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RETIRES

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Making the Switch to Statements

Dumpster Divers Give Back

Holiday Photo Contest

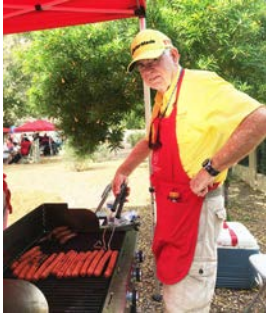
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and more...



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Scott LeVan (shown here) also showed off his grill skills at the Festival.

Special thanks to all those members of the Retirees' Club who helped out at their busy food station!

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Director's Message



By Lynelle Glysson
Executive Director

What's In Store for the New Year

I hope you are enjoying the holiday season and looking forward to a bright new year!

We will have a full dance card for 2020 here at the Ranch. There are a few important reminders featured on page 5 of this **RoundUp**. We have new requirements regarding account statements and a "Call for Candidates" for the April 2020 election of Board of Directors.

There are a number of goals we have set for 2020. One is to continue to improve maintenance and preventative maintenance around the Ranch. We have made some progress and with the Board's support, we will continue to focus on maintaining our common areas and amenities in top condition.

We have our 2020 reserve study complete and that means we have our marching orders for projects around the Ranch. The **Master Planning Committee** spent thoughtful time on what projects needed attention and the Board approved the



projects at the **November Open Session Meeting**. Some of the projects include: the tennis courts at La Casita; lighting around the Ranch; benches and signage; and several other smaller, but important, projects.

I would also like to reflect back on my first year at Dobson Ranch. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Executive Director. There were many unexpected changes in 2019, and I could not be more grateful for those who supported me through the year. The Association is composed of governing documents, financials, and common areas, but the most important component is the people. The residents are some of the best I have worked with... whether it was at committee meetings, board meetings or at events; some of the best people reside right here on the Ranch!

The support of the staff has been invaluable. When we were down in our numbers, they pushed through, pitched in and got the job done. What a stellar group of people!

The Board of Directors could not be more supportive. I value each of them for their unique contribution and perspective. They are very dedicated people who genuinely care about their community.

Here's to a prosperous and productive 2020. Cheers!

Water Awareness



By Craig A. Wilson
Water Resources Manager

Our Lakes

Our home is in a desert, a rocky place where the rocks have been ground so fine they float in the air given the slightest breeze. And, it is desert where, by definition, less than seven inches of rain falls each year. What little water is available after a storm cannot sustain even the smallest creeks. When it does rain, and that can be a real downpour, it can leave so much run-off there can be pooling and flooding of large areas. For the most part, the water just stays in those pools until it evaporates or seeps into the ground.

That was how the Dobson Ranch Lakes came to be when the Dobson's ranch became the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association. From then on, the run-off could not be allowed to pool just anywhere, after all there were going to be houses and streets where water used to pool. So, a drainage system was developed to channel all the run-off to 10 artificial lakes. Lakes that would detain the storm water run-off until the water could, like in centuries past, evaporate or seep into the ground.

It rains, really rains five or six times a year with long periods between storms during which all that run-off would seep or evaporate away. The solution; take the water that was no longer needed for cultivation and put it into the lakes to maintain a uniform water level during the dry periods. So, it happened that the lakes of Dobson Ranch became a signature feature of the Ranch. Next to the lakes, greenbelts with walking and bicycle paths were built.

Fish are added twice a year (*Spring and Fall*) to control the natural algae and weeds that occur in bodies of water. The fish come in a special truck from Arkansas, transferred to big barrels and deposited in each of the lakes. Sport fish, bass and catfish are also stocked for fishing. Just last month the annual **Fishing Derby** kicked off the Fall fishing season and provided an opportunity for our younger Ranchers to become interested in fishing as well.



Each year, when the SRP-imposed dry-up is in full swing and the water levels dropped, the accumulated debris can be removed. Grab a plastic bag from the Rec. Center desk at La Casita and scoop up what debris is lying on the exposed shelves. These are our lakes, and we all need to chip in to keep them clean!

The Dobson Association, Inc.
Board of Director's Open Session Meeting
La Casita Recreation Center, Grande Room, 2719 S. Reyes
Thursday, December 19, 2019 • 7:00 pm



Message From the Editor

By Nancy Roggio,
Communications Manager

The hustle and bustle of the holidays can make anyone forget the real reason for the season. So, I wanted to put a little “ho ho ho” in your holidays with quotes from your favorite comedians, authors, actors and more. I dare you to get through reading them all without at least one snicker! *Enjoy!*



“Nothing says holidays like a cheese log.”
- Ellen DeGeneres, Comedian, Talk Show Host



“I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying ‘toys not included.’”
- Bernard Manning, Comedian



“Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won’t make it ‘white.’”
- Bing Crosby, Singer/Actor



“I once wanted to become an atheist, but I gave up -- they have no holidays.”
- Henny Youngman, Comedian



“That’s the true spirit of Christmas; people being helped by people other than me.”
- Jerry Seinfeld, Comedian/Actor



“The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.”
- George Carlin, Comedian



“I never believed in Santa Claus because I knew no white dude would come into my neighborhood after dark.”
- Dick Gregory, Comedian/Civil Rights Activist



“There are three stages of man: he believes in Santa Claus; he does not believe in Santa Claus; he is Santa Claus.”
- Bob Phillips, TV Journalist



“Santa Claus has the right idea -- visit people only once a year.”
- Victor Borge, Comedian/Composer/Pianist



“One thing I learned from drinking is that if you ever go Christmas caroling, you should go with a group of people. And also go in mid-December.”
- Louis C.K., Comedian



“Once again, we come to the holiday season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice.”
- Dave Barry, Author/Columnist



“Aren’t we forgetting the true meaning of Christmas? You know, the birth of Santa.”
- Bart Simpson, The Simpsons TV Show



“Christmas begins about the first of December with an office party and ends when you finally realize what you spent, around April 15th of the next year.”
- P.J. O'Rourke, Political Satirist



“The Supreme Court has rules that they cannot have a nativity scene in Washington, D.C. This wasn’t for any religious reason. They couldn’t find three wise men and a virgin.”
- Jay Leno, Comedian/Actor/Talk Show Host



“Wouldn’t it be wonderful to find one gift that you didn’t have to dust, used right away, was practical, fit everyone, was personal, and would be remembered for a long time? I penciled in ‘Gift Certificate for a flu shot.’”
- Erma Bombeck, Author/Humorist



“What I don’t like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.”
- Phyllis Diller, Comedian



“I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store, and he asked for my autograph.”
- Shirley Temple Black, Actress/Diplomat



“Christmas is a baby shower that went totally overboard.”
- Andy Borowitz, Writer/Satirist/Comedian



“Most Texans think Hanukkah is some sort of duck call.”
- Richard Lewis, Comedian/Actor



“I throw a Christmas party at my house. It’s not really a Christmas party, because I don’t want to call it a Christmas party. But let’s just say I put a lot of Christmas trees around the house, so it smells good.”
- Bill Murray, Actor/Comedian/Filmmaker



“Ever wonder what people got Jesus for Christmas? It’s like, ‘Oh great, socks. You know I’m dying for your sins right? Yeah, but thanks for the socks! They’ll go great with my sandals.’”
- Jim Gaffigan, Comedian/Actor



“Mail your packages early so the post office can lose them in time for Christmas.”
- Johnny Carson, TV Host/Comedian/Writer



“The one thing women don’t want to find in their stockings on Christmas morning is their husband.”
- Joan Rivers, Comedian/Actress/TV Host

Send your reviews, comments, and suggestions for future issues to nroggio@dobsonranch.com.



Recycling Drop-off Center Closures

by Mariano Reyes, Marketing/Communications Specialist
City of Mesa Environmental Management & Sustainability Dept.

All three public recycling drop-off centers in Mesa, including the Dobson Ranch location, were indefinitely closed in October. The decision to close the drop-off centers was a carefully considered one. As you may know, major shifts have occurred in the global recycling industry. While recycling still provides environmental benefits, several markets that at one time accepted material from the United States are no longer accepting it for a variety of reasons such as contamination. Some materials currently have such a low demand that the volatility of their market value is jeopardizing the financial stability of recycling programs across the country, including Mesa.

Due to the current volatile recycling market and changes to contracts, the City of Mesa's recycling program was no longer financially sound. Changes were required to minimize the negative financial impact to the program. In the past, the City of Mesa received a minimum base price plus a percentage of the market sale price for every ton of material that was sent to the Materials Recovery Facility for processing. However, under our current contracts, the base price has now been replaced with an upfront processing fee for all inbound tonnage. When combined with historically low market prices for recyclable material that cannot offset these processing fees, this created a negative financial impact.

Environmental Management & Sustainability staff developed several financial saving options and presented those options to our City Council in September. The goal was to minimize the impact to the City's solid waste customers and to create a sustainable recycling program to allow us to adapt to the new solid waste industry environment that we must operate within. Closing the recycling centers was just

one of the options approved. Also approved was the rebranding of the City's curbside blue barrel recycling program. The list of acceptable items has been reduced to simplify the program in hopes of reducing contamination. Mesa will also be implementing stronger program contamination enforcement and will be optimizing our collection routes.

Despite the closure of our recycling drop-off centers, all other recycling programs remain available to our City of Mesa solid waste customers, including our multi-unit and commercial customers. Information about these programs can be found at mesarecycles.org.

For those who do not have City of Mesa trash service, we highly encourage you to speak to your service provider for available options. If your current trash provider does not offer recycling services, you can inquire with other companies that may service your area about their offerings. You can also do an online search to locate companies that may be willing to accept your recyclable material.

And, as always, please remember that recycling should always be the last go to measure when it comes to proper waste management. We should always first reduce the amount of waste we generate. Second, we must reuse by reducing our consumption of single-use products and using reusable ones instead. And finally, when we recycle, we must remember to recycle right. Placing non-accepted items in the recycle barrel does more harm than good and negatively impacts the recycling process.

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding of our efforts to help maintain the sustainability of Mesa's recycling program.

Mesa's "NEW" Recycling Program

To maintain the sustainability of Mesa's recycling program, the list of accepted items has been reduced and simplified.

ONLY RECYCLE ITEMS FROM THESE CATEGORIES



Beverage Bottles, Jugs and Cans

Empty, Clean and Dry

E.g. - Water bottles, milk jugs, soda bottles, soda cans, beer bottles, wine bottles, juice bottles, etc.



Metal Food Cans

Empty, Clean and Dry

E.g. - Vegetable, canned fruit, tuna, pet food, tomato sauce, soup, etc.



Corrugated Cardboard

Remove All Packaging

HOW TO TELL IF IT IS CORRUGATED: Tear a small piece. If you see a flat top and bottom layer with a wavy middle layer, it is accepted.



Paper

Office Paper, Newspaper, Mail and Magazines

NO LONGER ACCEPTED:

- **Paperboard Boxes**
(cake mix, cereal, tissue, detergent, soda case, cracker, frozen food packaging, etc.)
- **Plastic and Paper Cups**
- **Milk, Juice and Ice Cream Paper Cartons**
- **Non-Beverage Plastic or Glass Bottles, Jugs, Jars and Containers**
(laundry, shampoo, household cleaners, yogurt, margarine, jelly, salad dressing, fresh berry containers, other food products, etc.)

All Other Items NOT Accepted

When In Doubt, Keep It Out.

For recycling information, visit mesarecycles.org





Memorial Bricks Available at Sunset Plaza in Honor of Your Loved Ones...

Memorial Bricks are available for purchase at the La Casita office for \$65, including inscription. Contact Carolyn Burleson at CBurleson@dobsonranch.com for details.



Michael Magnan
8/22/46 - 3/29/16
Miss Your Smile



By Nancy Roggio

Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

December's **Green Thumb Award** goes to the homeowners at **2442 S. Los Altos**. There is a different texture everywhere you look at the landscaping of this property.

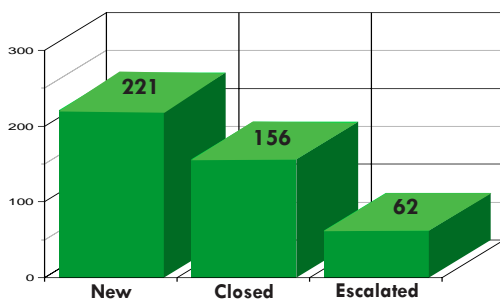
From the "river" of rough cut and colorful rocks to the mature cacti, lush palms and desert grass, this home has it all. The green shrubs are freshly manicured and enhanced with pops of yellow from the barrel cacti and sprinkling of tiny wildflowers.

The adorable hand painted metal scotty dog address marker was my personal favorite.

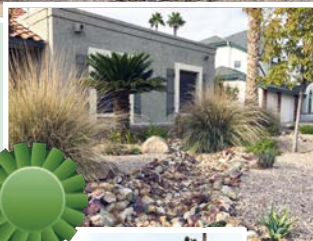
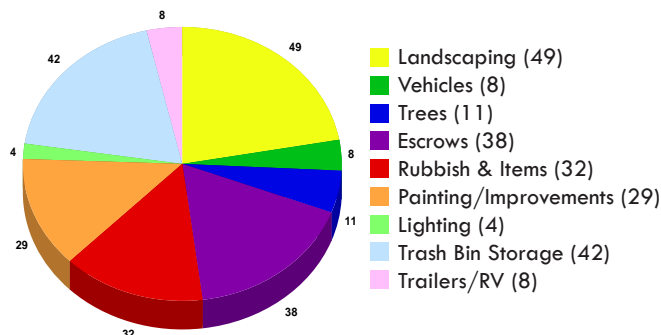
Taking pride in your property is what makes Dobson Ranch... **the best place to live!**

CC&R Notices

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There are many impressive and well-manicured yards in Dobson Ranch that it's hard to pick each month. If you would like your yard or a neighbor's yard featured as a Green Thumb winner, call 480-831-8314 or email nroggio@dobsonranch.com.



'Tis the Season for New Beginnings

by Annie Vaugier, Code Compliance Supervisor

No matter how you celebrate the many holidays and traditions this time of year brings, this is also the season for reflection, resolution and the anticipation of new beginnings as we approach a new year.

As most of us know, **New Year's Resolutions** can quickly fade into obscurity once we turn the corner of the holidays and get back into the hustle and bustle of everyday life. And some popular and not-so-popular resolutions are more realistically attained than others:

- Be a better person.
- Spend less time on **Facebook**.
- Buy lottery tickets at a luckier store.
- Learn the definition of resolution.
- Eat better.
- Exercise more.
- Eat less (especially bacon).
- Accept the fact that weeds will never go away on their own.

New beginnings are a way of leaving behind what didn't work the best and looking ahead to what can be done

differently to improve our lives and our community. As we anticipate what 2020 will bring, add your Dobson Ranch leadership, staff, volunteers and neighbors to your list of relationships to restore, renew and/or begin this coming year. As is true in any family/community setting, we will not always agree, but we are all in this together. Get to know

those who serve you and get involved in making Dobson Ranch **the best place to live**.

Help us help you by following your **CC&Rs** and **Residential Architectural Guidelines**. Your resolute determination to share in the betterment of Dobson Ranch will show in the aesthetics and care of each individual property.

We look forward to serving you this coming year. Let us know how we can better serve you and address your individual concerns and suggestions.



Happy New Year Everyone!

Annie

Making the Switch from Coupons to Statements



Account Number	Account Name	Account Type	Account Status
123456789	ABC COMPANY	SAVINGS	ACTIVE
987654321	DEF COMPANY	CHECKING	ACTIVE
567890123	GHI COMPANY	LOAN	PAID
234567890	JKL COMPANY	CD	ACTIVE
890123456	MNO COMPANY	IRR	ACTIVE

In 2020, new requirements will be in place requiring statements of accounts, rather than coupon books, to be sent to all homeowners of the Association. SB 1531 is an amendment to ARS 33-1256 and ARS 33-1807 and is requiring that statements be sent. Your first statement will be sent at the end of December and then quarterly after that. Your statement in December will include the account activity for the last 12 months and afterward include the account activity for the quarter.

This process is new and we want to be sure all homeowners are aware of this change and answer any questions you may have. Please call the office or email **Lynelle Glysson** directly if you have any questions or concerns at lglysson@dobsonranch.com.

JOIN THE BOARD!

Call for Candidates

We are starting our call for candidates for the three **Board of Director** seats that will be filled at the April 2020 **Annual Meeting of the Members**. Each position is for a 3-year term.

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

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

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



Landscaping Tips



By Arizona Landscape Contractors' Association, the Sustainable Landscape Management (SLM) and the Arizona Certified Landscape Professional (ACLP) www.ALCA.org

Ryegrass Mowing Tips



Most overseeding for the season is done and new stands of ryegrass are coming up strong. From the first cut through the entire cool season, here are some tips for mowing your ryegrass to keep it beautiful, bright green and the lush carpet of turf that you expect.

- Ryegrass growth is from tillers unlike bermudagrass that grows from rhizomes and stolons. Regular mowing will promote tillering (*establishment of new leaves*).
- When ryegrass is new it tends to hold a lot of moisture in the leaf and requires at least 24 hours to dry prior to mowing or you will create ruts in your new lawn.
- Turn irrigation off for 24 hours prior to mowing and preferably mow in the afternoon when the grass is completely dry.
- Sharpen your mower blades, reels, and bed knife prior to first mow.
- Check lawn often for leaf tearing or yellow grass blades caused by dull mower blades.
- Sharp mower blades prevent leaf tearing which can make the grass susceptible to disease.
- Mow your new ryegrass around the 14-day mark when it reaches a height of 2".
- Set mower height between 1.5" to 2" and gradually lower mowing height until you reach the desired height between .75" - 1.25".
- Ryegrass can grow clumpy if not mowed frequently, so it is best to mow every 5 to 7 days.
- Mow a different direction each time to reduce clumps in the grass and provide a clean cut.
- Never mow more than one-third of the leaf blade in any one cutting.
- Bag or mulch your lawn depending on your preference and mower.



The grass pictured above is perennial rye planted in the middle of October.



Perennial ryegrass is an excellent addition to any Arizona lawn.



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Homeowner Improvements

Architectural Applications November 2019

By Carole Stabile
Member Services Coordinator

47 Applications **\$207,010**

DOBSON ESTATES

Gate	\$ 250
Paint	\$ 3,000

DOBSON SHORES

Block Wall	\$ 500
Gate	\$ 200
Paint	\$ 3,500
Front Door	\$ 10,000

LAGUNA SHORES

Paint	\$ 7,500
Landscape	\$ 10,000
Lighting	\$ 750
Balcony	\$ 7,500

DOBSON RANCH UNIT I

Roof	\$ 26,560
Paint	\$ 4,850
Basketball Goal	\$ 500

DOBSON RANCH UNIT III

Paint	\$ 2,600
Roof	\$ 12,500
Window Replacement	\$ 12,500

LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED

Roof	\$ 12,000
Gate	\$ 2,000
Landscape	\$ 2,400

LOS ALTOS

Landscape	\$ 13,000
Roof	\$ 15,300
Paint	\$ 12,500
Window Replacement	\$ 4,000
Gate	\$ 100

REGENCY ESTATES

Paint	\$ 6,500
Roof	\$ 11,000

SARATOGA LAKES

Paint	\$ 8,400
Mailbox	\$ 600

WESTPORT BAY

Landscape	\$ 4,000
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KNOELL VILLA SOLANO

Landscape	\$ 10,000
Block Wall	\$ 2,500

Home Sales

Trustee Properties: 4
3 – Houses, 1 – Condo
Home Sales: 30





Today's Trash Brings Tomorrow's New Beginnings *by Nancy Roggio*



Why on earth would two responsible parents working full time jobs want to dig around in other people's trash in their spare time? Because to Dobson Ranch residents **Danielle and Spencer McCall**... it's all about helping people.

By day, Danielle is a full-time District Life Insurance Specialist for *Farmers Insurance*, and Spencer is a helicopter mechanic at *Able Aerospace* at the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport. But, in their spare time they become "dumpster divers" for a noble cause.

The idea came to Danielle four years ago when she was standing outside a courtroom where women were being prosecuted for stealing baby formula and diapers from *Walmart*. She felt sorry for the women and knew she wanted to help single moms who were struggling to take care of themselves and their children. And that's how **Repurposeful** came to be.

Danielle wanted to provide useful items such as food, clothing, furniture, toys, and household items to those in need by donating 100% of their "treasure hunting finds" without taking any portion of the proceeds as do organizations such as *Goodwill*. She also wanted to help people regardless of their race, religion or sexual orientation. Her **Repurposeful** motto is, **"One man's trash is another person's new beginning."**

"The trash picking started out as something fun to do with the family (yes... *their son and daughter get in on the act as well*) and before we knew it, we became a non-profit helping more than just single moms," said Danielle. "I usually hunt in alley ways after work or on weekends and look for furniture pieces that can be refurbished. I have a degree in Interior Design, so I have an eye for which pieces can be salvaged. Spencer explores dumpsters in the dark every morning at 3:00 am wearing a head set complete with lamp and camera (*to leave his hands free for foraging*) before he starts work at 5:00 am."

Spencer is prone to dumpster dive in nicer, high-end neighborhoods around the Valley, and has many colorful stories about his most unusual or valuable finds.



"We've found a motorcycle stabilizer worth over \$500, wool rugs each worth \$1,000 or more, two life-size wooden nutcracker soldiers with the price tags still on (\$119 each), a stack of brick pavers (*enough to build a patio*), a leather saddle, and a shoe box with 20 Native American silver rings," Spencer recalls.

Danielle's favorite treasure was a *Calvin Klein* women's suit that fit her perfectly. She even found \$20 in one of the pockets. Another "fabulous find" was four *Coach* purses. Plus, she's proud to say that she found a grandfather clock on her way home from work one day, then managed to hoist it up on top of her car while still wearing her suit and high heels from work. She's also found nine large bags of designer clothing in an upscale neighborhood, with the sales tags still attached. Danielle readily admits that just about all the furnishings in their home have been recycled.

"People are really happy to give you stuff when they know the reason why you are picking through their trash. They usually had good intentions of donating the items to *Goodwill* or *Purple Heart*, but simply never got around to it," Danielle explained.

Spencer is the creative genius who began filming their dumpster diving expeditions and posting them on **YouTube**. To date, the McCalls can be seen trash picking in **78** different **YouTube**

videos listed under the **Repurposeful** name and each video has garnered up to **2,600** views! Every one of their

professional-quality videos has a very cool intro with a funky musical beat that has helped them build their brand and acquire 400+ subscribers.

"It took six months to reach our first 100 subscribers, then only one month to double that amount. The momentum is growing fast," explained Spencer. "I would love to do a new video every day, but for now I post a new video every two to three days."

Once the McCall's **Repurposeful** videos hit 1,000 subscribers, they can then sell branded merchandise such as hats and t-shirts, and begin to accept paid advertising on their videos.



The McCalls were recently featured in a news segment which aired on **Channel 12 NBC TV**, so word is quickly spreading in the Phoenix area about their meaningful efforts.

The McCall's dream is to pursue their passion full time and have their own reality TV show, similar to *American Pickers*, but featuring their own unique style of dumpster diving and giving back to their community.



At this time all of their trashy treasures are being stored in their own home. Items are sorted, washed, repainted, repaired, and refurbished as necessary. The McCall's would truly love a storage space and eventually opening their own retail shop. Danielle is currently taking a class on starting a non-profit organization, and she is hoping to obtain grant money to help pay rent on a storage space or store front.

Danielle ended by saying, "People need to become more environmentally conscious. Think about what you throw away. Can it be repurposed? Can it be refurbished? Can you give it to someone else who may need it more than you?"

Got any items you would like to donate to their worthy cause? You can contact the McCall's via their **YouTube** Channel (*as Spencer responds to every comment personally*), or you may call or text Danielle at 480-238-1962.



Get ready to enter our "Holiday Snapshot" Photo Contest!

WIN GREAT PRIZES & HAVE YOUR PHOTO PUBLISHED IN RANCHERS' ROUNDUP!

Holiday Snapshot

PHOTO CONTEST

Whether it's sitting with Santa, gobbling down gooey pancakes, or getting your child's face painted at our **Breakfast with Santa** event, we want to see your pics! Maybe it's watching your child's face light up when playing in real snow, gazing at the lighted boat parade, or enjoying a cup of hot cocoa at our **Winter Wonderland** event. Send us your best shot taken at either one of our special holiday events.



1.

SHOOT

Snap a pic of you, your family, or friends having fun at one of our Dobson Ranch holiday events.



No more than 2 entries may be submitted by the same person.

2.

SHARE

Email your best digital photo with your name and address to nroggio@dobsonranch.com by Dec. 16, 2019.*



Winners to be selected on Dec. 17 by impartial group of DR HOA employees.

3.

SHOUT

You'll give a big "WOO-HOO!" when you win a holiday gift card and your photo is featured in *Ranchers' RoundUp*.

PHOTO CONTEST PRIZES INCLUDE:

Editor's Choice Winner receives a **\$150** Visa Gift Card!

First Place Winner receives a **\$100** Visa Gift Card!

Second Place Winner receives a **\$75** Visa Gift Card!

Third Place Winner receives a **\$50** Visa Gift Card!

* All digital photos must be received by no later than Dec. 16, 2019 at 11:59 pm. Photos **MUST** be taken at **Breakfast with Santa** or **Winter Wonderland** events. Photos may be used on **Facebook**, website or in **RoundUp**.



From the Recreation Director's Desk



By Jesse Wright

Associate Director of Recreation

I'm proud to say the **Fall Festival** was successful. I want to thank all the families in the community that participated this year.

Christmas is right around the corner and our department has been busy decorating the Rec. Centers for the holidays. We are anxious for 2020 to arrive when we'll have many new and improved programs and events being offered.

We have our new event called **Parent's Night Out** on January 18. Parents... need a break? If so, look no further, as we are offering a fun night with the kids, so you can enjoy a fun night out as well! We'll be showing the movie **Abominable**, serving popcorn, playing games and doing crafts... plus giving away great raffle prizes, too. Don't forget your pillow and blanket! Sign up online or at La Casita Recreation Center.

Bring your pampered pooches out to Laguna Park for a real treat on January 25 for **Bark in the Park!** You can sign up to participate in a dog trick contest and see vendors that cater exclusively to your canine. We'll have areas for big and small dogs, so come out and have a doggone good time.

Thanks for all the 2019 memories and I look forward to making many more in 2020.

Please note our highlighted **Recreation Center Holiday Hours** in the box on the right.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

RECREATION FACILITY HOURS:



La Casita Recreation Center

2719 S. Reyes . 480-831-7464

Fall Hours:

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Los Altos Recreation Center

2524 W. Campo Alegre

Fall Hours:

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Saratoga Recreation Center

2345 S. Saratoga

Fall Hours:

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Laguna Park

2455 W. Laguna Azul Avenue

Open year-round

sunrise to sunset



Recreation Center Holiday Hours:

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day **CLOSED**; 12/26 open 8:00 am

- 7:00 pm; New Year's Eve & New Year's Day **CLOSED**;

1/2 open 8:00 am - 7:00 pm.

(Most amenities are accessible by Homeowner FOB when facility is not staffed.)

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020 | 3:00 - 5:00 pm

LAGUNA PARK | 2455 W. Laguna Azul Ave.

featuring **LIVE** music by

PEOPLE WHO COULD FLY

Bring your lawn chairs and refreshments
and get your Sunday jam on!

Dobson Ranch Recreation • 480-831-7464 • dobsonranch.com

SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE

STARGAZING at Laguna Park

Friday, February 28

- Telescopes supplied by Stargazing for Everyone
- Viewing of Saturn and the Moon
- Bring Your Blankets, Small Flashlights and Cameras
- Presentation at 7:00 pm
- Viewing takes place until 9:00 pm

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Fall Festival Thank you to all the Vendors, Ranchers, Retirees' Club, & Staff that participated! See our Facebook page for more photos.





Chili Cook Off Winners

The yummy chili samples from our six contestants were taste tested and resident approved.



And the winners were:

- #1 El Vaquero - Michael McAfee
- #2 Spicy Robinski - Emily Robinson
- #3 B-Dubs - Brock Wright

Fall Festival
COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

9-13 AGE GROUP
Rebecca M.
Age 2

0-4 AGE GROUP
Logan Guthrie
Age 2

5-8 AGE GROUP
Poppy Eckert
Age 7

NEW EVENT FOR 2020!

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!

PARENTS... ENJOY A NIGHT OUT WHILE YOUR KIDS PLAY AT LA CASITA!

-- Ages 6-12 --

Activities include:

- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Games
- ★ Movie & Popcorn
- ★ Raffle Prizes

Cost: \$5 per child

SATURDAY
JAN. 18, 2020
5:00 - 9:00 PM

La Casita Recreation Center

REGISTER NOW AT
DOBSONRANCH.COM

Dobson Ranch Recreation Center ★ 480-831-7464



La Casita Preschool Registration

Limited Space!
10 children per class

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

Tuesday, February 11

**8:00 am
(residents only)**

Tuesday, February 18

**8:00 am
(non-residents)**



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

Program Dates: 2020-21 School Year - August 10 - May 19
Summer Session - June 1 - July 17, 2020

Call 480-831-7464 or email jfeltmann@dobsonranchhoa.com for class offerings and pricing.

The Purpose of La Casita Preschool:

To provide a safe, loving environment for children to be cared for and the opportunity to potentially develop to their fullest physically, emotionally, socially, intellectually and creatively.

In order to achieve that purpose, the classroom is set up to allow each child to explore, get creative and increase their curiosity. Each day art, science, math, music with motion, literacy, sensory, dramatic play, block play, outdoors and practical life are incorporated into our lesson plans.

Children learn by doing. To allow each child to grow in their own way, we look at them as an individual and compose our lesson plans to meet their needs.

Field trips, plays and programs, holiday parties, special events, and parent volunteers are special ways that we involve the whole family. Student of the Week, Show and Tell, and take-home activities are also ways for a connection from home to school.

If you are interested in speaking with Ms. Jessi, *Teacher and Director of La Casita Preschool*, visiting and touring the school or have any questions in general, please contact **Ms. Jessi Feltmann** by phone at 480-831-7464 or by email at jfeltmann@dobsonranchhoa.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

FREE!

MOVIE



in the PARK



FRIDAY, MARCH 6
LAGUNA PARK
2455 W. Laguna Azul
Movie begins at sunset

Ice cold refreshments
and freshly popped
popcorn will be served!



Contact Recreation Dept. for more info at 480-831-7464

SAVE THE DATE!

SPRING

Break

CAMP

Ages 6-12 yrs.

Daily Themes!

Monday thru Friday 8am - 5pm

MARCH 9-13

Saratoga Recreation Center
2345 S. Saratoga

Contact Recreation Dept. for more info at 480-831-7464



It's your dog's day at Dobson Ranch, but you'll have a dog-gone good time, too!

BARK

.....in the Park

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020
Laguna Park - 2455 W. Laguna Azul
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Contests will be held at 11:00 am and winners will receive a Gift Card.



Pet-Related Vendors Needed!

Cost to enter is \$25 for a 10' x 10' space. Contact Dobson Ranch Recreation at 480-831-7464.



Bark in the Park 2020 Vendor Application

Bark in the Park will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Laguna Park, our community park located at 2455 W. Laguna Azul, Mesa, AZ 85202.

We are inviting local pet-related businesses and organizations to be part of our family-friendly event. Please fill out the information below with as much detail as possible. You will be contacted within one week of returning this form to confirm your space.

Requirements for vendors:

- A vendor fee of \$25 is required to attend the event for a 10' x 10' space.
- Vendors will need to check in at 8:00 am and are expected to stay until 12:00 pm.
- Vendors accepted are those related to canines. Booths can be retail or informational.
- Only acceptable vendors will be given a designated space.
- One 6' rectangle table and 2 chairs are provided. Table cloths and signage will not be provided.
- **A copy of your City of Mesa Tax License is required if you will be selling any products.**

Please check one of the following that best describes your vendor booth:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital/Clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> Associations/Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Groomer/Dog Wash | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychics/Specialists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Food Supply/Bakeries | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistance Animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Obedience | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daycare/Boarding | |

Name of co./group: _____ Phone: _____

Address of co./group: _____

Contact person: _____ Email: _____

How are you associated with the co./group? _____

What will your booth include? _____

How many people/animals will be part of your booth? _____

Will you be selling anything: Yes or No (Please circle one)

If yes, AZ State Tax License Number _____ (please attach copy)

Fee Paid _____ Receipt # _____ Date _____ Staff Initials _____

Please return form with check, cash or credit card payable to Dobson Association at 2719 S. Reyes, Mesa, AZ 85202 or email avewright@dobsonranchhoa.com or fax 480-491-8128. Any questions, please call Rec. Dept. at 480-831-7464.



RECREATION CLASSES

All Recreation Activities, classes and programs are at La Casita Recreation Center unless specified. Questions? Call La Casita at 480-831-7464. Visit us at www.dobsonranch.com.



TAI CHI

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

Time: 9:00 am Beginning Tai Chi
 10:00 am Intermediate Tai Chi
 6:00 pm Intermediate Tai Chi
 7:00 pm Beginning Tai Chi

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

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

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

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

Transform your mind, body and spirit! Yoga will improve your flexibility and strengthen your core muscles while banishing stress and tension. This relaxing but invigorating class promotes inner calmness using breathing techniques, balancing postures and stretching/floor work. Modifications available to meet all levels. Bring a yoga mat. Yoga blocks, strap and blanket/towel are very helpful. You can attend either yoga class offered with your punch card. *



HEALING YOGA

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

Hard to get up off the floor? Body having a hard time moving? 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! Also learn how to relax the mind, discovering how to relieve anxiety, bring better sleep, and not letting your worries take control over your mind. If you think your body has had it and can't do anything anymore – think again. Come join us for gentle recovery. You can try it lying on the floor, or even in a chair. Bring a yoga mat. You can attend either yoga class offered with your punch card. *

FITNESS IN THE PARK

Code: 5743 (October 1 - December 31)
 5786 (January 2-March 31)
 Instructor: Nancy
 When: MON./WED./FRI. 6:00 am - 6:45 am;
 TUES. & THURS. 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
 Where: Laguna Park
 Cost: \$10 residents, \$15 non-residents
 RSVP: Contact the instructor with questions prior to class at 602-703-7822 or at nancy@magillfitness.com

\$50 for 5: Get 1 session FREE. \$90 for 9: Get 3 sessions FREE!

Your 1st class is **FREE!!!** Contact Nancy at 602-703-7822 or at nancy@magillfitness.com to reserve your first **FREE** class.



ZUMBA

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

This is a fusion of Latin and International music that incorporates a variety of dance styles such as salsa, cumbia, bellydance, and reggaeton. This class combines high energy and motivating music to help you burn fat and tone your body. Even if you have never danced before, you will have a blast, because the routines are fun and easy to do. So what are you waiting for? Join the party and try Zumba today! *

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Code: 5760
 When: Thursdays (January 9 - February 13)
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center
 Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 Cost: **Registration fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5. Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

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

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





INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)

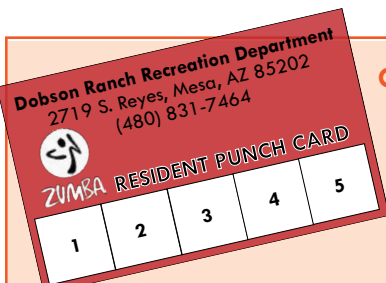
Code: 5761
 When: Thursdays (January 9 - February 13)
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Cost: **Registration fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

In a fun, encouraging and high energy atmosphere, your child will be shown the fundamentals of ballet and jazz, which can help improve motor skills and creative expression. Soft-soled shoes 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.

DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Code: 5759
 When: Tuesdays (January 7 - February 11)
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Cost: **Registration fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

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



GET YOUR PUNCH CARDS FOR RECREATION CLASSES AT LA CASITA

** Punch Cards may be punched one time for residents only per class. No additional punches for guests or residents. Punch Cards expire 2 months from purchase date.*

ACTIVITIES

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT STYLE

When: 4th Friday of month (December 22)
 Time: 6:30 pm (Arrive by 6:15 pm)
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center
 Cost: Free to residents, \$5 non-residents
 Must be 18 years of age or older.

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

BUNCO

When: 3rd Friday of month* (December 13)
 Time: 6:30 pm (Arrive by 6:15 pm)
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center
 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.

**Due to a staff event Bunco has been moved to the 2nd Friday.*

BRIDGE GROUP

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

*Come join our Bridge group that meets every Monday. To join the group, please call **Bette Parrish** at 480-206-3514.*

RECREATION CLASS INFORMATION

- REGISTRATION** for classes can be done on the Association website at www.dobsonranch.com or at La Casita Community Center, 2719 S. Reyes, Mesa, AZ. Class fees are due during the registration process unless otherwise noted.
- QUESTIONS** on any recreation class or activity, you may contact La Casita Community desk at 480-831-7464.
- 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 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.
 - Discontinuance of participation due to injury or illness will be reviewed for consideration of prorated refund.
 - No other refunds will be given. No exceptions. Refund requests must be promptly submitted.



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 dobsonranch.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, January 6, 13, 20, 27 **5781 \$40 R/\$60 NR**
Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22, 29 **5782 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Adult Beginner to Advanced Beginner

This class is for players who would like to learn the game or improve on their limited skills and get some fun exercise while doing so. Players will learn scoring to actual game playing and doing drills to help with self-improvement. Racket and balls will be provided.

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21, 28 **5779 \$40 R/\$60 NR**
Thursday, January 9, 16, 23, 30 **5780 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Adult Weekday Doubles Play

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

8:30 pm - 10:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, January 6, 13, 20, 27 **5783 \$40 R/\$60 NR**
Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22, 29 **5784 \$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 to schedule private lessons. The Dobson Ranch tennis courts are for exclusive use of Dobson Ranch residents and of 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.

Adult Saturday Doubles

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

8:30 am - 10:00 am | Sessions: Monthly
Saturday, January 4, 11, 18, 25 **5785 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

JUNIORS

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

Junior Clinic

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

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, January 6, 13, 20, 27 **5775 \$40 R/\$60 NR**
Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22, 29 **5776 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21, 28 **5777 \$40 R/\$60 NR**
Thursday, January 9, 16, 23, 30 **5778 \$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 | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

*January Social 1/18

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



To Hit or Not to Hit: Tennis Tip for December



**By Kwong Young - USPTA Tennis Professional/
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional**

That is the question a player must ask himself in a split second. Here are two examples. One instance is when you toss a ball for serving and it may not always be a good or perfect toss to strike, but many will and quickly find out the answer to the million dollar question "how's it working for you?"

The other instance is when you go after a ball that is either going out of bounds because it's just long or just wide. When playing doubles, your partner should be forewarning you to not hit a potential or obvious out ball. But, ultimately, it is up to you to make that quick decision to hit or not to hit... that is the question!



Table and Chair Rentals

Make your next at home event great with the convenience of renting tables and chairs right in your community. The Dobson Association not only rents out facilities for private rentals, but renting of chairs and tables not held on a ranch facility are also available.

We can accommodate a rental of up to 140 metal framed folding chairs and 15 rectangular 6' by 3' tables. The resident must schedule to pick up and drop off the chairs and tables at La Casita Recreation Center. A refundable security deposit of a minimum of \$50 is due in cash or credit card.

Sunset Plaza Rentals

Got a special event or party planned, but don't have a venue selected? In addition to our Grande and Chica Rooms at La Casita Recreation Center, or Saratoga Recreation Center, our outdoor **Sunset Plaza** at La Casita is available to rent for parties and special occasions. Rental pricing is as follows:

	Patio Only	Patio with Grande Room	Patio with Grande/Chica
Resident	\$125/hr	\$225/hr	\$265/hr
Non-Resident	\$250/hr	\$400/hr	\$440/hr
After-Hour Fee	N	N	N
Set-up Fee	N	N	N
Kitchen	\$75	\$75	\$75
Playground Access	Y	Y	Y
Pool Access	Y	Y	Y
Deposit	\$300	\$500	\$600



NOW AVAILABLE! ODYSEA ADVANTAGE DISCOUNT TICKETS

ATTRACTION	TICKET PRICE	ADVANTAGE PRICE
OdySea Aquarium Adult/Child (2-12 yrs.)	\$39.95/\$29.95	\$25.95/\$22.95
Butterfly Wonderland Adult/Child (2-12 yrs.)	\$24.95/\$13.95	\$20.95/\$12.95
Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition Adult/Child (2-12 yrs.)	\$24.95/\$14.95	\$15.95/\$14.95
Surprise Your Eyes Adult or Child	\$15.00	\$8.00
Polar Play Adult/Child (2-12 yrs.)	\$20.00/\$16.00	\$8.00/\$6.00

Visit dobsonranchhoa.com/discounted-tickets for details.

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2719 S. Reyes
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480-831-7464

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The Dobson Ranch HOA Events Calendar Magnets for 2020 are in!

The Recreation Department is pleased to present their new **2020 Events Calendar Magnet**, perfect to post at home on your refrigerator or in your office at work. The magnets are available to all Dobson Ranch homeowners and are now available at the Front Desk of the La Casita Recreation Center. Be sure to pick one up today!

As you can see, all of your favorite events are back, along with two new events for 2020: **Parent's Night Out** coming up on Saturday, January 18 and **Casino Night** on Friday, May 15. Both events will be held at the La Casita Recreation Center.

By posting your magnet in the most visible spot in your home or office, you won't miss a single exciting event in 2020!

We thank you for your participation at our 2019 events and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events in 2020!

-- The Recreation Department



Event magnets are perfect for home or office use!

DOBSON RANCH HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

2020

JAN. PARENTS NIGHT OUT Saturday, January 18 La Casita Recreation Center BARK IN THE PARK Saturday, January 25 Laguna Park	FEB. SUNDAY IN THE PARK Sunday, February 9 Laguna Park STARGAZING Friday, February 28 Laguna Park	MAR. MOVIE IN THE PARK Friday, March 6 Laguna Park SPRING BREAK CAMP Mon-Fri, March 9-13 Saratoga Rec. Center	MAR. <i>continued</i> COMMUNITY CLEAN UP Saturday, March 14 Saratoga, Los Altos, Garage Sale BYOB Friday, March 27 La Casita Rec. Center
APR. SPRING EXPO/PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturday, April 4 La Casita Recreation Center TWEEN EGG HUNT Friday, April 10 Laguna Park	APR. <i>continued</i> EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA Saturday, April 11 Laguna Park ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday, April 14 La Casita Rec. Center	MAY CASINO NIGHT OUT Friday, May 15 La Casita Recreation Center SUMMER CAMP May 26 - July 31 La Casita Rec. Center	
JUN. FLICK 'N FLOAT Friday, June 5 Los Altos Recreation Center	JUL. ICE CREAM SOCIAL Friday, July 10 La Casita Recreation Center	SEP. BARK IN THE PARK Saturday, September 12 Laguna Park GOLF TOURNAMENT Saturday, September 19 Dobson Ranch Golf Course	DEC. WINTER WONDERLAND Saturday, December 5 Saratoga Recreation Center BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Saturday, December 12 La Casita Rec. Center
OCT. FISHING DERBY Saturday, October 3 Los Altos Recreation Center FALL BREAK CAMP Mon - Fri., October 5-9 Saratoga Rec. Center	OCT. <i>continued</i> COMMUNITY CLEAN UP Saturday, October 10 Saratoga, Los Altos, Garage Sale HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR Friday, October 16 Laguna Park	NOV. FALL FESTIVAL Saturday, November 21 Laguna Park	

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Retirees' Club

By Al Prosek

Our December meeting was a lively social gathering **Pot Luck** luncheon along with our members bringing in gifts of toys, bikes, clothes, gift cards, and food for the **Adopt a Family** project, now in its third year!

Members of the Retirees' Club manned the grills serving mouth-watering brats and hot dogs at the Dobson Ranch **Fall Festival**. Others will be helping cook up the pancakes for the **Breakfast with Santa** event, where it is always so heartwarming to see Ranchers, young and old, in Holiday attire. Thanks to **Jack Magura** and all his brat helpers and Santa Elves!

The Club's Officers for 2020 were sworn in by **Bob Radisich**, former Retirees' Club President. They are as follows: **Frank Saarvedra** - President; **Barbara Stout** - Vice President; **Jo Norsworthy** - Secretary; and **Carolyn Sedlak** - Treasurer.

It has been my privilege to have served the past two years as Retirees' Club President. I would like to thank all who assisted as the Retirees' Club continues to grow in numbers, as well as the many new friendships that have evolved through the years!

Our members always seem to be involved with many HOA activities (some even on the HOA Board) throughout the years to make Dobson Ranch *the best place to live!*

Thank you all,
Al

Photos shown below are from the **Retirees' General Meeting**, which featured roast turkey with all the trimmings on Monday, November 4.

Retirees' Schedule

GENERAL MEETING

The Club's regular General Meeting will be held on Monday, January 6th at 9:30 am at La Casita Recreation Center.

BOARD MEETING

The next Retirees' Board Meeting will be on Monday, January 20 at 9:00 am at the **Dobson Ranch Golf Course Restaurant**.

The following is a list of activities open to all Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club members. If you are interested in any of the following, please contact that committee chair to receive more information.

DAY TRIPPERS	Marilyn Krouse	480-620-9311
DINNER NIGHT OUT	Linda Kosko	480-510-4990
HAPPY HOUR	Tanya Andrew	602-723-9106
MEN'S BREAKFAST	Dick Krouse	480-620-9310
MOVIE DAY	Judie Bielo	480-215-8656
FUN & GAME DAY	Judie Bielo	480-215-8656
LADIES LUNCH	Jeanne Collins	480-353-8604
BICYCLE RIDING	Arnie Chase	480-838-4124
HIKING	Barbara Stout	602-740-3213
PICNICS	Gerry/Susie Payne	480-225-1885

If you are interested in joining the Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club, please contact **Dovie Bryant** at dlbryant1@cox.net.





Hiking Club

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

As of the middle of November, our Hiking Club members are well on target to reach our first 100-mile goal. We are almost halfway there, then its on to trekking 200 miles. We've kept up the steady pace of 2.7 to 3.0 miles per hour for all of our hikes so far this Fall.

Clippers are our faster and longer hikes. Friday hikes are for the **Clippers** only because of the length of the hike. We leave La Casita Recreation Center at 8:00 am on the day of the hike.

Upcoming December hikes include:



December 13 - Wild Horse Trail from Usery Pass Road - **Clippers 5.5 miles** in and out Wild Horse Trail is a gradual, steady desert climb from Twisted Sister to Usery Pass Road. You can enjoy the mild climb through the

desert. Wild Horse got its name from the Brombies that roam the area. If we are lucky we will cross paths with them. This trail is part of the Maricopa Trail System.



December 18 - Usery Park Blevins to Moon Rock - **Pacers, Clippers 4.2 miles**

This trail is located in the Usery Regional Park in Mesa. Moon Rock Trail is sometimes hiked at night on a full moon with the Park

Rangers. It is a beautiful hike through the desert.



December 20 - Usery Park - Pass Mountain **Clippers 7.5 miles**

Pass Mountain, also know as "Scarface" to the local folks, is the geological focal point of the park. The mountain itself was named

for cattleman King Usery. "King" was his first name, rather than a title.

Additional hikes are now being scheduled for January through April. For more information about any of the hikes scheduled in December, please contact me at stoutgeo@gmail.com.

Happy trails! - Barbara

Women's Club

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

'TIS THE SEASON!

Out to Lunch found us at **Baby Kay's**. We hadn't been there for a long time. The food is **so good!** On January 3, 2020, we will try the new Mexican restaurant that moved into the former **Old Chicago**.

November's **Bunco** was hosted by **Donna**. She is so warm and welcoming. Great snacks, too. Thanks, Donna! December's **Bunco** will be December 16 at **Miss Mike's**. Please bring a dozen cookies for dessert and exchange what is left. **Laurie** will send out info.

At this time, we do not have a hostess for December. **Laurie** will keep us posted.

We would like to extend our condolences and prayers to **Linda Lee**. We care. Gene was a true gentleman. **Chris** appreciates the prayers and continued support. Keep them coming. **Phyllis** recovered from her pneumonia but fell and broke her arm.

May 2020 be kinder and healthier for all of us.

Thank you to the Yacht Club and boat owners for another fantastic **Lighted Boat Parade** and to the Recreation Department for a wonderful **Winter Wonderland**.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year!

Blessings,
Patty

Pickleball Club

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



Dobson Ranch pickleball opened our Winter neighborhood tournament season with a Halloween theme on October 26th. Seasonally appropriate awards were presented to everyone, courtesy of our **Gillies/Mizner Elves Studios**. The competition was fierce among

the eight teams playing in a round-robin format of "mostly" mixed doubles. Unfortunately, due to a mismatch in the registration, there needed to be a men's team and they found a way to win it all, defying all of the bookie's predictions!! Everybody had tons of fun and there were, as usual, great snacks and conversation.

Dobson Pickleball is locked into our "Winter" hours until the heat is on again: 8:00 am start for morning play on Monday and Saturday mornings. Evening play will continue at 7:00 pm throughout the Winter on Tuesdays, and for our social group play on Monday and Thursday evenings.

A number of our Dobson players will be starting to participate as members of teams in the **APPL** and **EVIL** leagues starting in January. None of these league matches will be at Dobson, but you may see a few more players out at odd times of the day practicing at the Los Altos courts with their teammates.

Many of our regular players plan to continue playing at other courts on Tuesday and Thursday, but for that matter, you can go there just about any morning and find other like-minded pickleball enthusiasts. Other courts nearby we continue to recommend, if you can't get a foursome together to play at home, are: **Tempe Sports Complex (8 courts)** and **Pecos Community Center in Ahwatukee (16 courts)**.

For schedule updates please check the Dobson Ranch website at: dobsonranchhoa.com/activities. Or, you can contact me at (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 Moran** at donna85202@gmail.com to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.



As always, remember Dobson's six courts at the Los Altos Community Center are available to residents and their guests anytime between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm daily year 'round... another great benefit of living here!

Pickle-On!



Garden Club

By Donna Chapman, Garden Club Representative



If you love flowers, you are in for a treat at the December 17th **Dobson Ranch Garden Club** meeting! Geraniums, geraniums and more geraniums are living happily at the home of **Sandy and Kevin Griesman**.

To tour this garden, meet at Saratoga Recreation Center on Tuesday, December 17 at 5:00 pm. The group will carpool to the garden.

Each year, Sandy introduces Fall to the neighborhood with a spectacular display of color through flowers. The front yard is truly a show stopper. Residents walking by the home often comment that they look forward to Sandy's annual Fall planting.

The compact garden area in the back yard includes a built-in planter and vignettes for dining and entertaining. In addition to being a skilled gardener, Sandy is a talented decorator. She has included many charming accents throughout her garden.

Come join the garden tour. It's guaranteed to be a colorful flower outing!



Dobson Ranch Republicans

By Bob Schuster, Chairman & Michelle Masters, Vice-Chairman

The 2020 election season is getting into full swing with candidates announcing for a number of important local and state offices. Meet Republican candidates for Sheriff and Arizona Corporation Commission at our January meeting. If you share the conservative values of limited government and more freedom, and would like to make a difference this election season, please come to our monthly meetings to meet candidates and share ideas. An informed electorate is vitally important to the health of our democratic institutions, and the best place to start is right here in our wonderful community of Dobson Ranch.

Our next meeting:

WHEN: Thursday, January 9

Meet, Greet and Eat (no host) 6:30 - 7:00 pm
Guest Speakers, Q&A, Open Discussion 7:00 - 8:30 pm

WHERE: Native Grill & Wings

1837 W. Guadalupe Road
Mesa, AZ 85202

Get connected: Join our email list to stay up-to-date on meeting highlights, including guest speakers at www.DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com and visit our **Facebook** page at [Facebook.com/DobsonRanchRepublicans](https://www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchRepublicans)



Dobson Ranch Democrats & Friends Club

By Jill Snyder, Treasurer

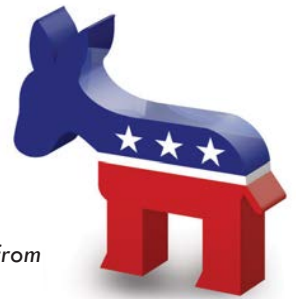
WHEN: Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2019

6:00 – 6:30 pm Networking
6:30 – 8:00 pm Meeting and Program

WHERE: Goody's Restaurant

1862 W. Baseline Road
Mesa, AZ 85202
(NW corner, across the street from Albertson's.)

Light refreshments provided. Cash bar.



We welcome you to our open meetings.

As always, we will provide light snacks, so bring some friends invite your neighbors, and join us as we will have very special guests that you won't want to miss!

Questions: George Tihanyi 480-792-6746
or **Jill Snyder** 617-504-3990 or jillsny@gmail.com.

Donations are always appreciated:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/drdf2019>

Like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchDemocrats>

Join our Meet-Up group: <https://www.meetup.com/LD18-Dems>





Programs at the Dobson Ranch Library

December 14, 2019 - January 22, 2020



EVCT Presents: *Spider Saves Christmas*

Saturday, December 14, 2019

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

The East Valley Children's Theater Express Acting Troupe will be performing their own play, *Spider Saves Christmas*.

Thrifty Gifts: Handmade for the Holidays

Monday, December 16, 2019

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Make small gifts to give away for upcoming holidays and events. Supplies are limited. Ages 14+.



The A, B, C, Ds of Medicare

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Medicare can be confusing. Come join us to learn about the different parts of Medicare and your options for Medicare coverage. This seminar is essential for people turning 65 years old as well as for people already on Medicare who want more education on Medicare benefits. Includes a Q&A session.

K-Code Storytime

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

10:30 am - 11:15 am - Dobson Meeting Room

K-Code Storytime introduces basic coding concepts to families through songs, stories, games, and interactive plugged and unplugged activities. Ages 3-5.



Craft Night: Winter Decor and Gift Toppers

Thursday, December 19, 2019

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

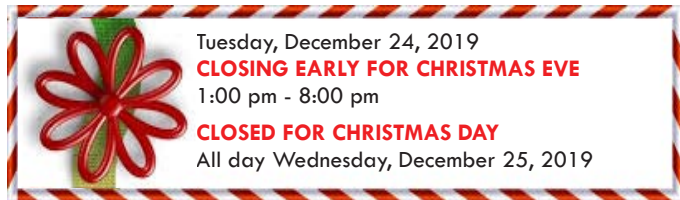
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Tuesday, December 24, 2019

CLOSING EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

All day Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Lego Club

Saturday, December 28, 2019

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Come explore your creative side at the Library with LEGO. Children can either follow a monthly theme or build from their imaginations. LEGO and DUPLO blocks will be provided.



Noon Year's Day Celebration

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

11:00 am - 12:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Help us ring in the "Noon Year" with a party just for kids! Who says you need to stay up until midnight to celebrate? We'll decorate hats, have noise makers and enjoy treats.



Tuesday, December 31, 2019

CLOSING EARLY FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

New Year Book Sale

Monday, January 6 through Saturday, January 11, 2020

All Day

50% OFF storewide at Dobson Ranch Library January 6-11, 2020.



Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

10:30 am - 11:30 am - Dobson Meeting Room

Join us for songs, stories, words, letters, numbers, and general silliness in this storytime designed to get children ready for kindergarten. Ages 3-5.

Toddler Time

Thursday, January 9, 2020

10:30 am - 11:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

Toddler time incorporates stories, music and movement into an engaging storytime for children. Ages 16-36 months.



Fiction Folks

Thursday, January 9, 2020

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

January's discussion book is *Fruit of the Drunken Tree* by Ingrid Rojas Contreras.

Meditation for Beginners

Monday, January 13, 2020

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Learn the basics of meditation with simple yet powerful techniques that will help you deal with stress wherever you are. We will be seated in chairs, so you do not need a mat. You may wish to bring a pillow to support your back. Teens and Adults.



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Smart Cycling Fundamentals

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

During this introductory workshop, learn about basic bicycle techniques, rules, and equipment, plus get a brief update on Mesa's bicycle projects and events. All participants will receive free bicycle safety gear. Presented by the *City of Mesa Bicycle and Pedestrian Program*. Ages 12+.



Stuffbrary

MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Libraries have so many great resources that they share with our community. Mesa Public Library wanted to build upon that model with some other, well, stuff. Enter the **Stuffbrary!** Library card holders can check out household items, play equipment and more. Stuff is available at all locations including the Dobson Ranch branch, though some items are branch specific.

The Stuffbrary currently includes:

Bike Locks - Biking to the library? Ask at the service desk to check out a bike lock and keep your ride secure.

Blood Pressure Cuffs - Thanks to a donation from the Mayo Clinic, library card holders can now check out a blood pressure cuff and learn more about their health habits.

Cake Pans - Holidays, birthdays, celebrations or even Tuesdays, everything is better with cake. And, when that cake looks like your favorite character, well, that's even better. Check out the available pans, then on your mark, get set, bake!

Citizen Science - Citizen science is real science done by people like you! You can borrow tools from your library that will help you participate in a specific citizen science project, such as a Sky Quality Meter, an air quality sensor, or a special smartphone lens.

Croquet Sets - Everything you need in a handy duffel bag - mallets, wickets, balls, and instructions for a fun lawn party.

Hiking Kit - A lightweight backpack stuffed with two folding walking sticks, a compass, binoculars, two hiking guides for Phoenix-area hiking trails, and a nature guide to help identify animals, plants and flowers native to the area. Perfect for enjoying our beautiful outdoors!

Play at the Park Kit - A variety of sports equipment to take to the park with your family and friends.

Seed Library - The Seed Library at Mesa's Main Library provides seeds for edible plants and herbs suited for local growing conditions.

Telescopes - Check out an Orion *Starblast* telescope to explore the beauty of the night sky! Telescopes check out for one week and cannot be held or renewed.



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LIBRARY HOURS
 Monday - Thursday:
 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
 Friday & Saturday:
 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Sunday - CLOSED

Mesa Chamber of Commerce Events

Mesa Chamber Member Orientation

Thursday, December 19, 2019

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Mesa Chamber Office - 165 N. Centennial Way, Suite 208, Mesa
 Hosted by Chamber *Director of Membership Services* **Linda Haskell** and open to members of any tenure, the member orientation is a great opportunity to set a plan in motion to get the most out of your chamber membership.

Promoting & Advertising Your Business With the Mesa Chamber

Thursday, December 19, 2019

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Mesa Chamber Office - 165 N. Centennial Way, Suite 208, Mesa
 Facilitation by *Director of Programs* **Lauren Wolford** and *Director of Events and Sponsorships* **Kathy McKinzie**, this monthly session is the best way to learn how you can promote your business through an event, a sponsorship or other promotional opportunity.



Mesa Young Professionals Meeting

Thursday, December 19, 2019

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Mesa Chamber Office - 165 N. Centennial Way, Suite 208, Mesa

In this meeting, the Mesa Young Professionals will talk about various upcoming ways to help community members, brainstorm ideas of volunteer work and create a plan for future events.



Ribbon Cutting - Vantage West Credit Union

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

9:30 am - 10:30 am

Vantage West - 1955 W. Baseline Road, Suite 107, Mesa

Join us for this great opportunity to meet new local businesses and celebrate the success of Vantage West Credit Union. Vantage West is passionate about investing in the communities they serve and helping their consumer and business members thrive. The community is invited to attend and celebrate this great day!



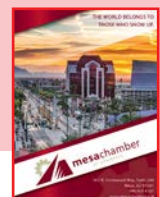
Ribbon Cutting - Vista Grove Preparatory Academy

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Vista Grove Preparatory Academy - 2929 E. McKellips Road, Mesa

Vista Grove Preparatory Academy serves K-8th grade students in and around metropolitan Mesa. Vista Grove provides free transportation on their five school buses so that all children have access to the learning and programs they offer. The community is invited to attend and celebrate with us.



For more information, or to register for an event, please visit the Chamber's website at www.mesachamber.org/events.



mesa PUBLIC SCHOOLS Forms Employee Recruitment Partnership with Arizona Department of Economic Security



Kathy Hoffman

In Summer 2019, Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction **Kathy Hoffman** approached Mesa Public Schools Superintendent **Ember Conley** with an idea: a pilot partnership between the district and Arizona Department of Economic Security. The goal? To help alleviate a classified employee shortage.

"Running a successful school takes a team of talented professionals working alongside our educators, but many school districts have struggled to fill critical positions such as classroom aides, bus drivers, cafeteria workers and other paraprofessionals," Hoffman says. "These positions are needed to ensure student achievement and can help build a pipeline of future educators."

In September 2019, **ARIZONA@WORK**, the DES workforce development network, held the first of several Mesa Public Schools job fairs. Positions are also promoted on *arizonaatwork.com*. In many cases, applicants had not previously considered working at a school district because they were unaware of the range of opportunities, including trade and technical positions. More than 30 employees have been hired as a result of the partnership.

"Creating a partnership with **ARIZONA@WORK** has provided an opportunity for Mesa Public Schools to connect with interested applicants through hiring events," says **Renee Parker**, Director of Human Resources. "Working together, we have successfully employed job-seekers for vacancies they may have never known were available within the public school system."

Hoffman is thrilled with the results of the pilot partnership, and she looks forward to expanding the opportunity to districts throughout the state.

"The success of this partnership between Mesa Public Schools and Arizona Department of Economic Security provides a

blueprint we can use to support the staffing needs of school districts across the state," Hoffman says. "I'm excited to see what we can accomplish on a wider scale."

Learn more about working at Mesa Public Schools by visiting mpsaz.org/careers.



Article by **Heidi Hurst**, Director of Communications & Engagement/MPS
Photo above by **Tim Hacker**/Mesa Public Schools

New Frontiers Spring Open House

New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning (NFLL) will hold their **Spring Open House** on Friday, January 24, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, at Mesa Community College (MCC) Red Mountain Campus in the Community Room (2nd floor) of the Mesquite Building.

NFLL is a peer-led, self directed organization of over 400 members operating under the sponsorship of Mesa Community College. NFLL is just what your intellectual curiosity is looking for. Classes usually meet one time for one to two hours, and, in some cases, over a period of a few weeks. There are no tests, grades or credits to worry about. Classes meet at various MCC campuses and other community locations.

Other social opportunities such as tours, social lunches, concerts, outdoor hiking, and theatre productions are also available. As an NFLL member you are given an MCC student ID card which gives you student discounts on the MCC campus and in the community.

Fees are \$60 for each semester, or \$80 for the whole year. After enrolling at the Open House, a member can register for as many classes as their schedule will allow.

Registration begins January 28, 2020 on the New Frontiers website. For more information, visit newfrontiers.mesacc.edu or call 480-461-7497.



NEW FRONTIERS
FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

Expand your world

A PROGRAM OF MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Merry Main Street, a spectacular celebration of the holiday season, is going on now in downtown Mesa through January 4, 2020. The festivities began November 29th with an evening of music, food and fun for everyone. It included a four-story tall tree lighting ceremony sponsored by the **Mesa Chamber of Commerce** on Macdonald, just north of Main Street.

Merry Main Street again features the **Winter Wonderland Ice Rink** of more than 5,000 square feet that will be open for nearly 40 days. The Ice Rink is a great way to enjoy the amazing Arizona winter weather while skating under the stars.

Start (or end) your journey down Merry Main Street, Friday or Saturdays, at **Jack Frost's Food Truck Forest** at Pioneer Park. While you are there, enjoy a classic holiday movie or take a **FREE** ride on the trackless **Main Street Express Train!**

There's **FREE Visits with Santa** on Fridays and Saturdays, so bring your cell phone or camera for pictures. You can also create new memories and your own holiday card at **Santa's sELFie Stations**. Look for stations near the Christmas Tree and along Main Street. And don't forget to shop at **Mesa's Christmas Market** stocked with unique holiday gifts for all ages. For more information, visit www.merrymainstreet.com.



Mesa Arts Center Showcases Fabulous Holiday Concerts



Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour 2019

Tuesday, December 17 - 7:30 pm
Ikeda Theater

Dave Koz & Friends continue their annual holiday tradition at Mesa Arts Center! With nine Grammy® nominations, nine #1 albums on Billboard's Current Contemporary

Jazz Albums chart, and a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, saxophonist Dave Koz has maintained a commitment to celebrating the magic of the holiday season like few other artists of his genre or generation.

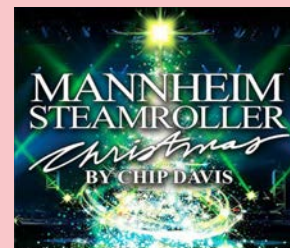


Na Leo Holiday Concert

Thursday, December 19 - 7:30 pm
Ikeda Theater

Share the aloha spirit during the holidays with Hawaii's #1 female music group of all time... Na Leo! Na Leo means "The Voices." The group is comprised of Lehua Kalima, Angela Morales and

Nalani Jenkins, who began performing together in 1982 as a Hawaiian trio. The Hawaiian holiday concert will include their popular contemporary pop ballads, traditional Hawaiian and holiday classics in a family-friendly performance for all to enjoy.



Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis

Thursday, December 26
3:00 pm & 7:30 pm
Ikeda Theater

A Mesa Arts Center holiday favorite returns! In 1984, Mannheim Steamroller released *Mannheim Steamroller Christmas*, an album that changed the sounds of Christmas and resulted in a runaway hit. Mannheim Steamroller went on to become the biggest selling Christmas music artist in history. The group's Christmas tour has become a holiday tradition right along with decorating the tree.

For ticket info, visit mesaartscenter.com.



MESA ARTS CENTER
1 E. Main Street, Mesa, AZ



New 2020 Fishing and Boating Permits Available



There are eight lakes located on Dobson Ranch. All are regularly maintained by the Homeowners Association for the use of Dobson Ranch residents and their guests.

Fishing Permits

Bass and other game fish are stocked each year for the enjoyment of Ranch anglers. Annual fishing permits may be purchased by residents at the La Casita Recreation Center.

An individual resident fishing permit is **\$5.00** annually and a family permit (good for unlimited family members) is **\$10.00** annually. Non-resident fishing permits are **\$10.00** per individual and **\$20.00** per family. Children under the age of seven who are accompanied by an adult with a valid Dobson Ranch permit do not need a fishing permit. There is a limit of one fishing line

per person; two hooks per line. No unattended lines allowed.

Since 2011, we have been following the catch and release program for all fishing on our lakes.

Tilapia and White Amur are also stocked because of their voracious appetites for algae and weeds. If you should happen to catch one, please gently release it back into the water to help maintain the proper ecological balance.

Boating Permits

Dobson Ranch is introducing a new **lifetime boating permit** at only **\$15.00** per boat (good for motorized boats and non-motorized boats). You do not have to renew your permit each year unless it changes owners or you have a new boat.

Although gasoline engines are not allowed on the lakes at Dobson Ranch, boats may have a maximum 3 horsepower electric motor. Paddle boats, sailboats, pontoon boats and kayaks are all very popular with our Ranch boating enthusiasts. A maximum of three boats per household are allowed.

2020 Fishing and Boating Permits went on sale beginning December 1, 2019 at the La Casita Recreation Center. Residents do not need to purchase permits for guests.



Getting Ready for the Lighted Boat Parade

by Chris Diamond, Yaught Club

It's my favorite time of the year... the **Dobson Ranch Yacht Club Holiday Lighted Boat Parade** time. Or, as I like to call it, the **DRYCHLBP**.

This will mark the sixth year of the parade and we've seen it go from a few boats with only a few strings of lights to close to 20 boats with hundreds of lights (thanks to LED technology). In the past we've seen a jet with folding wings, a giant Santa in the bathtub, the cast of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, a scene from *Frozen*, a surfing Santa, a night in a Paris Bistro, a computerized light show, a train to the North Pole, and even a giant boombox. Can't wait to see what this year will bring!

Joining in on the fun is not hard. All you need is something that floats (any size boat, kayak, pedal boat, etc.) and some lights.



Most of us head down to Harbor Freight and get a \$20 inverter and plug in some strands of LED lights... and there you have it. Others go all out with elaborate displays. But, if you're like me, your theme is 'look what I can do in an hour'.

We do two boat parades each year, one for the **Winter Wonderland** event on Saturday, December 7th and a second one for the neighbors on Saturday, December 14th.

If you missed this year's boat parade, no worries. You can watch some great videos of our past parades here: <https://www.dryc.us/category/parades>

Thank you to all who participated in this year's parade.

Hope you had as much fun watching the parade as I did!

-- Commodore Chris



SkyBridge Arizona Breaks Ground at Gateway Airport

SkyBridge Arizona and leading general contractor **Graycor Construction Company** joined on October 28 with local dignitaries, Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, business leaders and project leasing firm **CBRE** to break ground on the first two buildings at **SkyBridge Arizona**. The major masterplanned development will serve as the nation's first-ever joint U.S. and Mexico inland port and customs processing hub. SkyBridge has selected Graycor for the design-build of the first two buildings.

Located on 360 acres southwest of the runway at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport in Mesa, Arizona, SkyBridge will use **Unified Cargo Processing (UCP)** to complete on-site cargo inspection and processing so that shipments between the U.S. and Mexico can be expedited directly to their destinations in Mexico.

"The Phoenix market has welcomed SkyBridge with great excitement and we are equally excited to begin realizing our vision," said **Ariel Picker**, *President of SkyBridge Arizona*. "We have every confidence in Graycor to deliver the first buildings at SkyBridge on time, with great quality and with an execution that underscores their experience building within highly active live environments like Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport."

"SkyBridge Arizona is a gamechanger for e-commerce between U.S. and Mexico, our largest trade partner," said *City of Mesa Mayor John Giles*. "Congratulations to Graycor Construction for being selected to build the first two facilities at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport. These buildings kick off new development at the country's first joint customs inland port right here in Mesa."

Graycor will begin construction at SkyBridge with a fully speculative flex industrial building and a new hangar facility. The flex industrial building will total

60,000 square feet suitable for light industrial and warehouse use by one or two occupants. It will feature 24-foot clear height, up to four docks and storefront entries with administrative offices, conference space and break areas.

The aviation hangar will total 82,500 square feet with four bays each totaling approximately 18,000 square feet with approximately 2,500 square feet of administrative and conference space. All bays will have full foam fire suppression systems and the ability to accommodate aircraft as large as a G650 business jet.

"Phoenix has long been known as a logistics hub but SkyBridge will take the Valley to a new level of supply chain opportunity," said **Todd Ostransky**, *Graycor Construction Company Vice President of the Southwest Division*. "We are honored to work alongside SkyBridge and all of the municipalities involved in the evolution of this airport area."

Architectural firm **ADM Group** and engineering firm **Hilgart-Wilson** will serve as Graycor's design-build partners for SkyBridge. **Jackie Orcutt** and **Pete Wentis** of CBRE have been selected as the project's exclusive leasing brokers.

At build out, SkyBridge is slated to include 2 million square feet of warehouse space, 200,000 square feet of office space, 1.7 million square feet of light industrial, flex and cargo operations, and 100,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space. The development is targeting a range of tenants including air cargo, e-commerce, manufacturing and aviation and defense specialists.

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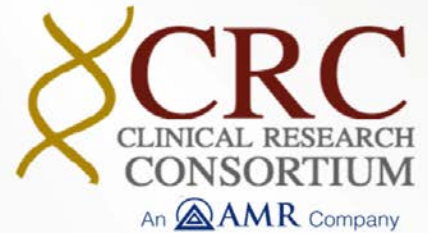
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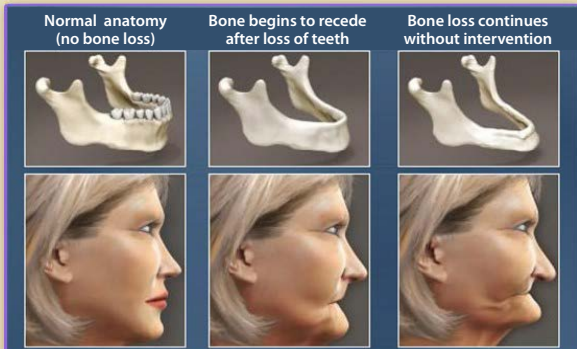
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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER '19/JANUARY '20

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
<p>9</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p>Waterworks Board Meeting 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p> <p>Zumba 6:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermediate 9:00 am Grande Room</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beginner 6:00 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Breakfast with Santa 9:00 am & 10:00 am Seatings La Casita Grande Room</p> <p>Sunday 15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Retirees' Board Meeting 9:30 am Grande Room</p> <p>Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p>Budget and Finance Committee 6:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p> <p>Zumba 6:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p>Garden Club 7:00 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermediate 9:00 am Grande Room</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beginner 6:00 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p> <p>Board of Directors Open Session 7:00 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Retirees' Game Day 1:00 pm Grande Room</p> <p>Bunco 6:30 pm Saratoga Room</p>	<p>Sunday 21</p> <p>Sunday 22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve La Casita Office & Recreation Center Closed for the Holiday</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Merry Christmas La Casita Office & Recreation Center Closed for the Holiday</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Poker 6:30 pm Saratoga Room</p>	<p>Sunday 28</p> <p>Sunday 29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Happy New Year! La Casita Office & Recreation Center Closed for the Holiday</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Happy New Year! La Casita Office & Recreation Center Closed for the Holiday</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Retirees' Game Day 1:00 pm Chica Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p>	<p>Sunday 4</p> <p>Sunday 5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Marketing Committee 8:30 am Chica Room</p> <p>Retirees' General Meeting 9:30 am Grande Room</p> <p>Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p>Water Management Committee 5:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Recreation Committee Meeting 5:00 pm Chica Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p> <p>Zumba 6:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermediate 9:00 am Grande Room</p> <p>Lake Habitat Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beginner 6:00 pm Grande Room</p> <p>Master Planning Committee 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Master Planning Committee/ Marketing Committee Meeting 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p>	<p>Sunday 11</p> <p>Sunday 12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room</p> <p>Budget and Finance Committee 6:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p> <p>Zumba 6:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermediate 9:00 am Grande Room</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beginner 6:00 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p> <p>Board of Directors Open Session 7:00 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Retirees' Game Day 1:00 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>PARENT'S NIGHT OUT! 5:00 - 9:00 pm La Casita Grande Room</p> <p>Sunday 18</p> <p>Sunday 19</p>