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2345 S. Saratoga

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We're Still in Business!

By Lynelle Glysson, Executive Director



I remember way back in January 2020 when we were so full of exciting plans for the new year and beyond. Then we were all thrown for a loop with the COVID-19 virus. It seemed as if our plans were out the window. I assure you that is not the case. We certainly have had to adjust how we do business, **but we are still in business.**

With the office being closed to the public, some of the staff members are working remotely. We are fielding calls and handling business, including enforcement of the governing documents, as best we can under the circumstances.

At the time of this writing, the **Annual Meeting** will go on as a virtual meeting. Please send all comments via email to: lglysson@dobsonranchhoa.com and they will be read on April 14th during the virtual meeting. We will be planning a **Dobson Ranch Annual Celebration** once this current circumstance passes. Please look for an announcement with details.

Reserve Projects are still moving forward. Work on the La Casita tennis courts is scheduled to begin on April 15th, a little sooner than planned (*silver lining*). Residents can utilize the other tennis courts at Los Altos, Saratoga, Laguna Shores and Brookedge. Lessons will take place at Saratoga.

Lighting at Lake 1 and Lake 7 are scheduled on the Reserve Study this year. We are working on the lighting plan and what fixtures will be used. Work on Lake 1 lighting should start in the next few months.

I am working with the Board of Directors on a Master Plan for the community. Since many components are scheduled to be replaced in the next few years, we want a design plan that encompasses all the components and has a uniform look and feel. We want to capture the essence of Dobson Ranch and not lose the charm and aesthetics of the Ranch.

The lakes are of great importance and we continue to strike a balance of water quality and habitat. The lakes are tested monthly by *Aquatic Consulting and Testing, Inc.* This data will be used by the Lake Habitat Committee to monitor the need for aeration. Once we have several months' worth of data, they will reevaluate aeration and I will get proposals to incrementally add aeration to the lakes.

We soldier on with the running of the Association. It is heart-warming to see the community and staff pull together and help each other during this time. **Dobson Ranch truly is the best place to live (and work)!**

DOBSON ♦ RANCH

The best place to live!



Water Awareness



By **Craig A. Wilson**
Water Resources Manager

Spring Had Sprung

I had a very interesting time at the **2020 SRP Water Conservation Expo** last month. Turned out to be the only Expo this year. I talked with some old friends, met a new one or two, saw interesting exhibits and bought a new smart controller. I talked with the SRP biologist about invasive species that, for now, are not moving down the SRP canals towards the lakes of Dobson Ranch. I had some popcorn and won a button playing a City of Mesa water conservation game. I was disappointed to learn that the April 4th, 2020 Dobson Ranch **Spring Expo** had to be canceled.

The new smart controller this year is from **Hunter Industries**. This new controller is a refinement of the controllers that have emerged since their initial introduction. The first smart controllers were quite smart allowing one to enter all the relevant irrigation information. They also had a standard irrigation program built in that worked just fine. One could customize the controller to suit one's needs and knowledge. Then came the new controllers that connect to a cloud-based server that offered location specific programming. That made the controller less dependent on the knowledge available to the homeowner. Notice, the evolution of the smart controller is trending toward a simpler to use irrigation tool.

The new controllers require less information about the local area. Just tell the controller where it is located and the type of landscape to be tended. The new irrigation controllers connect, via WiFi, to an online website to receive instructions. These instructions are quite easy to understand making irrigation easier.



I wish I could have discussed the benefits of the new water conservative irrigation systems at the Dobson Ranch 2020 Spring Expo. But, alas, that was not to be this year. Once outdoor gatherings come back, look for Ron or myself at the Water Management Committee table

and we can continue these discussions. The one vendor I missed this year was the City of Mesa with their new water conservation theme, **"Water – Plant It Wisely."**

Message From the Editor



Time Flies...

It's hard to believe that a year has flown by and this is my 13th **Ranchers' RoundUp** edition as Editor.

Ranchers' RoundUp has changed in so many ways over the past year. The monthly magazine has had a design overhaul in April of 2019. Four additional pages were added in September of 2019. New content, recurring columns and advertisers were added. And, as a result of our recent Readers' Opinion Survey, many of your suggestions have already been implemented.

But, here's the thing: The RoundUp has changed me as well. I've met so many great residents in the past year, including members of our Board of Directors, Club Presidents and Committee Members. I've made friends with those residents that I have interviewed or that have submitted copy each month for our articles. I've been lucky to experience every single one of the amazing events that the Recreation Department has held over the past year. And, I am looking forward to more of the same in my second year as Editor as well.

I am truly blessed that I get to do what I love each and every day, even if it is editing and designing **RoundUp** from my home office due to the closure of the La Casita Office. Hope to see you all in person very soon!



It's true... Time really does fly when you're having FUN!



Response, Recovery and Catchup

by Annie Vaugier, Code Compliance Supervisor



Our acknowledgement of and response as an association to the current COVID-19 outbreak has been an ongoing balance of information and education of how we, as a community, work together to ensure the safety and well-being of residents, staff and Dobson Ranch HOA leadership. Our main priority is your health and well-being during a time of adjusting how we conduct

business, maintain our services to you and follow the most up-to-date directives from our national and local government and service agencies.

Hopefully, by the time you read this issue of **Ranchers' RoundUp**, this will all be old news and we will be in recovery and catchup mode. The most important priority is that you stay safe and secure in your home. Rest assured **we are all in this together** as we move forward during these trying times.

The current status of home safety may affect your normal process of showing your home during the selling process, taking occupancy of your new home and working with moving companies when relocating your items from your old to your new residence. These new precautions also apply to heightened safety precautions for rental properties as well.

While you may be utilizing this time of staying in place or working from home to tackle those long over-due projects, be mindful of safe practices in working with contractors, service providers and home maintenance workers coming into your home.

Observe the latest directives from our national and local agencies on how to stay safe and practice community awareness. A great source for the latest information and updates regarding COVID-19 and its direct impact on your local status is <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-home>.

We will continue to evaluate property conditions and, should a violation exist, continue to notify you as to the violation and options for cure. If you receive a letter determining that you are in violation per your governing documents, please know that we will work with you and any extenuating circumstances that may delay your bringing your property into compliance during these challenging times.

Our ultimate goal is in maintaining the aesthetic quality of Dobson Ranch while working through any difficulties caused by these unique challenges. We will get through this... **together.**

Together, we can get through anything.

Treasurer's Financial Report for April 2020

by Joan Long, Board Treasurer and Lisa Morse, Finance Manager

Even in these troubled times, Dobson Homeowners Association is in good hands, as it has been for over 40 years.

Our administration continues to stay within the approved budget, requires three bids for expenditures, and seeks board approval when necessary for unbudgeted expenses.

The Reserve Study (required future spending) is 100% funded. A five-year plan is in place thanks to our Executive Director. We do not expect any shortfall. We do not expect any assessment increase.

Our annual audit by Butler Hanson gave us the best approval rating in years. Not only are we in great

financial shape, but our books are professionally kept as well.

The investment program started in October 2018 is still operating under the Finance Manager, the Treasurer, and the Budget and Finance Committee. To date, we have \$4,104,128.47 in our investment portfolio. We have earned \$117,538.54 interest since 2018.

The Budget and Finance Committee meets the Monday before every board meeting at 6:30 pm. Please join this important committee and keep our future safe.



The DRAC Workshop Has Been Postponed



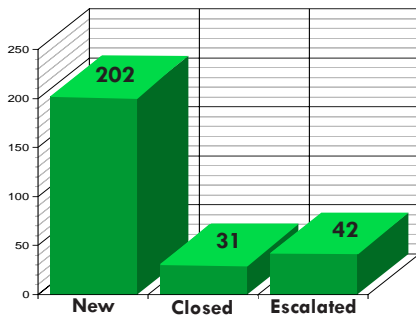
As you are now aware, the DRAC has postponed the **Residential Architectural Guidelines Workshop**. The good news is there is more time for residents to review the proposed changes. You can find the draft Guidelines on our website. You will need to login as a Member, then go to the Member drop down menu and click on "Drafts".

Please review the draft guidelines and if you have any questions, you can email them directly to **Lynelle Glysson** at lglysson@dobsonranchhoa.com or the DRAC Committee. Your questions will be answered when the Workshop is rescheduled.

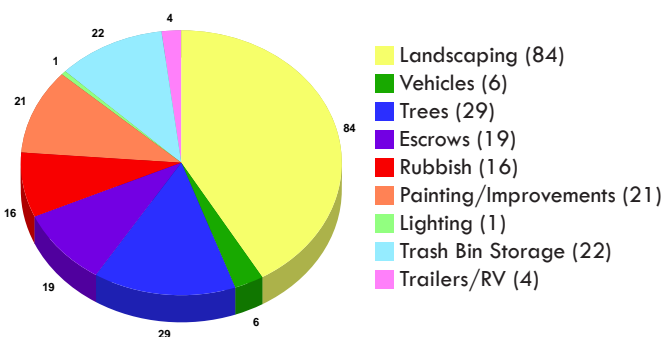
We have now set up emails for the DRAC Committee and a group email address for the Committee. If you want to get in touch with them, please do so at: DRACcommittee@dobson-ranch.com.

CC&R Notices

CC&R Notice March 2020



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By **Nancy Roggio**

Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

The **Green Thumb Award** for April goes to the homeowners of **2450 W. Keating Avenue**. This property was nominated for the award by resident **Frank Mizner**.

According to Frank, "The home and property have been completely updated: repainted, new stucco texture, artificial turf, brickwork, and xeriscape landscaping. This is a great example of modernizing a 40-year-old home on the Ranch... plus they decorate very nicely for the holidays!"

It's great to have Ranchers nominating their neighbors! Dobson Ranch truly is **the best place to live!**

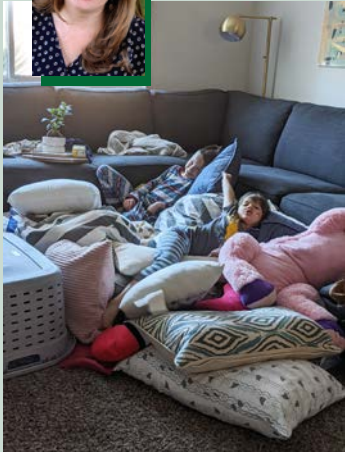


There are many impressive and well-manicured yards in Dobson Ranch that it's hard to pick each month. If you would like your yard or a neighbor's yard featured as a Green Thumb winner, call 480-831-8314 or email nroggio@dobsonranch.com.



Home, Home on the Ranch

"Creative Ideas for Keeping Your Kids Happy While Home" by Jessi Feltmann, La Casita Preschool



Build a pillow fort



Art: Color Collages (also learning colors in Spanish)



Learn how to do a new sport



Earth Day Chalk Art: We Love Our World



Woodworking: Making a mason bee house



Spread Joy/Chalk Art: We Believe in Our Community



Build the Great Wall of China



Do Science Experiments



Landscaping Tips



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

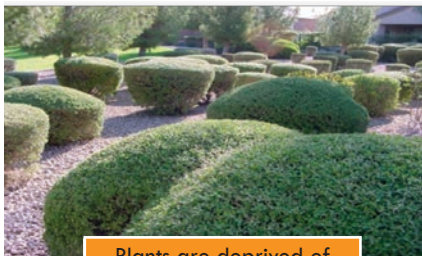
Renovation Pruning

This time of year we get lots of questions about pruning, as many landscape companies are performing very noticeable hard cutbacks, also known as **Renovation** or **Rejuvenation Pruning**. This type of pruning is usually performed in the Winter and early Spring to rejuvenate shrubs and groundcovers to encourage growth after the dormant period. It can also help manage plants that have outgrown the space, are encroaching over sidewalks, or are obstructing lines of sight. Here are a few additional points to help better understand why renovation pruning is taking place in your neighborhood and why Sustainable Landscape Management (SLM) recommends this type of pruning rather than shearing:

- Promotes healthy plants by eliminating frequent pruning schedules
- Frequently pruned shrubs are in a continuous state of stress, requiring more water to recover
- Allows for natural seasonal flowering rather than shearing off flowers regularly
- Plants that are not sheared resist stress better than plants routinely and excessively pruned
- Increases aesthetic value of the landscape
- Renovation Pruning schedules redirect pruning to a cooler and less physically stressful time of year for both the plants and the landscaping crews
- Allows landscaping professionals to concentrate on more pressing issues such as checking irrigation
- Reduces air and noise pollution from gas powered hedge trimmers
- Promotes sustainability by reducing waste that goes into landfill

It is not necessary for plants to be Renovation Pruned every year. Most plants may be cutback every 1-3 years, depending on growth rate and desired size. The pruning is scheduled based on plant characteristics, growth pattern, blooming schedule, and time of year. One goal that Renovation Pruning accomplishes is to enable light to reach the interior of the plant and promote healthy growth of new foliage. Over many seasons, shearing shrubs can create a thin, weak foliage shell with little to no undergrowth. When there is no light inside a plant's canopy, there will be no photosynthesis, which means no leaves, making the plant appear woody. Excessive pruning is detrimental to a plant's health and eventually leads to irreversible decline.

There are a number of reasons why we prune plants; however the ultimate goal is to encourage natural growth, form and flowering of plant materials in our landscape. Promoting healthy plant growth and maintenance in our landscape is one of the first steps to help preserve our precious natural resources as well as protect your landscape investment.



Plants are deprived of nutrients to remain healthy



Proper and timely pruning promotes beautiful color



PROTECT YOUR LANDSCAPE INVESTMENT
Is your landscaper SLM Certified?

Homeowner Improvements

Architectural Applications March 2020

By Carole Stabile, Member Services Coordinator

40 Applications **\$190,186**

DOBSON PINES

Paint \$ 2,800

DOBSON SHORES

Paint \$ 3,150
Window Replacement \$ 10,500
Roof \$ 5,245

LAGUNA SHORES

Shed \$ 850
Window Replacement \$ 12,000
Paint \$ 2,600
Beam Replacement \$ 3,000
Pergola \$ 500

DOBSON RANCH UNIT I

Block Wall \$ 4,500
Roof \$ 20,000
RV Gate \$ 200
Stain RV Gate \$ 100

DOBSON RANCH UNIT III

Paint \$ 1,500
Landscape \$ 9,000

DOBSON RANCH UNIT V

Roof \$ 12,000
Paint \$ 500

DOBSON RANCH UNIT XIII

Shed \$ 3,000

GOLDEN PALMS ESTATES

Paint \$ 3,500

LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED

Roof \$ 32,000
Paint \$ 10,500
Window Replacement \$ 26,618
Gazebo \$ 1,600

LOS ALTOS

Landscape \$ 575
Window Replacement \$ 1,648
Front Door Replacement \$ 2,000

SARATOGA LAKES

Block Wall \$ 2,500
Garage Door \$ 1,100
Paint \$ 13,500

KNOELL VILLA SOLANO

Block Wall \$ 1,500
Landscape \$ 750
RV Gate \$ 600
Lattice Wall \$ 300
Paint \$ 50

Home Sales

Trustee Properties:
1 – House
Home Sales: **67**





Our Own Natural Resource

by Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager



Mom. Wife. Event Coordinator. Conservationist. Communicator. Committee Member. Resident. Board President. **Kathrine Blomquist** wears lots of different hats every day and keeps on going, and going, and going.

Kathrine and her husband, Rick, have lived in Dobson Ranch (*Saratoga Lakes*) for the past 14 years. Their son Jensen is 12-1/2 and daughter Kaylee is 4-1/2. Both children are members of

the Dobson Dolphins swim team and attend or have attended Ms. Jessi's Preschool at La Casita.

Kathrine is originally from San Diego and graduated from the University of Arizona. She has held positions in Membership and Tourism Sales and Marketing with VisitTucson and the Tempe Tourism Office.

She went on to earn her MA in Biology from Miami University, with an emphasis in Conservation Science. And, that's where her active involvement in the Dobson Ranch community began.

One of her first projects during graduate school in 2013 was doing scientific research on dragonflies. She compared dragonfly populations between the lakes of Dobson Ranch with the Gilbert Riparian Preserve.

"That was how I met **Craig Wilson**, our Water Resources Manager. Craig asked me to make a presentation at a monthly meeting, and then he invited me to join the committee. In January of 2014, I made a presentation to the Dobson Ranch Board of Directors to add recycling bins throughout the Ranch based on my findings from another study. It was the first time I had ever given such a presentation to a board of directors. In both cases, everyone was very receptive to my research," Kathrine explained.

As an intern in graduate school, Kathrine helped rebrand the Dobson Ranch **Water Conservation Expo** to the Dobson Ranch **Spring Expo** and she has been the Event Coordinator for the Spring Expo since 2018. She currently serves on the Recreation Committee as well.

Kathrine wanted to make the Spring Expo more kid-friendly and the idea for the popular **Ladybug Release** was suggested by resident **Tanya Hughes**, who recently presented the *SRP Water and Energy Efficiency Workshop* in February.

"Over 10,000 ladybugs are released each year. Local nurseries donate the ladybugs and I keep them in my refrigerator until the morning of the event. Watching the ladybugs come 'alive' is a fun and memorable experience for all the children who attend," Kathrine proudly noted.

Kathrine is also the author of our monthly **Conservation Corner** article (see *next page*). "My motivation for the article is to get our residents to understand that their environmental actions, no

matter how large or small, do make a difference."

The **Earth Day Pledge** in celebration of Earth Day's 50th Birthday is new this year. "The public pledge was designed to help motivate other environmental stewards on Dobson Ranch to make conscious efforts for environmental change. Whether it's putting in solar panels, taking shorter showers, or working on a Citizens Science project, everyone on the Ranch can do their share to help the environment," she emphasized.

Another hat she proudly dons is for the President of the Board of Directors for the **Dobson Dolphins**. Kathrine served on the Dolphins' Board for one year before she became the Vice President last year. This year, her major mission has been to bring in new sponsors for the team. So far, Albertsons/Safeway, Target and Vantage West Credit Union will join the returning sponsors Dobson Ranch, Mesa Hohokams and Dance 101. Sponsorships help pay for items such as salaries for the swim coaches, new street signs, trophies, t-shirts, photographers, and much more.

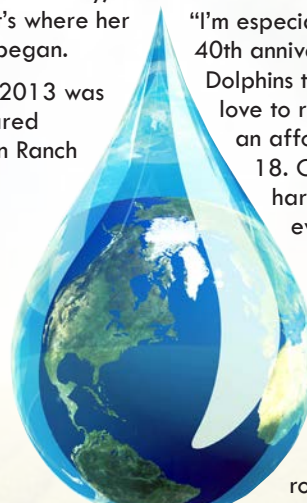
"I'm especially excited to represent the swim team during their 40th anniversary season. My goal is to make the Dobson Dolphins the most sought-after swim team in the East Valley. I'd love to reach our full capacity of 145 swimmers this year. It's an affordable fun summer activity for children ages 5 to 18. Our swimmers are great! They know how to practice hard, compete strong, and have fun at our annual events," she added.

"At this time, plans are in the works to offer online registration for the Dobson Dolphins, and the first day of practice will start May 26 at the Los Altos pool. May 29th will be our exciting **40th Anniversary Celebration** at La Casita. We're hoping to have past swimmers come join in the fun as well."

She went on to say, "Fundraising plays an important role in our mission. We hope to use the funds raised this season to purchase a new starter system and kickboards for our team. Our 40th Anniversary Party on May 29th is also our **Flip Flop Bop & Ice Cream Social** and will offer several raffle items. We also have dinners planned at area restaurants where a portion of the proceeds will go to the team. Our annual **Swim-a-thon** on June 25 is our largest fundraiser for team members. They seek pledges for either the number of lengths they can swim or a set dollar amount."

Whether she's organizing, building relationships, branding, or communicating an important environmental message, Kathrine Blomquist loves having a voice in our community and we certainly thank her for that!

She's one natural resource with unlimited renewable energy!





What Will You Pledge?

by Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management Committee Member



Thank you to all the vendors scheduled to participate in this year's **Spring Expo**. The Spring Expo will be back and the ladybugs will return in full force. In the meantime, help us continue the theme of conservation in Dobson Ranch. The **50th Anniversary of Earth Day** is April 22nd so

there is no better time to pledge to make a positive difference in the environment.

You may hear “conserve our natural resources” often, but what exactly does that mean? Water is one of our most precious natural resources. The **Water Management Committee (WMC)** hosts the Spring Expo every April as a tie-in with **Water Awareness** month, which highlights different ways to conserve water.

Do you know that showers, toilets and faucets can account for up to 30% of indoor water use? The simple acts of limiting showers to five minutes can save up to 12,000 gallons of water a year. A WaterSense-labeled toilet uses up to four times less water per flush than toilets installed prior to 1994. Making these changes in the home conserves water, and as an added bonus, gives you a direct monetary savings on your water bill.

The WMC deals with matters pertaining to the use of water on Dobson Ranch such as lakes, turf and other landscape. Great news: Our current water usage is below that of 2019! Do you know that outdoor water use accounts for up to 70% of household water consumption? One way to reduce outdoor water use is to use a smart

irrigation controller. These controllers adjust watering schedules based on local, real-time weather data. Homeowners can access their irrigation system at anytime from anywhere in the world via smartphone, tablet or web. The WMC offers every household on Dobson Ranch a rebate on smart irrigation controllers purchased at Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply. For information on the rebate, check out “Water Conservation” under the Community Info tab on DobsonRanch.com or email wmd@dobsonranch.com.

Other forms of water conservation include taking out turf in favor of native desert trees and shrubs, limiting single use plastics, and adding meatless meals during the week. However and wherever you choose to conserve water, your stewardship helps the community, your pocketbook, and the environment for future generations.

What will you pledge on this special 50th Earth Day? In 1970, 10% of the U.S. population, 20 million individuals, took action to increase safeguards for the planet. Now it is your turn! What will you do? Take shorter showers? Incorporate meatless Mondays? Install a smart irrigation controller? Once you

decide, write down your pledge and put it where you can see it daily. Don't get discouraged if you forget. Research indicates that it can take anywhere from 18-254 days for a new habit to become set. Tell friends and family members and encourage them to come up with their own pledge. Remember, even small behavior changes can make a positive difference to the environment. For more ideas, check out EarthDay.org. On behalf of the WMC, thank you for forwarding the theme of conservation in Dobson Ranch this Earth Day and beyond.





From the Recreation Director's Desk



By Jesse Wright
Associate Director of Recreation

I sincerely hope everyone is staying safe in this unique time. **The Recreation office will be closed to the public. All indoor facilities and pools will be closed through May 11th** unless government officials recommend otherwise.

We have some new and exciting events and programs coming up soon. In May, we will introduce the brand-new event **Casino Night Out** at La Casita Recreation Center on Friday, May 15th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This event is for residents age 21 years or older. There is a \$5 (cash only) entry fee that includes \$500 in playing chips, appetizers and five glasses of beer. For more details, see the promotional ad below or call La Casita Recreation Center.

Don't forget about our outstanding **Summer Camp Adventure** at La Casita. We have lots of options this year. You will have the choice of full day, weekly, 5 weeks or 10 weeks session options. See the promo ad on page 12 for more details.

Last, but not least, mark your calendar for **Flick 'n Float** at Los Altos on June 5th at about 7:30 pm (sunset). Bring your swimsuits and a tube to enjoy watching the movie **Frozen 2** in the pool. We are looking forward to a great Summer at Dobson Ranch and I hope you are, too!

See you soon!

La Casita Recreation Center will be renovating the tennis courts starting April 13th. This process will take about three months (May through July) weather permitting. **Due to this renovation all tennis classes will be held at Saratoga Rec. Center starting in May.**



Tennis Academy Classes

ADULTS

Adult Skills & Drills - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Monday, May 11, 18 **5843** \$20 R/\$30 NR
Wednesday, May 13, 20, 27 **5844** \$30 R/\$45 NR

Adult Beginner to Advanced Beginner - 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Tuesday, May 12, 19, 26 **5845** \$30 R/\$45 NR
Thursday, May 14, 21, 28 **5846** \$30 R/\$45 NR

Adult Weekday Doubles Play - 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Monday - May 11, 18 **5847** \$20 R/\$30 NR
Wednesday, May 13, 20, 27 **5848** \$30 R/\$45 NR

Adult Saturday Doubles - 8:30 am - 10:00 am

Saturday, May 9, 16, 23, 30 **5849** \$40/\$60 NR

JUNIORS

Junior Clinic - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Monday, May 11, 18 **5839** \$20 R/\$30 NR
Wednesday, May 13, 20, 27 **5840** \$30 R/\$45 NR

Junior Clinic - 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 12, 19, 26 **5841** \$30 R/\$45 NR

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Retirees' Club

By Frank Saavedra, President

I'd like to cover three topics in this article. The first is about our monthly **General Meeting**. As you can see from the pictures below, we made ourselves ready for St. Patty's Day. We also used our meeting to hold an auction to raise money for Washington Elementary School. Our Retirees' Club members donated a variety of items to be auctioned off, and our members in attendance bid on those items. We were able to raise about \$750 for the school. So many teachers spend much of their own money for school supplies, and the money we donate is to help them with expenses.

The second topic concerns our **Member Appreciation Party** on March 13th. When our treasury allows, we have a social celebration. This year's party had a Country Western theme. We had a great DJ that helped with karaoke (*and we did need a lot of help*), and line dancing went on for much of the night. Although this took place as the Coronavirus was making gatherings something to avoid, we had over 50 members show up for a great time.

The third and last topic is the **Coronavirus**. Our entire group is in the high risk category. As such, many are a bit concerned about social contact. As one would expect, some are and should be more concerned than others depending on underlying health conditions. Those of us who are not as concerned will try to help our members with shopping, picking up and delivering items, etc. Hopefully, we will come out of this safe, healthy and happy.

God Bless You!

Country Western Member Appreciation Party



Photos below are from the **Retirees' Club General Meeting on March 2**, which featured a St. Patrick's Day theme and a benefit auction.





Retirees' Hiking Club

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

Upcoming April and May hikes include:



April 15 - Lost Goldmine Trail - Superstition Mountains from Hieroglyphics Trailhead in and out



April 22 - Silly Mountain in and out



April 29 - Boyce Thompson Arboretum - Near Globe - Picnic



May 6 - Beautiful Prescott Dells Trail to Trail Path

The May 6 hike will end our season.



Hikers on the Second Water Trail in the Superstition Mountains

Happy trails! - Barbara

Women's Club

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

March Madness hit hard! But not basketball... the Coronavirus. All activities are and have been cancelled until we get the okay to resume.

This is a strange and somewhat stressful time for everyone. Even my four-legged "kids" know things are not the same.

Let us pray for our government leaders, scientists, medical personnel, first responders, military, and all individuals that work to make our lives better while guiding us through this crisis. Bless our nation, families and community. May this time bring us closer to those people in our lives and may we become more aware of helping others. God be with us... one and all.

Happy Easter!
Patty

Women's Tennis Club

By **Lynn Stevens**, Women's Tennis Club Captain

The Dobson Ranch Women's Doubles team, **Passing Shots**, finished 2nd place in their 50+ Valley of the Sun League's 4.0 Flight 2, and will remain in that level next season. We enjoyed the luncheon finale on March 6 at **Red Mountain Ranch Country Club** and welcomed three new players to our team.

Home matches will continue at La Casita courts on various Friday mornings, from late October to mid March.

We're really looking forward to playing on the new tennis courts being resurfaced this Summer.

Lynda Bailey will be next season's Captain.



Pickleball Club

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

The Coronavirus has taken a toll on attendance recently, notably including the early departure of a few Winter visitors who decided to get home early and hunker down there. No telling how long we will all need to be on our toes observing public health guidelines and avoiding unnecessary contact. Getting some regular exercise also seems more important than ever, so for now we continue to gather in small groups and keep our distance, with extra sanitary measures.

Although Spring is here, our "Winter" hours continue until the heat is on again: 8:00 am start for morning play on Monday and Saturday mornings. Our social group play on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm continues, but make sure to get on Donna's list.

For schedule updates please check the DR website at: www.dobsonranchhoa.com/activities. Or, you can contact **Rich Bitner** (rebitner@cs.com) or **Frank Mizner** (planner1948@gmail.com) for further information, to get referrals for professional instruction, and to get on our email list for announcements regarding pickleball schedules and activities. Please contact **Donna Moran** at donna85202@gmail.com to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.

As always, remember Dobson's 6 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!!
Rich





40 Years and Still Splashing!

By Kathrine Blomquist, Dobson Dolphins Board President



The **Dobson Dolphins** extends a sincere thank you and welcome to this season's newest sponsors: Our nearby **Albertsons, Safeway, Target (Longmore & Southern), and Vantage West Credit Union (Dobson & Baseline)**. These sponsors join **Dance 101, Dobson Ranch, and the Mesa HoHoKams** in supporting the team for our 40th season.

Being around for 40 years is just a small part of what makes the Dobson Dolphins so special. The Dobson Dolphins is a distinctive swim team because of the individual members. Swimmers work hard during daily practice, compete fiercely at swim meets, and support and encourage one another. What else sets the Dolphins apart? They know how to have fun! Every week we have a unique activity, such as the **Patriotic Meet, Picture-Donut Day, and Water Fun Day**, that are exciting annual favorites.

Stay tuned! In-person registration is cancelled this month, so we are working on establishing an online registration system.

Check DobsonDolphins.com for the most up-to-date information.

Go Dolphins!

Dobson Ranch Independents

By Jack Wagner, Chairman

Decisions (*choices*) are made daily in our lives. Sometimes, magnanimous ones are made every four years on the first Tuesday in November.

This upcoming November, magnanimous again arises. Going to that polling place this year with that huge responsibility, take along objectivity, take along understanding of policies, for again, a Nation composed of "We the People" is at stake.

Please check out the following websites:

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Jack Wagner, A Dobson Ranch resident since 1979.

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Dobson Ranch Republicans

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

Protecting the health and well-being of ourselves and our loved ones must always be a top priority, especially as this Coronavirus pandemic runs its course. To minimize transmission of the virus, health experts are strongly recommending frequent and thorough hand-washing, maintaining "social distance" of at least 6 feet, and replacing in-person meetings with online communications. With that in mind, we are putting our monthly meetings on hiatus until the risk of contagion has passed.

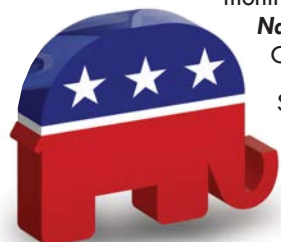
Meanwhile, the best way to stay in touch with what's happening politically is through our online connections. Visit our **Facebook** page (www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchRepublicans) and email us at DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com to get on our email list.

We will use both media outlets to keep you informed about candidates and issues of importance as the primary election approaches. We'll also inform you when our meetings resume. When they do, they will again be the first Thursday of each month, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at

Native Grill & Wings, 1837 W. Guadalupe Road, Mesa.

Stay safe and healthy, and we hope to see everyone again soon!

Bob and Michelle



Dobson Ranch Democrats & Friends Club

By Jill Snyder, Treasurer

WHEN: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

6:00 – 6:30 pm Networking

6:30 – 8:00 pm Meeting and Program

WHERE: Goody's Restaurant

1862 W. Baseline Road
Mesa, AZ 85202

(NW corner, across from Albertson's.
Light refreshments provided. Cash bar.)



MEETING SPEAKER:

- **Adrian Fontes**, Maricopa County Recorder

We welcome you to our open meetings!

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

Questions: George Tihanyi 480-792-6746

or **Jill Snyder** 617-504-3990 or jillsny@gmail.com.

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MPS Focus on Students' Well-Being During Coronavirus Situation

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



Throughout the school closures due to Coronavirus, Mesa Public Schools is ensuring students stay fed. In its first week of breakfast and lunch walk-up or drive-through meal service, the district served more than 80,000 meals.

Susan Jenni, principal at Washington Elementary School, shares the ultimate goal is to help every student learn and succeed. Life on school campuses is about more than academics and schools are focusing on the health of students and families.

"Early on in our food service routine, families pull up, open their car door and say, 'Ms. Jenni, HUG!'," Jenni shares. "Of course, with practicing social distancing, I remind our students to stay in the car and we could have an 'air hug.' They share what they're doing to stay busy, and then I remind them they're missed and to take care of themselves."

According to **Loretta Zullo**, director of food and nutrition, once the logistics of this effort were coordinated, dedicated staff worked behind the scenes to serve emergency sack lunches to all children ages 18 and younger. Students picked up their meals in carefully orchestrated drive-through pick-up lanes.

"Meals are easy to serve grab-and-go meals for lunch as well as breakfast for the following day," Zullo says. "Meals include items such as a packaged entree item, fruit or juice, vegetables and milk."



Sandy Kuhn, principal at Crismon Elementary School, shares that her phenomenal lunch ladies cheerfully greet families who drive, bike and even ride a scooter up to receive a daily meal.

"This service is a tremendous support to our families," Kuhn says. "Not only do they provide important nutrition that many families rely on, but seeing familiar faces from their school is comforting."

Ranchers' RoundUp

The Official Publication of the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association

The **Ranchers' RoundUp** is a full **COLOR** magazine and is the official publication of the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association. It is published on (or around) the 10th of every month and is mailed to approximately 5,000 homes in the community. The deadline to advertise is usually the 20th of the month prior to publication (*date may change due to holidays*). The **Ranchers' RoundUp** magazine may also be viewed online at www.dobsonranchhoa.com.

The ad sizes and costs for **2020** are:

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1/8 PAGE	3.5"W x 2.375"H	\$95.14*	\$259.47/qtr. \$86.49/mo.*	\$488.40/6 mo. \$81.40/mo.*	\$915.84/12 mo. \$76.32/mo.*
1/4 PAGE	3.5"W x 4.75"H	\$167.89*	\$457.89/qtr. \$152.63/mo.*	\$885.24/6 mo. \$147.54/mo.*	\$1709.40/12 mo. \$142.45/mo.*
1/2 PAGE	7"W x 4.75"H	\$302.20*	\$824.19/qtr. \$274.73/mo.*	\$1617.84/6 mo. \$269.64/mo.*	\$3174.60/12 mo. \$264.55/mo.*

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DEADLINE DATES WILL BE FIRM: All advertising and payments must be submitted by the 20th of the month. Advertisers will receive one reminder of the deadline date. Placement or space in the magazine cannot be guaranteed, as new ads are placed after monthly contracted ads. The number of similar type advertisers are not limited. We do reserve the right to reject advertising, which is not in keeping with the **Ranchers' RoundUp** standards. Publication space is limited.

AD DESIGN ASSISTANCE: If help is needed in creating an ad, please contact our Editor, Nancy Roggio at 480-831-8314 for more information. Pricing depends on size of ad and on the complexity of the design requested.

AD PRODUCTION SPECS: GRAPHICS

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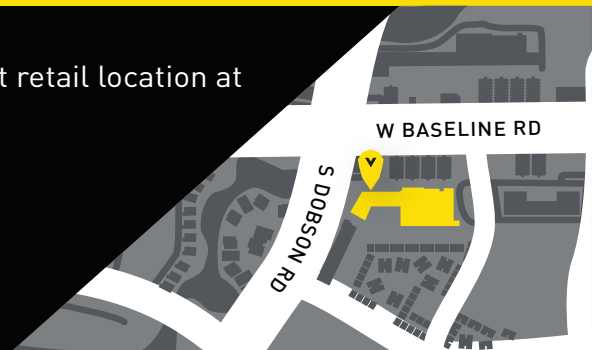
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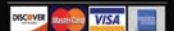
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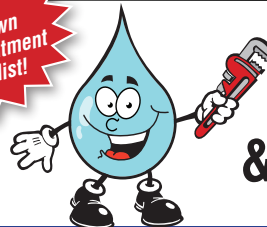
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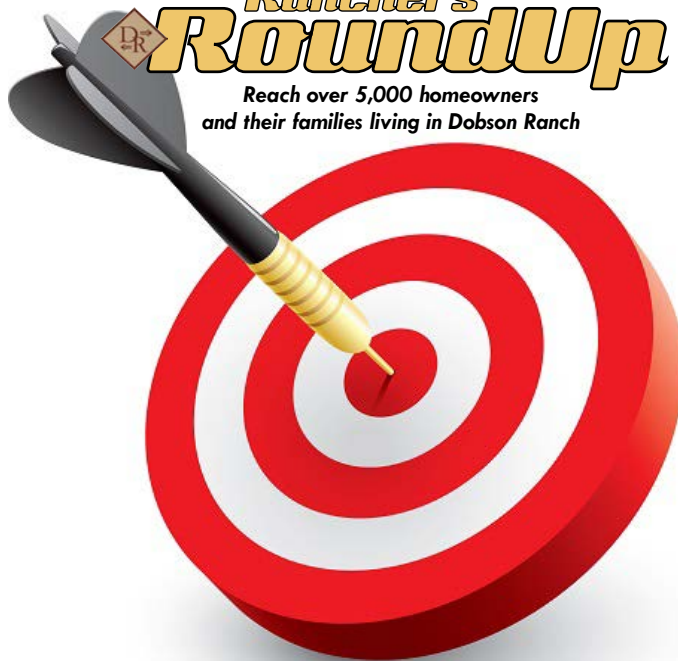
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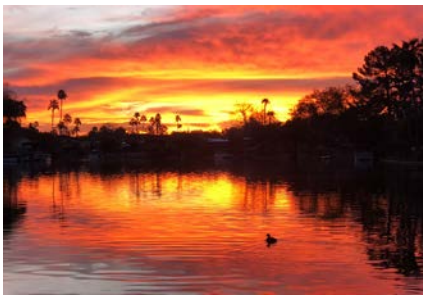


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Calendar of Events

APRIL/MAY 2020

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
13 HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS APR.	14 Virtual Annual Meeting of the Members 7:00 pm	15 READ RANCHERS' ROUNDUP FROM COVER TO COVER	16	17 ENTER OUR "HOME, HOME ON THE RANCH" PHOTO CONTEST <i>(see details on our Facebook page)</i>	18 Sunday 19 RIDE A BIKE
20	21 ENJOY A GAME NIGHT WITH YOUR KIDS	22	23 READ A NEW BOOK	24	25 Sunday 26 SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOUR PET(S)
27 "LIKE" THE DOBSON RANCH HOA FACEBOOK PAGE	28 Architectural Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Chica Room	29 PULL SOME WEEDS	30	1 TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK MAY	2 Sunday 3
4	5 WATCH THE PRESCHOOL VIDEOS ON THE LA CASITA FACEBOOK PAGE WITH YOUR KIDS	6	7 PRACTISE YOUR POKER SKILLS FOR CASINO NIGHT	8	9 Sunday 10 GET SOME SUN!
11 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room	12 Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park Architectural Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Chica Room Zumba 6:30 pm Grande Room	13 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Tai Chi Beginner & Intermediate 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm. Tai Chi Intermediate & Beginner 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	14 Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park	15 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Retirees' Game Day 1:00 pm Saratoga Room CASINO NIGHT 6:00 pm Grande Rm. Bunco 6:30 pm Saratoga Room	16 Sunday 17
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