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Sunday - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Holidays - Closed

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THINKING ABOUT STARTING YOUR OWN CLUB?

Email recreationdobson@dobsonranch.com for details.

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Mesa Police Headquarters/Info - 480-644-2324

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Transit - 480-644-5541

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March Calendar

MARCH 2023

All events are subject to change. Visit the Events Calendar at dobsonranchhoa.com for updated info.

Save the date!

BRING A FLASHLIGHT TO FIND GOLDEN EGGS TO WIN PRIZES!

TWEEN

GLOW IN THE DARK

AGES 9-13
Prizes, Treats & Fun!

Friday, April 7th
7:00 pm at Laguna Park

Questions? Call Recreation at 480-831-7464

Save the date!

Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 8th
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Laguna Park

- Food Trucks
- Games
- Easter Bunny
- Egg Hunts
- Bounce Houses

Questions? Call Recreation Dept. at 480-831-7464.

Save the date!

Annual Meeting & Election Day 2023

Tuesday, April 11 at 3:30 pm
La Casita Recreation Center

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

Questions? Call Administration at 480-831-8314.

Save the date!

5th Annual Dobson Ranch Spring Expo

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

- Portable Breakfast served by the Business Club! \$3.00 per person.
- Local vendors & exhibitors!
- Fun activities for kids!

Fun for the entire family!
Bring your friends, too!

Sponsored by the Water and Lake Management Committee.
Questions? Please email drexp@dobsonranchhoa.com.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
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April Calendar

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All events are subject to change. Visit the Events Calendar at dobsonranchhoa.com for updated info.

CASINO NIGHT
MAY 12TH
6:30 PM
AT LA CASITA RECREATION CENTER

50th Anniversary

Fee includes: \$500 in play, hors d'oeuvres, & drink voucher (good for 2 beers)

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June 3 & 17 • 7:00 pm
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50th Anniversary

Float N' Feature

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Board of Directors' Meeting Report - January 26th Summary of Board Action Items and Motions

2023-01-100 - A motion was unanimously carried to approve a 60-day moratorium on Reserve Projects.

2023-01-101 - A motion was unanimously carried to appoint to the Board of Directors Randy Harvey and Christa Tropin for the remainder of the terms ending April 2025.

2023-01-102 - A motion was unanimously carried to approve the purchase of an Umbrella License from the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation. Funds will be appropriated from the Operating Account in the amount of \$2,289.00 annually. This license will allow the Recreation department to show unlimited movies.

2023-01-103 - A motion was unanimously carried to approve the purchase of RecDesk Recreation Management Software. Funds will be appropriated from the Operating Account in the amount of \$6,800.00 annually.

2023-01-104 - A motion was unanimously carried to approve the buyout authorization for the Quadient Mail Machine Lease Agreement from 2018. Funds will be appropriated from the Operating Account not to exceed \$2,400.00.

2023-01-105 - A motion was unanimously carried to appoint Stephanie Fee, Nicole Lynam and Kathleen Tolar to the Ad-Hoc CC&R Committee regarding Amendment and Reinstatement of the CC&Rs.

2023-01-106 - A motion was unanimously carried to approve the discontinuation of the Spring/Summer/Fall Camp Programs at Dobson Ranch upon the recommendation of legal counsel.

The next Board Meeting will be held on March 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm at La Casita.

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2023 Candidates!

- 1) What is your motivation for joining the Board of Directors?
- 2) What activities, events, programs, and/or amenities do you enjoy at Dobson Ranch?
- 3) What skill sets and qualities will you bring to the Board of Directors?
- 4) What specific challenges do you see facing the HOA?
- 5) I have read Article VIII of the Dobson Ranch Bylaws on the responsibilities and duties of the Board Members. Please say yes or no.

Sandy Murray

"My family has lived on DR since 1985. I would like to see this community continue to be the "Best place to live!" We are a sought after community and it is important to maintain our property values and listen to homeowner opinions. It is important to be transparent about how the Ranch is run.

Dobson Ranch has so many events, activities and amenities. We have a pool at three locations including our popular splash pad. We have tennis courts and very busy pickleball courts. My family has enjoyed our events in the park plus Winter Wonderland and the Boat Parade. We have had birthday parties at Laguna Park. DR offers a wide variety of activities for all residents.

Since moving to the Ranch in 1985, I have been active on the Board of Directors and Master Planning Committee. I attend other committees such as the Budget and Finance meeting so I am knowledgeable about the budget process and keep informed about DR finances.

Specific challenges we face include our facilities need to be maintained, our landscape needs to be updated, our need to stay within a zero based budget, and our need to communicate with homeowners.

Yes."

Kathleen Tolar

"I enjoy the many amenities that our community has to offer and want to be a positive influence in helping to keep our community beautiful and family-friendly.

I am a member of the Yacht Club, and have enjoyed the many Laguna Park festivals. In addition, I have children and grandchildren who have participated on the Dobson Ranch swim team, and I have served as a Board Director, and as a member of the 50th Anniversary Ad-Hoc committee.

As a former Mesa Public Schools educator and administrator, I learned to listen to the ideas and concerns of all constituencies. In the same way, as a representative of Dobson Ranch, I feel that it is my responsibility to take into consideration the suggestions and questions of all members of the community.

Dobson Ranch is known for its iconic system of lakes. We enjoy boating, fishing and delighting in the exquisite views that these lakes provide us. However, our state, as well as the entire Southwestern U.S. is facing a water shortage. We have yet to clearly understand the cost of this challenge, but it is certainly one that Dobson Ranch will face in the near future, and I hope it is one that I can help us to resolve.

Yes."

Michael Snedeker

"I am running for re-election after serving the past three years. I have lived on the Ranch since 1983 and have seen many changes throughout the years. I wish to continue serving and ensure fiscal responsibility and maintain property values.

I am an active member of the Master Planning Committee.

I was a youth sports coach for many years. I spent over 40 years of management in the electronics industry.

With rising costs due to the pandemic, the main challenge will be to keep expenses under control and continue to keep our assessments affordable.

Yes."



Message From the Association President



By Nicole Lynam
Association President

I would like to start by welcoming our two new Board Directors, Randy Harvey and Christa Tropin. Both will bring new perspectives to the Board that will help us to better represent all residents of Dobson Ranch.

One event to highlight is our upcoming Annual Meeting on April 11, 2023. The meeting will include your final opportunity to vote for Board of Directors candidates and results will be announced.

Some other new items that you may see on our events calendar are Board of Directors Working Sessions and Board of Directors Executive Meetings. The Working Sessions are open to residents and for the Board of Directors to discuss upcoming agenda items in more detail and make sure we have a full understanding of facts before voting at our regular monthly Board of Directors meeting. Executive Meetings are for the Board of Directors to discuss legal advice from our attorney, litigation, private matters related to residents and HOA staff.

I hope to see you at our weekly Get to Know Your Neighbors Food Truck Wednesdays, the Annual Meeting and our regular Board of Directors and Committee meetings!

Executive Director's Message



By Fran Pawlak
Executive Director

It has been an exciting and rewarding experience for me these past few months as the new Executive Director for Dobson Ranch! I am extremely grateful to work in harmony with an amazing and dedicated team to serve the community. Together we have started out the year with some fun filled events, increased communications, and modified Ranchers' RoundUp to bring you more info!

I was so proud of our team as they worked side-by-side to host the 44th Annual Dobson Ranch Breakfast with the City of Mesa last month. This is an annual event where the City of Mesa leadership, including Mayor Giles and Vice Mayor Heredia, joined us to share valuable information about what is happening in the community.

There are many programs that we will promote with the City of Mesa and bring to our residents in the coming months. Some of those initiatives include the Trees Are Cool Program, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Real Time Crime Center, Short Term Rental Program, the Little Library Program and Tomorrow's Mesa. Visit www.mesaaz.gov for more info. *Until next month!*

Editor's Message



By Skye Riss
Communications Manager &
Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Important RoundUp Updates

First and foremost, I would like to thank Nancy Roggio for her dedicated work over the years on Ranchers' RoundUp, and we hope she has a wonderful retirement and safe travels!

As Editor of Ranchers' RoundUp, we have made some significant additions and have moved some pages around, this way the magazine is more geared to the needs of our homeowners.

The biggest changes to our monthly community magazine, includes a page on Board of Directors meeting updates, such as what was approved in the meeting the minutes to date, and a full Compliance & Architectural page. Both of these pages will keep all of our residents well-informed on what is happening in the HOA. Everything you all love in the RoundUp is still there, so please read through the magazine to make sure you are up to date on all the important news and fun happenings!

Stay tuned for more updates to Ranchers' RoundUp, our community App, the website and our social media pages! These resources are valuable for how we communicate with our homeowners!

Employee of the Month!



Meet Ronnika Giles: Helping Homeowners with a Smile!

Ronnika Giles is Employee of The Month and Ronnika deserves this recognition! Ronnika joined the Dobson Ranch's Administrative team in September 2022 and has since been promoted to the Administrative Assistant on top of being our Receptionist! When you call the Administration office for support, you are most likely speaking with Ronnika and she is well-versed in helping our homeowners.

Ronnika originally grew up in the Washington D.C. area and lived there for most of her life, until moving to Arizona with her husband and children, several years ago. She graduated from Strayer University with an Associates degree in Business Entrepreneurship and started her career in Real Estate.

We're very lucky to have Ronnika, as she is a great listener, communicator, educator and storyteller! Not only does she make our homeowners smile, but she lightens up the lives of all the staff!



Monthly Update from Vice Mayor Heredia

Fiber Optic Update

You might have already seen activity in the Ranch! Fiber Optic installation has begun in West Mesa; some areas of Dobson Ranch have already seen crews working diligently getting fiber optic installed. As a reminder, last year, the Mesa City Council unanimously approved license agreements with AT&T, Google Fiber, SiFi, Ubiquity, and Wyerd, allowing for more high-speed internet options to bridge the digital divide.

The agreements outline the process for the new providers to install their fiber optic network facilities within the City's rights of way and it allows them to begin the permitting process. Many companies have already begun the work and we are excited!

Ubiquity is currently handling installations in some areas within Dobson Ranch. Providers will notify residents and businesses located in the areas that might be impacted by construction, typically with a letter, postcard or doorhanger. Keep an eye out for some of these items.

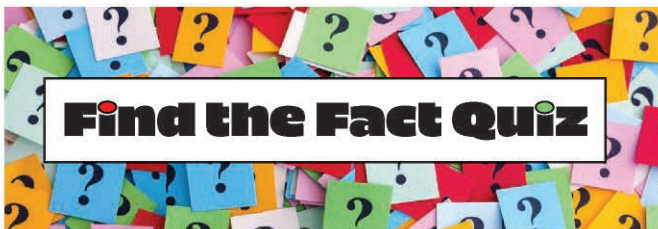
Additionally, the City of Mesa has set up a page with more information and a list of **Frequently Asked Questions:** www.mesaaz.gov/residents/high-speed-internet-in-mesa.

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. ~Vice Mayor Francisco Heredia



2023 Mesa Sister Cities
17th Annual Milt Laflen Memorial International Open
April 21, 2023 at Dobson Ranch Golf Course

Mesa Sister Cities is a partnership between the City of Mesa and the Sister Cities Association of Mesa to promote friendship and connections with communities and people around the world. For anyone who would like to play in the tournament or who wants sponsorship information, please contact Ms. Chris Rhodes at (480) 332-4468 or email at chris@rhodes.cc.



We received **4** entries from our **Find the Fact Quiz** in February. A random drawing was held on February 20th to select the winner of a **\$20.00 Amazon Gift Card**. The gift card for February goes to **Lindsey Blessing**. Thanks for taking the time to **find all the facts, Lindsey!**

To enter the March **Find the Fact Quiz**, simply email all of the answers to questions 1-20 below to sriss@dobson-ranch.com by no later than Sunday, March 19. 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**. March's winner will be announced in the April *Ranchers' RoundUp*.

Ready, Set, GO!

1. Who is Employee of the Month?
2. Who are the two new Board Directors?
3. How old can a Saguaro get with good growing conditions?
4. When is the Dobson Ranch Spring Expo?
5. Who was named Mesa's Woman of the Year in 2022?
6. When is the opening day for the AZ Diamondbacks?

7. What event happens every Wednesday at La Casita?
8. When does the Retirees' Club meet for their general meeting?
9. What new advertiser offers free Spanish language classes for the community?
10. What spring program is Mesa Parks & Rec offering?
11. Who do you contact for information about sponsoring Dobson Ranch's 50th Anniversary?
12. Who is your new Code Compliance Specialist?
13. What is the average irrigation requirement for cotton?
14. What is better for the heart?
15. What were all the cat's names who won the Fabulous Feline Foto Contest?
16. When and where is line dancing held?
17. Where is the 17th Annual Milt Laflen Memorial International Open being held?
18. Who are the current 2023 Board of Directors candidates?
19. What important ad did Mesa Police Department feature this month?
20. What page can you find important Board of Directors Meeting reports listed on?

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



Meet your new Code Compliance Specialist



Jonathan Lefler
Code Compliance Specialist

Nice to meet you all! I am your new Code Compliance Specialist! I started this role in February 2023 and am excited to help our homeowners with their compliance issues and concerns.

I grew up in Port Orchard Washington and went to high school at South Kitsap. I then went on to play baseball in college at Oklahoma Wesleyan University and later finished my degree at Grand Canyon University.

I bring my organizational skills, attention to detail, and a friendly personality to our Code Compliance team. I'm so excited to be part of this community and helping to make it an even better place to live.

That being said, I have taken time to drive around Dobson Ranch, mainly to get a good feel of the layout, where our amenities are located and observing properties. As I drove around, I have noticed a few items we want you to be aware of.

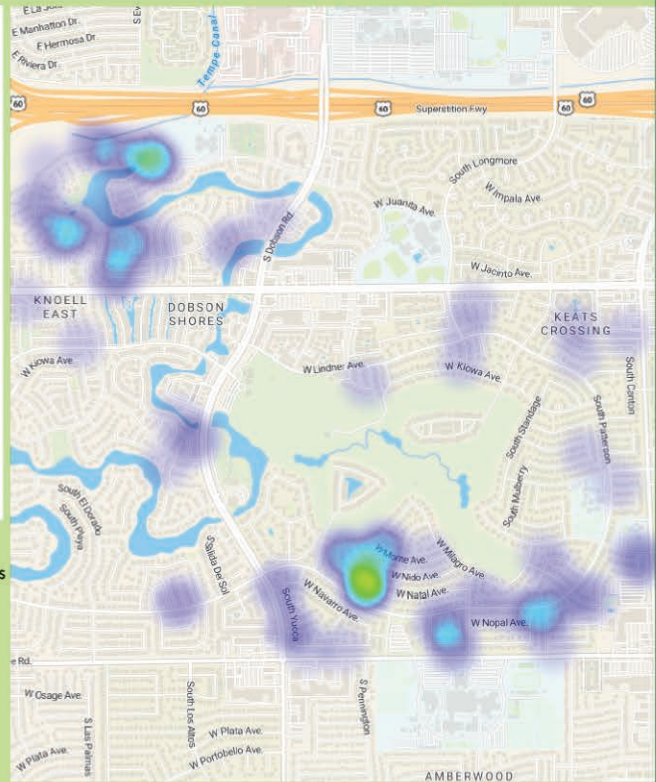
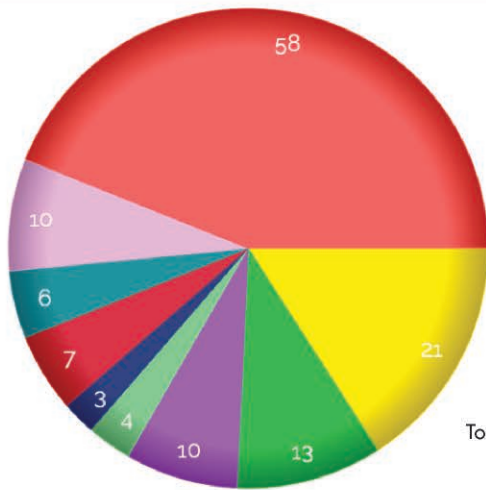
It is now March, so all the Christmas lights on houses, trees, cacti, and fences need to be taken down. Please also take down any holiday decorations that are not in season and have passed. As we approach springtime it's a great time to look over your house and yard to see what the winter weather might have done and quickly fix those items before the heat is upon us.

Items to check for include paint, weeds, mailboxes that are leaning or may need repainting, fences, gates, and any plants that have been hit hard due to freezing temperatures. Thank you for taking your time to look over these items and continue to make our community the best it can be.

I look forward to working with you all and if you see me driving or walking around please stop and introduce yourself! If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at compliance.arch@dobsonranch.com.

See y'all in the neighborhood!

CC&R Notices for January 2023



- Section 2.7 Fences and Gates
- Section 2.15 Rubbish and Debris
- Section 2.20 Trash Bin Storage
- Section 2.7.2 Uniform Painting
- Section 2.1.6 Visible Yard Areas
- Section 2.1.4 Care of Properties
- Section 2.17 Trees
- Section 2.26.1 Vehicles
- Other Violations

Other violations include Architectural Alterations and Improvements, Exterior Colors, Outside Lighting, Lake Front Walls and Fences, Signs, Sunshades, Fabric Shades, Umbrellas, Windows and Awnings, Roof Maintenance, and Mailboxes.



DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

SAGUARO

A saguaro (*Carnegiea gigantea*) doesn't live where freezing temperatures continue during the day and with less than two inches of rain. A saguaro can reach 60 feet in height and have as many as 50 arms, if it is lucky to live long enough in the rough desert conditions. They don't flower until they are about 40-70 years old.

When they flower, the pollen and nectar are eaten by bats, insects and doves, pollinating the plant. Each flower can have 2,000 seeds in one red, pulpy fruit loved by doves, rodents, javelinas, coyotes, and you. The fruit is 70% carbohydrates, 30% fat and 10% protein. Native people have harvested and eaten the fruits for centuries. A saguaro can produce up to 40 million seeds in its lifetime, needing just one to live to carry on the genes.

The seeds need just the right amount of summer rain to sprout and well spaced seasonal rains for up to three years to establish themselves. They also need a 'nurse plant' to shield them from the blazing sun, frost and high desert winds. An ironwood, palo verde or mesquite tree works, and maybe a bush too thanks to birds who eat the seeds and then poop them out. Saguaros often outlive their nurse plants.

How fast do they grow?

In the right conditions: at 20 years about 1 foot, by 40 years 4 feet, at about 70 it might start to grow arms, and if lucky, live to be about 200 years old—this depends on good growing conditions.

I had a bird deposit a seed right next to my front sidewalk. Thanks to extra rain from the garage roof and afternoon shade, it grew to about 15" high in about 10 years. We transplanted it into the front yard, providing 50% shade cloth for the first few summers. It has taken off beautifully since then. In summers when I don't get much rain, I give it a good soak once a month in June and July, then nothing at all for the rest of the year. It needs nothing else.

You can tell when your plant needs water as the 'pleats' in the epidermis get close together. When the plant has filled its tissues with moisture, the trunk swells and the pleats get further apart. It's fun to use a measuring tape to track the circumference of the trunk before the monsoon season and then after, to see how the plant has expanded.



A healthy saguaro swelled with moisture.



A badly shriveled saguaro after the summer of 2020.



A saguaro skeleton years after dying.

RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE PROTECT YOUR LANDSCAPE INVESTMENT

Right Plant, Right Place... We can't say it enough. Who is making the decision to plant the wrong plant for the site, or shall we say the 'right plant,' just in the wrong place? Here are a few considerations to discuss with your landscape professional before planting:

Mature size: Is there enough space for the plant to grow, both in width, height and below ground? Or will it need excessive pruning to fit the space? Check plant resources like the Western Garden book or local resources like the AMWUA website (www.amwua.org) which lists mature sizes for many of our low-water use plants. Always research your plant before planting.

Growth habit: Does it grow tall and upright or have a sprawling growth characteristic? Will you be forced to shear one side of the to get it to 'fit' into the space? Just because it appears upright when you buy it doesn't mean it will continue to grow in this manner.

Environmental factors influence the ultimate size of a plant: Watering more than necessary leads to fast, weak growth and increases the need to prune to fit the space. Exposure may also cause a plant to grow abnormally: a sun-loving plant growing in the shade may reach towards the sun, affecting its size and shape. This often creates a lopsided shrub if planted too close to a structure or wall.

Varieties & cultivars: Watch for plant varieties (naturally occurring plant variations) and cultivars (nursery-bred or hybridized) with unique characteristics. When buying plants, know the cultivar's growth habit and ultimate size. Example: you want *Tecoma x 'Sierra Apricot,'* a shrub which grows 3-4 feet tall and 4-5 feet wide, but mistakenly purchase yellow bells (*Tecoma stans*). The ultimate size of the latter can reach up to 20 feet tall and about 15 feet wide if not cut back annually. This is a significant size difference in two plants with similar names.

The right plant in the wrong place can become a maintenance nightmare. It requires the landscape maintenance company to prune plants to fit into the allotted space. This becomes problematic for shrubs, reducing bloom and even plant vigor. Plus, the plant will demand more water when in a constant state of stress due to excessive pruning, which doesn't help the water conservation efforts in our state. A knowledgeable landscape professional will help determine the best plants for the space, exposure and microclimate.

Landscaping tips brought to you by:



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Conserving Water is Stylish in Dobson Ranch

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water and Lake Management Committee Member



I received a call last week from **Best Friends Preschool located at 2038 S. Don Carlos**. The preschool now has a large green bin near the front entrance for donations of clothing, shoes and linens. **GreenTek**, the company behind the bin, accepts materials in any condition, even damaged. If you have clothes that didn't sell at the Spring Clean Up or are piling up in the back of your closet, this bin

makes it convenient for you to donate your items, just like the Goodwill at 2039 W. Guadalupe Road. Thank you, Best Friends, for the new addition to the neighborhood!

How is clothing paired to conservation? According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the average person throws away 70 pounds of clothing per year. The EPA estimates that 95% of the clothes, shoes and linens that are thrown into the garbage annually could be reused or recycled. If that doesn't knock your socks off, up to 20% of industrial water pollution is due to textile dyeing and treatment.

To think about clothing and water in a different fashion, consider cotton. The U.S. Department of Agriculture states that one bale of cotton, approximately 480 pounds of cleaned cotton lint, makes more than 200 pairs of jeans or 1,200 t-shirts. The average irrigation requirement for cotton is approximately 260,000 gallons per acre. From start to finish, the water needed to produce a single cotton t-shirt is over 700 gallons.

Pinal County farmers received about 87% less water in direct allotments in 2022 than the year before due to a multi-state Drought Contingency Plan. Are more changes coming to one of Arizona five C's due to drought? Some positive changes are the development of less thirsty cotton strains as well as more efficient watering techniques.

As farmers are being innovative with new technologies in growing cotton, consumers can make changes in our clothing choices. Sew don't get your knickers in a knot, make clothing choices in favor of water conservation; donate, shop resale, and support businesses that are transparent and have initiatives in favor of conservation. For example, 100% of the denim sold at low-cost clothing giant Old Navy is made with water-saving techniques.

In keeping with the same pattern of water conservation, this year the **Dobson Ranch Spring Expo** will be held on **Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 8:00 am - 11:00 am.**

Stop by La Casita to meet with vendors about water, energy and community savings, enjoy pancakes, and enter to win great raffle prizes. Kids will enjoy crafts and a dance party. Make the morning complete with a visit to our award-winning Rose Garden as well as our very own community Xeriscape Garden. Celebrate in high style this Earth Day at the Dobson Ranch Spring Expo!

[#DobsonConservation](#)



Left to Right: Collection Bin at Best Friends Preschool located at 2038 S. Don Carlos.





Cheryl Laflen: Mesa's Woman of the Year 2022

By Skye Riss, Communications Manager & Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



Cheryl Laflen, a past Dobson Ranch Board Director and former President of Mesa Sister Cities, has been named Woman of the Year for 2022 in Mesa. This well-deserved recognition comes after years of tireless service to the community, during which Cheryl has been an active member of many organizations.

Cheryl's involvement with Dobson Ranch began when she and her husband moved to the neighborhood in 1974. She quickly became an advocate for the community, getting elected in 1981 to serve on the Dobson Ranch Board of Directors as Treasurer in her second year and President in her third year. During her tenure the Board focused on building the relationship between Dobson Ranch the City of Mesa by starting the Breakfast with the City of Mesa, regularly attending City Council, Planning & Zoning and School Board meetings, the development of new parks and green spaces and the Dobson Ranch Library.

In addition to her work with Dobson Ranch, Cheryl has been a passionate supporter of Mesa Sister Cities, an organization that was founded in 1956 by Dwight Eisenhower dedicated to promoting international understanding and friendship through cultural exchange. In her 20+ years of service, including three terms as President, she has traveled to Mexico, Canada, Peru, New Zealand, Egypt and South Africa supporting and promoting student exchange and other programs of the organization as well as hosting the 40th anniversary celebration of Sister Cities in Mesa last year.

Cheryl's involvement with Sister Cities expanded to serving for the past eight years on the State Board which works to strengthen and develop Sister Cities organizations in Arizona. "This program is more important in today's world than ever before. We desperately need all the friendship and connection that Sister Cities builds around the world", she commented.

Cheryl reminisced, "We went to Peru on a medical mission to this small community up in the Andes for ten days. We brought all our supplies with us from the U.S. including bed sheets, medications, and instruments. Our team performed about one thousand surgeries, and I was the supplies organizer. By the end of the trip, the President of Peru invited us to the presidential palace to express his gratitude and it was an awesome experience!"

"Another moment that really touched my heart was when our team was leaving Peru, and I was saying goodbye. There was a woman and her little boy who recently had surgery. His mom was walking him down the hall with his I.V. pole.

When I went to say goodbye, he kissed his hand, and he touched my cheek. It still chokes me up to this day," Cheryl said smiling with tears in her eyes.

Cheryl's commitment to service extends beyond her work with Dobson Ranch and Mesa Sister Cities. She has also been involved with several other organizations, including the City's Library Advisory Board and Traffic Safety Committee, A 2nd Act (women who are cancer survivors), Soroptimist and P.E.O. Her dedication and hard work have earned her the respect and admiration of many in the community, and her positive impact will be felt for years to come.

Cheryl feels so honored to be recognized as Mesa's 2022 Woman of the Year and received her award at the annual Citizens of the Year dinner, which was held at the Mesa Hilton Doubletree. This is a well-deserved honor for a woman who has dedicated so much of her life to making Mesa and Dobson Ranch a better place to live.

Lastly, Cheryl shared her 50th Anniversary congratulatory message with Dobson Ranch. "I am just thrilled to see Dobson Ranch is still a beautiful community that continues to flourish. I think it's just a wonderful place to live, so congratulations to Dobson Ranch!"

Congratulations, Cheryl, on being named Mesa's Woman of the Year 2022!



Upper Left:
The market in Peru.



Upper Right:
Washington D.C. - Cheryl and a Watusi leader from Africa.



Middle:
"The little boy who kissed me."

Bottom Left:
Arriving in Caraz, Peru.

Bottom Right:
Cheryl and her late husband Milt - Upper Hutt, New Zealand.





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. Additionally, as in the case of the January 2023 report, special E. coli and total phosphorus data are presented for Lake 8.

Each monthly report gives detailed data for each lake. For example, see the following information pulled from the report for Lake 7:

Lake 7

Lake temperature ranged from 13.3 to 13.9 C (56-57 F). Water pH ranged from 8.6 to 8.7 SU, indicating moderate algae density. Dissolved oxygen ranged from 10.7 to 11.8 mg/L and was more than satisfactory for the fishery. Fish activity appeared normal. Transparency was about one meter, with turbidity of 4.2 - 4.8 NTU. Fountains were in operation.

Waterfowl density was about one bird per acre (~1/A); excellent according to the Arizona Game & Fish Department rating system. No cormorants were noted. Adult Midge Flies did not appear to produce any nuisance issues to lakeside residents or visitors.

The dominant suspended algae in the lake were again problematic blue-green forms; colonies of *Microcystis* and *Merismopedia*. Density of algae was elevated. The dominant algae make the water turbid and produced surface scum. No golden algae were identified in the lake.

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

By Nicole Lynam, Association President



Homes Sold in Dobson Ranch

January 2023 : 36 Homes Sold
January 2022 : 78 Homes Sold
December 2022: 40 Homes Sold
December 2021: 80 Homes Sold

Median Home Sale Price in

Dobson Ranch: \$332,500
January 2022: \$417,500
(-20.4% Growth Year-Over-Year)

Median Home Sale Price in 85202:

\$315,000
January 2022: \$352,500
(-10.6% Growth Year-Over-Year)

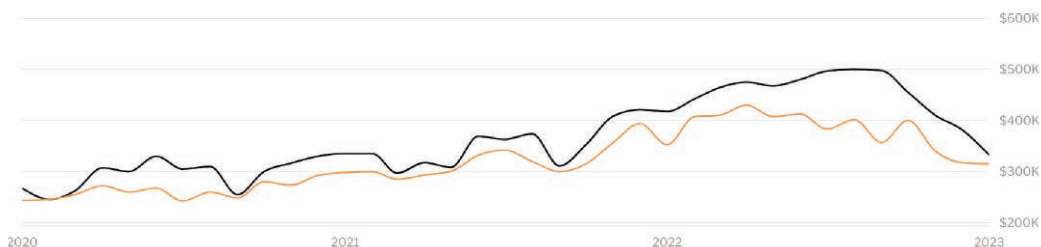
What is the housing market like in Dobson Ranch?

In January 2023, Dobson Ranch home prices were down **20.4%** compared to last year, selling for a median price of **\$333K**. On average, homes in Dobson Ranch sell after **59** days on the market compared to **29** days last year. There were **36** homes sold in January this year, down from **78** 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 60 days.

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





Information Systems at Mesa Public Schools Builds Student Pipeline to Exciting Careers of The Future

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

Information systems at Mesa Public Schools provides a wide range of technology services including training, support, computing, communication infrastructures and innovations. This crucial department is also connecting students to innovative career opportunities in the computer and information technology field.

David Sanders is the Chief Technology Officer for the department. He enlisted the help of his team to work with students, developing a top-notch summer internship program that serves as a platform to springboard students into one of today's hottest career fields. The program started with eight students and now has upward of 80 students participating through paid summer internships.

"For many students this is their first real job," Sanders says. "We introduce them to technology, discuss professional work ethics like how to dress and behave in the workplace. It's exciting to note that we have students who never thought they would make this their career. This program ignites a spark for them, and they go on to have successful careers in the field."

Sanders shares that during the past eight years they have employed and introduced nearly 500 students to the IT field. 43 gained immediate employment with Mesa Public Schools after graduating from high school. After acquiring experience, several continued their journey working for other entities such as Milwaukee Brewers Minor League Baseball, Intel, City of Mesa, Gilbert Police Department, State of Arizona, Arizona National Guard, Ring and Edupoint Education Systems.

"The internships are an example of the community's bond dollars at work," Sanders says. "Everything comes full circle with the student internship program without the funds we wouldn't have the technology that the students learn and work on."

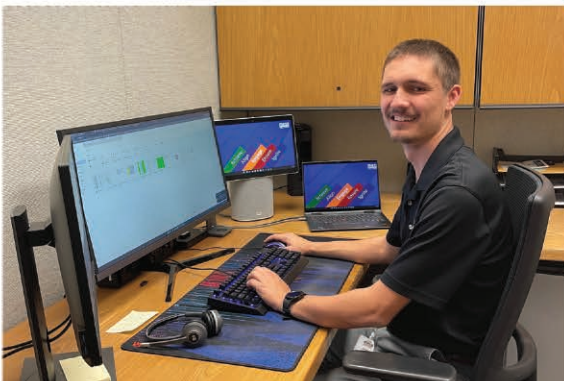
Cultivating homegrown talent

Jeremy Knutson is a Systems Support Analyst at Mesa Public Schools. As a student at Red Mountain High School, Knutson studied video production and computer maintenance. His involvement in the career and technical education program led him to an internship with information systems where he provided general computer maintenance support for Red Mountain. Knutson shares that he enjoyed the hands-on nature of this internship, being able to work with a great team of people and experiencing things that most students don't get to.

Hired right out of high school as a full-time computer repair technician, he continued his education at Mesa Community College and graduated from Arizona State University.

"My professional learning experiences provided opportunities to develop the skills that made me career ready," Knutson says. "It gave me a foot in the door, and I see myself at Mesa for while."

For more information about career and technical education, please visit mpsaz.org/cte.



Left to Right: Knutson is a product of Mesa Public Schools and attributes his high school internship to providing the opportunities and professional skills needed to land a great job in an exciting field; Summer interns are an integral part of the Information Systems program.

Photos by Laura Fricke/Mesa Public Schools



Let's Play Ball!

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). For many Arizonians, March means Baseball! Enjoying a game is the perfect way to enjoy the perfect Arizona spring weather with the family. Below details some of our favorite ways to catch a game!

MLB Cactus League - The Cactus League hosts 15 Major League Baseball teams here in the valley. In the east valley, there are six teams with stadiums close to the Ranch; Sloan Park (Chicago Cubs), Tempe Diablo Stadium (Los Angeles Angels), Hohokam Stadium (Oakland A's), Scottsdale Stadium (San Francisco Giants) and Salt River Fields (AZ Diamondbacks and CO Rockies). Tickets range from \$20 to \$10 kidsclub@dbacks.com - depending on seats and stadium. Personally, our family loves the lawn seats! Visit cactusleague.com for the 2023 spring training schedule.

D1 College Games - Both Grand Canyon University and Arizona State University have fantastic D1 baseball programs, ASU's stadium is located near the Phoenix Zoo, and general admission is only \$10/ticket. GCU's stadium is a bit farther on their campus in the heart of Phoenix, however, general admission is only \$5/ticket and includes a tailgate with rides and games for children - as well as free food! Both teams are nationally ranked and are favored for their division tournaments. The PAC 12 tournament will be held at Scottsdale Stadium and the Western Athletic Conference tournament at Hohokam stadium. So, don't worry if you miss spring training in March - you will have the opportunity to catch a game (at a cheaper price!) at a local spring training facility later this spring. Visit the gculopes.com and thesundevils.com for schedules.

Arizona Diamondbacks - Opening day for the D-backs is March 27th. If you have not taken your kiddo to a game yet, I highly recommend it! Located on the upper concourse of Chase Field is the Sandlot, with pitching practice, a playground, batting cage, a toddler area and the Kids Club headquarters, where you get swag and rewards for being a member of the free D-backs Kids Club. When you sign up for the Kids Club, your child will receive multiple opportunities for free tickets during the season.

Bleacher tickets for adults to a game can be as low as \$30/ticket, and honestly, when we have taken the kids, we spent the entire game watching from the Sandlot, so we never even made it to our seats, thus there's no reason to splurge on tickets with kids. There's great viewing points from the Sandlot with food and beverage stations near by...both parents and kids can enjoy the game from there! To join the D-backs Kids Club email kidsclub@dbacks.com and visit mlb.com/dbacks for homepage schedules.

Play! - Watching baseball is fun, but playing baseball is even better. If you have a child interested in the sport, there are many options for little league near the borders of the Ranch, including Tempe South Little League, Mesa American Little League, Chandler National Little League and Gilbert National Little League. Our son has enjoyed playing in the Tempe South Little League program with his classmates (Kyrene district). Because Dobson Ranch boarders so many school choices and kids in the Ranch attend schools in many districts, I recommend asking other parents at your school where they are playing, as most little leagues form teams based on the player's school. Additionally, the parks and recreation programs at the city of Tempe, Mesa, Chandler and Gilbert all have great options for T-Ball, baseball and softball.

Don't think only kids get to have all the fun! There are many opportunities for adult softball leagues in the valley. City programs are available as well as private leagues such as the Arizona Sports League. My husband enjoyed playing on a men's league in South Scottsdale for many years! If you don't have the time to commit to a season, remember, you don't need a league to play a game with friends and family. Laguna Park has a huge open field just waiting to host neighborhood games, and your backyard is the perfect place to play catch with your kids!



Left to Right: Kids watching Dad play softball, GCU Baseball Tailgate, Emmett's T Ball Huddle; Hogans at the D-Backs Kids Club at Chase Stadium; Hogans at Talking Stick Spring Training Game.



From the Recreation & Lifestyle Manager's Desk



By Amanda Jensen
Recreation & Lifestyle Manager

Hello everyone! I hope you had a great time at our Sunday in the Park 50th Anniversary Kickoff! We had such a great time listening to the Maasman Band and we had an incredible turn out. Thank you to all who came!

March 24th is our BYOB event. We will have prizes, dancing, live music, a 70s costume contest and wine and beer. This is a 21+ event and don't forget to bring a six pack or growler of beer or a bottle of wine to enter this event.

In April we will be having our Easter events, Annual Meeting & Car Show, and the Spring Expo & Pancake Breakfast. All of which will have some nice changes and upgrades to give you something new and exciting. You will have to attend to see what is new!

Don't forget that every Wednesday is Get to Know Your Neighbors Food Truck Wednesdays. We will have 3 - 4 food trucks at La Casita from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We are also still looking for volunteers and sponsors for all of our upcoming events. See the flyer to the right!

We also have all of our Recreation classes back in full swing. Check out the classes pages 19 - 20 to see what we offer, when and where.

We are in the process of switching our Recreation Software from Active Net to RecDesk. RecDesk is a much user-friendly software. We will keep you updated on the transition and make it as smooth as possible for everyone. We will give you more information when it gets closer to the launch date.



Email recreationdobson@dobsonranch.com for the form to fill out!

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



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

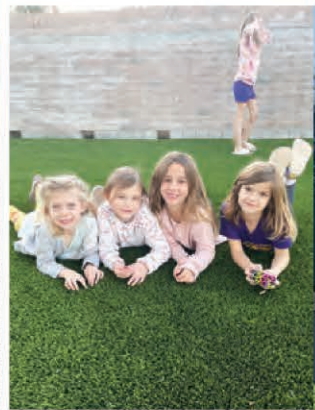
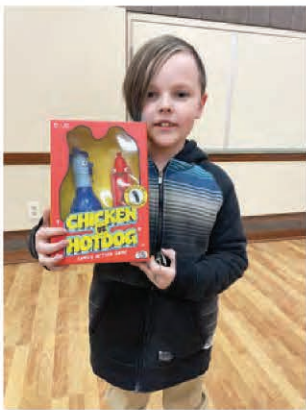
The first Float N' Feature events are June 3rd and 17th, so please email us by **Monday, April 3rd** for a chance to have your movie premiered!

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

**LA CASITA REC CENTER
2179 S Reyes, Mesa, AZ 85202**



Sign Up to receive the weekly lineup!





Sunday
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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.

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 racket size during the first class.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly

Monday, April 3, 10, 17, 24 | 6236 | \$40 R/\$60 NR

Monthly Round Robin Social

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

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

Tennis Tip for March 2023



By Kwong Young
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Less Stress is Better for The Heart

My road to tennis had a lot of obstacles, as I had no one to mentor me in the beginning and just watched tennis on TV like millions do. In the early 80s, I wanted to play like Bjorn Borg but acted like John McEnroe when things went south for me. I sadly did not have great concentration and let things bother me which my opponent's enjoyed seeing. Through good coaching and mentoring, I became a better player, with better focus while eliminating doubts in myself to improve my game and progress to the next level.

Try not to let distractions get in the way of your sharp mind when playing tennis. Stay present and do not dwell about the past or future. As a New Yorker, I had to practice the NY saying, "forget about it" and be positive no matter what happens. Speak kindly to yourself and do not become your own worst enemy.

Here's an idea! You may want to put a label or sticker on your racket with a positive affirmation, such as "happy feet", "breathe", "stay present", "let it go", etc. All in all, just have fun and keep a pleasant attitude towards others, but most importantly, to yourself!

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

Private tennis lessons are available for individual one-on-one instruction with the Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional. Please call Kwong Young at 480.759.2248 or kyoung@dobsonranch.com to schedule private lessons. The Dobson Ranch tennis courts are for the exclusive use of Dobson Ranch residents and the Association Tennis Professional. Other professionals are not to teach classes, lessons or clinics on our Association courts at any time. To ensure the Ranch tennis program remains viable, Dobson Ranch residents should consult the Association Tennis Pro for all tennis instruction. No outside tennis professionals are permitted on Association courts.



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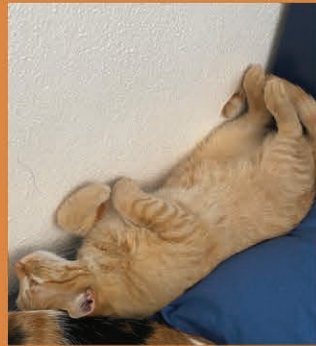
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RECREATION CLASSES

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.

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 very helpful.

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: 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 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.



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CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Class Code: 6178

When: Thursdays April 6th – May 11th

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: (March 17th)

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: (March 17th)

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 4th – May 9th

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 6th – May 11th

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 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:

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

By Susan Davis, Retirees' Club Member

Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club members have been busy over the first months of 2023 with our regular hikes, walks, bike rides, picnics, and social events.

At our February general meeting, Retirees' celebrated an early Valentines Day. Our speaker, Donna Bates from the Tempe Family YMCA, shared information about the YMCA services for active adults plus exciting opportunities for trips to Italy and Iceland offered through the YMCA. Skye Riss, Dobson Ranch's Communications Manager, shared updates on Dobson Ranch's year-long 50th Anniversary events and volunteer opportunities for our members.

At our March meeting, we look forward to hearing from Heather Patterson, Program Coordinator from the Mesa Fire Department, who will offer a presentation on Safety and Life for Seniors, including common accidents and incidents, prevention, and available services. She will be available for questions, discussions, and concerns related to the services provided by the Mesa Fire Department.

Recently, DRR members toured the facilities of Cristo de Paz, a local non-profit that serves people who struggle with hunger, poverty and homelessness in the East Valley. Plans are in the works for a group of us to serve meals there in the near future. Along with our usual calendar of events, Betsy Hertzler is organizing a tour of an art museum in Chandler in March. Bill Tekien is planning a baseball outing at Chase Field in April for the Milwaukee Brewers vs the AZ Diamondbacks.

Dobson Ranch Retirees' membership is open to any Ranch resident over the age of 55 for \$20 per year. To take a peek at the monthly calendar of events enjoyed by DRR Members, visit www.dobsonranchretirees.org.

DRRC events and activities are open only to DRRC members, but non-members are welcome to attend up to three times prior to joining. We meet every first Monday of each month at La Casita at 9:00 am, so please join us!

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), so she can add you to her email list.

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





Women's Club

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

The Super Bowl and the WM Golf Tournament were a great success. Congratulations to the Kansas City Chiefs! Out to Lunch had a change of plans again. Taste of Peru closed its doors. Cornish Pasties welcomed us on short notice. We had a delicious lunch. The staff was very accommodating. March found us at an Irish Pub. Everyone was Irish for a a day.



DRWC Bunco for January 2023
Sameera, Donna, Laurie, Peggy, Chris, Mary, Lynn S, Lynn E, Sue, Barb, Vicky, and Patty.

Mardi Gras Bunco was hosted by Miss Mike. Let the Good times roll...thank you for a fun evening. The MCC Staff, for their Market, was thrilled to receive all the food and clothing we donated. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

Enjoy March and Spring Break.

Blessings, Patty

Sharing Our Courts With Our Neighbors at "The Lakes" About to Enter A New Phase

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

For a number of months now we have really enjoyed the company of many players from "The Lakes" just down the road in Tempe who have needed a nearby place to play while their own courts are under reconstruction. As that project nears completion and re-opening, we want to thank our lakes friends, and all of our frequent guests, for playing with us and look forward to continuing to share access to each other's courts. Hopefully, we can arrange our neighborhood schedules so that more opportunities for people to enjoy "drop-in play" can be enjoyed at both locations. As public pickleball courts in the area continue to get more use, as do our own DR courts, it is an ideal time to coordinate schedules to maximize court usage, offer more play times, and spread players around to relieve wait times due to crowding.

With the mostly ideal weather this winter (compared to everywhere else...), we continue to have great turnouts in the mornings and evenings for drop-in play, and increasingly are seeing more folks hitting the courts on their own schedule with family and friends.

Until the heat comes on again, we will continue to play



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

March 10	Second Water to Black Mesa Trail to Dutchman Trail back to second water. We are making a circle. 9 miles.
March 15	Picket Post-near Superior Pacers around mountain, Clippers to the top.
March 17	McDowell Mountains Marcus Landslide Pacers Tom's Thumb Clippers
March 22	To be announced on Wednesday
March 24	Quartz Trail in and out
March 29	To be announced on Wednesday
March 31	Butchers Jones Beach Trail
April 4	McDowell Sonoran Preserve Granite Mountain Trailhead Balance Rock Trail.
April 7	To be announced on Wednesday.
April 12	Coon Bluff Trail along the river In and out we may see wild horses in the river!

"drop-in" pickleball at 8:00 am Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and Monday and Thursday nights at 6:30 pm.

We are normally wrapped up in about two and a half hours. 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, and if you would like a reservation they are available on the Ranch's 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.

Please contact Rich Bitner (rebitner@cs.com) or Frank Mizner (planner1948@gmail.com) for further information, 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.

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