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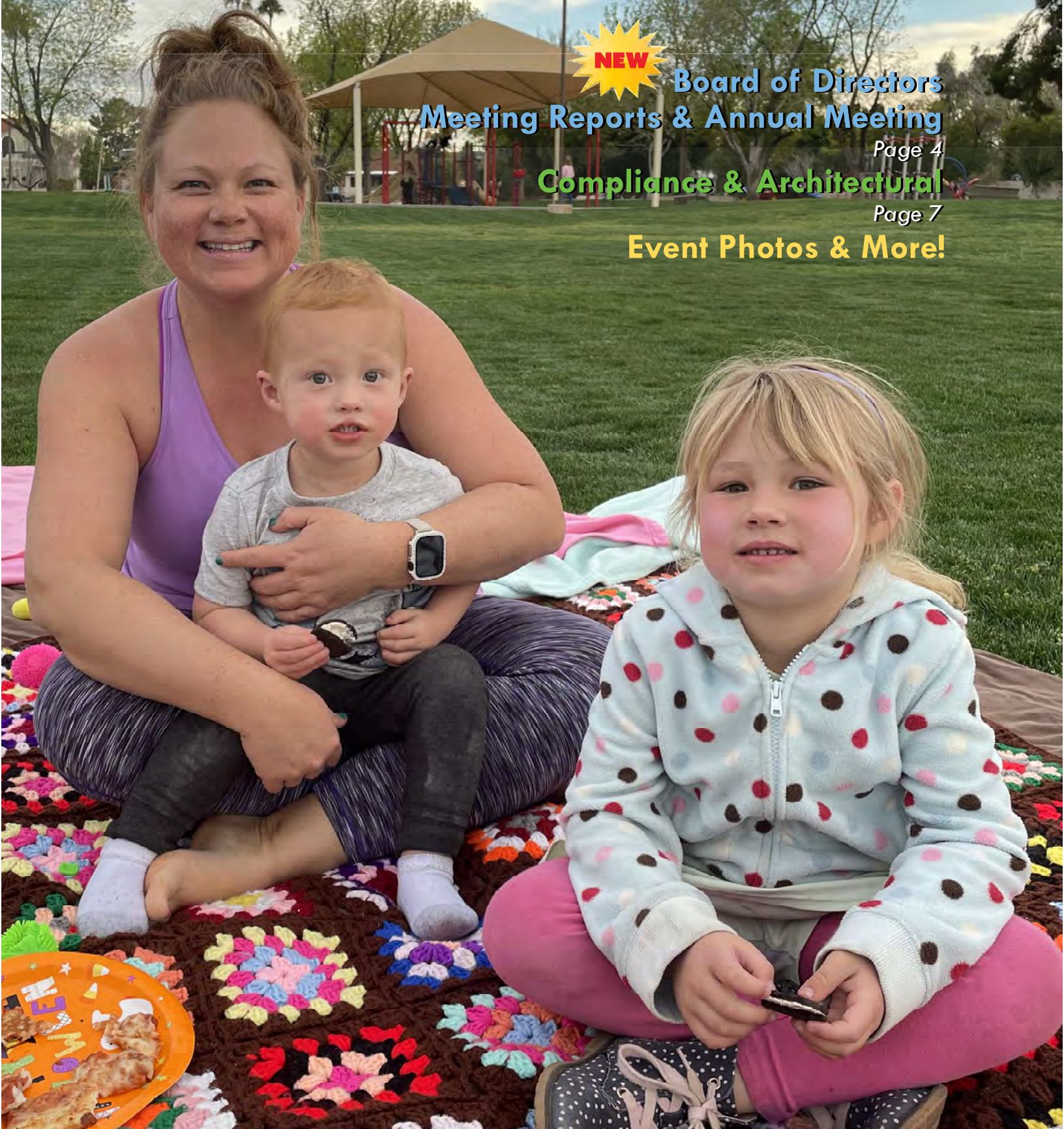
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Nicole Dennison and her two beautiful children, Asher (Son) and Emma (Daughter) had a wonderful time sitting on the grass of Laguna Park to watch and enjoy the feature film **Lightyear** at Movie in the Park on Friday, March 10th! They ate pizza, oreos, and popcorn together for a perfect evening. Thank you to Nicole and her family for coming as well as all the other moviegoers!

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Mesa Parks & Recreation - 480-644-2211

Mesa Police Department, Non-Emergency - 480-644-2211

Mesa Police Headquarters/Info - 480-644-2324

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Transit - 480-644-5541

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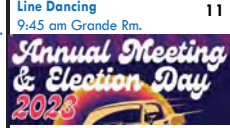


**Annual Meeting & Election Day 2023**

Tuesday, April 11 at 4:00 pm  
La Casita Recreation Center  
Car Show • Food • Refreshments  
Special 50th Panel & More!

**5th Annual Dobson Ranch Spring Expo**

• Earth Day - Sat. April 22nd • 8:00 to 11:00 am  
• At the La Casita Recreation Center

**A Pancake Breakfast will be served by the Retiree's Club! \$3.00 per person!**

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# May Calendar

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**CASINO NIGHT**  
MAY 12TH 6:30 PM  
AT LA CASITA RECREATION CENTER  
BLACK JACK • CRAPS • ROULETTE • RAFFLE PRIZES • MUST BE 21 OR OLDER!  
\$5 Entry Fee (Cash only)  
50th Anniversary  
Fee includes: \$500 in play, hors d'oeuvres, & drink vouchers (good for 2 beers)

June 3 & 17 • 7:00 pm  
Los Altos Recreation Center  
Coming soon to a pool near you!  
50th Anniversary  
Float N' Feature

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## Board of Directors' Meeting Report - February 23, 2023 Summary of Board Action Items and Motions

**2023.02.100** - A motion was unanimously carried to approve the VoteNow Annual Meeting mailing contract of \$14,174.46.

**2023.02.101** - A motion was unanimously carried to approve Fresh Catch Fish Inc – Spring Invoice \$9,984.34.

**2023.02.102** - A motion was unanimously carried to approve an additional \$45,000 for the Saratoga Remodel bringing the NTE cost to \$629,000.

**2023.02.103** - A motion was unanimously carried to approve Recreation & Lifestyle new movie screen and equipment for \$15,065.30.

**2023.02.104** - A motion was unanimously carried to Approve Kids Camp Ad Hoc Committee Charter and appoint committee members; Christa Tropin, Randy Harvey and Kathleen Tolar.

**2023.02.105** - A motion was unanimously carried to Approve CCR Ad Hoc Committee Charter. Members include Nicole Lynam, Stephanie Fee and Kathleen Tolar.

**2023.02.106** - A motion was unanimously carried to Appoint Board Liaison to Water & Lake Management Committee; Kathleen Tolar.

**2023.02.107** - A motion was unanimously carried to approve the Annual Tree Trimming contract with King's Tree Service for \$37,990.00.

**2023.02.108** - A motion was unanimously carried to approve the new pump for Lake 3 including installation with ClearWater Engineering for \$3,887.60.

## Dobson Ranch Board of Directors



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**Annual Meeting & Election Day 2023**

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

**Tuesday, April 11th at 4:00 pm**  
**La Casita Recreation Center**

- Car Show • Food • Refreshments
- Special 50th Panel & More!

**Questions? Call Administration at 480-831-8314.**





## Message From the Association President



**By Nicole Lynam**  
Association President

**Don't forget to submit your vote for the Board of Directors election and join us for the Annual Meeting on April 11th!**

This year the Annual Meeting will include a Car Show, great food, and a special 50th Anniversary Panel sharing stories about the history of Dobson Ranch.

We need your help! We currently have openings on several advisory committees. Please reach out to the Administration office by phone at **480-831-8314** or by email at **hoa.admin@dobsonranch.com** if you are interested in volunteering to help guide the future of Dobson Ranch. Our committees are a vital part of the decision-making process and provide a wider representation of our diverse community.

I want to thank all the residents for their continued support and participation. I look forward to getting to know more of you at upcoming events. All of you help make Dobson Ranch "The Best Place to Live" for the past 50 years and we know you will continue to do so for the next 50 years!

## Executive Director's Message



**By Fran Pawlak**  
Executive Director

The 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting is Tuesday, April 11, 2023! While the purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect members to the Board of Directors, it is so much more, especially this year! Most importantly, this is your meeting as members of the Association, and this year we're throwing you a party!

Starting at 4:00 pm, a classy/classic car show will be set up in the La Casita parking lot. Then, at 5:30 pm a BBQ dinner will be served during the historical panel complete with guest speakers. Registration for the meeting begins at 6:30 pm and voting will close shortly after. You will also want to take time to view the special historical display set up inside the Grande Room. The meeting will officially be called to order at 7:00 pm.

Major John Giles and Vice Mayor Francisco Heredia will be in attendance to present to the residents of Dobson Ranch a Proclamation celebrating 50 years as the proud gateway to the City of Mesa. This year we will open up the meeting to members to ask questions, make suggestions or comments for consideration for 2024.

**We hope to see you there!**

## Editor's Message



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

It has been amazing to see how much the Ranchers' RoundUp has transformed over time from its start in 1973 to now! This publication is sacred to our community in how we connect and communicate with one another. I believe that for Dobson Ranch, Ranchers' RoundUp surpasses all the other channels of communication such as social media and the like.

With that being said, how are you liking the new changes in the magazine that were implemented in March 2023? There are now two cut out pages including information about upcoming events, meetings, classes and more, important contacts and Board of Directors updates. I worked with our Executive Director, Fran Pawlak, to curate these new sections because we understand the needs of our residents.

I also greatly appreciate the help and support of our monthly article contributors who send me their copy and photographs so I can put it all together and deliver a great community magazine. Again, thank you to everyone who helps and to our residents who read and enjoy the magazine! There's a lot more coming, so stay tuned with the magazine, on social media, our website, App and weekly Executive Director's email newsletter!

**Here's to 50 more years and beyond of Ranchers' RoundUp!**

## Employee of the Month!



**Meet Jackie Allen - Focusing on the Recreation Side of Life at Dobson Ranch**

Jackie Allen is recognized as Employee of The Month for April because of her positive attitude, patience and the kindness she brings to all of the homeowners for their recreation needs. Jackie joined us in September of 2023 as the Front Desk Coordinator in the La Casita Recreation Center and hit the ground running!

Jackie wears multiple hats as she works closely with all of the Dobson Ranch staff. She assists in setting up meeting spaces for the Board of Directors sessions, committees and clubs meetings and other events. Jackie works efficiently with the Recreation team by also helping to set up our annual events and any extras, helping people book rental space, signing up guests and residents for classes and so much more. This job requires a lot of moving around from place to place, but Jackie said, "I enjoy being on my feet because it helps me keep my energy levels up throughout the day!"

Jackie originally grew up in Prescott, AZ and currently lives with her two sons Ryan and Gavin. She is a very talented Macramé artist and when you stop in at the La Casita Recreation Center, you will find one of her artworks displayed on the wall.

**Congratulations Jackie for being recognized as Employee of the Month!**



## Monthly Update from Vice Mayor Heredia

### Mesa College Promise Program Update

Exciting news! The application window for the Mesa College Promise program is now open until July 15, 2023. This program offers eligible graduating Mesa high school students the opportunity to attend Mesa Community College for two years with Arizona resident tuition and fees fully covered.

All high school students residing in Mesa who are earning a diploma from a public, private, charter, online, or home school, including those with a state-accredited GED, are encouraged to apply. To be considered for the program, students must complete the FAFSA and submit their application through the link available at [www.mesacc.edu/mesa-promise](http://www.mesacc.edu/mesa-promise).

We are proud to welcome our third cohort of students into the program this Fall 2023. As a strong supporter of this initiative, I am delighted to continue this work and help our students achieve their educational goals. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity - share the news with your friends and family today! As always, please contact my office if you have any questions or comments. We are happy to help! 480-644-3003 or [District3@MesaAZ.gov](mailto:District3@MesaAZ.gov). ~Vice Mayor Heredia




**American Red Cross**

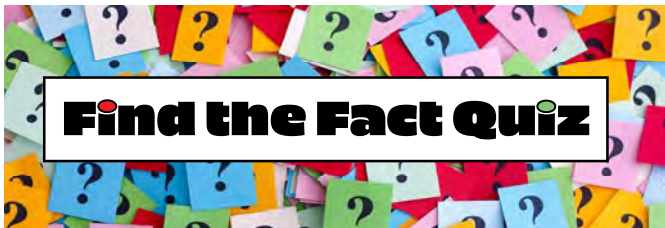
# Blood Drive!

Donate Blood. Save a Life.



**TUESDAY, APRIL 18th • 1:00 to 6:00 pm • La Casita Recreation Center • Grande Room**  
 2719 S Reyes • Mesa, AZ 85202

Schedule your appointment on [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) today!



## Find the Fact Quiz

We received **5** entries from our **Find the Fact Quiz** in March. A random drawing was held on 3/21 to select the winner of a **\$20.00 Amazon Gift Card**. The gift card for March goes to Evan Nicholas. Thanks for taking the time to **find all the facts, Evan!**

To enter the March **Find the Fact Quiz**, simply email all of the answers to questions 1-20 below to [sriss@dobson-ranch.com](mailto:sriss@dobson-ranch.com) by no later than April 16th. 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**. April's winner will be announced in the *May Ranchers' RoundUp*.

### Ready, Set, GO!

1. What is the pass that gets you free access to Toptracer and a Ranch Card?
2. When, where and what time is our April 2023 Blood Drive?
3. Who is the Employee of the Month for April?
4. When and where is the Annual Meeting being held?
5. What can grow to the size of a car?
6. Where is the Dobson Ranch Memorial Garden located?

7. Who was one of the founders of the Democrats & Friends Club?
8. How many instruments in total has Dr. Steven Prescott repaired since 2017 to now?
9. Where is Hole in the Rock located?
10. When does registration open for the Dobson Dolphins?
11. Why were the Retirees dressed in Green?
12. When does the Healing Yoga Class meet?
13. When will the tennis and pickleball courts be washed?
14. What two food trucks attended Movie in the Park?
15. How many homes in Dobson Ranch were sold in February of 2023?
16. How many total violations were issued in February 2023?
17. How much does the Pancake Breakfast cost at the Spring Expo?
18. What is the new Ad-Hoc Committee?
19. What are the hours of the La Casita Recreation Center?
20. Who is the Dobson Ranch Facilities Supervisor?

Hope you had fun fact finding! We'll be back in May with another **Find the Fact Quiz** and another \$20 gift card to give away to one lucky resident!





## Code Compliance Specialist's Message



**Jonathan Lefler**  
Code Compliance Specialist

It's exciting to know that spring is here. The weather is getting a little warmer and baseball season is upon us. As we move into the spring it's a great time to clean your yard and remove those weeds and spruce up any areas that may be outside projects before we get that Arizona heat.

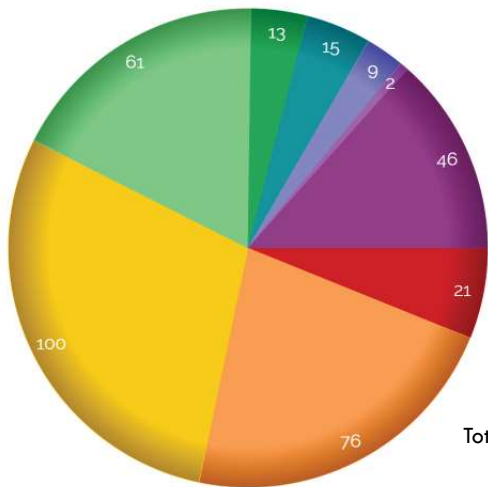
As I drive around this wonderful community, I'm noticing lot of clean up needed to yards, fences or walls that need painting, and mailboxes that need repairs. It's also a great time to make sure you have the required one tree and two shrubs in your yard.

This month, I especially want to focus on the condition of home perimeter walls. Please check the walls around your property because a lot of the issues such as cracks or discoloring on the bricks can be repaired before they get worse. Cracks and discoloring are usually caused by water seeping underneath due to a lack of barrier or foundation wall in the desert soil. Please take a few minutes to check your walls for discoloration and cracks to avoid a violation.

Also, stay ahead of those weeds because before you know it, they get quickly out of control. I know sometimes it can feel like we are only focusing on your home, but rest assured, I'm keeping my eye on all of the homes in Dobson Ranch. We are trying to keep out community looking beautiful.

I also want to apologize if you have received a violation by mistake or if it wasn't for your property. Please kindly let me know and I will quickly take it off of your record. As always, if you have any questions about a violation or need to address something please feel free to contact me anytime at [jlefler@dobsonranch.com](mailto:jlefler@dobsonranch.com)!

## CC&R Notices for February 2023



Total Violations = 343

- Section 2.5 Outside Lighting
- Section 2.5.1 Holiday Lights & Decorations
- Section 2.14 Care of Properties
- Section 2.15 Rubbish & Debris
- Section 2.7 Fences & Gates
- Section 2.20 Trash Bin Storage
- Section 2.7.2 Uniform Painting
- Section 2.16 Visible Yard Areas
- Other Violations

*Other violations include Exterior Colors, Security Cameras, Lake Front Walls & Fences, Sunshades, Fabric Shades, Umbrellas, Windows & Awnings, Trees, Portable Moving Containers & Dumpsters, Roof Maintenance, Mailboxes, Garages & Carports, Vehicles and Watercraft.*



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



## DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

### TUMBLEWEED: *Salsola australis*

#### I'll keep rolling along...

In the early 1870s, Ukrainian farmers imported Russian flax seed, and, unknowingly, an environmental problem. *Salsola australis* seed hitchhiked with the flax seed on its oceanic voyage to South Dakota. Tumbling about, it became so ubiquitous in the western United States that within 20 years it came to symbolize a whole culture and landscape.

Plowing up the American prairies, which originally were dense with grasses giving no tumbling space, provided open areas where tumbleweed could thrive. It surely did, sprouting before crops could, lowering yields and complicating harvests. Herbicides developed post World War II have helped to control it.

**Why do tumbleweeds tumble?** Native to the arid flat steppes of the Ural Mountains in Russia, the plant disperses its seeds by tumbling. In the fall, as the plant is drying out and the seeds have ripened, specialized cells at the stem base dry out allowing it to break away from its root, like leaves falling from their branches. A good gust of wind and tumbleweeds do their thing distributing seeds.

Each plant produces about 250,000 salt tolerant, arid-loving seeds that will take up home readily in any disturbed soil like a plowed field, a road shoulder or your backyard. Tumbleweeds can grow to car size.

#### Deep in my heart is a song...

Producing so many seeds, the plant has no energy to give the seeds a protective coat or food reserves like a peach or tomato does. Each seed is already a tiny plant that matures over the winter. When temperatures range from 28–100 degrees with some rain, the plant will simply screw itself into the ground. It then will spread its two slender grass-like succulent and nutritious leaves to the sun, and grow. At this stage quail, desert cottontails, antelope, mice, birds, and other hungry critters devour it. This tender stage is short-lived. *Salsola australis* drops its water-loving leaves, leaving behind sharp spiny bracts that can penetrate the heaviest gloves, pants and tongues.

#### Here on the range I belong...

**What good are tumbleweeds?** They improve the soil. By releasing chemicals into the soil, nutrients are more available to other plants. Scientists at Utah State University have found that once *Salsola australis* grows in the soil, other plants grow better the next year.

In case you think the herbicides can control tumbleweeds, know that it is always the first plant to start growing at ground zero at nuclear weapon testing sites in company with cockroaches who will, no doubt, keep...

#### Drifting along with the tumbling tumbleweeds...



**Left to right:** Tumbleweed seedling that you might see in your yard by the University of Nevada, Reno; A tumbleweed spreading its seed by tumbling where the wind takes it.



By Skye Riss, Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

#### Wildflowers Galore!!

Spring has sprung in Dobson Ranch and many of your front yards are gilded with the most beautiful desert wildflowers. Thanks to Frank Mizner for sending in these photos!







## Spring Expo + Earth Day = TONS OF FUN!

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water and Lake Management Committee Member



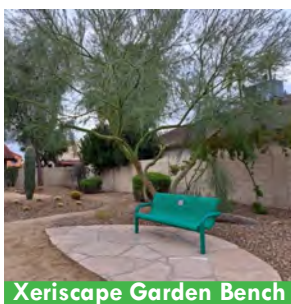
Get ready! For the first time ever the Dobson Ranch Spring Expo will take place on **Earth Day, Saturday, April 22!** The Spring Expo is our neighborhood conservation-themed event and Earth Day just happens to be the largest civic-focused day of action in the world - over 1 billion people worldwide take part. What a great day for us to come together as a community

and celebrate conservation!

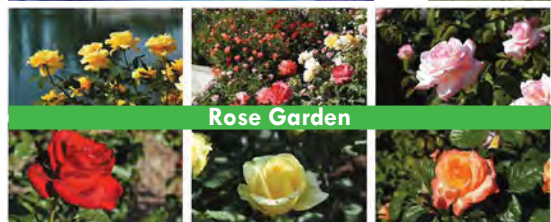
Now in its 5th year, the Spring Expo is sponsored by the **Water and Lake Management Committee** and is offered to you as a convenient way to learn about water saving techniques, products and services. The Spring Expo brings together companies such as SRP, Ideal Air Conditioning and Insulation, Solar Safe Pool Covers, Waymo, City departments and more to help you save natural resources, with the added bonus of saving time and money. Now is the time to join fellow residents and take water conservation seriously. April is **Water Awareness Month**, which encourages Arizonans to be conscious of every precious drop, and voluntary water conservation measures are in place for Mesa residents.

Also included in the Spring Expo/ Earth Day/ Pancake Breakfast celebration is **Electronics Recycling with AZStRUT**. Simply bring your old cell phones, laptops, chargers, tablets, etc., to the AZStRUT donation bin at La Casita during the Spring Expo.

But wait! There's more! Do you know Dobson Ranch has an award-winning rose garden as well as a Xeriscape Demonstration Garden? Earth Day is the perfect day to check out these often overlooked amenities and get to know the neighborhood better. Check out the schedule of events and the locations to the Rose and Xeriscape Garden to your right in **Green!** You'll see that Saturday, April 22nd is not only a morning of fun for all ages, you'll learn great ways to care for your home, both the one here in Dobson Ranch and...the third rock from the sun.



Xeriscape Garden Bench



Rose Garden



Xeriscape Path

Sponsored by the Water and Lake Management Committee  
Questions? Please email [drsringexpo@gmail.com](mailto:drsringexpo@gmail.com).

### Schedule of Events

La Casita Recreation Center:

**8:00 - 11:00 am**

- Local organizations and businesses will be on hand showcasing the latest innovations in water, energy and community savings. Don't forget to enter to win great raffle prizes!
- Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Retirees' Club - \$3.00 per person! Please bring cash.
- Kids' Crafts
- Electronics Recycling drop-off

**10:00 am**

- Kids' dance party with Dance 101

**10:30 am**

- Live ladybug release

### Gardens in the Ranch!

- **Xeriscape Demonstration Garden** - 2451 W. Kiowa Ave.

What was once a tennis court and then a community garden, Dobson Ranch's Xeriscape Demonstration Garden showcases a variety of low-water-use plants, trees and shrubs. Representatives from **Trees Matter** will be on location to answer questions and to welcome you to this special garden on the day of the Spring Expo.

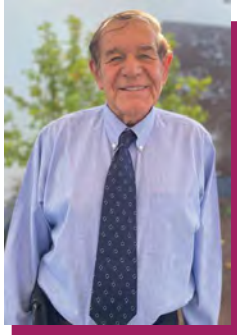
- **Memorial Rose Garden** - South of 2025 S. Dobson Road (north of the Dobson Ranch Professional Center)

Our rose garden is home to approximately 175 rose bushes. Mike Jepsen, Dobson Ranch's very own rosarian, has been involved with the garden since 2002 and will be on site to welcome you. Stop and smell the roses on Earth Day.



## George Tihanyi: They call him "Chief"

By Skye Riss, Communications Manager & Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



**George Tihanyi is a long-time resident of Dobson Ranch. He was born in Hungary and lived there at a young age. He remembers riding a Russian cattle car to a labor camp with his parents and they escaped together from East Germany. His family luckily was able to move to the US and settled in Ohio. George and his family**

**lived in Ohio for 13 years and finally moved to Arizona to exchange the snow for warmer weather. George moved to Dobson Ranch in 1978 and stayed for good.**

George attended Arizona State University and received his bachelor's degree in 1967 and his master's degree in 1968. George studied secondary education, history, political science, and German. George is trilingual and explains "I speak Hungarian, German, English, and a little bit of French...just enough to get into trouble," he laughed.

George's career was working as a high school principal and teacher for many years. "I was a high school teacher and then a principal for five years of the continuation school for Mesa Public Schools. Then I switched to Rio Salado College as an Administrator. I taught American history, political science, driver's ed, as well as German and English," George explained.

"My very favorite subject I taught was Economics. For one project, I remember having my students put together a budget and they had to figure out how they wanted to live, such as, how much they wanted to spend on an apartment each month, how much they wanted to go out to eat, and other expenses. Then, I would have them figure out what kind of a job they'd have to be able to afford that lifestyle. It was a good lesson and they enjoyed it," reminisced George.

George initially became involved in the Dobson Ranch HOA in 2016 when he was fully retired and ran for the Board of Directors and was elected as a member. He then became chairperson of the Architectural Committee and worked on several plans to revise amenities on the Ranch. During his tenure, he worked on proposals to build a dock at the Saratoga Recreation Center and add a restroom to Laguna Park.

George was also one of the founders of the Democrats and Friends Club. It started with his neighbor knocking on his door one day. George remembers, "Barbara Pyle Rogers lived down the street from me on Playa, and she drove by one day and rang my door and asked if I was a Democrat and I said yes. She then asked that we get together and form a club! So, Barbara, Sandra Fisher, and I got together and organized the club in 2010. We happened to establish the first political club in Dobson Ranch. Then the Republican Party and the Independent Party started their clubs. So now we have three political clubs here!" As George has

made many wonderful memories in Dobson Ranch, there is one memory that he will never forget, because it is frozen in his mind (no pun intended)!

"Frank Mizner and I were on the Board at the time and he came up with the idea to do a polar dip in the La Casita pool during January, our coldest month in Arizona. We got together with several other homeowners early in the morning and the water was about 40 degrees. We all jumped in together and laughed about it through chattering teeth," George laughed.

Aside from his work with the HOA, George has also volunteered his time to other organizations including Rio Salado College and Sun Sounds Radio, which caters to the blind. Sun Sounds Radio is not a public radio, as a user must first apply, make a connection, and then they can listen to it 24/7. The radio station reads books, newspaper ads, stories and produces material for the visually handicapped, all free of charge.

In tandem with Sun Studios is Rio Salado College where George served as the Director of site operations and worked on organizing fundraising events in the form of beer festivals to benefit Sun Sounds Radio. The beer festivals were held in different locations across Arizona, including the metro-Phoenix area, Flagstaff and Tucson, with up to 7,000 attendees at each festival! George and his team managed the beer festivals for over 28 years!

As passionate as George is about volunteer work, George makes sure to spend the rest of his time with his five wonderful grandchildren.

"My one granddaughter is the number one gymnast in the state of Arizona, so she travels for her group category and she's living in Houston right now with my one daughter. My other granddaughter is part of the Notre Dame prep cheerleading squad and just took number one in the country! I go to both of their competitions. My grandson is also going to be starting his Freshman year at ASU any my other two granddaughters will be going to graduate school this fall. I am so proud of all of them," George proudly exclaims!

"My main passion is to make life better for people. I feel everybody should have a chance and the opportunity to be the best that they can be. This is one of the reasons why I love living in Dobson Ranch because our community makes that all possible!"

George has seen many changes over the years in the Ranch. He explains, "We've grown and developed quite a bit! One of my passions right now is to get more young families to move here. Since I've left the board, I noticed that there are more play areas for the children in our amenity and recreation areas which are fantastic. Dobson Ranch and the families that live here are the future."

George finally shares his congratulatory message for the 50th Anniversary. "Keep on truckin'! Keep doing great things and keep making Dobson Ranch a better place to live. It's a great place now, but there's always room for improvement!"





## Aquatic Consulting and Testing Reports

Aquatic Consulting and Testing has performed monthly Water and Lake Management Inspections for our lakes in Dobson Ranch for many years. You may not be aware that a monthly report is available on the Dobson Ranch website for you to review under the menu pull-downs **Amenities > Our Lakes (dobsonranchhoa.com/our-lakes)**.

These reports summarize data collected under the revised program initiated in 2019 that includes comprehensive testing of the lakes on a monthly basis and bi-weekly field inspections twice per month throughout the year. Field sheets for the inspections are also included in each report to include laboratory reports, and pesticide application documents, when applicable.

Each monthly report gives detailed data for each lake. For example, see the following information pulled from the report for Lake 1:

### Lake 1

The Lake 1 temperature remained low and ranged from a high of 12.2 C (54F) to a low of 10.8 C (51 F). Water pH was 7.5-8.3 SU indicating low to moderate algae density. Dissolved oxygen (11.2-11.7 mg/L) was satisfactory for the fishery and fish activity appeared normal. Increases in dissolved oxygen concentration frequently occur during winter because of reduced respiration and decomposition rates at colder temperatures and the ability of cold water to hold more dissolved oxygen than warm water. Transparency was improved at over one meter and turbidity ranged from 4.3 to 6.1 NTU. Fountains were in service throughout the reporting period.

Waterfowl mean density was 27 per acre (27/A) which is considered poor (Arizona Game & Fish Department rating system shown below). No cormorants were noted. Adult midge flies did not appear to produce any nuisance issues to lakeside residents or visitors.

No abnormal algae growth or submerged weeds were observed. The cryptophyte, Chroomonas, and the cyanophyte Microcystis dominated the phytoplankton. Cell density was very low. No golden algae (Prymnesium parvum or related species) were detected.

We would like to extend a welcome to Zach Hache, Biologist, with Aquatic Consulting and Testing! Zach is the new Water Resource Manager on staff at Dobson Ranch and working closely with the Water and Lake Management Committee.

The Water and Lake Management Committee meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 pm in the La Casita Recreation Center.

## Real Estate

### Mesa Market Trends



#### Homes Sold in Dobson Ranch

**February 2023 : 17 Homes Sold**  
February 2022 : 70 Homes Sold  
January 2023 : 36 Homes Sold  
January 2022 : 78 Homes Sold

#### Median Home Sale Price in

**Dobson Ranch: \$430,000**  
**February 2022: \$485,000**  
(-11.3% Growth Year-Over-Year)

#### Median Home Sale Price in

**85202: \$355,000**  
**February 2022: \$407,500**  
(-12.9% Growth Year-Over-Year)

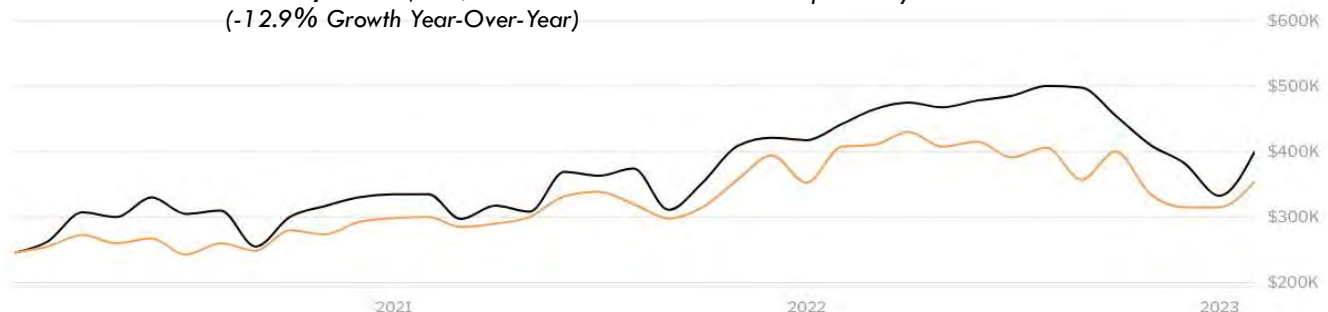
#### What is the housing market like in Dobson Ranch?

In February 2023, Dobson Ranch home prices were down **9.48%** compared to last year, selling for a median price of **\$400K**. On average, homes in Dobson Ranch sell after **44** days on the market compared to **22** days last year. There were **45** homes sold in February this year, down from **70** last year.

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

The Dobson Ranch housing market is somewhat competitive. Some homes get multiple offers. The average homes sell for about **2%** below list price and go pending in around **44 days**.

All data as reported by **Redfin.com**





## Mesa Public Schools Instrument Repair Shop Hits All The Right Notes

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

Dr. Steven Prescott and his team spend their days repairing musical instruments for Mesa Public Schools students, ensuring they are in good working condition so students stay engaged in music education.

The shop is responsible for every district instrument, which is no small feat for Prescott's staff of three full time and one part time member. This work is a passion for the team who are highly skilled musicians and artisans. Prescott's crew believes that instruments are not just mechanical things, they have a life and a soul.

"Equipment failure and not being able to trust your instrument is huge. It's discouraging for a student if they don't have a good instrument," shares Prescott. "Especially in the beginning, if they are frustrated or having a hard time and their instrument is not working right, they will quit because it's not fun."

Having an in-house repair shop is unique for a school district, but for the largest school district in Arizona, it's more economical than sending instruments to a variety of outside vendors through a bid process. The district shop has operated for 12 years and is responsible for repairing student instruments in programs at 67 schools in grades 4-12. Prescott started tracking his own repairs in 2017, and has repaired more than 3,051 instruments.

Spencer Longtin is the office administrator and luthier and shares that before the shop, there wasn't just a single vendor who could accommodate Mesa Public Schools' needs. They previously used seven vendors, which proved to be a bookkeeping and logistical challenge. The in-house shop provides year-round service, receives and tracks all new instruments and uses a better tracking system, resulting in improved turnaround times.

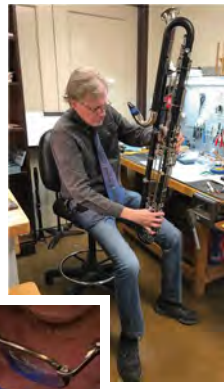
"The going rate for outsourcing repairs is \$75 an hour, paying retail for parts, with a \$125 cap on repairs," Longtin shares. "Outsourcing is an expensive process and by January, schools' repair budgets are depleted, creating challenges for directors and students."

The repair shop is also receiving and tracking instruments purchased with ESSER funds, receiving \$3 million in instruments across three years. The funds cover all instruments for band, guitar and orchestra programs which range from baby grand pianos to flutes, along with \$275,000 for sheet music.

The instrument repair profession is one that few people are familiar with. As master problem solvers, their goals are to assess damages, complete realistic repairs based on the instruments' age and condition and deliver service in a timely manner so that students can play.

"A musician might play into their eighties," Prescott shares. "We are trying to ensure that students stay interested so they have that opportunity to enjoy playing well into their lives."

For more information about career and technical education, please visit [mpsaz.org/cte](https://mpsaz.org/cte).



**Left to Right:** Steven Prescott working with machinery; Keeping instruments in proper working order provides a more enjoyable experience for students; Steven Prescott and his team spend their workdays repairing musical instruments for students across the district; Prescott removes dents from a euphonium.  
*Photos by Mesa Public Schools*





## Take A Local Outdoor Adventure – Part 1

By Dr. Andrea Hogan, Resident Guest Writer

My husband Josh and I have lived in Dobson Ranch for seven years. We have a daughter Ella (8) and son, Emmett (6). We are an active family and love exploring all the valley has to offer. Below are some of our favorite local adventures to get outdoors and enjoy this fantastic AZ weather!

**Horseback Riding** – During Spring Break my sister and I took our kids to the Ponderosa Stables at South Mountain. The one hour trail ride offered gorgeous mountain views and was the perfect easy trail and length for our kids. While Ponderosa was fantastic, a little bit longer of a drive will get you a more magnanimous view. For example – I have enjoyed riding into the foothills at Superstition Mountain at the O.K. Stables and had a stunning experience at Saguaro Lake Ranch Stables. Saguaro offers trail rides through the Salt River, where you see wild horses as well as scenic desert cliffs and views. Visit [arizona-horses.com](http://arizona-horses.com), [okcorrals.com](http://okcorrals.com) or [saguarolakeranchstables.com](http://saguarolakeranchstables.com) for details and prices.

**Goldfield Ghost Town** - Whenever we have friends or family visit us from out of state we take them here. It's about a 30 minute drive from the Ranch, which makes it a quicker trip than Tombstone, AZ, but offers a very similar experience and vibe. This recreation of the 1890s gold town that used to exist on the property has it all. You can tour the old gold mine, pan for gold, ride the train around the mountain, zipline, take a ghost tour and more! Our personal favorite is watching the gun show from the saloon. The actors do a fantastic job and the food has always been great. Plan your trip at [goldfieldghosttown.com](http://goldfieldghosttown.com).

**Animal Adventures** – As members of the Phoenix Zoo, we are biased and always recommend it first. However, I must admit that the Wildlife World Zoo knocked it out of the park on our last visit. Wildlife has the largest collection of exotic animals in Arizona, and the daily shows are spectacular. It's a larger venue at 215 acres, and honestly, one day didn't seem like enough to cover all the habitats, rides, and animals there were to see. The Safari train ride and aquarium were big hits with

the kids. However, this zoo is about an hour drive from the Ranch. At only 15 minutes away, the Phoenix Zoo offers a very similar experience at less cost. At 125 acres, there are many trails and over 3,000 animals call this zoo home. My kids' favorite is the Children's trail and Harmony Farm, which offers a petting zoo. Additionally, they love Stingray Bay, where you can pet the stingrays. Visit [wildlifeworld.com](http://wildlifeworld.com) or [phoenixzoo.org](http://phoenixzoo.org) for hours and ticket information.

**Take a Hike** – Our family favorite is Hole in the Rock at Papago Park. This famous valley hike has great views and is also located on the path to many other trails at Papago, including one that leads to a pretty rad dirt bike trail near Double Butte. Also located in Tempe is Hayden Butte, more commonly known as "A Mountain", this is a great paved path up the mountain and ideal for kids....and Mill Venue is a great place to have lunch afterward!

The west entrance of South Mountain is located only six miles from the borders of the Ranch. Pima Trailhead has eight different trails, located off Guadalupe and 48th street. Our kids like Pima Wash Trail and mom and dad enjoy the harder Marcos De Niza Trail. There are also entrances to South Mountain further west and south, offering more trails.

Additionally, there are many more great family trailheads and hikes locally. North Mountain, McDowell Mountain, Superstition Mountain, Utery Mountain Reginal Park, Cave Creek Reginal Park, Camelback Mountain and Pinnacle Peak are all fantastic places to get outdoors and stay active this spring!



Left to Right: At the zoo; Kids at Hole in The Rock; Hogans on a hike!; Horseback riding; Emmet riding a tractor.



## From the Recreation & Lifestyle Manager's Desk



**By Amanda Jensen**  
Recreation & Lifestyle Manager

Hello everyone! We have another exciting month here in Recreation and Lifestyle! We had our bi-annual Clean Up event back in March with many homeowners signing up their home on the Dobson Ranch App, Movie in the Park and BYOB. All were successful events!

Come join us on April 11 for our Annual Meeting. We will be having a 70s BBQ (catered by Famous Daves) starting at 5:30 pm with a panel of speakers for you to listen to telling stories about the history of Dobson Ranch. We will also have a classic/classy car show starting at 4:30 pm.

April 22nd is not only Earth Day, but it is also the day of the Spring Expo and Pancake Breakfast. The event will start at 8:00 am.

Casino Night is on May 12th at 6:30 pm. We will have blackjack, craps tables, and roulette. We will also have food trucks, beer and wine for you to enjoy.

Don't forget that every Wednesday is **Get to Know Your Neighbors Food Truck Wednesdays** with different food trucks outside of La Casita every Wednesday starting at 5:00 pm!

Just a reminder that we are in the process of switching from ActiveNet to RecDesk. We are working hard to make sure that everything is up and running so the transition will be smooth.

I would also like to thank my staff, Jackie, Hannah, Niya and Ms. Jessi. There have recently been a lot of changes and they have worked hard to keep up! I appreciate them all because they help to develop new ideas and bring our residents exciting events and activities. Please thank them the next time you come into the Recreation office!



## REGISTER FOR THE DOBSON DOLPHINS!

It is with great excitement that we are planning for the **43rd** season of the Dobson Dolphins Swim Team. This summer recreational swim team is a non profit organization that swims out of the Los Altos pool in Dobson Ranch. **Swim team is open to kids ages 5-18.** We meet on Tuesday-Friday mornings from May 30th to July 21st with optional swim meets on Saturdays.

To participate, swimmers ages 7-18 must be proficient in the 4 strokes: **freestyle, back, breaststroke, and butterfly.**

Kids in the 5-6 age group must be able to **swim freestyle across a 25 yard pool without assistance.** In addition to daily practice and meets, we have many fun events planned including photo/donut day, water fun day, a patriotic meet, Flip Flop Bop and more!

**Registration for DR residents opens online on April 15th!**

Please check out our website at [dobsondolphins.com](http://dobsondolphins.com) or follow us on Facebook - **Dobson Dolphins Swim Team.** The link for registration will be posted there.

We anticipate a full swim team, so register right away.

This year, the team will be led by Dobson Ranch's own, **Sam Lint!** She is an 11-year veteran swimmer of the Dolphins and has experience coaching with our program. We are so excited for her enthusiasm and leadership!

If you have any questions or are open to sponsoring our program, please feel free to reach us at [AZDobsonDolphins@gmail.com](mailto:AZDobsonDolphins@gmail.com).

We hope to see you at the pool!

**GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAYS at DOBSON RANCH**

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Sign Up to receive the weekly lineup!

What movies do you want to see at our Float N' Feature events?

# Float N' Feature

We want to hear from you!  
Email our Recreation Department at [recreationdobson@dobsonranch.com](mailto:recreationdobson@dobsonranch.com)  
your favorite family-friendly movies to be featured!

The first Float N' Feature events are **June 3rd and 17th**, so please email us for a chance to have your movie premiered!





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Spring Clean Up

YOU SHREDED IT!



YOU DUMPED IT!







# Movie in the Park Sunset at Laguna Park







We're washing the courts! The tennis courts will be washed on the 1st Tuesday in April and the pickleball courts will be washed on the 1st Thursday in April!



# Dobson Ranch Tennis Academy

All lessons and events are held at the La Casita Recreation Center. La Casita is home to two outdoor racquetball courts available to residents and guests. Keys can be checked out at the recreation center during facility hours. All tennis sessions begin on the first of each month and run until the end of the month. Contact La Casita 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, April 3, 10, 17, 24 | 6238 | \$40 R/\$60 NR  
Wednesday, April 5, 12, 19, 24 | 6239 | \$40 R/\$60 NR

### Adult Weekday & Weekend 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.

**Weekdays: 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly**  
Monday, April 3, 10, 17, 24 | 6238 | \$40 R/\$60 NR  
Wednesday, April 5, 12, 19, 24 | 6239 | \$40 R/\$60 NR

**Weekends: 9:00 am - 10:30 am | Monthly**  
Saturday, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6237 | \$55 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 junior's 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 tennis students to reach a higher level of play and learn to love a sport they will play for a lifetime. Sharing the experience can make it more enjoyable, so invite a friend to join you on the courts and learn tennis together!

### Junior Clinic

This class is for junior tennis players 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 racket, 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 3, 10, 17, 24 | 6236 | \$40 R/\$60 NR

### 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.

**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, April 15**  
**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
**FREE! Adults 16+**  
(Register in advance, space is limited.)

## Tennis Tip for April 2023



**By Kwong Young**  
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

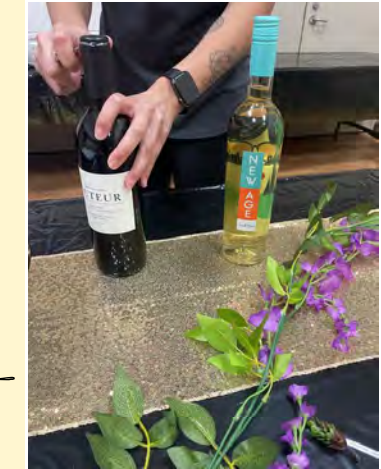
**Continue to Adapt!**  
Are you taking advantage of starting with weak serves and groundstrokes?

These may be thought of as negative words in Tennis, but they are good for the game because they are friendly and non-challenging moves that allow the game to progress over time. Especially in doubles play, these moves help with attacking the ball return and approaching to dominate the net. When players have the stagnant formation of one player up and one back, there is too much distance between a player and the net. Thus, one player must advance up to join their partner to keep the unit strong. From personal experience, I started off as most players when playing singles and I was strictly a "baseliner" and typically just shook hands at the end of the match, until I was introduced to playing doubles.

Doubles enabled me to stay in my comfort zone, which was the back court area, however that gave my opponent's the opportunity to take advantage of my weak positioning and eat me alive! At that moment, I understood more clearly that singles and doubles play were very different and how important it was for me to get out of my comfort zone!

Always continue to adapt and adjust how you play!









## 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.dobsonranchhoa.com](http://www.dobsonranchhoa.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.



### 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 intl. 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!

### HEALING YOGA

Instructor: Samantha  
When: Thursdays ONLY now  
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.

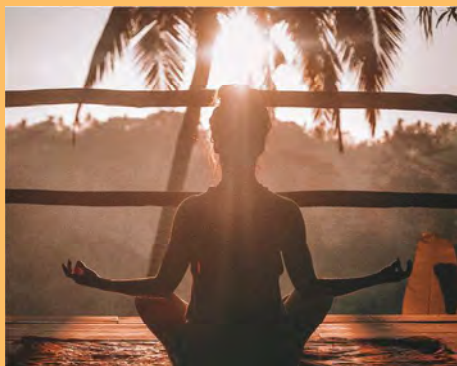


Hard to get up off the floor? Body having a hard time moving? Feeling every ache and pain? Come join us for gentle, therapeutic body movement. We gently move and stretch different parts of the body to help bring new life to tired parts! Learn also how to relax the mind, discovering how to relieve anxiety, 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.



### 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 very helpful.

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**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: 6178

When: Thursdays April 20th – May 25th

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 and princesses shine in this fun and creative program. Children need soft soled shoes and comfortable clothes. Ballet shoes, leotard and tights recommended. There will be a performance last day of class. Children must be able to work in a group setting and follow directions. 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: (April 28th and May 26th)

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.*



### Bunco

When: (April 21st and May 19th)

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

*To join the group, please call Bette Parrish at 480-206-3514.*

### DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Class Code: 6171

When: Tuesdays April 18th – May 23rd

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: 6185

When: Thursdays April 20th – May 25th

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.*



## RECREATION CLASS INFORMATION

**1. REGISTRATION** for classes can be booked on the Association website at [www.dobsonranchhoa.com](http://www.dobsonranchhoa.com) or at La Casita Recreation Center, 2719 S. Reyes, Mesa, AZ. Class fees are due during the registration process unless otherwise noted.

**2. QUESTIONS** on any recreation class or activity, you may contact La Casita Recreation Center desk at 480-831-7464.

**3. REFUNDS** – The Dobson Association reserves the right to establish fees and cost minimums for all programs and to cancel those programs not having sufficient enrollment. Program refunds will be issued for:

- a. Cancellation of class by instructor or the Dobson Association will result in a full refund.
- b. Participants may cancel after first class or initial start date of class for a full refund.
- c. Notification by participant prior to start date of illness or injury preventing participation during session time frame.
- d. Discontinuance of participation due to injury or illness will be reviewed for consideration of prorated refund.
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## Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

**By Susan Davis, Retirees' Club Member**

At our March 6th Retirees' Club general meeting and luncheon, it was a sea of green for an early St. Patrick's Day celebration. Donna Fox, DRR VP, chaired the meeting and committee chairs provided their activity updates. Our own DRRC line dancers entertained everyone with a lively Irish dance. Even our scheduled speaker, Heather Patterson, from the Mesa Fire and Medical Department, was originally from Northern Ireland. She shared very helpful information on do's and don'ts of CPR and AEDs for civilians when faced with an emergency situation. After the presentation, our hiking group served a delicious lunch of homemade Shepard's pie, soda bread, and salad. Thanks to everyone who made this great meeting possible.



DRRC members continue to enjoy our many activities such as hikes, walks, bike rides, picnics, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, happy hour, and special events. On March 17th and 31st, a group of DRRC members served meals at Cristo de Paz, a local nonprofit that assists those who struggle with hunger, poverty and homelessness in the East Valley. Our Day Trippers group toured the Zelma Basha Salmeri Gallery in Chandler on March 28th. The baseball outing at Chase Field featuring the Milwaukee Brewers vs the Diamondbacks is on for April 12th! Our next general meeting and luncheon will be held on April 3rd. With coffee beginning at 9:30 am and the meeting starting at 10:00 am followed by the program and luncheon.



Have you noticed the podium used at group meetings at La Casita? It was built by former DRRC member, Sam Wasson, and it now has a plaque on it recognizing his contribution.

Dobson Ranch Retirees' membership is open to any "young at heart" Ranch resident over the age of 55. Dues are only \$20 per year. To take a peek at the monthly calendar of events enjoyed by DRRC Members, visit [www.dobsonranchretirees.org](http://www.dobsonranchretirees.org). DRRC events and activities open only to DRRC members, but non-members are welcome to attend up to three times prior to joining. Join us on April 3rd at 9:30 am at La Casita to learn more about this great group!

**LADIES - ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FREE LINE DANCING?**  
We meet every Tuesday at 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the Grande Room at La Casita. We dance to various music, not just Country Western. It is mostly an exercise class. Bring your own water for our break! Please email **Barbara Stout** ([stoutgeo@gmail.com](mailto:stoutgeo@gmail.com)), so she can add you to her email list.

The Retirees' Club held their General Meeting on March 6th at La Casita Recreation Center. Photos by Skye Riss.





## Women's Club

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

Happy Easter Season! Congratulations to our new Board Members and thank you for serving our community. Our out to lunch group went to Opa's in Tempe. A very good Greek restaurant. We seem to have a theme of international food. Cinco de Mayo will be at Macayo's. That will be our last lunch until September. March Bunco was a St. Patrick's theme, hosted



DRWC Celebrating St. Patrick's Day lunch at Fibber Magees

by Tanya. The Luck of the Irish and good food. It was a good time for all of us. Thank you! April's host is to be decided. Please take advantage of the different activities the HOA is hosting for our 50th Anniversary. Thanks to Nancy Roggio for her dedication to Ranchers' RoundUp. Enjoy your retirement.

Blessings, Patty

## The Ides of March Bring Out the Pickleball Version of March Madness...

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

Pictured are the only five hardy souls who showed up for pickleball on Wednesday, The Ides of March. A morning with the threat of all day and into the night. March Madness ensued as a few drops began to fall after the first game was played, creating increasingly slippery court conditions. As the number of drops slowly mounted, the match was called and all escaped to home before the deluge that soon descended on the Ranch.



## Retirees' Hiking Club

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

Come Hike with the Dobson Ranch Retirees'. The Pacers hike three miles on Wednesdays and Clipper hike between five to eight miles. Fridays are for Clippers only, and we hike longer and harder hikes. If you are interested in hiking with us please send me your email at (stoutgeo@gmail.com). I send out emails about the hikes on Saturday for the Wednesday hikes and Thursday for the Friday hikes. We meet at La Casita parking lot at 8:00 am and carpool for all hikes. Please come and join us. Happy trails! ~ Barb

<b>March 17</b>	<b>McDowell Mountains</b> Marcus Landslide - Pacers Tom's Thumb - Clippers
<b>March 22</b>	To be announced on Wednesday
<b>March 24</b>	<b>Quartz Trail - In &amp; Out</b>
<b>March 29</b>	To be announced on Wednesday
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Butchers Jones Beach Trail</b>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>McDowell Sonoran Preserve Granite Mountain Trailhead - Balance Rock Trail</b>
<b>April 7</b>	To be announced on Wednesday
<b>April 12</b>	<b>Coon Bluff Trail</b> along the river - In & out We may see wild horses in the river!
<b>April 14</b>	To be announced on Wednesday
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Silly Mountain - In &amp; out</b>
<b>April 21</b>	To be announced on Wednesday
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Boyce Thompson Arboretum - Near Superior - Picnic</b>
<b>April 28</b>	To be announced on Wednesday
<b>May 3</b>	<b>Beautiful Prescott Del Rail to Trail Path, Prescott - Easy to Difficult</b>
<b>May 5</b>	To be announced on Wednesday

Drop-In Night play continues Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Also please remember, our 8 new dedicated pickleball courts at Los Altos are available to residents and their guests every day between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm, and if you would like a reservation they are available on the Dobson Ranch App. 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, stretching and warming up as needed.

Please 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!



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
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