

JULY 2019

Ranchers'



Roundup

The Official Publication of the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association



Summer Sizzles on the Ranch!
Camp Imagination
Summer Fun Photo Contest
Summer in the City
and more...



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When the temps go over 100°, it's time to go under in the La Casita pool! Whether it's our Summer Campers splashin' or Moms dashin' after their tiny tadpoles... everyone's headed to the pool for some cool Summer fun!

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Message From the Association President



By Ron Ricci
Association President

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Fourth of July. More importantly, I have confidence that it was fun and you all are continuing to take pleasure in your Summer on the Ranch.

Our **Dobson Ranch Camp Imagination** is filled to capacity and our **Tennis Academy** is in full swing! I've seen chartered buses take our campers on exciting field trips to the **i.d.e.a. Museum** and a **Diamondbacks** game. Fun and interesting field trips are just one of the many reasons why your children love our Summer Camp.

By the time you read this message, our ever-popular **Ice Cream Social** event at La Casita on Friday, July 12 will be gone, but not forgotten. I'm sure everyone who came out to attend the event had their fill of cool and creamy ice cream.

I recently rode by the Los Altos Recreation Center on a Saturday while members of the **Dobson Dolphins Swim Team** were in the pool. I was not surprised to see so many people, since the Dobson Dolphins swim meets are always well attended, and the Dolphins Swim Team is such a wonderful program for tots through teens. However, I was surprised at the distance some families had to walk in the scorching heat due to having to park quite a distance away.

At the June Open Session, your Board of Directors suggested a new community plan which has been in the works. Now, we have two official volunteers, **Jeannie Rutkowski**, Dobson West (*who mentioned this program a year ago*), and **Joshua Hadley**, Dobson East. It's a West meets East sort of thing!

Together, they are spearheading a program that is autonomous with the HOA and the Board of Directors. The tentative name is **"The Resident Partnership"**. This group will assist fellow neighbors "spruce-up" their property and their neighborhood. However, they are looking for additional volunteers. This group will be promoting neighbors assisting neighbors with their property. They need ideas for fundraising and hiring contractors for multiple services to our homeowners. It is still in its infancy stage, so get in on the ground floor and help shape the program.

If you are interested, call the administration office, leave your name, email address and telephone number, and Jeannie or Josh will be back in touch with you.

Enjoy your Summer, stay cool, August is just around the corner. Back-to-school time and cooler temperatures will be here before we know it!

The Board and I are looking forward to continuing to serve all of you in 2019 to make the Ranch **the best place to live!**

Dollar\$ & \$ense



By Jeff Brosman
Association Treasurer

Hope you had a great Fourth of July and are enjoying your Summer. The first half of the year is already gone, so that means it's time to start our budgeting process for 2020. A preliminary budget was generated in June and now comes the refinement task over the next four months. One of the major items in our budget each year is insurance. We spend approximately \$225,000 in insurance costs each year. We have liability and casualty insurance coverage for all of our assets. We have insurance for our vehicles and boat, including coverage for their drivers. We provide Director and Officer liability insurance. We provide excellent health, dental and life coverage for our fulltime employees. Then there are various insurance policies for our pre-school as well as insurance coverage for our events. We also have workman's compensation coverage for not only our employees but also for vendors that perform work on-site.

As you know, insurance costs continue to increase year over year. We do our best to have good coverage while still controlling costs. I would like to share two examples of our efforts to control costs.



First, we were actually able to reduce our overall medical costs in 2019 relative to 2018 by nearly 10% by making some adjustments in our coverage while still maintaining excellent

health benefits for our employees. (*Our insurance broker indicated that amongst all of their customers, our medical benefits were in the top 5%.*) We are looking at holding the line flat in 2020 when rates are determined in September of this year.

Secondly, due to our excellent safety record, our workman's compensation insurance in 2019 is 5% lower than our costs were in 2018. And, more good news, our 2020 costs will be reduced another 5% based on our new contract. These savings will help counter some minor increases in other insurance costs.

The budgeting process will continue until the Board of Directors approves the final version, usually no later than October. Between now and that time, we will continue to fine-tune the 2020 Operating Budget. If you are interested in more of the details comprising our budget, plan to attend our joint budget session of the Budget/Finance Committee and Board of Directors, tentatively to be announced in September.

Have a great month!

The Dobson Association, Inc.
Board of Director's Open Session Meeting
La Casita Recreation Center, Grande Room, 2719 S. Reyes
Thursday, July 18, 2019 • 7:00 pm



Manager's Message



By Lynelle Glysson
Community Manager

Over the last six months, I have gotten to know and work with the many wonderful staff members at Dobson Ranch. There are some remarkable people who not only live at Dobson Ranch, but work here as well. What a testament to the welcoming environment of the Ranch... when you want to work where you live... that is a rare occurrence indeed!

Our staff is comprised of both full- and part-time members who are responsible for executing the day-to-day operations. From finances to landscape, they are what makes Dobson Ranch run so smoothly.

One of our long-time staff members is **John Knapp**. He came to Dobson Ranch as a Maintenance Supervisor in June of 1999. The entire Dobson Ranch office and maintenance team celebrated his 20-year work anniversary at the Saratoga Recreation Center on June 13. John was totally surprised with a luncheon in his honor, plus cards and gifts from his fellow coworkers past and present. He was presented with an engraved pocket knife as a keepsake from Dobson Ranch.

John is a "Jack of all trades" with a variety of experiences. He worked at nuclear power plants in Michigan, Texas and California before settling in Arizona. He has been with the Ranch through a multitude of changes. He's done such tasks as pull reeds from the lake to painting the exterior walls of the Ranch. His wife, Gabby, was on the Board of Directors and they have both been very involved with the inner workings of Dobson Ranch.



His gruff exterior hides a heart of gold, and he is well liked by our staff and residents. So, when you see him around the Ranch, please be sure to congratulate him on his 20-year milestone!



Message From the Editor



By Nancy Roggio
Communications Manager

The June issue of **Ranchers' RoundUp** received another round of kudos from readers and advertisers alike.

Rich Bitner, our Pickleball Club Representative, had this to say... "Great look to this issue! Keep up the innovations!" **Suzanne**

Woodford, from the Dobson Montessori School (one of our monthly advertisers) said... "Love the new look and articles!"

This month I've added a new page entitled "**Movers and Shakers**" which will feature members of the Dobson Ranch family that stand out or help make a difference in our community. Hope you enjoy my first article about **Amy Schuler**.

Also, be sure to check out the new "**Contest Corner**" on page 8.

Water Awareness



By Craig A. Wilson
Water Resources Manager

Plenty of Warm Days Ahead

June 21st, the longest day of the year, also marked the beginning of shorter days and less sun exposure. However, there are still plenty of warm days ahead of us. Finding a way to get out of the sun is on everyone's mind, except on those water-splashing, tubing, pool time kind of days. And the pools on the Ranch are very inviting right now. Sometimes it seems like there is not enough sunscreen available to protect the little ones as they play on the splash pad at La Casita.

This time of year, evaporation of water from our pools is at its zenith. Almost a full half inch of water evaporates each day from the pools here in the desert: One-half inch for every square foot of pool surface area. While the sun is a big driver in evaporating pool water, evaporation happens around the clock. The dry air claims some of the water taken up overnight, especially if there is any wind. Covering the pool can minimize evaporation during the periods the pool is not in use, but only if you remember to use the pool cover. Leaks are also one of the many culprits that render one's water savings efforts moot. Surveillance for leaks in the pump, piping and other mechanical features must be a routine.

Fortunately, our landscaping doesn't need sunscreen, but it does need our attention. An errant drip system can rob plants and trees of the water they need. Usually, a good soaking two or three times a month will allow the water to percolate deep into the ground. Deep watering creates a healthy deep root system for many plants.

For the lawns, the amount of water applied during the peak watering months can be reduced to the minimum amount needed by the grass. While the lawn might appear dry and dead, the grass is just dormant and will be fresh again when the temperature moderates. We reduce the amount of water applied to the Ranch common areas to save water that can then be used to establish the Winter grass.

The Summer months also portend the coming of the monsoon rains. Tropical storms build off the coast of Baja California and head for Hawaii. Occasionally, one of those storms heads our way and can produce intense storms unleashing volumes of rain. Usually, our lakes can hold the runoff if we make just a little room. That is why the lake water levels are down during the monsoon season. Sometimes though, the rain is just too intense and can cause widespread street flooding and cause the lakes to overflow their banks. Be on the lookout during these intense Summer storms!



Beyond the Quagga Mussels and Red Slider Turtles Protecting Our Lakes From Threatening Aquatic Invasive Species... by Brian Lynam

The Dobson Ranch Lake system exists primarily to manage and contain the storm runoff in our community. The lakes are fed roughly 20% to 30% from storm runoff and 70% to 80% from the SRP lake and canal system. The storm runoff entering our lakes also brings organic debris from the roads and organic matter that drops off trees and plants around the lakes. Much of that organic matter lays at the bottom of the lakes and breaks down over time.

In May, the **Lake Habitat Committee** proposed to have an underwater aerator system installed at the bottom of Lake 8, with the intent to eventually install similar systems in all of the lakes. The HOA Board approved this proposal and work to install 15 underwater aerator heads in Lake 8 has recently started. After consultation with experts, it was determined that the 15-head aerator system is required due to the lake shape and size. This will help speed up the decomposition of lake debris and add sufficient oxygen to the water to maintain healthy aquatic life. The continuous water movement will assist with lake cleanup by pushing surface debris to the shore where maintenance can more easily remove it. The water movement also helps reduce mosquitoes and midge flies, stagnant water odors and the development of algae.

In the past, we have tried to avoid algae issues by adding dye to the lakes in order to prevent photosynthesis that the algae need to bloom. But, photosynthesis is also needed to grow zooplankton and phytoplankton. Phytoplankton, which feed on the zooplankton, are the basic food source for a variety of marine species, from tiny fish larvae, such as Bluegill, all the way up to giant Catfish. Both zooplankton and phytoplankton not only play a vital role in the stability of the marine ecosystem, but they also serve as an indicator of water health, since they are

affected by slight changes in the environment. Using the underwater aeration systems to assist in avoiding chemical treatments will help maintain our natural food chain and balance in the lakes.

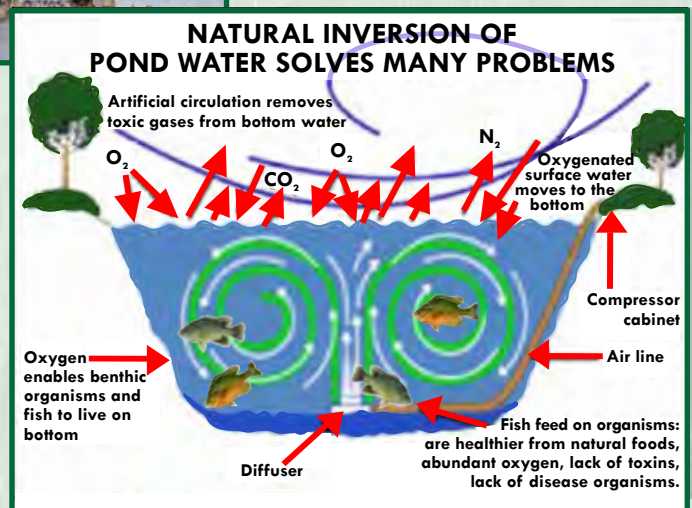
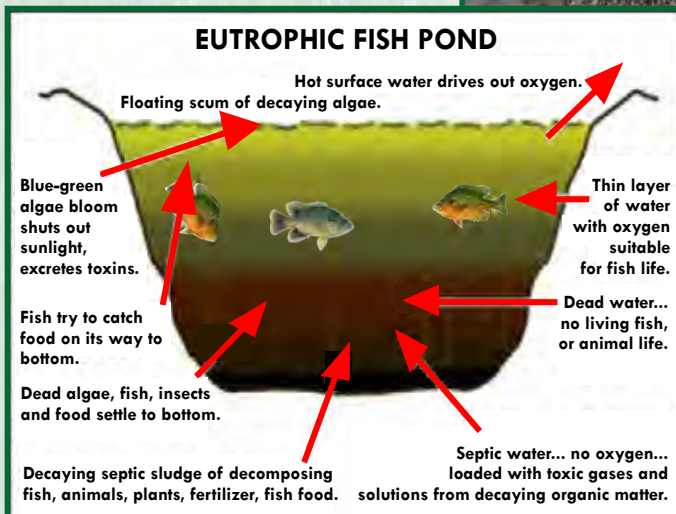
Beyond the Quagga Mussels and Red Slider Turtles mentioned in the June 2019 issue of **Ranchers' Roundup**, there are other Aquatic Invasive Species threatening us from which we need to protect our lakes. One is the Apple Snail which has been found in Tempe Town Lake. Originating from China, they are often introduced by irresponsible pet owners, live for 3 months, then leave their shells behind to create debris at the lake bottom and shores. Gizzard Shad was found in Roosevelt Lake in 2016. Gizzard Shad can take a lake over and eat themselves out of food, eliminating the native wildlife species. Chinese Carp have taken over the backwaters of the Mississippi River. They are known to jump 10 feet out of the water at boats. Under ARIZONA REVISED STATUTE 17-255, it is illegal to release invasive aquatic species into the water systems of Arizona. This means any aquatic species that is not native to our ecosystem whose introduction or presence in this state may cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.

The Lake Habitat Committee's goal is to create a healthy lake system and encourage the development of a proper aquatic environment and food chain. This will help to make our lakes more beautiful and enjoyable, while helping to fight off the invasive species that could damage our sensitive lake environment.

For more information, please refer to the Dobson Ranch HOA Lake Habitat Committee page on **Facebook**.

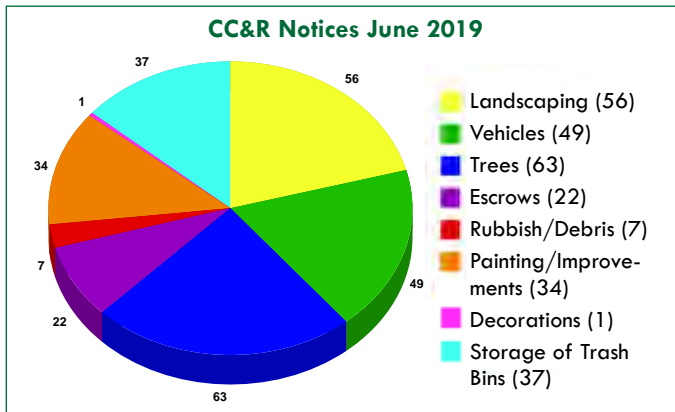
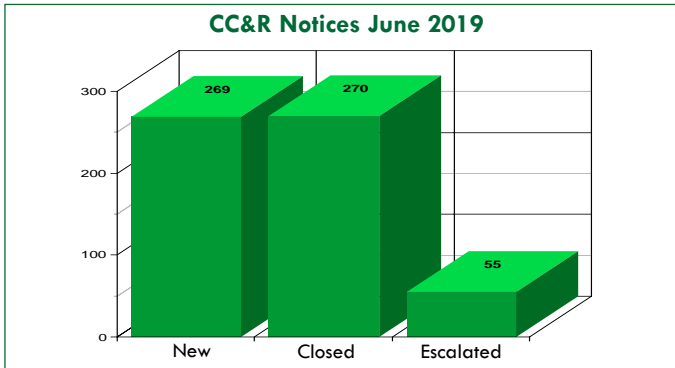


◀ Quagga Mussels





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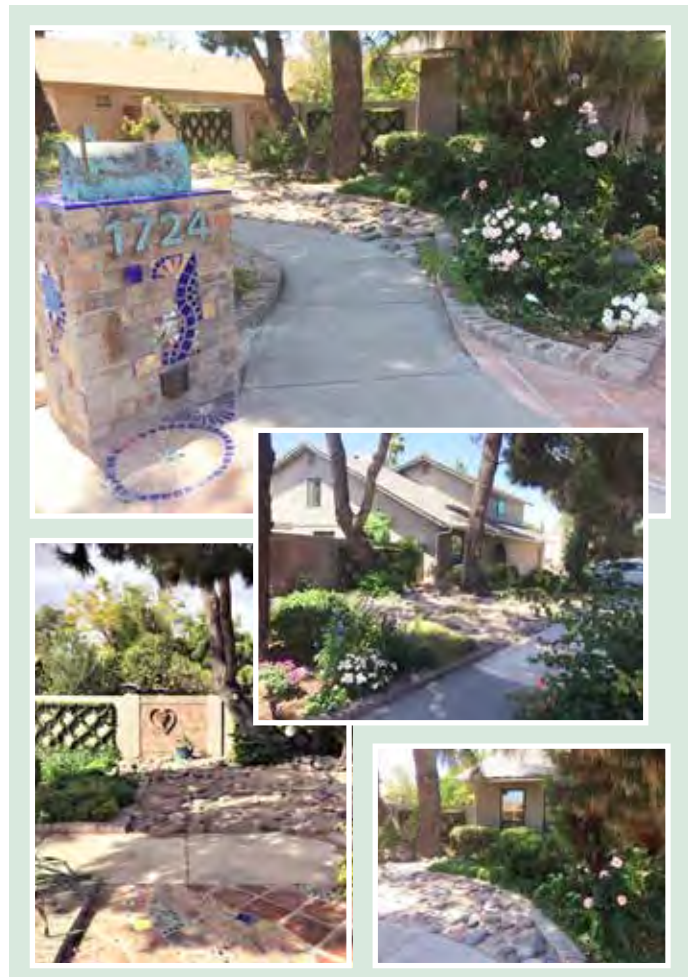


By Nancy Roggio

Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Kudos to the homeowners of **1724 W. Milagro Avenue** in **Dobson Unit I** on winning the **Green Thumb Award** for July. From the moment you cast your eyes on the custom designed mailbox post and decorative mosaic tile and stonework walkways... you are mesmerized! With its brick inlays and lattice-cut shrubbery, this home's landscaping is as striking as it is unique.

Taking pride in your property, like these homeowners, is what makes Dobson Ranch *the best place to live!*



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.



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The Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee

Preserving the Guidelines for an Appealing Aesthetic... by Lynelle Glysson

“This document that appeared to change everything, in fact, kept things the same.”

In January 2019, when I was hired by the Association to be your Community Manager, the community was engaged in lively discussions regarding the Residential Architectural Guidelines. As the months progressed, there was a document that surfaced and enlightened us all. The Appointment of Successor Architectural Control Committee was filed in 1998 with the county recorder. This document that appeared to change everything, in fact, kept things the same. It was meant to maintain the authority of the Architectural Control Committee. It states that each Declaration provided that the aesthetic quality of the property subject to the Declaration shall be maintained by an Architectural Control Committee. The ACC was set to terminate unless a written instrument shall have been executed by the then owners of a majority of the lots. This was done in 1998.

To obtain documentation, I did extensive research including pulling Plat Maps and declarations from the county assessors' website and going through boxes and files of original documents. I spoke to **Dale Douglas**, a prior Executive Director, and many other former board members and staff members who were here when this process was executed. They were clear in the intent of the Guidelines; they were meant to maintain an appealing aesthetic in Dobson Ranch. The Association engaged a top-notch attorney, **Donald Dyekman**, to assist with the daunting task of uniting the **Architectural Control Committee** over the entire Ranch. Thankfully, each **Ranchers' RoundUp** has been preserved and I was able to review several articles and announcements about the adoption of the Architectural Control Committee and its Guidelines.

According to the document filed, the ACC is now the **Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee**. This committee has the rights

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and powers and the same duties and liabilities as the previously named Architectural Control Committee. What this means to the homeowners of Dobson Ranch is that the DRAC, and not the Board, has the authority to enforce, change and implement Residential Architectural Guidelines. I have documents that date back to 1983 that state the guidelines and

they are very similar to our current Guidelines.

The Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee members were appointed by the Board of Directors at the April 18, 2019 meeting. These members were selected from the applications received. The members are **Kate O'Hara**, **Nicole Lynam** and Chairperson **Louis Thiele**.

The Committee has reviewed the DRAC Charter and it will be presented to the Board for approval in July. The DRAC also discussed that if rules or guidelines need to be approved, they will be fair and reasonable. The community, I believe, wants to maintain a quality aesthetic that does not unduly restrict the ability to enjoy their homes, hobbies and interests. The community also wants to maintain the value of their homes. Certain guidelines are necessary to maintain an appealing aesthetic. People work hard to maintain their homes and do not want the poor maintenance of a neighbor to reduce their property values.

The Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee will be meeting every second and fourth Tuesday. They will meet regularly to review Architectural Review submissions. These meetings are open to all residents. To maintain the privacy of the homeowners, they will only refer to the submission number. They are obligated to review each submittal against the Guidelines to ensure they are followed. They do not let their personal preferences enter into their decisions. Their guide is what is allowed and not allowed by the Residential Architectural Guidelines.

I hope this information has been helpful and alleviates some concerns that have been brought to my attention. If you do have any questions, please contact me directly at Iglysson@dobsonranch.com. I am here to help navigate the challenges and concerns our community members may have. Let's all continue to make Dobson Ranch **"The Best Place to Live!"**

Board takes action on Architectural Control Committee

On May 21, 1998, the Dobson Ranch Board, in recognition of its fiduciary duty to Dobson Ranch residents, moved to appoint the successor Architectural Control Committee for the entire Dobson Ranch. The Architectural Control Committee is designated the successor committee to maintain the Dobson Ranch Master Plan. This committee will continue to carry out its responsibilities for all subdivisions as directed in Paragraph 5 of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

This was the wording of a motion passed at a special board meeting held prior to May's regular board meeting. In addition, the board voted to have staff request the Ranch attorney provide the board with a mechanism to appoint a successor Architectural Control Committee in one action, prior to the August board meeting.

The special meeting was the final step of the effort made in 1996-97 to "Maintain our Master Plan" 40 years. Architectural Control Guidelines which were to expire about 25 years. The necessary votes were obtained from all Ranch subdivisions.

The Ranch's Architectural Control Guidelines are now in effect forever.

Following this action, the regular board meeting was called to order with Board President Laurie Nichols welcoming new board members **Chitra Gonyea** and **Shari Spangler** and returning board members **Bob Sweeney**. Other board members present were Vice President **Bob Griffin**, Secretary **Gary Smith**, **Add Alley**, **Heather N.E. Linda Linsay** and **Jerry White**.

Following the presentation of financial information by Budget and Finance Committee Chair **Mark Ferguson**, the board voted to approve the March and April financial reports. Linda Committee reports, Vice President **Bob Griffin**, chair of the Water Management Committee, reported 15 residents attended the May meeting. He explained the committee is currently reworking its goals and traffic.

In other matters, the board agreed.

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If you are interested in serving on the Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee's appeals panel, please contact Lynelle Glysson at Iglysson@dobsonranch.com or 480-831-8314 for details.

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Landscaping Tips



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

Cactus: The Heart of Arizona Desert Landscapes

Cactus can give that authentic touch of native dignity that seems to legitimize and compliment Arizona desert landscapes. They make excellent specimen plants or striking accents. The Cactus family numbers over 2000 species. Typically cactus are devoid of leaves and have swollen stems, spines or scales. All cacti are native to the New World and are found from North America to the southern tip of South America.

The thick waxy coated stems are quite resistant to moisture evaporation, which gives them considerable drought tolerance. Desert cacti are leafless; however, most have spines. Photosynthesis (*food production for the plant*) occurs within the green outer cortex of the stems, and moisture reserves are stored in the internal part of the stems, sustaining these plants through prolonged dry periods of desert climates.

Structural support for cactus plants is provided by internal fibrous or woody skeletal forms. Most cacti have tapering tap roots that anchor the plant and fleshy lateral roots close to the soil surface that extend outward for several feet in all directions. These absorb and store moisture and nutrients. The rose-like flowers of cacti, which are contrastingly delicate and beautifully colored, produce edible, although sometimes not too palatable, fruit.



Golden Barrel cactus



Prickly Pear cactus

Transplanting

Transplanting is usually necessary since cacti seldom occur naturally in desired landscape locations. Although they can be transplanted year-round in southern Arizona's lower elevations, quicker reestablishment can be expected from March through October. Warmer temperatures favor active root growth and, consequently, quicker establishment of the transplant.

Transplant cacti in their original directional orientation. This is very important! The south and southwest sides of these plants become toughened and resistant to sunburn. The more tender north or east sides are likely to sunburn and scar and may rot if exposed to the intense hot sun. Before transplanting, mark the north side with chalk or ribbon, and replant with that side again to the north. To aid in protecting against sunburning, the newly transplanted plants may be covered with a piece of shade cloth. The shade cloth should be left on until signs of new growth and establishment occur.



A variety of rocks can enhance a cactus garden

Cactus transplants should be placed in a shaded, open area for one to two weeks after digging to allow the fresh-cut roots to heal before transplanting. Replant cacti in dry soil and do not irrigate until new growth appears at the apex (*tips*) of the plant which may take several weeks.

Consult with a landscape professional for help transplanting large cacti such as Saguaro cactus.

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Homeowner Improvements Architectural Applications June 2019

By Carole Stabile
Member Services Coordinator

35 Applications \$218,060

DOBSON SHORES

Driveway Extension \$ 2,500
Landscape \$ 8,000

LAGUNA SHORES

Paint \$ 6,000
Solar Tubes \$ 2,800
Door/Window Replacement \$ 10,000
Roof \$ 30,000

DOBSON RANCH UNIT I

Paint \$ 600
Shade Cover \$ 500
Window Replacement \$ 33,000
Carport to Garage \$ 15,000
Block Wall \$ 1,800

DOBSON RANCH UNIT III

Paint \$ 10,500
Gate \$ 200
Shed \$ 2,000
Roof \$ 33,800

LAGUNA SHORES

Roof \$ 16,660
Paint \$ 6,550

LOS ALTOS

Sun Shade \$ 3,000
Door \$ 550
Block Wall \$ 4,200
Roof \$ 9,800
Landscape \$ 8,500

REGENCY ESTATES

Block Wall \$ 2,600

SARATOGA LAKES

Paint \$ 6,000
Gate \$ 1,500

LAGUNA VILLAGE

Restore Driveway \$ 500

BROOKEDGE ESTATES

Gate \$ 1,500

Home Sales

Trustee Properties:
2 – Houses
Home Sales: 45





Dreams Really Do Come True

by Nancy Roggio



You may already know **Amy Schuler** as a former Dobson Ranch resident a few years back, or as the President of the **Dobson Dolphins Swim Team** for the fifth Summer and a Board Member for the past seven years. You may even know Amy for her unrelenting involvement organizing a co-op for home school groups (she home schooled her seven children ranging in age from 19 to 3). What you may not know about Amy is that she is about to fulfill her lifelong dream

of becoming a published author of several delightful children's books.

Amy has always seen herself as a writer and has a degree in Communications. She was Editor of a sports publication in college. In fact, her "happy place" has always been in a library surrounded by books.

Although the idea for her first children's book came about eight years ago, Amy has never given up on her dreams.



Her first book, **What's the Matter, James G. Jefferson?**, illustrated by Chandler resident **Tracy Brandt** (an art teacher at Lincoln Prep where her children go to school), was printed

and delivered at the end of June. The book is about James, an exuberant middle child (named after her son), who has a big heart. But, one day James stops doing anything, and it's up to Mom to find out why and restore her little boy to his normal cheerful ways.

"What I want to emphasize with my books is the importance of reading to your kids. It opens up their imaginations and is a vital way to connect and bond with them."
- Amy Schuler

According to Amy, the morale of the story is that "Life is busy. Every good parent knows that their kids are important to them. It doesn't matter how you learn to connect with your child." The very last line of the book is her favorite... "And James G. Jefferson knew he mattered."

The story was test marketed with a large group of children prior to going to press, and when the children became animated and imitated the actions in the book, Amy knew she had an endearing story in which both parents and kids could relate. She raised funds to cover the cost of printing with presales of the book on her website.

She is diligently working on her second book entitled **The Best Christmas Stocking Ever** which is expected to be available in Autumn of 2019. It's about a loving daughter who wants to give the best Christmas present ever to a father who has everything.

Another book in the works entitled **Clément** is about an American field mouse who goes to visit his French relatives and discovers a new way of life. He begins to learn the beautiful French language from his cousins in his everyday adventures, and we learn right along with him.



Her fourth book **Four Ways to Grow** is about the "Four Pillars" of good health: Nutrition, Hydration, Fitness, and Sleep. It's presented in a fun and silly way that the whole family can enjoy, and little ones can understand.

"What I want to emphasize with my books is the importance of reading to your kids. It opens up their imaginations and is a vital way to connect and bond with them."

Amy's plans for the future? To sell hard copies of her books on Amazon and create an E-version of her books as well.



Illustrations from **What's the Matter, James G. Jefferson** and **Clément** by Tracy Brandt. Tracy co-authored **Clément** and **Four Ways to Grow**.

Come meet Amy Schuler at her Book Signing on Friday, August 16 at La Casita Recreation Center from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. For more info or to preorder her books, visit twolucysbooks.com or email two.lucys.books@gmail.com.



Enter our “*Summer Fun on the Ranch*” Photo Contest today!



WIN GREAT PRIZES & HAVE YOUR PHOTO PUBLISHED!

Whether it's splashin' in the La Casita pool, boating on Lake 7 or slurpin' some ice cream at Laguna Park, we want to see your Summer Fun photos taken at Dobson Ranch.

Go ahead... give us your best shot!

All residents of Dobson Ranch, regardless of age, may submit their favorite photo depicting “Summer Fun on the Ranch.” Contest Rules are as easy as 1, 2, 3. Photos will be judged on creativity, originality and fun! Your photo could be featured in the August issue of *Ranchers' RoundUp*.

1. SHOOT
Snap a pic of you, your family, or your neighbors having fun in the sun anywhere on Dobson Ranch property.

2. SHARE
Email your best digital photo along with your name and address to nroggio@dobsonranch.com by **July 31, 2019***.
Winners selected August 1.

3. SHOUT
You'll give a great big “WOO-HOO!” when your photo is featured as one of our three prize winners in *Ranchers' RoundUp*.

Prizes Include:

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 July 31, 2019 at 11:59 pm. Judges will consist of an impartial group of Dobson Ranch HOA employees. All photos may be used on Facebook and in *Ranchers' RoundUp*.



From the Recreation Director's Desk



By Jesse Wright

Associate Director of Recreation

Now that the weather is in the triple digits, come out and enjoy your community pools and splash pad! Swimming is great exercise and being submerged in water is a super way to stay cool!

Our new Summer hours run from May 25th – September 1st and are posted on the right. We will be open limited hours on Summer holidays. Did you know the recreation department has new, exciting events and programs coming up? Our Summer Camp is in full swing and we are still accepting registrations for limited days if you are interested. **Camp Imagination** runs Monday-Friday 7:30 am-5:30 pm through August 2nd. See our ad or call La Casita for more information.

Any golfers out there? Mark your calendar for the **Annual Golf Tournament** on Saturday, September 21. Registration started June 17th at La Casita Recreation Center. If you are interested in a sponsorship opportunity for the Golf Tournament, please see our ad for more details. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Summer events!

Remember: You can register for classes/activities online. Go to our website at DobsonRanchHOA.com, look under the Amenities & Activities tab, click on "Classes, Activities and Sports." In the Activities section, you will find a link highlighted in blue that says "Recreation Payment Portal." That will take you to our online site. Click on "Create an Account." Once you have an account, you are ready to register. If you have any questions, please call La Casita Recreation Center and we can help you through the process.

RECREATION FACILITY HOURS:



La Casita Recreation Center

2719 S. Reyes • 480-831-7464

Memorial Day thru Labor Day Hours:
Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Open on Labor Day (10:00 am - 6:00 pm)

Los Altos Recreation Center

2524 W. Campo Alegre

Memorial Day thru Labor Day Hours:
Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm



Saratoga Recreation Center

2345 S. Saratoga

Memorial Day thru Labor Day Hours:
Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Laguna Park

2455 W. Laguna Azul Avenue

Open year-round
sunrise to sunset



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



TICKETS \$20.00
Includes a round of mini golf

Golfland/Sunsplash tickets are available for purchase at the Dobson Ranch Recreation Dept.

**2719 S. Reyes
480-831-7464**



Save the Date...

BARK

.....in the Park

Your Dog's Day at Dobson Ranch
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
Laguna Park - 2455 W. Laguna Azul



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



La Casita Youth Summer Camp 2019

Ages 6-12



Hurry! Camp Ends August 2nd!

**La Casita Recreation Center
7:30 am - 5:30 pm**



Weekly Themes



Field Trips



Guest Speakers

Intelligent **M**eaningful **A**dventure **G**iving **I**nclusive **N**urturing **A**ffirmative **T**hriving **I**nspiring **O**ptimistic **N**utritious

Register Today... Only 3 Weeks of Camp Left!

Camp Imagination Pricing:

1 Week: You pick the week!

Residents \$135

Non-Residents \$148

Daily: Just one day!

Residents \$30

Non-Residents \$35

Additional children within the same household receive a **10% discount**. A one week deposit is due during registration.



Weekly Themes:

Week 8 - July 15-19:

Animal Planet

Week 9 - July 22-26:

Survivor

Week 10 - July 29-Aug. 2:

Backyard Bash!

*It's a Whole Lotta
Summer Fun
for Everyone!*



Dobson Ranch Recreation . 2719 S. Reyes, Mesa, AZ 85202 . 480-831-7464 . dobsonranch.com

*Refunds will only be given for doctors notes and program cancellation.
No other refunds will be given. No exceptions.*



Summer Camp To see more photos from Camp Imagination, please visit our **Facebook** page.





15th Annual Dobson Ranch

GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Saturday
September 21, 2019**

**Check In: 6:30 am
Shotgun Start: 7:00 am**

**Dobson Ranch
Golf Course**

2155 S. Dobson Road, Mesa, AZ 85202



The tournament is open to the public. Residents and non-residents of Dobson Ranch can register for the event.



**\$65
Per Player!**

**Includes Lunch,
Goodie Bag
and Cart**

Golf Tournament Highlights:

**Hole in One
Cash Prize!**

**18 Hole
Scramble
Placement
Prizes &
Raffle!**

**Sponsorship
Opportunities
4 Different
Levels!**

**Registration
La Casita
Recreation
Center**

2719 S. Reyes, Mesa
or call 480-831-7464
Deadline: Mon. 9/16

For questions or sponsorship information, contact **Jesse Wright** at 480-831-7464 or jwright@dobsonranch.com



Be a Sponsor!

Hurry! Sponsorship opportunities are limited!



15th Annual Dobson Ranch **GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP**

**Saturday
September 21, 2019
Tee Time: 7:00 am**

**Dobson Ranch
Golf Course***

The tournament is open to the public. Residents and non-residents of Dobson Ranch can register for the event.

This tournament is an area favorite that attracts a growing number of participants each year.

*** Rated Arizona's best municipal golf course.**

Golf Sponsorship Levels:

Par Package \$150

- Par sponsors will be promoted in *Ranchers' RoundUp*, our monthly magazine that reaches residents and surrounding businesses for the October issue. Additional promotion will include our website and social media.



Birdie Package \$175

- Birdie Hole sponsorship includes the Par Package plus:
- Your business promotional information at the tee box.

Eagle Package \$225

- Eagle Hole sponsorship includes Birdie Package plus:
- One entry into the tournament that includes play, cart, lunch, and goodie bag.

Double Eagle Package \$275

- Double Eagle Hole sponsorship includes Eagle Package plus:
- A promotional table at event
- Sponsorship of a drink ticket for each golfer with your business info on the back of the ticket.
- Promotion in two issues of *Ranchers' RoundUp* magazine (if signed up by 7/20). Or, promotion in one issue (if signed up after 7/20, but before 8/17).

We will graciously accept any level of contribution for honorable mention as a participant in the event (i.e. gift certificates, gift packages, gift cards, raffle prizes, etc.). If you are interested in participating in this great community event, be sure to contact Jesse Wright at the contact info shown below.

For questions or prize pickup, please contact **Jesse Wright** at 480-831-7464 or jwright@dobsonranch.com



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.

A MATTER OF BALANCE

Code: 5746
When: Fridays (August 30 - October 18)
Where: La Casita Recreation Center
Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Cost: FREE

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. "A Matter of Balance" is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. The program is being conducted by A.T. Still University as a public service.

TAI CHI

Instructor: Linda
When: Wednesdays
Where: AM Classes* at Saratoga Recreation Center
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. ***AM Classes will be at Saratoga until July 31. AM Classes will be back at La Casita starting August 7.**

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: Saratoga 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. *

***Class will take place at Saratoga until August 1. Classes will be back at La Casita starting August 6.**

FITNESS IN THE PARK

Code: 5716 (July 15 - September 30)
Instructor: Nancy
When: M/W/F 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! *

AQUA ZUMBA

Instructor: Karen
When: Thursdays (June 6 - October 10)
Where: La Casita Recreation Center Pool
Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Cost: \$7 drop in rate, \$30 resident only for a 5-use punch card (expires 10/10/19).

Aqua Zumba keeps the Zumba Fitness workout party going in the pool. Aqua Zumba is classic aqua aerobics with Latin flavor added to regular Zumba routines. The typical land-based Zumba dance steps, such as cha-cha, merengue, salsa, reggaeton, and mambo, are exaggerated and slower in water, creating a low-impact workout for all fitness levels. There is less impact on your joints during an Aqua Zumba class so you can really let loose. Water creates natural resistance, which means every step is more challenging and helps tone your muscles. *



WATER AEROBICS

Instructor: Becky
 When: Mondays & Thursdays (June 3 - October 3)
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center Pool
 Time: 7:30 am - 8:20 am
 Cost: \$4 drop in rate, \$12 resident only for a 4-use punch card (expires 10/3/19).

*This morning class will get you ready for the day. The class consists of exercises done in shallow and deep water. It will change your movements and get your heart rate going without all the jolting. Expect to have fun while working out. **

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Code: 5703
 When: Thursdays (August 1 - September 12)
 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: 5702
 When: Thursdays (August 1 - September 12)
 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: 5704
 When: Tuesdays (July 23 - August 27)
 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.

** 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 (July 26)
 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 (July 19)
 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.

BRIDGE GROUP

When: Mondays
 Where: Saratoga 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. *Bridge meets at Saratoga until July 30. Bridge will be back at La Casita starting August 6.*

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.

Harkins Theatres
 ULTIMATE MOVIEGOING™

MOVIE TICKETS FOR SALE
 in the Dobson Ranch Recreation Dept.
 2719 S. Reyes
 Mesa, AZ 85202
 480-831-7464

\$18 FOR 2 TICKETS



DOBSON RANCH TENNIS ACADEMY



All lessons and events are held at the La Casita Recreation Center. La Casita is home to two outdoor racquetball courts available to residents and guests. Keys can be checked out at the Recreation Center during facility hours. All tennis sessions begin on the first of each month and run until the end of the month. Contact La Casita for more information at 480-831-7464 or visit dobsonranchHOA.com.

ADULTS

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

Adult Skills & Drills

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

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm | Sessions: Monthly

Monday, August 5, 12, 19, 26	5712 \$40 R/\$60 NR
Tuesday, August 6, 13, 20, 27	5713 \$40 R/\$60 NR
Wednesday, August 7, 14, 21, 28	5714 \$40 R/\$60 NR
Thursday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	5715 \$50 R/\$75 NR

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, August 5, 12, 19, 26	5710 \$40 R/\$60 NR
Wednesday, August 7, 14, 21, 28	5711 \$40 R/\$60 NR

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.

7:30 am - 9:00 am | Sessions: Monthly

Saturday, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **5709 \$50 R/\$75 NR**

JUNIORS

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

Junior Clinic

This class is for junior tennis players 7-12 looking for an introduction to tennis. This class will introduce basic technique through fun drills and games. Learn how to serve into the correct service box, how to keep score, how to properly rotate the racquet, and how to sustain a rally. If you don't already have a 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, August 5, 12, 19, 26	5705 \$40 R/\$60 NR
Wednesday, August 7, 14, 21, 28	5706 \$40 R/\$60 NR
Thursday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	5707 \$50 R/\$75 NR

9:00 am - 10:00 am | Sessions: Monthly

Saturday, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **5708 \$50 R/\$75 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 | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

*August Social 8/17

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

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

Private tennis lessons are available for individual one-on-one instruction with the Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional. Please call Kwong 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.



Test the Net Player - Tennis Tips for June



By Kwong Young
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Now that the weather is heating up and pools are being used regularly for a refreshing cool down, players could benefit from a low impact resistance tennis workout in the pool by running, practicing shadow strokes on backhand and forehand and side shuffling.

Another workout to stay in shape and build up muscle mass is hitting the gym to do tennis-specific motions and using comfortable weights.

Lastly, no matter what season we play tennis, always practice moving your feet to help you get quicker court movement and higher energy to show that you are "in the game".

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 rectangle 6-foot by 3-foot 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 payment to hold your reservation. The rental cost per chair is \$0.50 and \$5.00 per table. Table and chair rental requests are made during administration hours (except for holidays) at La Casita Recreation Center.

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 new outdoor **Sunset Plaza** at La Casita is now available to rent for parties and special occasions. Rental pricing for **Sunset Plaza** 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



Pontoon Tour/Ride Info

Sit back, relax and take in the beauty of a Dobson Ranch lake on a pontoon ride! Tour fee is \$35 per hour with a two hour maximum. Reservations are available through the Recreation Department and require a 7-day

minimum notice and are subject to weather and availability. Other rules and restrictions will apply. Don't forget... **a FREE one hour pontoon ride per year per property is available for you to enjoy!** Call 480-831-7464 for more information.

**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS
DISCOUNT TICKETS
for Dobson Ranch HOA**

Select games & seating areas are available for this offer.
To purchase tickets go to:

<http://www.dobsonranchhoa.com/discount-tickets>

Then enter the promo code: DBSAVE

No returns, refunds, exchanges, or upgrades on tickets. All tickets based on availability.
For any accessible seating or groups of 10 or more, please contact your D-Backs Rep Garrett King at (602) 462-4238 or gking@dbacks.com.

Event Venue

Looking for a place to celebrate a special event or host a meeting?





Why not consider renting La Casita or Saratoga Recreation Centers?

Both facilities are able to accommodate weddings, reunions, birthdays, holiday parties, and meetings, both large and small.





For questions, please call the Recreation Coordinator at 480-831-7464 during weekday business hours to check availability.

Dobson Ranch HOA . 2719 S. Reyes, Mesa, AZ 85202 . 480-831-7464



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



Presents the 9th Annual

SAVE THE DATE!



OUTDOOR EXPO & KIDS FISHING DERBY

Saturday, October 5: 7:00 am - 10:00 am

Lake 1/Los Altos Rec. Center
2524 W. Campo Alegre

Visit with Local Vendors
& Enjoy a FREE Kids Fishing Derby!



Sponsored by Dobson Ranch Recreation Dept. • 480-831-7464

SAVE THE DATE!

Dobson Ranch

Fall Break Camp

Ages 6-12

October 7-11
Monday thru Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saratoga Rec. Center

480-831-7464

SELL IT! DUMP IT! SHRED IT!



**SATURDAY
OCT.
12**

DOBSON RANCH COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

GARAGE SALE: 7:00 am - 1:00 pm. Ranchwide. Register by email: cburleson@dobsonranch.com or call 480-831-8314. Signage is your responsibility. Deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 4. Maps and lists will be available on Thursday, Oct. 10.

RANCH CLEAN UP: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm. Los Altos Parking Lot. Residents are responsible for loading and unloading their own material. Unacceptable items include: appliances, rock, block, concrete, tile, carpet, food, animal waste, engines, all hazardous waste, pressurized tanks and gas powered vehicles.

PAPER SHREDDING: 8:00 am - 11:00 am. Saratoga Parking Lot. Drop off boxes of paper to be shredded. Paper clips and staples OK. No plastic bags.

SAVE THE DATE!

Halloween Spooktacular

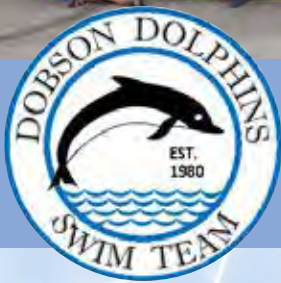
Friday, October 18, 2019

Laguna Park - 2455 W. Laguna Azul Ave.
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Pumpkin Parade,
Costume Contest
and Movie

Games,
Inflatables
and More!





2019 DOBSON DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM *39 Years and Still Splashin'*



"As we head into the second month of swim team, there are many accomplishments to appreciate: the stroke improvements being made in each swimmer, the friendships being formed, the endurance of physical fitness, and the second year of the Little Flippers.

Many thanks go out to Dobson Ranch for supporting us in our 39th year!"

-- **Amy Schuler**, *President*
Dobson Dolphins



Retirees' Club

By Al Prosek

The July General Meeting of the Retirees' Club was held on July 1. It was a fun, social gathering celebrating Christmas in July, complete with holiday decorations, presents and even a best holiday outfit contest! We were all treated to delicious appetizers and desserts provided by those attending! (See photos below.)

If you are interested in the various Dobson Ranch Retirees' events, socializing with your neighbors, and enjoying the good life on the Ranch, contact us or come to our next General Meeting on August 5th at 9:30 am at La Casita!

The annual dues of \$20 includes a great lunch and a program of interest for 10 months out of each year. Social gatherings are held in the months of June and July. What a great value in this day and age!

A few of the activities are on hiatus until the Fall, but we still will have **Dinner Night Out, Ladies Lunch, Men's Breakfast, Game Day, Movie Day, and Happy Hour.** There will be no **Hiking or Biking** during the month of July.

Retirees' Schedule

GENERAL MEETING

The Club's regular General Meeting was held on Monday, July 1st at 6:30 pm at La Casita Recreation Center. This was an informal social gathering with those attending bringing either an appetizer or dessert.

BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be on August 19 at La Casita.

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
<i>No events until Fall.</i>		
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	480-820-7371
FUN & GAME DAY	Judie Bielo	480-820-7371
LADIES LUNCH	Jeanne Collins	480-353-8604
BICYCLE RIDING	Arnie Chase	480-838-4124
<i>No rides in July.</i>		
HIKING	Barbara Stout	602-740-3213
<i>No hikes in July.</i>		
PICNICS	Nancy Radisich	480-831-5732
<i>No picnics until Fall.</i>		

Photos below are from the **Retirees' General Meeting** "Christmas in July" themed celebration held on July 1.



If you like these activities and would like to join the Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club, contact Dovie at dlbryant1@cox.net.



Hiking at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum

By Barbara Stout

Retirees' Hiking Chairperson



In May our happy hikers visited the Boyce Thompson Arboretum near Globe, AZ. The State Park was the place to discover the intricate beauty and many faces of Arizona. Encompassing 323 acres, the Arboretum is Arizona's oldest and largest botanical garden.

While hiking around the perimeter of the grounds, we were able to view towering trees, captivating cacti, sheer mountain cliffs, and many picture-perfect panoramic views. The Arboretum's irrigated gardens and protected grounds are a magnet for birds and animals. More than 300 species of mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians call the Arboretum home.



We planned to hike at the beautiful Prescott Dell, located along Watson Lake near Prescott, AZ, for the last hike of the season. Unfortunately, the hike had to be cancelled at the last minute due to rain in the Prescott area.

We look forward to the beginning of our next hiking season starting in October!



Photos from our Boyce Thomas Arboretum State Park hike

You've been a great group of hikers! **Happy trails!** - Barbara



Women's Club

By Patty Smith

Women's Club Representative

I hope everyone had a festive Fourth of July, filled with friends, family, food, and fireworks! As we move into our down time for activities in the Women's Club, I just want to say thank you to all those who have supported our Club so far this year. You've been a godsend!

Chris, we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers for a clean bill of health.

We all enjoyed eating out and visiting places around the Valley while the Snow Birds flew away!

Don't get sunburn! - Patty



TOO DARN HOT!!! So, Some Players Are Getting Out of the "Kitchen"...

By Rich Bitner

Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

With the onset of Summer heat, and monsoon storms on our doorstep, we have lost many of our regular players to the beach, the high country and other vacation escapes. As a result, we have dropped Thursday morning play until the weather cools off. The rest of our schedule remains intact, for now, which is 7:00 am play on Monday and Saturday mornings, and Tuesday evenings under the lights at 7:00 pm. We also have our social pickleball group that plays Monday and Thursday evenings under the lights at 7:00 pm.

For Tuesday and Thursday mornings, players can usually find games outdoors at the Tempe Sports Complex (8 courts), Pecos Community Center in Ahwatukee (16 courts), and indoors at Kiwanis Park/Tempe (3 courts from 7:00 am - 10:00 am).

Beginners are always welcome at all of our events. Everyone is invited to come out to play or just watch pickleball at Dobson Ranch. We always have paddles to loan and balls available, just be sure to dress appropriately for action including proper tennis shoes and bring lots of water.

For schedule updates please check the Dobson Ranch website at: www.dobsonranchhoa.com/activities. Or, you can contact **Rich Bitner** (rebitner@cs.com) or **Frank Mizner** (planer1948@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!



Dobson Ranch Democrats & Friends Club

By Jill Snyder, Treasurer

Ryan Winkle, Vice President

Please Attend Our Open Meetings!

WHEN: Wednesday, August 14, 2019

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

WHERE: El Autentico Restaurant

1245 W. Guadalupe Road, Unit B7
Mesa, AZ 85202
(SW corner at Alma School Road)
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 **Ryan Winkle** 602-741-6465 Ryan.D.Winkle@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>

Dobson Ranch Republicans

By Bob Schuster

Chairman, Dobson Ranch Republicans

Phoenix attorney and Republican activist **Stephen Richer** will be the main speaker at the Thursday, August 8th meeting of the Dobson Ranch Republicans. Mr. Richer has extensive experience working in public policy for groups such as the American Enterprise Institute, Washington Legal Foundation, and the Cato Institute. He also has started, co-founded, or invested in multiple small businesses and organizations. Following the November 2018 election, he was asked by the Arizona Republican Party to review county election procedures, which he did at no cost to the party. Mr. Richer will review his findings during the meeting.

The August 8 meeting will be held at **Native Grill & Wings**, 1837 W. Guadalupe Road, Mesa. Networking and no-host dining 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm; Guest speaker and Q&A 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

Follow us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchRepublican

Email us: DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com to get on our mailing list for event updates.





Ducks and other wildfowl pass through this area during the migration season. Dobson Ranch is just one of the many stops along their route north and back. Most will move on, but some will stay to become semi-permanent residents in our lakes and pools. Migratory waterfowl, including ducks, will often stay in one place because it is easy; they

become lazy and in the process they become polluters.

We love that our residents care about the critters at the Dobson Ranch lakes, but did you know that feeding our duck friends could harm them?

Ducks know when there is a free meal available. They will accept food handed or thrown at them, whether good for them or not. Those morsels, like bread, are not part of their normal diet.

Bread doesn't contain the nutrients or calories ducks need to survive and thrive. If you fill them up with an easy meal of soggy bread, the ducks won't eat enough of the nutritious food they really need.

Adult birds who feast on carbs are more likely to get fat and sick. Meanwhile, ducklings need to learn how to forage for healthy food on their own. Bread also causes Angel Wing which can make duck feathers grow too quickly, straining muscles and may even inhibit flying.

Also, the bread that ducks don't eat attracts rats and grows unhealthy algae, which kills our fish and pollutes the water, making it harmful to dogs and other wildlife. Do not allow pets or children to chase or disturb the wildlife on the Ranch.

Litter can hurt birds as well, so be sure to dispose of all litter, including bags, plastic items and moldy scraps.

Also, when you feed the ducks, more ducks will come. Lots of ducks means lots of duck poop. One duck can add 50 pounds of manure a year to a lake, making this area's fecal contamination very high.

**So, please do everyone's waterways a favor...
Don't feed the ducks!**



PLEASE DON'T FEED THE DUCKS!





Programs at the Dobson Ranch Library

July 15 - August 3, 2019



STEAM at the Ranch: Code Cracking

Monday, July 15, 2019

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Stretch your imagination using science! Each week we'll do hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering, art, or math. This week we're using math to crack codes. Grades 1-6.

Preschool Storytime Presents: Artful Tales

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

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

Get on the road again in this special storytime, presented by the i.d.e.a. Museum. Ages 3-5.



Baby Lapsit

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

9:30 am - 10:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

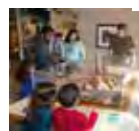
Baby Lapsit introduces the rhythm and beauty of language to babies. Birth-16 months.

K-Code Storytime

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

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

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



Sun and Saguaros

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Join the South Mountain Environmental Education Center in investigating how energy from the Sun affects our desert ecosystem and see how adaptations of animals and plants that enable them to thrive in our spectacular Sonoran habitat. There will be a hands-on solar energy activity to take home.

Toddler Time

Thursday, July 18, 2019

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.



Teen Smoothie Making Contest

Thursday, July 18, 2019

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Teens - Come prove you know how to make the most delicious smoothie. You'll create your smoothie from the ingredients supplied and an objective panel will decide the winner.

Code Commanders

Thursday, July 18, 2019

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Code Commanders is a weekly series that challenges and builds its young users' understanding of how coding works. Ages 8-12.

Craft Night: Pet Toys

Thursday, July 18, 2019

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

This month we'll be making toys for cats and dogs. If you don't have a pet, but would like to participate, we will be donating toys to a local animal shelter.



Kids Crafternoon

Friday, July 19, 2019

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Moonwalk to the Dobson Ranch Library every Friday afternoon for a space-themed craft. Grades K-6.



Paws2Read

Saturday, July 20, 2019

10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Dog like books, too! Paws2Read pairs Delta-registered therapy animals and their handlers with young readers ranging from 1st to 10th grades.

ESL Conversation Group

Saturday, July 20, 2019

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Large Study Space

Join our weekly literacy group if you would like to practice basic English listening and speaking survival skills. Adult non-native speakers are welcome, and no registration needed. Bring a notebook and pencil.



STEAM at the Ranch: Oil Spill Cleanup

Monday, July 22, 2019

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

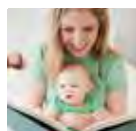
Stretch your imagination using science! This week we're cleaning up a mock oil spill and will see how it affects the ecosystem. Grades 1-6.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

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

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



Baby Lapsit

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

9:30 am - 10:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

Baby Lapsit introduces the rhythm and beauty of language to babies. Birth-16 months.

K-Code Storytime

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

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

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



Wildman Phil

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

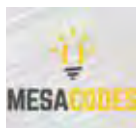
Wildlife expert and comedian Phil Rakoci will highlight the unique characteristics of various wildlife, their homes, and the ways the lives of these vastly different animals are interwoven. Children and teens welcome.

Toddler Time

Thursday, July 25, 2019

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.



Code Commanders

Thursday, July 25, 2019

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Code Commanders is a weekly series that challenges and builds its young users' understanding of how coding works. Ages 8-12.

Kids Crafternoon

Friday, June 26, 2019

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Moonwalk to the Dobson Ranch Library every Friday afternoon for a space-themed craft. Grades K-6.

ESL Conversation Group

Saturday, July 20, 2019

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Large Study Space

Join our weekly literacy group if you would like to practice basic



Programs at the Dobson Ranch Library

Continued

English listening and speaking survival skills. Adult non-native speakers are welcome, and no registration needed. Bring a notepad and pencil. (This session is also held on Saturday, August 3.)



LEGO Club

Saturday, July 27, 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 are provided.

STEAM at the Ranch: Balloon Hovercrafts

Monday, July 29, 2019

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Stretch your imagination using science! This week we're building our own hovercrafts. Grades 1-6.



Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

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

Join us for songs, stories, words, letters, and numbers in this storytime designed to get kids ready for kindergarten. Ages 3-5. (Also held on Tuesday, August 6.)

Baby Lapsit

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

9:30 am - 10:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

Baby Lapsit introduces the rhythm and beauty of language to babies. Birth-16 months. (This session is also held on Wednesday, August 7.)

K-Code Storytime

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

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

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



Now Showing: Marvel's Guardians of the Galaxy

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Cosmic outlaws face an interstellar villain who seeks to control the universe with a powerful orb. Together, Peter Quill, Rocket Raccoon, Groot, Gamora, and Drax

the Destroyer may be the galaxy's only hope for thwarting Ronan's sinister plan. Rated PG-13.

Toddler Time

Thursday, August 1, 2019

10:15 am - 11:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

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



Let's Play With Paper

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

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

If you like to play with paper of all colors, textures and patterns, this is the class for you. Ages 18+.



Lunch at the Library

Scheduled on the following dates: 7/15, 7/17, 7/19, 7/22, 7/24, 7/26, 7/29, 7/31, and 8/2.

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

Kids and teens (ages 0-18), join us for Lunch at the Library. Fill up on healthy food and learn a thing or two! Meals must be eaten on site, so have a seat and enjoy an activity provided by the Library.

Mesa Chamber of Commerce Events

Taste of Mesa - Burger Challenge at Benedictine University

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Arizona Golf Resort - 425 S. Power Road, Mesa, AZ

Taste of Mesa is an evening networking event that provides the perfect mix of casual interaction with important business connections. It is an opportunity for members to get together, meet each other, exchange business cards, and network. You'll have the opportunity to win "The Big Prize" currently worth \$2,200.

Mesa Chamber Member Orientation

Thursday, July 18, 2019

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Mesa Chamber Office - 165 N. Centennial Way, Mesa, AZ

The member orientation is a great opportunity to set a plan in motion to get the most out of your Chamber membership. Members of ANY tenure are invited to attend.

Mesa Chamber Government Affairs Council

Friday, July 19, 2019

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Mesa Chamber Office - 165 N. Centennial Way, Mesa, AZ

Members are invited to attend this monthly council meeting with regards to Government Affairs and how the Chamber works to support business in that environment.

Women's Business Connection

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hilton Phoenix/Mesa - 1011 W. Holmes Avenue, Mesa, AZ

The Women's Business Connection provides information and a networking forum for professional women looking to enhance their business skills.

Coffee Time - Days Hotel

Thursday, July 25, 2019

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Days Hotel - 333 W. Juniata Avenue, Mesa, AZ

Attendees to the Chamber's Coffee Time will join local business owners and fellow Chamber Members in an informal networking opportunity. Coffee Time is held at sponsored business locations and reservations are not required.

Mesa's Morning Mixer

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Hohokam Stadium - 1235 N. Center Street, Mesa, AZ

Mesa Morning Mixer is held the first Tuesday of each month and allows Chamber Members to host an open house at their business, inviting attendees to a first-hand view of their facilities and products or services. This is a CASH ONLY EVENT.



This is only a partial listing of Mesa Chamber of Commerce networking events. For more information, or to register for an event, please visit the Chamber's website at www.mesachamber.org/events.



Summer Sizzles at Mesa Arts Center

From Classical Guitars to Rock and Roll Crooners

The Mesa Arts Center, owned and operated by the City of Mesa, is a unique, architecturally stunning, international award-winning facility located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Arizona's largest arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment and performances, world-class visual art exhibitions, and outstanding arts education classes. At more than 210,000 square feet, the \$95 million facility is the largest comprehensive arts campus in the state.



Steve Earle & The Dukers

Tuesday, August 20 - 8:00 pm
Ikeda Theater
Presented by Mesa Arts Center in partnership with Emporium Presents

The legendary Steve Earle & The Dukers return to Mesa Arts Center in support of their new album "GUY". Guy Clark, the inspiration behind GUY, was both a friend and mentor to Steve Earle.



Hot Spanish Nights: Guitars

Saturday, August 24 - 7:30 pm
Mesa Arts Center
Presented as part of Mesa Art Center's Classical Music Inside Out series.

The evening features the third generation of the Royal Family of Guitars - **Celino and Lito**

Romero who take center stage along with guitarist **Eric Symons** for an evening of Spanish sounds and tastes.



Chris Isaak

Tuesday, August 27 - 7:30 pm
Ikeda Theater
Presented by Mesa Arts Center in partnership with Live Nation

In the course of Chris Isaak's career, he has released nine extraordinary albums, 12 singles including "Wicked Game" and "Baby

Did a Bad Bad Thing", been nominated for two Grammy awards, acted in several movies and starred in his own TV series. His legendary shows with longtime band **Silvertone** have entertained tens of thousands of people for over two decades. Even his hair has its own fan club!



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

Top Five Ways to Cool Off This Summer



1. Go Paddleboarding on Saguaro Lake
No Snow SUP and **Desert Paddleboards** make stand-up paddleboarding so much fun for beginners and avid paddlers alike! Offering rentals and guided tours, there is no better way to spend your day!



2. Surf the Flow Rider at Rhodes Aquatic Center
Ride the Thunder... Surf the Desert! People of all ages can catch a wave at the FlowRider, and yes - they give lessons! Stay cool and live out your gnarly surf dreams right here in Mesa all Summer long.



3. Kayak on Canyon Lake
There is no better place to launch your kayaks for a day than on the Canyon Lake. Check out **RedLine Rentals and Sales** or **Riverbound Sports Paddle Company** for rentals and guided tours.



4. Spend the Day at Golfland Sunsplash
Splash, swim and slide at **Golfland Sunsplash Waterpark** in Mesa... by day or night! Check out their lazy river, Thunder Bay Wavepool, or the Stormrider waterslide. Don't want to get wet? Golfland Sunsplash has three fantastic 18-hole miniature golf courses, too!

(But, don't forget to get your discount tickets from the La Casita Recreation Center before you go!)



5. Take a Ride on the Desert Belle
All aboard the **Desert Belle** for a Summer of fun on Saguaro Lake! Don't miss this classic tour boat ride, offering Morning Music Cruises throughout the season. Find out more about cruise options on their website.



MCC Performing Arts Center - July 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27 at 7:30 pm and July 20 and July 27 at 2:00 pm
General Public - \$18.00, Alumni/Military/Staff - \$15.00, Student/Senior (55+) - \$12.00. Tickets are available online, by phone (480-461-7172) or at the Box Office.

"Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek...." And thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Throw in a short-tempered bad guy, a cookie with an attitude and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand... and his name is Shrek. Shrek brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage and proves there's more to the story than meets the ears.



Directions and Parking:

The Performing Arts Center is located on the southeast side of campus, just south of Southern at 1520 S. Longmore. Free Parking.



Mesa Parks and Recreation Receives First Autism-Certified Designation



The **Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department** has become the first parks and recreation organization in the U.S. and the world to become a Certified Autism Center, a designation from the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES) that demonstrates the organization's commitment to ensuring

guests with autism and sensory sensitivities have the best possible experience.

"Mesa is well known as a destination for families to both live and visit," Mayor **John Giles** said. "I am proud that our Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department took that priority a step further to ensure that children on the autism spectrum have a fun experience in Mesa."

Approximately 500 employees of the Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department recently completed awareness and sensitivity training, as well as an onsite review by IBCCES of multiple parks and facilities.

"The training our staff has undergone highlights our commitment to making sure our programs and activities are inclusive to all in the community," Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Director **Marc Heirshberg** said. "The training has made us more aware of how to effectively provide our services to people with autism."

Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities is the first municipal parks department and one of the larger agencies to participate in the IBCCES training. Employees from **Visit Mesa** and the **Mesa Chamber of Commerce** also recently completed the training and have received autism-certified designations for their efforts as well.

For more information, please visit mesaparks.com



Mesa Parks and Recreation is Finalist for 2019 National Gold Medal Awards



The **American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA)**, in partnership with the **National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)**, is pleased to announce the City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department as a finalist for the **2019 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management**. Musco

Lighting, LLC has been a proud sponsor of the Gold Medal Awards program for over 10 years.

Founded in 1965, the Gold Medal Awards program honors communities in the U.S. that demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development, and agency recognition. Applications are separated into seven classes, with five classes based on population, one class for armed forces recreation and one class for state park systems awarded on odd numbered years.

Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities is a finalist in the Class I (*population 400,001 and over*) category. Mesa joins three other finalists in their class that will compete for grand honors this year. The other finalists are from Chicago, Baton Rouge and Fairfax County, Virginia.

Agencies are judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of community members, staff and elected officials.

"Being named a finalist with other outstanding agencies from across the country is quite an honor and a tribute to our dedicated staff who work hard to provide top notch facilities and programs for our residents," Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Director **Marc Heirshberg** said. "It also recognizes City management and our elected leaders who provide us the vision and support we need to carry out our mission."

A panel of five park and recreation professionals reviews and judges all application materials. Judges are chosen for their considerable experience and knowledge in parks and recreation on both the local and national levels. The City of Mesa was a Gold Medal finalist in 2014 and 2015 and won the Gold Medal in 1978, 1992 and 2000.

This year's finalists will compete for Grand Plaque Award honors this Summer, and the seven Grand Plaque recipients will be announced live during the NRPA General Session at the 2019 NRPA Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland September 24-26.

For more information on the Gold Medal Awards, please visit nrpa.org/goldmedal or aapra.org.





13th Annual Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign Well Underway

The 13th Annual **Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign** began on June 3 and runs through September 27. This year's goal is to collect 400,000 bottles of water to help people in need during the extreme Summer heat.

With temperatures hitting triple digits on a regular basis, the City of Mesa is working with nonprofit agencies and businesses to provide supplies of water to people in need. Residents of Mesa have been asked to donate water at various drop-off locations throughout the City, including La Casita Recreation Center at Dobson Ranch.

"The campaign is a life saver for the less fortunate during the hot Summer months. Our residents have been very generous in donating bottles of water in previous years, and I know they are ready to do so again," Mesa Mayor **John Giles** said.

In addition to collecting bottles of water, the **Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign** raises awareness of the importance of staying hydrated. That is why the Mesa Water Resources Department is installing **Hydration Stations** in the downtown area to provide a sustainable source of drinking water to people outside in the heat, including those most vulnerable to triple digit temperatures. So far, three Hydration Stations have been installed at the Mesa Public Library, Mesa Arts Center and Pioneer Park. More stations will be added as donations are collected through the Hydration Donation program.

"The addition of the new Hydration Stations in downtown can really be a game changer when it comes to making sure people are getting the hydration they need. Not only are they available day and night for those who need them, they are environmentally friendly," Councilmember **Jen Duff** said. "Our goal is to get water to as many people who need it as possible, and these stations will enable us to help more people than ever stay hydrated."

United Food Bank distributes donated water to numerous nonprofit organizations in Mesa and throughout the valley including **A New Leaf - East Valley Men's Center**, **Paz de Cristo** and **Mesa United Way**. Since the campaign began in 2007, more than 3.7 million bottles of water have been donated.

"The Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign is a great way for businesses, nonprofit groups and other associations like Dobson Ranch HOA to network and organize efforts to collect cases of water," Mesa Chamber of Commerce President and CEO **Sally Harrison** said. "For the past few years, the Mesa Chamber has organized friendly competitions to get water donations and help a great life-saving cause and we are happy to do so again."

One way to boost donations is the **One Ton Water Challenge**. Promoted by the Mesa Chamber of Commerce, United Food Bank and the City of Mesa, it challenges businesses, residents, clubs, and organizations to buy a pallet of water, which weighs more than a ton, for under \$150. Individuals can split the cost. To donate a pallet, contact **Melissa Forrester** by email at mforrester@unitedfoodbank.org. For more info, visit mesaaz.gov.

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Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign

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June 3 - September 27

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- Paz de Cristo
424 W. Broadway Road
- Dobson Ranch HOA
La Casita Recreation Center
2719 S. Reyes
- Superstition Springs Center
6555 E. Southern Ave.
- Rhodes Aquatic Complex
1860 S. Longmore Road
- A New Leaf - East Valley Men's Center
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- Who:** Co-ed, Grades 1-6
- When:** Monday - Friday
July 29 - August 2, 2019
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Where:** Eagles Community Center
828 E. Broadway Road, Mesa
- Price:** \$60 Mesa Resident
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"Tomas Trail, Point Reyes National Seashore, CA" by Catherine Twomey



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Aqua-Tots Swim Schools Co-Founders Ron and Jane Sciarro and Paul and Heather Preston break ground on the new headquarters office in Mesa

Aqua-Tots Swim Schools has served as a staple in the Mesa business community since 1991. Co-founded by native Arizonans and Mesa residents, Ron and Jane Sciarro and Paul and Heather Preston, Aqua-Tots Swim Schools continues to expand locally through a new headquarters office, nationally through the opening of its 100th swim school and internationally with locations in 14 countries on three continents.

Aqua-Tots Swim Schools broke ground in January 2019 on their 12,000 sq. ft. headquarters office. The new state-of-the-art facility, located in front of the flagship Aqua-Tots Swim Schools location on Greenfield Road and Southern Avenue in Mesa, will boast 6,000 sq. ft. of office space and 6,000 sq. ft. dedicated to Uncle Bear's Grill and Tap for locals to enjoy, with a functional rooftop deck. It is slated to be completed in Fall 2019.

"When Jane and I began teaching swim lessons in Mesa in 1991, we were simply trying to offer parents quality swim instruction options for their children," says Aqua-Tots Swim Schools Co-Founder Ron Sciarro. "Little did we know that our passion for swim lessons would translate into 100 schools in 14 countries with millions of swim lessons taught annually. The new headquarters office is more than a dream come true for us; it's the dedication and hard work of hundreds of people and thousands of families that have entrusted us with their children for the last 28 years. We continue to be grateful to the entire Mesa community for allowing us the privilege of serving you."

Native to Mesa, Paul and Heather Preston joined the Sciarros in 2005 for the purpose of forming a franchise model to expand Aqua-Tots Swim Schools into what it's become today.

Mesa-grown Aqua-Tots Swim Schools Expands Locally and Internationally

"This journey for us is about excellence," says Co-Founder Paul Preston. "If we are going to come alongside families and ask them to follow in our footsteps, we have to do this with integrity. We have to hold everything in the light of our core values to make sure that we're doing it for the right reasons. This endeavor is about more than teaching children how to swim. It's about giving families in the communities that we serve a better, safer future. That's what we strive to do every day, whether in the water or by coming alongside franchise owners."

Aqua-Tots Swim Schools launched its 100th worldwide swim school location in McKinney, Texas, in April 2019, bringing the global franchise one step closer to its mission of impacting every community with life-saving swimming skills as early as four months old.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are over 3,500 deaths due to drowning in the United States each year. That staggering number pales in comparison to the 360,000 annual drowning deaths worldwide, according to the World Health Organization.

"Drowning is the number one cause of injury-related death among children ages 1 to 4," says Paul Preston. "It's important for caregivers to realize that. People do everything they can to keep their children safe. They install the safest car seats, they give them healthy food, they take them to the doctor for check-ups. Why wouldn't they give them the skills they need to prevent the leading cause of death? And those skills can be learned in swim lessons. We're here to change these numbers."

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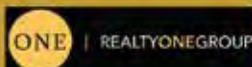
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HI - I'M ELLIE – I'm a Junior at Dobson High and would love to babysit/house sit for you. My Mom owns a daycare, so I've grown up around kids and I'm very responsible. Rates negotiable. 602-499-1216.

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Calendar of Events

JULY/AUGUST 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
Fitness in the Park 15 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Summer Camp 7:30 am Grande/Chica Room Retirees' Board Meeting 9:00 am Saratoga Room Bridge 12:30 pm Saratoga Room Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room Budget and Finance Committee 6:30 pm Grande Room	Water Aerobics 16 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Summer Camp 7:30 am Grande/Chica Room Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park Zumba 6:30 pm Grande Room	Fitness in the Park 17 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Summer Camp 7:30 am Grande/Chica Room Tai Chi Beginner 9:00 am Saratoga Room Tai Chi Intermediate 10:00 am Saratoga Room Tai Chi Intermediate 6:00 pm Grande Room Tai Chi Beginner 7:00 pm Grande Room	Water Aerobics 18 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Summer Camp 7:30 am Grande/Chica Room Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool Board of Director's Meeting 7:00 pm Grande Room	Summer Camp 19 7:30 am Grand/Chica Room Bunco 6:30 pm Saratoga Room	Sunday 21
Fitness in the Park 22 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Summer Camp 7:30 am Grande/Chica Room Bridge 12:30 pm Saratoga Room Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room Water Works BOD Meeting 6:15 pm Chica Room	Water Aerobics 23 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Summer Camp 7:30 am Grande/Chica Room Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park Zumba 6:30 pm Grande Room	Fitness in the Park 24 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Summer Camp 7:30 am Grande/Chica Room Tai Chi Beginner 9:00 am Saratoga Room Tai Chi Intermediate 10:00 am Saratoga Room Tai Chi Intermediate 6:00 pm Grande Room Tai Chi Beginner 7:00 pm Grande Room	Water Aerobics 25 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Summer Camp 7:30 am Grande/Chica Room Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park Laguna Village Meeting 6:30 pm Grande Room Legante Paseo Meeting 6:30 pm Chica Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool	Summer Camp 26 7:30 am Grande/Chica Room Poker 6:30 pm Saratoga Room	Sunday 28
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