your children, lead by example, and be there to support and listen to them when they need it.

This simple advice is the best thing you can do to help your children manage stress. Equipping your child with the skills they need to manage future stressors is essential for their physical and emotional well-being... and it is also good for **YOU!**



Photos (l. to r.): Family service at Feed My Starving Children; Ella and Mom face masks; and Girl Scouts Yoga Meeting.





## Monthly Update from Councilmember Heredia

I'm excited to share that the Valley Metro Fiesta Buzz has begun service in West Mesa! Riders have a new way to travel between Mesa Riverview, the Asian District, and the Fiesta District. Popular destination points include Mesa Riverview, Sloan Park, Mekong Plaza, Mesa Community College, Banner Health Desert Medical Center, and several other locations in between.

### What makes the Fiesta Buzz special?

The Fiesta Buzz is a **FREE** service that runs every 30-minutes, Monday through Friday from 5:30 am to midnight, and Saturdays 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. All vehicles are ADA accessible and run on compressed-natural gas, which produces fewer emissions. The vehicles used for the Fiesta Buzz are smaller than standard busses, this allows them to move through neighborhoods easier. Another difference is that you can hail it like a taxi in the flag zone areas. Just keep in mind that the Fiesta Buzz will only pull up to a safe location on the curb to pick you up.

I hope you take advantage of this brand new service! For additional info, including schedule and route map, visit: [www.valleymetro.org/maps-schedules/fbuzz](http://www.valleymetro.org/maps-schedules/fbuzz).



~ Councilmember Francisco Heredia



## Tree Trimming

Our Code Compliance team has been receiving calls regarding tree trimming and neighbors' trees overhanging on their property. Please refer to our Section regarding tree maintenance in our Residential Architectural Guidelines for guidance.

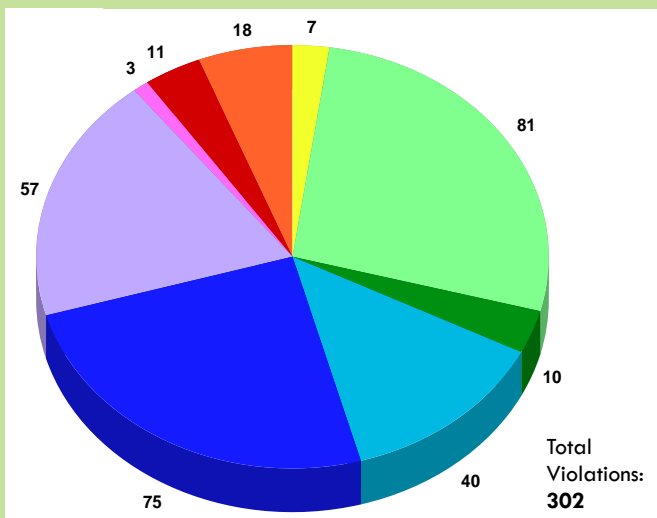
### SECTION 2.17 - TREES

No trees, shrubs or planting of any kind on a Lot shall be allowed to overhang or otherwise encroach upon any bicycle path, sidewalk or any other pedestrian way or any other property in the Dobson Association, including another Lot, from ground level to a height of eight feet or overhang or encroach upon any public right-of-way or street from ground level to a height of 14 feet. Dead tree stumps must either be cut below ground level or the stump be "ground" so as not to be visible from the street. Trees, shrubs or plantings must be maintained with significant dead foliage/limbs removed. All palm trees must be trimmed on a regular basis to remove any dead or brown fronds from palm trees. Trees and shrubs shall be trimmed eight feet above the lakes. In addition, please consult the declaration for your subdivision to determine whether more restrictive provisions or additional restrictions may apply.

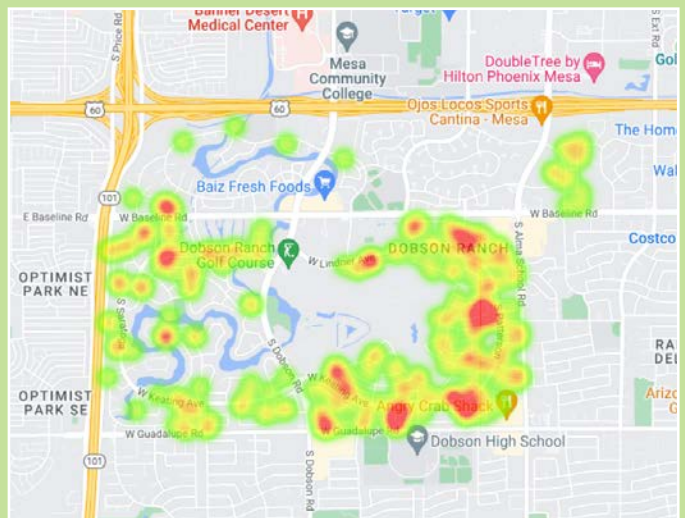
As a reminder, homeowner violation letters have been sent via email for those homeowners with email addresses on file. Emailing violation letters helps save on postage for the HOA. If we do not have your email on file, please contact the Administration Office and we would be happy to add that for you. You can find the new Residential Architectural Guidelines on the Dobson Ranch website, the Dobson Ranch App, and there are hard copies in the office as well, if needed. If you have questions regarding the new guidelines, code enforcement or HOA Life, please contact the office at 480-831-8314.

Camille Gonzales, Operations Manager

## CC&R Notices for October 2022

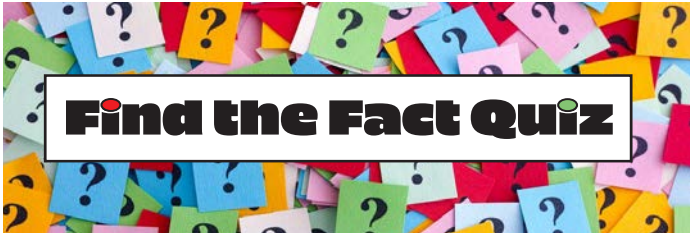


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The heat map above indicates where the most violations were given in the month of October.

\* Other violations include: Exterior Colors; Outside Lighting; Uniform Painting; Banners; Signs; Sunshades, Fabric Shades or Umbrellas; Windows and Awnings; and Grass and Landscaping. Sections can be found in our Residential Architectural Guidelines.



## Find the Fact Quiz

We received eight entries from our fifth **Find the Fact Quiz** in October. A random drawing was held on October 17th to select the winner of the fourth **\$20.00 Amazon Gift Card**. The gift card for October goes to **Marie Wong**. Thanks for taking the time to find all the facts, Marie!

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

### Ready, Set, GO!

1. The La Casita Administration Office and Recreation Center will be closed on what two dates in November?
2. Who is the Central Kitchen Supervisor at Rhodes Jr. High?
3. How many CC&R tree violations were given in the month of October?
4. Which new advertiser has an offer for a \$50 skin cancer screening?
5. What percentage of AZ's water is from the Colorado River?
6. On what date will the Lighted Boat Parade be held in 2022?

7. How many Fathead Minnows were added to our lakes during their Fall Fish Stock?
8. What is the name of our Interim Executive Director?
9. What is the name of the free bus service that runs every 30 minutes in Mesa?
10. When is the walkway bollards installation from Laguna Park to the end of Lake 7 scheduled to begin?
11. How many homes were sold in Dobson Ranch in September of 2022?
12. How much will a ticket cost per person for Breakfast with Santa after November 27th?
13. What new feature on the Dobson Ranch App can help you find the owner of a lost pet?
14. Who won the Halloween Costume Contest in the Family (or Group) category?
15. When you are managing the water pressure of your sprinkler system, misting indicates what?
16. Name one of the traits that help Ms. Jessi's preschool students interact in class?
17. Which new advertiser has a "Buy One, Get One FREE!" coupon in this issue?
18. What is the name of the program held at Dobson Ranch that manages concerns about falls?
19. What new daytime activity for 2022 will be added to our Winter Wonderland event on December 3rd?
20. What is the newest Dobson Ranch Club to join?

Hope you had fun fact finding! We'll be back in December with another **Find the Fact Quiz** and gift card giveaway.



American Red Cross

# 1 PINT can save 3 LIVES

## GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE

Blood Drive held on Tuesday, October 18th in the Grande Room



## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR RESIDENTS WHO HELPED SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES EACH BY DONATING BLOOD IN OCTOBER!



**Our goal was 25 pints of blood. We finished with 33 pints!** "The American Red Cross is grateful for all of our amazing blood donors in the Dobson Ranch community. The blood drive held on October 18th, like all of the previous blood drives, went over goal. Special shout out to those Power Red donors that take the extra time and help more people with their double donations."  
- Colin Williams, Blood Drive Account Manager, AZ/NM





## DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

### FALLEN FRIENDS



Healthy cactus at Usery Park

Usery Mountain Regional Park encompasses nearly 3,700 acres of natural Sonoran Desert. It ranges from 1,700 - 2,750 feet in elevation. It is east of and a bit higher than the greater Phoenix, AZ area. My husband Terry and I have been visiting Usery for over 40 years; just a 30-minute ride east of our home on Dobson Ranch. We've enjoyed watching desert plants sprout, grow, mature and die over the decades. Lately, we've seen lots of **ferocactus** (barrel cactus) die.

In 2015, there was a hard freeze in the Phoenix metro area, and as Usery is at a higher elevation, the freeze was felt more keenly there. In 2017, we noticed that many feros had a funky growth at the apex of the plant (Photo 2), probably from freezing. In the next years, the growth got larger. Then in 2019,



A blown over ferocactus.

many feros fell over due to a big wind storm that came howling down the mountainsides. I'm guessing that these plants were victims of the freeze and had damaged roots making them easy targets.



Funky apex growth probably from freezing.

It was sad to see many plants with roots in the air, or at least very exposed.



A fallen friend about six feet tall with roots in the air.

It didn't take long for bacteria and pathogens to make their way into the plants.

Desert insects and animals must also have enjoyed the banquet. It only took one year for the plants to completely flatten!



A flattened ferocactus.

In some cases, in just one year there was nothing left but some brittle skin and spines, some with just an outline of spines. Interesting to see for sure. Don't worry, there are still lots of healthy and perky plants in the park. Now that the weather is cool, go take a walk there. If it freezes this winter, be sure to cover your ferocactus.



Outline of plant with brittle skin and some spines.



A vague outline of spines of a ferocactus.

### Irrigation System Efficiency Checklist

Fall has arrived, and the welcome relief from the heat may turn attention away from drought. While Arizona had a decent monsoon season, it was nowhere near enough to put the region out of drought status. Now is the time for homeowners to double down efforts and work together to reduce landscape water usage, all while maintaining attractive outdoor spaces. ALCA has created this *Irrigation System Efficiency Checklist* to guide this cooperative effort.

#### General

- Schedule regular system checks (wet test) to spot leaks, clogged nozzles, misdirection and other problems.
- Replace broken heads immediately; repair or replace leaking valves, pipes and emitters.

#### Controller/Programming:

- Assess current programming to spot any errors or accidental extra run times.
- Manage irrigation schedule according to ET (evapotranspiration).
- Use a smart controller or make monthly adjustments at minimum.
- Make conventional controllers "smarter" with add-ons like soil moisture sensors, or weather stations.
- Water to the correct depth at each watering, wet the entire root zone of the plants and change the frequency of the irrigation, not the run time.
- Use cycle and soak setting to reduce run-off.
- Run sprinklers early in the morning to reduce water loss by evaporation.

#### Sprinklers:

- Manage water pressure; misting indicates pressure is too high.
- Do not mix rotors and sprays on a valve.
- Use correct head-to-head spacing.
- Maximize Distribution Uniformity (DU) with Matched Precipitation Rate (MPR) nozzles.
- Check and adjust sprinklers after mowing.
- Use high efficiency/pressure regulating heads for water savings.



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## It's Time for Fall and Pie (Charts)!

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water and Lake Management Committee Member



In September, I had the honor of representing the Dobson Association at the Arizona Hydrological Society's Annual Symposium. During the presentation "Surface Water and Groundwater Interaction - An Examination of the Natural and Man-Made Ties that Bind Them," an image of the main rivers that supply drinking water in the United States stood out. It doesn't seem like that many rivers for a country with a population of over 333 million. I looked at this image keeping in mind that our arid region receives less than 10" of rain a year, coupled with the fact there is less than 1% of freshwater to drink on Earth since most is salty or trapped as ice.

The Colorado River, Arizona's border to the west, supplies water to seven states, indigeneous tribes and Mexico. It covers over 1400 miles and is the primary source of water for 40 million Americans. In Arizona, 36% of our water comes from the Colorado River, and is divided between agricultural, municipal and industrial use.

The Colorado River has had a drop in water levels, due in part to an ongoing drought. The levels have dropped significantly over the past 20 years, and according to Sarah Porter, Director of the Kyl Center for Water Policy at ASU's Morrison Institute, the reservoirs at Lake Mead and Lake Powell along the Colorado River are below 30% capacity.

Our state also relies heavily on groundwater, water that is underground in saturated zones beneath the Earth's surface. The Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) has identified

five areas across the state as having too heavy of a reliance on groundwater. These areas are referred to as Active Management Areas (AMAs) and Dobson Ranch is part of the Phoenix AMA. Here at home, the City of Mesa treats and pumps water from SRP's watershed for our household use. This water can also be combined with water from none other than the Colorado River (srpnet.com). As for the eight lakes in our community, while they do detain stormwater run-off, the 84 acres are linked together through an underground piping system and are filled with SPR water.

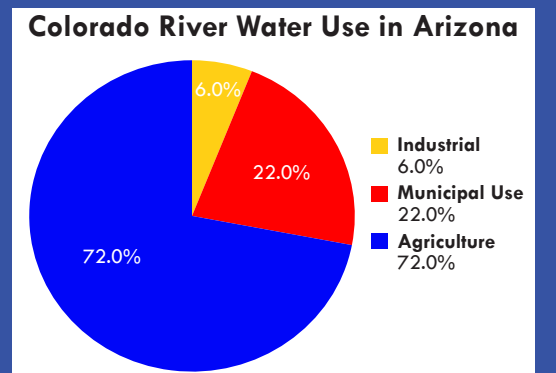
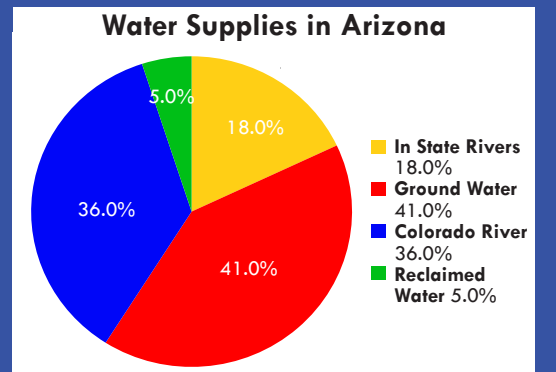
At the time of this writing, U.S. Senator Sinema's Water Advisory Council is reviewing ways to invest \$4 billion of Inflation Reduction Act funds targeted at Colorado River drought relief. This past spring, Governor Ducey touted water desalination as a way to augment Arizona's supplies. In May, the City of Mesa asked residents to voluntarily save water as part of Stage One of the City's Water Shortage Management Plan. Check out July's RoundUp magazine for 50 easy ways to save water at home.

Now that you have more information on the water supplies for our state, our homes, and our lakes, it's time to put your knowledge to work. Visit the Water and Lake Management Committee table at the Fall Festival at Laguna Park, on Saturday, November 19th, for a chance to win great prizes, compliments of SRP. Kids will have fun learning about water and picking their own ladybug sticker. Share your favorite conservation tips with W&LM Committee members and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and music. See you at the Fall Festival!

#DobsonConservation



Image of the main rivers that supply drinking water in the United States. (Map courtesy of the World Wide Web.)



(Graph data from ADWR.)





## Fall Fish Stock on the Ranch

By Joseph Trickett, Water and Lake Management Committee Chairman



With another summer in the books, we happily welcome fall. Crisp mornings and cool nights draw us back outside. More and more residents are enjoying the wonderful paths, parks, green spaces and lakes that our community has to offer. Along with fall comes our annual **Fall Fish Stock**.

This fall, we are stocking **3,000 Catfish** in the 4-to-5-inch size range, **3,000 Bluegill** in the 1-to-2-inch size range, **3,500 Redear Sunfish** in the 1-to-2-inch size range, and **40,000 Fathead Minnows** 1-inch or larger. Several spawns this year have helped increase our **Largemouth Bass** population naturally. The current plan is to stock Bass every other year to introduce new genetics into the population.

Each fish species that we stock has a job to do in our lakes. The Catfish help clean the bottom of the lakes disposing of any dead fish before they float to the surface, while also providing sport for anglers. Bluegill feed on mosquito larva and smaller fish, while providing forage for Largemouth Bass as well as sport for anglers. The Redear Sunfish add protection against the quagga and zebra mussels, while providing forage for larger fish. Fathead Minnows are a large part of our foraging base. Being that they are low on the food chain, they are also hard workers! The Fathead Minnows eat algae, organic sediment, duck and goose waste, leaf litter and mosquito larva. These

guys work around the clock! Largemouth Bass, on the other hand, help keep the other species populations in check while providing sport for anglers. Needless to say, it's a "Fish eat fish world" below the surface of our lakes.

Artificial habitat installations have been placed around stocking locations and throughout Lakes 1, 7 and 8. Another group of habitats is being installed in Lake 7 later this month. The habitats provide a place for fish to hide when initially stocked to help increase survivability. It also creates areas for smaller fish to evade predators and to lay their eggs and naturally procreate, reducing the number of fish that need to be purchased and stocked each year.

The healthy population of fish currently residing in our lakes should give anglers plenty of action, while helping to maintain a healthy eco system. Just remember to "Catch and Release!" That goes for all our fish here at the Ranch.

Resident and non-resident fishing licenses are available at the La Casita Recreation Center.

You are encouraged to submit photos of your catch to the Editor at [sriss@dobsonranch.com](mailto:sriss@dobsonranch.com) for a chance to be featured in a future issue.



## Real Estate on the Ranch

### Home Sales & Mesa Market Trends

By Nicole Lynam, Board President



#### Homes Sold

**September 2022: 54 Homes Sold**  
September 2021: 84 Homes Sold  
August 2022: 58 Homes Sold  
August 2021: 100 Homes Sold

#### Median Home Sale Price

**Dobson Ranch:**  
**September 2022: \$497,500**  
September 2021: \$311,000  
(60.0% Growth Year-Over-Year)  
August 2022: \$500,000  
August 2021: \$374,000  
(33.7% Growth Year-Over-Year)

#### 85202:

**September 2022: \$354,000**  
September 2021: \$300,000  
(20.7% Growth Year-Over-Year)  
August 2022: \$400,000  
August 2021: \$320,000  
(25.0% Growth Year-Over-Year)

All data as reported by Redfin.com

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

In September 2022, Dobson Ranch home prices were up **60.0%** compared to last year, selling for a median price of **\$497,500**. On average, homes in Dobson Ranch sell after **43** days on the market compared to **23** days last year. There were **54** homes sold in September this year, down from **84** last year.

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

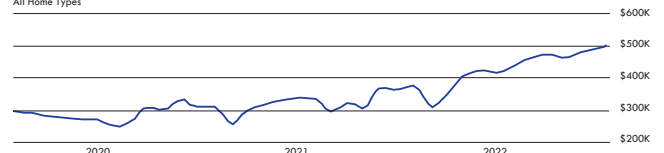
Some homes get multiple offers. The average homes sell for about **1% below** list price and go pending in around **44** days. "Hot" homes can sell for about **1% above** list price and go pending in around **16** days.

**Number of homes sold in Dobson Ranch in October 2022 (as of 10/25): 25.** Final figures for October 2022 will be reported in the next issue of *Ranchers' RoundUp*.

#### Median Sale Price

\$497,500

All Home Types





## La Casita Preschool Nurtures Growth for the Next Generation and Beyond

By *Skye Riss*, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



**Jessi Feltmann, famously known as Ms. Jessi, is the Preschool Teacher at the La Casita Preschool. She has been teaching for 17 years with Dobson Ranch and loves being able to nurture growth for her students. La Casita Preschool is open to both Dobson Ranch residents and non-residents. Ms. Jessi preaches her teaching philosophy: "I believe in the power of**

**play. Play is a way of learning for preschoolers. I encourage children to think creatively, so they may succeed in our ever-changing world."**

Ms. Jessi got involved with Dobson Ranch when she saw an ad stating "Preschool Teacher Needed" and went in for an interview. As soon as she walked into the La Casita Recreation Center for the interview, she had a great feeling and was ultimately hired in 2005. Ms. Jessi is originally from Minnesota, but has been living on the Ranch for the past five years.

Ms. Jessi loves her job so much and enjoys working with preschoolers the most. "I love their innocence. They laugh at all my silly jokes, I can dance and sing with them, and they tell me they love me every day."

A typical day at La Casita Preschool is pure fun! "When the students get to class, we start Circle Time and go through what each student wants to do for the day. We have story time, play outside, have

snack time, do science experiments, make art, and then we end class with fun dancing and games," Ms. Jessi exclaims. A lot of the materials that Ms. Jessi gets for her students are from this teacher's haven called *Treasures for Teachers* in Tempe, AZ. It is a shop where teachers can go and purchase donated leftover school and craft supplies for a very reasonable price.

Ms. Jessi works hard to put together a program that the students will love by keeping the lesson plans fresh. Ms. Jessi explains, "I have to be super organized and extremely flexible, so if something is not working, I can turn it around quickly into something that does work."

Because Ms. Jessi is the sole Preschool Teacher at La Casita Preschool, she also manages a lot of work behind the scenes. "I work to keep our Arizona teaching regulations up to date, practice fire drills with the students, and update staff forms and immunizations so that the school year can start smoothly," Ms. Jessi clarifies.

Ms. Jessi explains that although teaching her students is fun, it also comes with the responsibility of addressing any challenges or issues that may arise. Ms. Jessi says her strongest qualities being a teacher include, "Flexibility, quick thinking, passion, creativity, and empathy." These are traits that help her students interact in class, and ultimately in life, each day. Ms. Jessi also works with her students and advises the parent(s) on how their child is doing in class.

Ms. Jessi describes how she addresses these challenges in class with her students. "I do my best to help my students understand why they are feeling some emotion, whether that is sadness, frustration or anger, I tell them that those feelings are normal. I assist them if they need help and make sure to let them safely release their emotions for themselves and the other students in the class. I have set up the classroom to attend to each student's physical and mental needs. Children tend to gravitate toward items that resemble real things. For example, we have a cozy corner for when a student needs time to reflect on their feelings, a science station with magnifying glasses and objects to discover, a sensory tub filled with sand and other materials, a play kitchen, art spaces, and a writing space for math and spelling. Our classroom may be small, but we pack a lot of fun and learning into it! The things that I am teaching my students will hopefully stick with them as they grow older." Other than playtime, Ms. Jessi also teaches

them invaluable skills for life, like how to safely cut paper, use paint brushes and different mediums, use glue sticks, and other important skills.

The beauty of Dobson Ranch is that our community

is so tight. A lot of the students who go to the La Casita Preschool, grow up together on the Ranch. "They end up becoming best friends and get to hang out with each other after school. Dobson Ranch is a diamond in the rough. Our community is different from anywhere else, and that is what makes our preschool so special," Ms. Jessi says smiling.

One story that is Ms. Jessi's most heartfelt, happened in Dobson Ranch in the La Casita Recreation Center Grande Room. "I had been teaching at La Casita Preschool for two years and I was about to begin the preschool graduation. We were presenting a slideshow with pictures of the kids in class when suddenly photos of me started popping up on the screen, and then photos of me and my husband Matt started showing up as well. I had a funny feeling and that was when Matt came up on stage and proposed to me in front of the students and parents! Teaching and living in Dobson Ranch shaped my life, and I would do it all over again," Ms. Jessi beams.



Photo: Adrienne Altobello





# Food and Nutrition at Mesa Public Schools Is a Labor of Love

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

More powerful than a locomotive, able to whip up 100 pounds of sliced apples in a single batch, while preparing 17,600 servings of homemade mac and cheese, all while adhering to strict government guidelines - it's all in a day's work for the food and nutrition department at Mesa Public Schools.

**Sabrina Kvalle**, director of food and nutrition for the largest school district in Arizona, shares that there are many moving parts to providing daily nutritious meals to their customers. The ultimate goal is to ensure that students have a good experience when they are in the cafeteria. Love for the students is the number one reason this powerhouse department has many long-term employees. Food and nutrition staff members wear their hearts on their sleeves for the students and staff members they serve daily.

"Our team members enjoy engaging with the students," Kvalle shares. "We have students who will wait in a longer line to get their lunch just so that they can go to a particular person running the register."

Kvalle shares that the department has a strong commitment to teamwork and continues to navigate through challenges, such as the school meal waiver program not being extended by lawmakers. The waiver allowed schools more flexibility to feed food insecure students during the quarantine and provided

more leeway regarding nutritional guidelines due to supply chain and staffing issues. Kvalle says they are still managing supply issues and are working even harder to reach families in need to fill out the paperwork to ensure they are getting their meals.

## Meet Yvonne Cain, Central Kitchen Supervisor at Rhodes Junior High

**Yvonne Cain** is the Central Kitchen Field Supervisor at Rhodes Junior High School and shares that for 12 years she has enjoyed every minute of her career. Cain found her place in food and nutrition when she was looking for a part-time job. She needed something that didn't require nights or weekends so she could watch her 15-month-old granddaughter in the evening. Cain slowly moved her way up her career path, starting with serving breakfast, to becoming an elementary floater and then completing the management training program.

"My favorite part of my job is still the students," Cain shares. "There is a certain satisfaction knowing that you contributed to feeding students who are smiling, happy and talking. It's the best kind of job reward."

For more information regarding careers at Mesa Public Schools, please visit [mpsaz.org/careers](https://mpsaz.org/careers).







## From the Recreation Director's Desk



**By Jesse Wright**  
Recreation Manager

Thank you to all who participated in our spectacular **Halloween Spooktacular!** We hope you'll be back for our **Fall Festival** on November 19th.

I am happy to announce that our **Fall Break Camp** was a huge success. A special thank you goes out to **Brock Wright** and our Recreation Staff for working the Camp and making it enjoyable for the kids... you guys did a great job! We had a beautiful day for the October 1st **Community Clean Up** event, and a total of 29.99 tons of material was collected.

The weather is finally starting to cool off and December is sneaking up on us. We have some exciting programs back to end the year. Our **Winter Wonderland** event on December 3rd has a twist this year! We will have kid's activities from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm including crafts and games. Though we won't have any snow, we will have a synthetic ice skating rink, so bring your ice skates if you have them. If not, a limited amount of skates will be available to rent at Saratoga Recreation Center. Evening activities will also be held at Saratoga Rec. Center from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. They include hot cocoa and cookies, carolers, and the popular lighted boat parade. **Breakfast with Santa** will take place on December 10th at the La Casita Recreation Center. Tickets go on sale November 7th for the event, but hurry... space is limited. Please come out and support our community!

**Please note our Recreation Center Holiday Hours below:**  
**Thanksgiving** - Thursday 11/24 and Friday 11/25 **CLOSED.**  
Will reopen on Saturday 11/26.  
**Christmas Eve** 12/24 and **Christmas Day** 12/25 **CLOSED.**  
Will reopen on Monday 12/26 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

## Tennis Tip for November 2022



**By Kwong Young**  
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

### Are You a Good or Bad Loser?

In sports, we generally measure success from our performance in terms of winning and losing. One of the biggest learning experiences you will receive in life is coming up short (*losing*).

If someone is a **GOOD LOSER**, they will accept their loss without complaint and send a compliment to their opponent.

If someone is a **BAD LOSER**, they will find excuses for why they lost, and merely complain about the loss.

I, for one, have lost many times in my tennis career, but always took the time to look my opponent in the eye and graciously shook hands after each loss. I thank my opponent for playing and testing my performance and understanding.

After a loss, I like to ask myself what I would do differently to score a win next time. Nobody enjoys losing, but it's part of the game and not the end of the world when it happens!

### Seven Ways to Be a Good Loser:

1. Be positive. Winning without honor is worse than a loss.
2. Remain true to your values.
3. Own the loss.
4. Determine why you lost.
5. Raise your game.
6. Turn barriers into hurdles.
7. Don't quit.

**Save the date!**

**Bark in the Park**

**50**  
Anniversary  
1972 to 2022

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

**3 in-person contests**

**Best Trick**      **Pet-Owner Lookalike**      **Ugliest Sweater**

**Save the date!**

**Sunday in 50 the Park**

**50**  
Anniversary  
1972 to 2022

**2/5 - 3:00 to 5:00 pm**  
**Laguna Park**

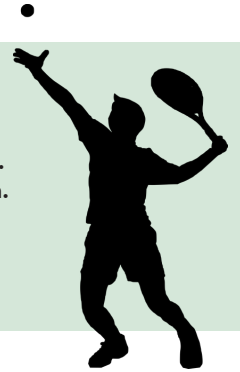
**Live Music and Refreshments!**  
Bring lawn chairs and blankets!  
Call the Recreation Department with questions - 480-831-7464





## DOBSON RANCH TENNIS ACADEMY

All tennis lessons and Round Robin events are held at the La Casita Recreation Center. All tennis sessions begin on the first of each month and run until the end of the month. Contact the La Casita Recreation Center for more information at 480-831-7464 or visit [dobsonranchhoa.com](http://dobsonranchhoa.com).



### ADULTS

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

#### Adult Skills & Drills

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

**7:00 pm - 8:30 pm** | Sessions: Monthly  
Monday, December 5, 12, 19, 26 **6206 \$40 R/\$60 NR**  
Wednesday, December 7, 14, 21, 28 **6207 \$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, December 5, 12, 19, 26 **6208 \$40 R/\$60 NR**  
Wednesday, December 7, 14, 21, 28 **6209 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

#### Adult Saturday Doubles

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

**9:00 am - 10:30 am** | Sessions: Monthly  
Saturday, December 3, 10, 17 **6210 \$30 R/\$45 NR**

### JUNIORS

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

#### Junior Clinic

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

**6:00 pm - 7:00 pm** | Sessions: Monthly  
Monday, December 5, 12, 19 **6205 \$30 R/\$45 NR**

#### Monthly Round Robin Social\*

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

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

**\*December Social 12/17**

**\*FREE!** Adults 16+ (Register in advance, space is limited.)

### PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

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



## RECREATION CLASSES

The following classes are tentatively on the schedule and are subject to change. Please visit the events calendar for the most up-to-date information at [www.dobsonranch.com](http://www.dobsonranch.com).

### ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES

#### TAI CHI

Instructor: Linda  
 When: Wednesdays  
 Where: AM & PM Classes  
 La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 10:00 am Intermediate Tai Chi  
 11:00 am Beginner Tai Chi  
 6:00 pm Intermediate Tai Chi  
 7:00 pm Beginner Tai Chi

Cost: \$3 drop in residents, \$6 drop in non-residents  
 \$12 resident only for a 6-use punch card



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

#### YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Jeanne  
 When: Mondays  
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center  
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
 Cost: \$8 drop in, \$42 resident only for a 7-use punch card.



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

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

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

#### ZUMBA

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



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

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

#### HEALING YOGA

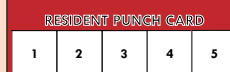
Instructor: Samantha  
 When: Tuesdays and Thursdays  
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center  
 Time: 8:15 am - 9:15 am  
 Cost: \$8 drop in, \$42 resident only for a 7-use punch card.



Hard to get up off the floor? Body having a hard time moving? Feeling every ache and pain? Come join us for gentle, therapeutic body movement. We gently move and stretch different parts of the body to help bring new life to tired parts! Learn how to relax the mind, discovering how to relieve anxiety, bring better sleep, not letting your worries take control over your mind. If you think your body has had it and can't do anything anymore – think again. Come join us for gentle recovery. You can try it lying on the floor, or even in a chair. Bring a yoga mat. You can attend either yoga class offered with your punch card. Punch card expires two months from your purchase date.



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



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

\* Punch cards may be punched one time for residents only per class. No additional punches for guests or residents. Punch Cards expire two months from purchase date.





## CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

### FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Class Code: 6115  
 When: Thursdays (November 3rd - December 8th)  
 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: \$35 check or cash only.**

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

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



### DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Class Code: 6213  
 When: Tuesdays (November 1st - December 6th)  
 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: \$35 check or cash only.**

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

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

Class Code: 6121  
 When: Thursdays (November 3rd - December 8th)  
 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: \$35 check or cash only.**

In a fun, encouraging and high energy atmosphere, your child will be shown the fundamentals of ballet and jazz, which can help to improve motor skills and creative expression. Soft-soled shoes or bare feet are recommended. Children must be able to work in a group setting. There will be a recital at the end of the session. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.



## ACTIVITIES

### Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Style Poker

(Must be 18 or older)  
 When: Friday, November 18  
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center  
 Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)  
 Cost: Free to residents, \$5 non-residents



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

### Bunco

When: Friday, November 18  
 Where: La Casita Rec. Center (Chica Room)  
 Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)  
 Cost: Free to residents, \$5 non-residents



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

### Bridge

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



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



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



A MATTER OF  
**BALANCE**

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

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

This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

#### YOU WILL LEARN TO:

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

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

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

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

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

#### DATES:

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

#### LOCATION:

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

#### CONTACT: Recreation Department

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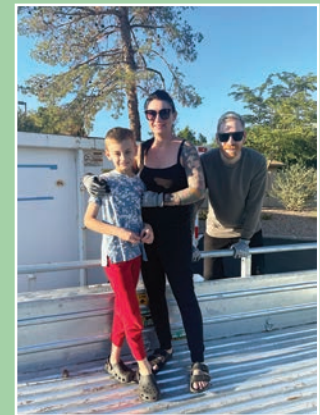


Ranchers joined their neighbors in the Ranch-wide spruce up on Saturday, October 1st at c

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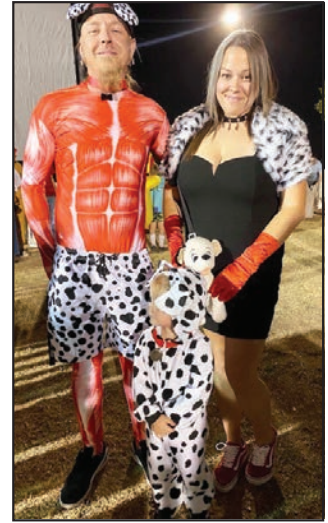
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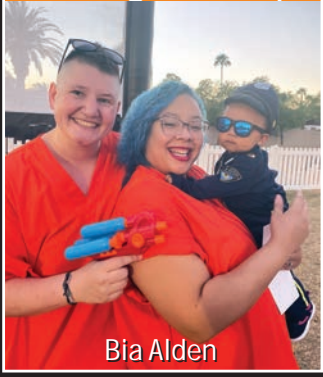
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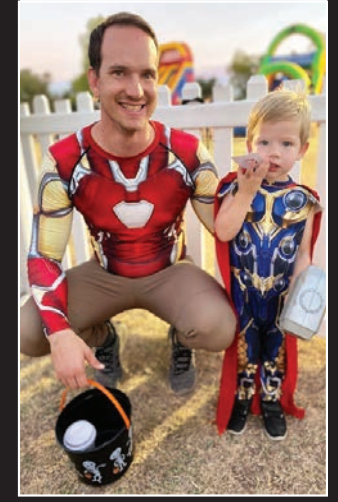


Avery Petland

6-8 Age Group



Lottie Walters



40



What's not to love about Halloween on the Ranch? To see over 100 more photos, please visit our Facebook page.



### 9-12 Age Group



Ruby Olivias

### Family (or Group) Winners



Way to go Lee Family!





# Winter Wonderland

**Saturday, December 3rd**

**Daytime Activities:**

**1:30 pm - 3:30 pm**

Ice skating rink, inflatables, crafts,  
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December 10 @ La Casita Rec. Center  
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Pancakes, juice, fruit, milk & coffee!

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\$8 per person

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\$15 per person after November 27, 2022



Contact Recreation Dept. at 480.831.7464.



## Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Susan Toevs, Retirees' Club President

Another month has flown by and the winds have brought our "snowbirds" back to the Ranch. We are so happy to see each other and exchange information about our travels.

WE are filled with activities! We have fun, gain valuable information and have a filling lunch at our monthly meeting. We like to eat... with activities such as Men's Breakfast, Ladies Luncheon, Happy Hour and Dinner Night Out. Then, to burn off those added calories, on our group walks, hikes, bikes and line dances around the Ranch.

Retirees truly enjoyed staffing a table at the "Spooktacular". It was a treat to see the families and children come by all dressed up, even a few dogs came in costume. A big shout out to **Susan Davis** for creating our new brochure which we handed out to potential members at this event.

We will once again be helping out at the **Breakfast with Santa** event on December 10th. **Diana Middleton** will be chairing and organizing our pancake elves who will be making those delicious flapjacks and sausages on the grill. We enjoy seeing all the Ranch families and helping to keep Dobson Ranch strong.

**Pauline Cetti** is making arrangements to bring Christmas joy to three needy families this year. We will be shopping, fulfilling wishes, wrapping, and delivering gifts to make a Merry Christmas for each one of them.

At our December meeting, our Board Members at Large, **Chuck Weitzel** and **Bill Tekien**, are planning a fun and spirited gift exchange for our members. New gifts, not to exceed a value of \$20.00, will be wrapped and placed on the tables for our

program. Participation in the exchange is not mandatory, but you can bet these guys have some fun up their sleeves for your entertainment!

A BIG shout out goes to **Karen Magnan** and her committee for planning our wonderful "**Senior Spooktacular**" **Members Appreciation** event on October 22nd featuring the **Riff Raff Band**, dancing and plenty of great food. A wonderful time was had by all!

Thanks to Dobson Ranch for refinishing our podium. Did you know that it was handmade by member **Sam Wasson** for the Retirees' Club in 2003? It has been used by many groups that meet at La Casita. We now have a plaque on it to give credit to Sam. No doubt it will serve us for another 20 years.

Thinking ahead to 2023... we will install officers in January. **Jane Weitzel**, our Secretary, has volunteered to arrange a collection box for the January meeting for gently used items of clothing (*especially coats, blankets and new socks*) along with household goods to be donated to Paz De Cristo. Think of this worthy organization and set aside a box or sack to collect those items as you are cleaning out your closets and drawers to make room for your new holiday gifts.

The Retirees' Club held their General Meeting on October 3rd in the Grande Room at La Casita. Photos by Skye Riss.







## Women's Club

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



Kudos to the Recreation Staff for a fantastic job at our **Halloween Spooktacular**. I would like to thank **Barb** and **Joey Stout** for winning our **Pumpkin Carving Contest**. I appreciate **Tanya, Barb, Charlene**, her granddaughter, and **Diana** for helping

decorate our table and hand out treats. I was asked to help judge the costume contest. What a fun, but difficult job! So many fabulous outfits. It was much harder than I thought it would be. Thanks, **Jesse**, for including the DRWC.

Now onto the excitement and wonderful blessings of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Is it me, or does this season sneak up really fast? It feels like just last week it was August and hot!

**Bunco** is slated for Thursday, November 17th at 6:00 pm. Our host is **Barbara Stout**. **Miss Mike** will send out the info. Thank you to **Miss Mike** for hosting Bunco in October. The Brain Salad and Spaceworm Sandwiches (shown to the right) were a fun surprise. Easy to make, too!



**Out to Lunch** was at **Wildberries**. **George** is always happy to share some special treat with us. The food never disappoints. On December 2nd, we will visit **Nunthaporn's Thai Cuisine** in downtown Mesa. We'll get the chance to view all the Christmas and holiday decorations downtown. **Chris** will send out the info. (Chris is doing much better. Your prayers and thoughts are working! Thank you.)

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Patty

## Retirees' Hiking Club

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

Hello Hikers,

Here's the hiking schedule for December. Happy trails!

Barb

The <b>Clippers</b> are trying for 100 miles in 100 days. Clippers hikes are in blue on Wednesdays and Fridays.	
December 2	<b>Cave Creek Spur Cross</b> - SpurCross to Metate to Gate Back Metate to Towee to Spur Cross to Dragonfly 9.3 miles
December 7	<b>McDowell Regional Park</b> - North trailhead North Trail <b>Pacers</b> 2.9 miles North Trail to Verde Trail back to zPemberton to Cinch to North Trail <b>Clippers</b>
December 9	<b>San Tan Mountains</b> - Goldmine to San Tan to Dynamite to San Tan <b>Clippers</b> 7.4 miles
December 14	<b>Usery Park</b> - Blevins Moon Rock - <b>Pacers</b> Blevens to Meridian to Ruidoso to County Line to Meridian to Blevens to Chain Fruit to Lost Sheep <b>Clippers</b> 6.5 miles
December 16	<b>Usery Park</b> - Pass Mountain <b>Clippers</b> 8 miles
December 21	<b>McDowell Mountains/Fountain Hills</b> - <b>Shallomo Dr. staging area</b> . Pemberton to Escondido Trail in and out <b>Pacers</b> Escondido Trail to Shallomo Wash to Pemberton to Escondido 9.5 miles <b>Clippers</b> (separate cars)
December 23	<b>Usery Park</b> - Pass Mountain to Cats Peak to Blevens <b>Pacers</b> Blevens to Cats Peak to Blevens to Moon Rock to Blevens 5.5 miles
December 28	<b>Gateway Trailhead McDowell Mountains</b> - Gateway Trail Loop <b>Pacers</b> Gateway Trail Loop to Paradise to Quartz Trail in and out <b>Clippers</b> 9 miles
December 30	<b>Gateway Trailhead McDowell Mountains</b> - Gateway Trail to Windgate Pass <b>Clippers</b> 5.4 miles

## Halloween Done, Next Stop Thanksgiving, and Christmas Can't Be Far Behind...

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



Dobson Ranch Pickleball once again sponsored a table at the Halloween Spooktacular at Laguna Park where many ghouls and goblins picked up a treat and got a look at the fastest growing sport in

America. Thanks to **Donna** and **Tom Ransom** (pictured) for holding down the fort.

Good news is winter (as we know it) is about here and spring follows soon after, so let's start at least six months of great play outdoors at our eight Los Altos pickleball courts! Our wonderful winter visitors will be streaming in soon, so **let's play!!**

Until it gets too hot again, we will be playing "drop-in" pickleball at 8:00 am Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday,

and Monday and Thursday nights at 6:30 pm. Also, please remember, our eight new dedicated pickleball courts at Los Altos are available to residents and their guests every day between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm.

New resident players for our "drop-in" times are always welcome to come out and get an orientation, but we do advise checking with us before you come 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 and make sure you are hydrating.

Contact **Rich Bitner** ([rebitner@cs.com](mailto:rebitner@cs.com)) or **Frank Mizner** ([planner1948@gmail.com](mailto:planner1948@gmail.com)) for further information, to get referrals for professional instruction, and to get on our email list for announcements regarding pickleball schedules and activities. Please contact **Donna Ransom** ([donna85202@gmail.com](mailto:donna85202@gmail.com)) to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.

**PICKLE-ON!**



## join the club

Interested in joining one (or more) of the many Clubs on the Ranch?  
Here's who you need to contact.

### RETIREES' CLUB

The Retirees' Club gets involved in several fundraising activities throughout the year, and has many activities for members to enjoy such as Dinner Night Out, Happy Hour, Movie Day, Bicycle Riding, Line Dancing, monthly General Meetings, and more.  
**Contact:** Susan Toevs, President at [suzilla@aol.com](mailto:suzilla@aol.com).

### RETIREES' HIKING CLUB

Hikes are planned to such places as Salt River, White Tank Mountains, Usery Park, Estrella Mountains, Cave Creek, San Tan Mountains, and more. There are two hiking levels: **The Pacers** (shorter hikes) and **The Clippers** (longer hikes).  
**Contact:** Barbara Stout, Chairperson at [stoutgeo@gmail.com](mailto:stoutgeo@gmail.com).

### DOBSON RANCH PICKLEBALL

Dobson's eight courts at Los Altos Recreation Center are available to residents and their guests anytime between 7:00 am to 10:00 pm daily, so come out for some fun with family and friends to enjoy the fastest growing sport in America.  
**Contact:** Rich Bitner at [rebitner@cs.com](mailto:rebitner@cs.com) or Frank Mizner, Pickleball Commissioner at [planner1948@gmail.com](mailto:planner1948@gmail.com).

### DOBSON RANCH WOMEN'S CLUB

There are many activities in which the Women's Club members participate: Bunko, Out to Lunch, Out to Dinner, and more. Fundraising activities have provided scholarships to High School graduates living in Dobson Ranch.  
**Contact:** Patty Smith, President at [smiths1975@cox.net](mailto:smiths1975@cox.net).

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

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

### DOBSON RANCH TENNIS TEAM

The ladies doubles tennis team competes in the Valley of the Sun league, playing home matches on the La Casita Recreation Center tennis courts.  
**Contact:** Lynn Stevens, Chairperson at [lynn210s@cox.net](mailto:lynn210s@cox.net).

### DOBSON RANCH YACHT CLUB

This club is responsible for the annual Lighted Boat Parade and other boat-related activities throughout the year.  
**Contact:** Wes Ver Woert, Chairman at [WesV56@gmail.com](mailto:WesV56@gmail.com).

### DOBSON RANCH DEMOCRATS & FRIENDS CLUB

Join us the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Grande Room in November, and Saratoga Room in December, to hear special guest speakers on current issues, Mesa city government, and how to get involved in grassroots organizing. Visit their Facebook page to register for the next meeting at [www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchDemocrats](http://www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchDemocrats).  
**Contact:** George Thihanyi at 480-792-6746 or email Kerry Lengel at [kerrylengel@gmail.com](mailto:kerrylengel@gmail.com).

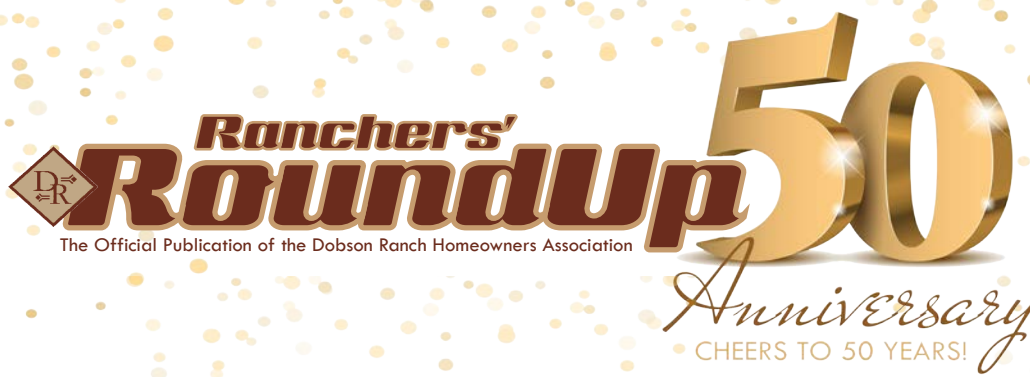
### DOBSON RANCH REPUBLICANS CLUB

Monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at Native Grill (Dobson & Guadalupe Roads). Doors open at 6:30 pm and program begins at 7:00 pm. Join the Republicans Club and let your voice be heard.  
**Contact:** Michelle Masters, Chairperson at [DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com](mailto:DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com).

### DOBSON RANCH INDEPENDENTS CLUB

Explore other political options. The Independents Club meets virtually.  
**Contact:** Jack Wagner, Chairman at [golfingjack@msn.com](mailto:golfingjack@msn.com).





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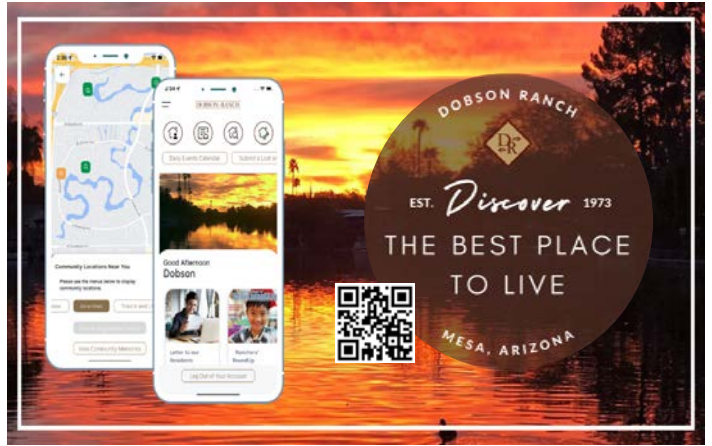


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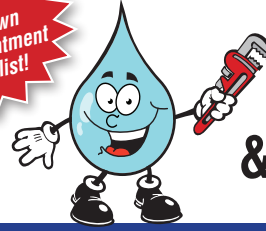


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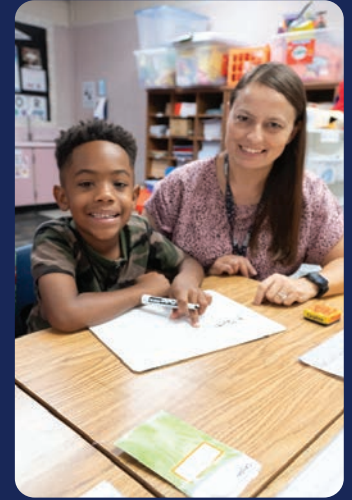
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
<p>14</p> <p><b>Bridge</b> 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Yoga for Beginners</b> 5:30 pm Sunset Plaza</p> <p><b>Water and Lake Mgmt. Committee Meeting</b> 5:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Budget and Finance Meeting</b> 6:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Line Dancing</b> 9:30 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Dance Sampler</b> 5:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Zumba</b> 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>Tai Chi</b> 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Fairytale Dancers</b> 4:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Intro to Ballet &amp; Jazz</b> 5:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> 7:00 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Retirees' Game Day</b> 1:00 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Poker</b> 6:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p><b>Bunco</b> 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>19</p>  <p><b>Fall Festival &amp; Beer Garden</b> 12:00 - 3:00 pm Laguna Park</p> <p>Sunday 20</p>
<p>21</p> <p><b>Retirees' Board Meeting</b> 9:00 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Bridge</b> 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Yoga for Beginners</b> 5:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Line Dancing</b> 9:30 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Dance Sampler</b> 5:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>DRAC Meeting</b> 5:30 pm Virtual (via Zoom)</p> <p><b>Zumba</b> 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Tai Chi</b> 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.</p>	<p>24</p>  <p><b>OFFICE &amp; REC. CENTER CLOSED</b></p>	<p>25</p>  <p><b>OFFICE &amp; REC. CENTER CLOSED</b></p>	<p>26</p> <p>Sunday 27</p>
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<p>5</p> <p><b>Retirees' General Meeting</b> 9:30 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Bridge</b> 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Yoga for Beginners</b> 5:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Line Dancing</b> 9:30 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Recreation Committee Mtg.</b> 5:00 pm TBA</p> <p><b>Dance Sampler</b> 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p><b>Legante Paseo Board Mtg.</b> 6:00 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>Tai Chi</b> 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p><b>Fairytale Dancers</b> 4:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p><b>Intro to Ballet &amp; Jazz</b> 5:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>  <p><b>BREAKFAST WITH SANTA</b> 9:00 am/10:00 am Seatings Grande/Chica Rooms</p> <p>Sunday 11</p>
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