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Monika Villanueva, age 16, blew us all away with her soulful performance of "All I Want" for our **Kids Virtual Talent Show Contest**. Though she's had no formal vocal training, she has performed in several piano recitals and recently participated in a virtual concert with 12 musicians to an audience of over 400. With her amazing voice, we know she is just getting started in her musical career!

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Dobson Ranch Urgent Assistance
480-227-9062

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| Household Hazardous Materials Center | 480-644-4463 |
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| Crime Prevention/Neighborhood Watch | 480-644-2539 |
| AZ Blue Stake | 602-263-1100 |
| Salt River Project | 602-236-8888 |

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Message From the Association President



By **Allen Johnson**
Association President

Our Sense of Community Is As Strong As Ever

Fellow Ranchers,

The last few months have been an adventure. Whether it involved a crash course in homeschooling, enduring the pitfalls of participating in remote meetings for the first time, or DIYing your own face masks, I hope someday we'll look back on 2020 as a time when our community united to overcome common challenges. Even though we can't gather in person to enjoy the many events we cherish, I know the sense of community that Dobson Ranch has built remains as strong as ever.

Many thanks to our staff for all of the extra effort they've put forth to keep our facilities clean and safe. Our recreation team has done an amazing job helping to keep our pools available on a scaled-down level with extra precautions taken. Many of our clubs and committees have found creative ways to meet virtually or with extra emphasis on physical distancing. The online Summer Camp programs have been a big hit with kids and parents. Special thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers who have enabled the *Dobson Dolphins* to carry on with their 40th season. All the while, our Association's leadership team has worked diligently to comply with official safety mandates; balancing common sense and necessary caution.

Meanwhile, the Board is continuing to focus on many of the ongoing maintenance issues across the Ranch. Kudos to our Maintenance Team for all of their hard work with recent concrete and walkway improvements. In order to save cost and maximize value for our residents, these hard workers performed much of the labor-intensive work in house.

Additional focus has been placed on enhancing some of the Ranch's aging amenities north of Baseline in the Los Altos area. The badly needed Lake One lighting upgrades are underway, with the Board having approved contracts with concrete and electrical contractors to begin work on the underground infrastructure. Also, a complete rehabilitation of the restrooms and adjacent facilities is in the works at the Los Altos Pool area.

Stay safe and be well. Good days are ahead!



Executive Director's Message



By **Lynelle Glysson**
Executive Director

All Things Are Difficult Before They Become Easy

Dear Residents,

With all the changes in the world, additional changes are not always welcome. As you know by now, we have changed banks and therefore have had to change payment methods. What may not be commonly known is that these changes were forced upon us. Our prior bank started rapidly closing their banking services to homeowners' associations. At the April 30, 2020 Board of Directors Open Session, the Board voted to engage Mutual of Omaha/CIT for the banking and payment processing needs of Dobson Ranch. Our Finance Department immediately started working on the colossal task of moving our banking to CIT. This took place while Mutual of Omaha was simultaneously changing to CIT. We understand that this change does not come at an ideal time, and there has been some inconvenience to our residents. Ultimately, we feel the service provided by CIT will far exceed the service we have had in the past.

Some of the changes to the residents, as described in previous letters and the **RoundUp** are:

New payment portal: <https://www.mutualpayproperty.com>. This may redirect you to the CIT portal. Do not worry, they both will work. If you need any assistance with setting up a payment, please call the new number for CIT: **866-800-4656**, Option 3.

If you pay by credit/debit card, there is a service fee of 2.95%, however if you use your bank information instead, there is no service fee. Unfortunately, any new bank we would have chosen to work with would have this charge, so it is unavoidable. You can still pay by check by either dropping by the lockbox at the office or mail it to:

The Dobson Association, Inc., P.O. Box 98148, Phoenix, AZ 85038

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call the office at **480-831-8314** or email me at: lglysson@dobsonrach.com.

We are all doing things we have never done before and learning things we never had to learn before. Our new banking is one of those things, but as it has been said, "All things are difficult before they are easy." Once we are all used to the new bank, it will become easy.



Water Awareness



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

Scotch Mist

A long time ago in a place far away I experienced my first monsoon, a rain that just seemed to last forever. I would later come to find the monsoonal time of the year quite invigorating. My first encounter, however, meant constantly soggy clothes and humidity the likes of a summer day in the deep south of our country. When I came to Arizona I was looking forward to the sun and a low dew point. I did find that, but some seasons the dew point is very high.

I have become enamored with our Scotch Mist that springs up every now and then from mid-June to sometime in the Fall when it just goes away. On a good day, a day's worth of rain will fall over a period of a week. On a bad day, a day's worth of rain will fall in just a few hours.

Monsoon rains bring many benefits. The one benefit is the nitrogen the rain scours from the column of air it passes through falling to earth. This nitrogen laden rain, now stormwater, seeps into the root systems of the lawns and produces a brilliant green lawn a short time later.

Rain is only rain while it is falling. Once the rain reaches the ground, it becomes stormwater that soon becomes run-off. The bounty created by the rain can be stored for our landscape to use for many days. Capturing and storing that run-off takes

planning. The water falling to ground will not just sit around, it needs encouragement to stick around and not run-off. A lawn that is level or with very little slope will help encourage water to seep into the soil, assuming the soil has been properly prepared. Even in a light rain though, the accumulated run-off will need to be channeled to a flood plain; a place the water can pool while it tries to seep into the ground. Finally, an exit point needs to be prepared so when that light rain becomes a heavy rain event, the run-off can find a way to a gutter and then to a storm drain. Read more about rainwater harvesting for your yard.

About one third of the monsoon rain falling on Dobson Ranch makes its way to one of our lakes via the many storm drains. Most of the time, the lakes have sufficient space and can handle up to 2 inches of rain without significant spill over. The original layout of the Lakes of Dobson Ranch gave the lakes the task of storing the stormwater run-off for the whole of Dobson Ranch. At the time the Lakes of Dobson Ranch were constructed, a storm dropping two inches of rain was considered to come along once every one-hundred years. Now a two-inch storm can be expected almost every other year. That means the possibility of flooding in the area surrounding our lakes can be expected. Be prepared to experience high water when the Scotch Mist arrives.



Message From the Editor



By **Nancy Roggio**, *Communications Manager*

We Have Lift-Off!

We are very excited to announce the launch of our newly designed website. After many months of hard work and dedication, we are delighted to officially share the new website with you. We wanted to make the new website faster, easier to navigate, and more user-friendly.

As a leading Homeowners Association, it's important for us to make information regarding our thoughtful leadership, services and news easily accessible for our current and prospective residents. We endeavor to provide our residents with the most accurate, up-to-date information and share our knowledge and expertise in the field of community management and communication.

Our goal with this new website is to provide our visitors with an easier way to learn about our HOA amenities, activities and events, and Ranch news as it happens. We want our visitors to browse this information based on their own needs. Sure, the site has a refreshing new look with more colorful images added throughout. But, what's most important is that the payment portals for assessment payments and recreational activities are easier to find, important HOA document files can now be downloaded, saved and printed, and an easy-to-use events calendar keeps you informed about what's happening on the Ranch on a daily basis. In addition, new photo albums from

special events held over the past year have been featured.

We hope you will take this opportunity to view the new website, if you haven't already done so, and continue to view the site regularly as it will continue to be a work in progress.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All residents will be required to reset their passwords when logging into the new site for the first time. This is an added safety measure to keep the site more secure.

We've Launched Our New Website!

www.dobsonranchhoa.com



Better Days Ahead...

by Annie Vaugier, Code Compliance Supervisor



In the 1993 comedy film *Ground Hog Day*, every new day repeated the same exact events as the day before. In speaking with a lot of our homeowners during this pandemic, some say their way of life has been so abnormal for so long that they are not even sure what day it is.

As residents use their time at home to tackle various projects, we thank all who have complied with the removal of weeds, unapproved vehicle parking, the trimming of trees/palms and overall cleanliness of your properties. Your cooperation in bringing your properties into compliance is greatly appreciated.

We have had several interesting conversations regarding the various Dobson Ranch subdivision CC&Rs and Design Guidelines. Here are some recently asked questions:

Q: My neighbor's trees are hanging over my side of the wall and littering my pool. Does the 7 feet from ground level rule apply to back yards?

A: Yes, trees are to be trimmed a minimum of 7 ft. from ground level including trees adjacent to neighboring properties.

SECTION 2.17 TREES No trees, shrubs or planting of any kind on a lot owner's property shall be allowed to overhang or otherwise to encroach upon any public right-of-way, bicycle path or any other pedestrian way or any other property in the Dobson Association including another lot from ground level to a height of seven (7) feet without the prior written approval of the ACC.

Q: Now that I am home and have the time, I want to do some improvements to the outside of my house. How do I know which projects require preapproval?

A: SECTION 2.2 IMPROVEMENTS AND ALTERATIONS 2.2.1 IMPROVEMENTS AND ALTERATIONS No building, fence, wall, patio, pool, residence or other structure that is visible from the streets, sidewalks or common areas shall be commenced, erected, maintained, painted, improved, altered, made or done without the proper written approval of the ACC.

See Design Guidelines at www.dobsonranchhoa.com prior to making any improvements and/or alterations to your visible front or side yard areas.

Hopefully, we will soon enjoy the return of the many amenities, activities and community events that make Dobson Ranch the outstanding community you call home. And together, we will welcome the repeat of better days ahead.

Making the Transition to CIT Bank

by Lisa Morse, Finance Manager



Dobson Ranch Association has transitioned to **CIT Bank** and will be utilizing the CIT payment portal to make your assessment payments online. Dobson Ranch is working with CIT Bank to offer an upgraded online payment system. This system will save time and can easily be set up, allowing flexible payment options to schedule your Quarterly Assessment payments.

Introducing Property Pay - the payment site and mobile application to make it simple, quick and easy for you to make payments via credit card or electronic check, using the Property Pay Website Link at mutualpaypropertypay.com.

Please be sure to update the mailing address for future assessment payments as follows: The Dobson Association Inc, P.O. Box 98148, Phoenix, AZ 85038-0148.

If you have previously set up an automatic payment (ACH) directly with The Dobson Association, you will need to set up your assessment payment using the Property Pay website. Payment options include check, Visa®, Mastercard®, Discover®, and American Express®.

With Property Pay, you can create a payment schedule. You must first Sign Up, enter your contact information and register your property.

To create a payment schedule online:

- Visit www.mutualpaypropertypay.com.
- Select "Sign Up" to register.
- Create an account – Create a username and password.
- After creating an account, you will be asked to log in using your new username and password.
- Enter the required property information.
- Enter the required payment information. (*Debit/Credit cards or Bank Account Information*)
- Enter the details for your payment schedule – Choose your start and end dates (*or no end date*).

Some Payment Tips:

- Select the help icon for more information on what is required for each field.
- A payment summary will be provided.
- Please note additional fees may apply with online debit/credit card or app payments.
- To avoid any convenience fees, we suggest selecting to pay using your Bank Account Information and not by using a Debit or Credit Card. Using the App on your phone also has a convenience fee of \$1.95 per transaction.

CIT's customer service team is available to assist users with navigating Property Pay at **866-800-4656**, option 3 or service@mutualpaypropertypay.com.

Movers & Shakers Needed

Do you know anyone that lives on the Ranch that is active in the community, has an interesting background or profession, and would be an excellent person to interview for our **Movers & Shakers** page in a future issue of **Ranchers' RoundUp**?

If so, please send their name and contact information to nroggio@dobsonranch.com.



By Nancy Roggio
Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

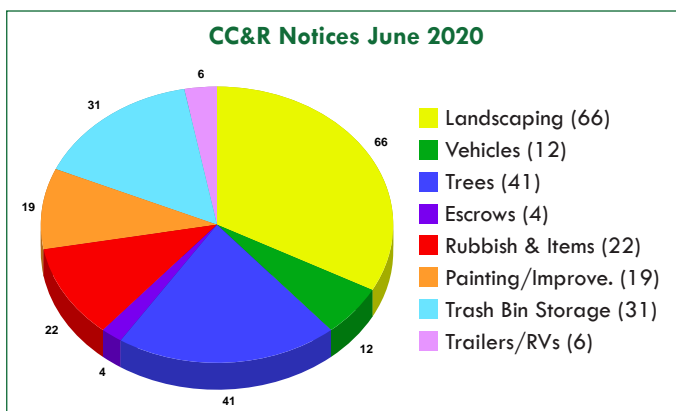
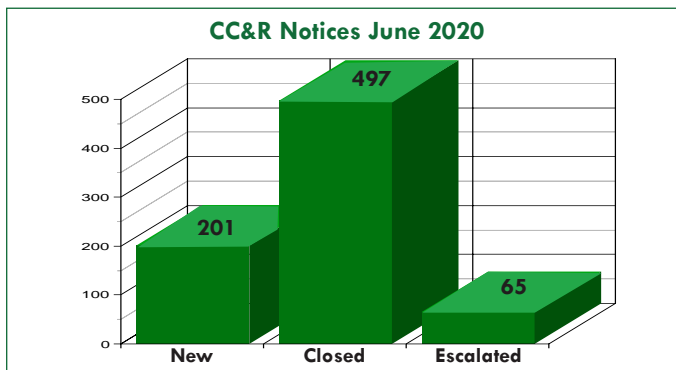
Paula Nelson nominated the home of **Jonathon Armstrong** at 2156 W. Kiva (at the corner of Kiva and Los Atos) for the **July Green Thumb Award**.

"The home is across the street from my townhouse at The Landings, so I get a bird's eye view from my balcony of his incredible landscaping. By nominating Jonathon for this honor, all our residents can enjoy a look at the beautiful landscaping that surrounds his home."

The precision to the desert landscaping is what makes it so special. All the "ducks" are in a row, so to speak. Bravo!

Residents taking pride in their property makes Dobson Ranch undisputably... **The best place to live!**

CC&R Notices



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.



Mesa Bottled Water Drive Faces Pandemic Challenges



Mesa's **United Food Bank** used to buy pallets of water every summer for the annual hydration campaign, trying to spare the homeless from literally dying of thirst.

But bottled water remains in short supply during the COVID-19 pandemic and more people are homeless than ever before, making the campaign more important than ever before.

"I used to order water by the truck load," said United Food Bank president and CEO **Dave Richins**, adding that is no longer possible.

Mesa Mayor **John Giles** advocated a more moderate approach, asking residents to buy an extra case of bottled water at the grocery store and to drop it off at one of 11 drop off sites arranged by the city, including Dobson Ranch.

Last year, Mesa residents and businesses donated 527,877 bottles of water during the annual campaign, now in its 14th year, which runs from June through September 25.

That exceeded the goal of 400,000, with a big assist from Metro Light Rail, which donated 115,000 bottles that were used in testing of the rail extension to Gilbert Road.

This year's goal is also 400,000 and officials realize the supply problems make it more difficult to reach. Over the years, the program has been highly successful, collecting more than four million bottles since 2007, when it was launched.

"We live in a place where that can be life-threatening," Giles said, about the impact of dehydration on anyone, but especially the homeless, who are in the heat without ready access to water.

"There are people who die from a combination of the high heat and the lack of water," he said. "This year is going to be a little more challenging because of COVID. We have an increase in the number of homeless folks on the street and a need for more water."

Mesa police are working on **Operation Off the Streets**, an attempt to help the homeless get off the street and to reduce the threat of COVID-19 spreading through the homeless population.

The homeless are being sent to a motel when they are agreeable, where case workers are attempting to identify the root causes of their homelessness and to get them the help they need to live a healthier life.

Water bottles also are included with meals distributed to the homeless by Paz de Cristo and other non-profit agencies.

(Excerpt from an article in the East Valley Tribune on June 9.)

For pallet deliveries, contact
Melissa Forrester
at mforrester@
unitedfoodbank.org

Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign

HELP THE VULNERABLE DURING TRIPLE DIGIT HEAT

Donate bottled water to help the homeless and unsheltered during the summer

June 1 - September 25



- United Food Bank Volunteer Center
358 E. Javelina Ave.
- Paz de Cristo
424 W. Broadway Road
- Dobson Ranch HOA**
La Casita Recreation Center
2719 S. Reyes
- A New Leaf - East Valley Men's Center
2345 N. Country Club Drive
- Klaus Team - Keller Williams Integrity First Realty
2919 S. Ellsworth Rd #133
- The Salvation Army
241 E. 6th St.
- Mesa Fire Station 202
830 S. Stapley Drive
- Mesa Fire Station 216
7966 E. McDowell Road
- Mesa Fire Station 217
10434 E. Baseline Road
- Mesa Fire Station 218
845 N. Alma School Road
- Mesa Fire Station 220
32 S. 58th St.

www.mesaaz.gov/H20mesa

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Dobson Ranch Residents:

YOU can help make a difference!
Drop off your cases of water at La Casita Office between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.



EVERY CASE HELPS!

HELP THE VULNERABLE DURING TRIPLE DIGIT HEAT
MESA Hydration Donation Campaign





It's a Bird! It's a Plane! No... It's a Drone!

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



On Wednesday, May 27, 2020, an unidentified flyer object was seen by residents flying over the Ranch lakes, parks and recreation centers. As it turns out, that object was a drone filming Dobson Ranch from a soaring bird's eye view for a special video that now appears on the Home Page of our new website and on our **YouTube** channel.

"We wanted to capture the beauty of the Ranch and showcase all of our Homeowner Association amenities. We are extremely pleased with the footage captured by **Ben Malkin** from **Aerial Eye Drone Specialists**. The video puts a whole new perspective on all the wonderful things Dobson Ranch has to offer our residents," explained **Lynelle Glysson**, Executive Director.

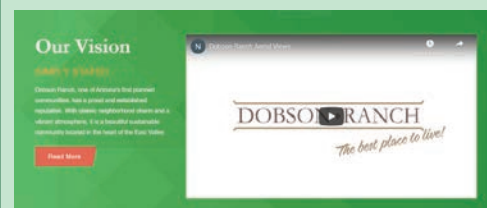
"We chose **Aerial Eye** for this project because all of their drone operators are FAA Licensed through Part-107 Certification, which ensures the legality of drone operations by staying within all federal and state regulations," Lynelle noted.

"Of course, we would have loved to have taken the drone footage over Laguna Park during a special event when the

park is filled with residents and their families, or of people fishing on the lakes, or swimming in our pools. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic, that was not possible at the time," Lynelle continued.

"We do hope to update the video with additional footage as the Ranch reopens its facilities and recreational events begin again," she concluded.

If you haven't seen the drone video, you can do so by visiting the **Home Page** of our new website at www.dobsonranchhoa.com.



The drone video is embedded in the green "Our Vision" section as you scroll down the page.



Landscaping Tips



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

Tips for Pruning Palm Trees

As important accent plants in our Arizona deserts, palms represent a substantial monetary investment by the property owner. Removing dead fronds and flowering/fruiting branches not only prevents damage and mess from breakage and fruit drop, it also eliminates nesting places for rats, scorpions and other pests.

Another good reason to prune is when it has become a fire hazard or visual hazard in your yard. It is important that palms are properly cared for to avoid costly replacement.



Perfectly pruned palms

DO:

- Prune dead fronds and flowering/fruiting branches.
- Know your palm species so you can schedule pruning after all flowering/fruiting branches emerge.
- Remove fruit clusters to avoid pavement staining.
- Remove dead fronds to a 180-degree angle (9:00 / 3:00 o'clock) positions.
- Use sharp pruning gear to cut each frond at least 2" from the trunk.

DO NOT:

- Climb under overgrown skirts --it is dangerous!
- Over prune to reduce trips; one time per year is adequate.
- Remove more than 25% of foliage at any time.
- Trim fronds before entering cool/wet season to avoid creating environment for fungal development.



Incorrectly pruned palms: More than 25% of foliage removed



PROTECT YOUR LANDSCAPE INVESTMENT
Is your landscaper SLM Certified?

Homeowner Improvements

Architectural Applications June 2020

By Carole Stable, Member Services Coordinator

36 Applications **\$183,215**

DOBSON ESTATES

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| Patio Cover | \$ 4,500 |
| Gate | \$ 2,000 |

DOBSON SHORES

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| Deck | \$ 8,000 |
| Paint | \$ 2,000 |
| Gate | \$ 1,200 |

LAGUNA SHORES

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| Paint | \$ 200 |
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DOBSON RANCH UNIT I

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| Block Walls | \$ 3,000 |
| Paint | \$ 4,000 |
| Landscape | \$ 6,000 |
| Garage Addition | \$ 40,000 |

DOBSON RANCH UNIT III

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| Windows | \$ 22,000 |
| Shed | \$ 1,600 |
| Block Wall | \$ 400 |

DOBSON RANCH UNITXIII

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| Paint | \$ 4,200 |
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GOLDEN PALMS ESTATES

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| Roof | \$ 12,000 |
| Paint | \$ 10,500 |

LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED

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| Landscape | \$ 5,000 |
| Paint | \$ 3,800 |
| Skylight | \$ 575 |

LOS ALTOS

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|-------------|----------|
| Paint | \$ 8,100 |
| Shed | \$ 3,000 |
| Walkway | \$ 2,000 |
| Dock Repair | \$ 850 |

REGENCY ESTATES

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| Pergola | \$ 9,240 |
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SARATOGA LAKES

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| Paint | \$ 2,700 |
| Landscape | \$ 7,650 |
| Windows | \$ 7,500 |
| Roof | \$ 11,000 |

BROOKEDGE ESTATES

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|------|--------|
| Gate | \$ 200 |
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Home Sales

Trustee Properties:
1 – House
Home Sales: 35





An Insider's View from the Frontlines

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

During these unprecedented times, Dobson Ranch gives thanks to all the EMS teams, nurses, doctors, and laboratory specialists working tirelessly on the front lines to protect us.

I interviewed one of our Dobson Ranch residents working in the medical profession to give our readers an in depth look at what one front line worker is experiencing during the coronavirus pandemic.

Jessica St. John



Dobson Ranch resident **Jessica St. John** has lived on the Ranch for six years. She has been married for 10 years to **Craig St. John**, a professor at Grand Canyon University and PhD student at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. They have four children: **Harper**, age 7; **Everett**, age 6; **Emery**, age 5; and **Weston**, age 3.

Besides her busy role as wife and mother of four, Jessica has a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from ASU, and is certified as a medical lab scientist. During her career in the medical field, she has worked in clinical microbiology, the biotechnology industry, chemistry, and hematology. Currently she is the Technical Supervisor for the clinical labs at **Banner Desert Medical Center** and **Cardon Children's Medical Center**.

"We support the 7th busiest emergency room in the country and run one million lab tests each year in our lab alone. Our phlebotomy team draws blood from COVID-19 patients throughout the hospital, and our medical lab science team processes the samples drawn. **Sonora Quest Laboratories**, which partners with **Banner Health**, brought on COVID antibody testing with FDA approval, allowing many Arizonans access to a reliable form of testing," Jessica explained.

She went on to say, "COVID-19 testing is reshaping the lab field. The testing is increasing rapidly as our collection supply has become more available. This has brought on new job opportunities in the field of molecular lab science. COVID-19 has affected me personally by having to wear a mask every-day to work. With the mask shortage in the nation, cloth mask donations have been such a huge blessing to those of us in the medical community that do not have direct patient contact. Thank you to all of those in our community making masks, you are truly a life saver!"

When asked what effect COVID-19 has had on her professional life, Jessica replied, "My work schedule has had changes as we have had to navigate reduced patient testing volume. When elective surgeries were halted, we had very low occupancy rates at the hospital which caused a decrease in lab testing. Bringing back surgeries rapidly increased our testing volume. Our team was amazing and worked together to reduce hours where they could to help offset our reduction in routine testing."

Jessica was asked what her biggest personal challenge was during this pandemic. She responded by saying, "The biggest challenge I have faced was making decisions about when it's safe for our family to re-enter society. The state has re-opened, yet we are getting more and more positive cases of COVID-19. Although it may seem like the pandemic is close to being over, we are far from the end."

I asked Jessica what is the one pandemic-related image or personal experience that she will never forget. Her reply brought tears to my eyes.

"The one experience I will never forget happened in a grocery store. A woman, probably close to 90 years old, stood behind me in the check-out line with no protection. I happened to have a pack of surgical masks in my purse and asked if she would like one. I quickly realized that she would need these masks far more than I, so I gave them all to her. She began crying and thanked me over and over again. She even asked if she could buy me a plant from the store."

She continued by saying, "I also remember standing outside my home while my kids were riding their bikes and having several neighbors come by to check on us and ask if we needed anything. We are truly all in this together and Dobson Ranch is such an amazing and supportive community."

Jessica was also asked how the COVID-19 pandemic will shape the future of the medical industry. She replied, "We have already seen how COVID-19 is reshaping the medical world. The hospitals are usually full of visitors yet look like a ghost town in the halls. We now wear masks wherever we go. We are more cognitive of the surfaces we touch, the people we are in contact with, and of washing our hands more frequently. The response from the medical community has been amazing and I have seen a newfound appreciation for my fellow lab scientists as we are the ones behind the scenes of 70% of all medical decisions for patients. We do not receive the recognition that those with direct patient contact receive. We are the ones who first see those cancer cells in a peripheral blood sample, who tell doctors which antibiotic to use for treatment, and who distribute 25 units of blood to a patient in a life or death emergency situation."



Jessica had one more comment to share, "The one thing I would like to change about the coronavirus outbreak would be the lack of care some people have shown. We are inevitably going to either get the virus or gain immunity through a vaccine at some point in the future. Until then, we have a moral obligation to protect the most vulnerable in our community. **Wash your hands, wear a mask, social distance whenever possible. You never know whose life you are saving by doing these three simple things.**"



The Air You Breathe = Savings You Could Reap

By Tanya Hughes, Resident and SRP Educator passionate about sustainability, efficiency and conservation



We are all spending a lot more time at home these days, so why not make it a more comfortable, cost-saving experience. Do you ever wonder about the air you are breathing and what is floating in it? Your home's air filter is probably not something you think much about, but it does a big job. An air

filter's basic function is to clean the air that circulates through your heating and cooling system and allow it to run more efficiently. Air filters also trap and hold many types of particulates and contaminants such as dust and mold spores that can make you sick or uncomfortable.

To find out if your porous-spun fiberglass air filters are up to par, try a little DIY demo: Shake a teaspoon of flour onto your air filter. If the flour falls right through, dust and dirt will find their way through the filter as well.

One simple way to breathe cleaner air and save on your a/c bill is to change your air filter every 30 days (not 90 days as some advise). Since we all have busy lives and it is easy to forget to change your air filter every 30 days, here are some helpful tips to remember: Change the filter on the first day of the month, and write the date on the filter before you replace it.

My recommendation is to buy a mid-grade pleated filter, which will allow adequate airflow and catches the dirt and allergens found in Arizona. You can find a three-pack at **Home Depot** and **Lowe's** for about \$10.

When shopping for air filters, do not be fooled by the words "high-performance" on the packaging. Keep in

mind, the more expensive they are at the store, the more expensive they will likely be in your home as it relates to energy costs. Smart marketing doesn't always equal more efficiency. In fact, many times simpler filters work best and allow more air to flow.

When you think about airflow in your home, and selecting the best air filter, picture an accordion. When an accordionist is playing the instrument and it is extended, air flows through the musical box. However, when an accordionist pushes in the instrument, airflow is restricted. The same applies to air filters: limiting airflow reduces efficiency and will cost you more by making your air conditioner work harder.



Ways to Save:

- Suggested thermostat temperatures are between 78 to 80 degrees when home and up to 85 degrees when away. For every degree the thermostat is above 80 degrees, customers can save approximately two to three percent on cooling costs.
- Turn the air conditioning fan to "auto" to turn the fan motor off when the unit is not cooling which can save \$15 to \$25 each month on energy costs.

- Schedule maintenance service on your cooling system once a year by an **SRP Participating Contractor** to maintain its efficiency.
- Set ceiling fans to blow counterclockwise in summer to circulate air rather than lower the thermostat.
- Clean debris and obstructions from around outdoor air conditioning components.

To find other ways to save, visit www.savewithsrp.com.



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 through September 1st. We are open Monday - Saturday 8:00 am - 9:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm. Did you know the recreation department has new, exciting events and programs coming up?

Our **Summer Camp** is in full swing and is a little different being online, but we have great crafts, activities and virtual tours.

Bark in the Park will be back, so be sure to save the date for Saturday, September 12th. Bring your dogs out to Laguna Park and meet your neighbors. Sign up to participate in best dog trick, most patriotic pooch, and dog owner lookalike contests. You'll also meet vendors that cater exclusively for your canine. We will have areas for big and small dogs, so come out, meet your neighbors and have a doggone good time!

Are there any golfers out there? Mark your calendar for the **16th Annual Golf Tournament** event Saturday, September 19th. Registration starts July 15th at La Casita Recreation Center. If you are interested in a sponsorship opportunity for the Golf Tournament, please see page 15 for more information. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming summer events!

Until the Recreation Office opens, please register for classes online. If you go to our website Dobsonranchhoa.com and under the Amenities & Activities tab, click on "Classes, Activities and

Sports". In the activities section you'll see an orange "Recreation Payment Portal." Click on the blue "Make payment" button which 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 questions, call the Rec. Center and we can help you through the process.

All events are subject to change. Please visit the Events Calendar on our website for the most updated info.

RECREATION FACILITY HOURS:



La Casita Recreation Center*
2719 S. Reyes . **480-831-7464**
May 25 - September 1:
Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm



Los Altos Recreation Center*
2524 W. Campo Alegre
May 25 - September 1:
Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm



Saratoga Recreation Center*
2345 S. Saratoga
May 25 - September 1:
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
*Closed on holidays

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

Tennis Tip for July - Stay Hydrated & Cool



By Kwong Young
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

With the hot summer temperatures now upon us, tennis players must stay hydrated more often than during the cooler months.

To properly hydrate for a tennis match, or even a practice session, you want to drink 12-16 oz. of water 1 hour before even stepping on the court. On top of that, drink fluids often throughout the day. If you come onto the court and are thirsty during warm-up then you are likely already dehydrated.

Light color clothing with breathable material will certainly add more comfort and performance, and the material will not stick to the body unlike cotton fabrics.

Other accessories needed would be tennis hat, sunglasses, a cooling towel wrapped around the neck, and a large drink container to hydrate you. You certainly don't want to run out of your drink if there's no water fountain around or even if there is one, wow, that water is hot!

Be sure to apply a good amount of sunscreen, preferably 30 minutes before you begin play, since you will surely be sweating more this time of year.

And, lastly, playing either in the early morning or after sunset will help the temperature stay a bit more comfortable to avoid dealing with our strong Arizona sun.





DOBSON RANCH TENNIS ACADEMY

All lessons and events are currently being held at the Saratoga Recreation Center's tennis courts until August 1 when the La Casita Recreation Center courts will reopen. All tennis sessions begin on the first of each month and run until the end of the month. Contact La Casita for more information at 480-831-7464 or visit dobsonranch.com.



ADULTS

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

Adult Skills & Drills

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

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **5884 \$50 R/\$75 NR**
Wednesday, August 5, 12, 19, 26 **5885 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Adult Weekday Doubles Play

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

8:30 pm - 10:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **5888 \$50 R/\$75 NR**
Wednesday, August 5, 12, 19, 26 **5889 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Adult Saturday Doubles

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

8:30 am - 10:00 am | Sessions: Monthly
Saturday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **5890 \$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 students to reach a higher level of play and learn to love a sport they will play for a lifetime. Bring a friend!

Junior Clinic

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

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **5880 \$50 R/\$75 NR**
Wednesday, August 5, 12, 19, 26 **5881 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Monthly Round Robin Social*

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

Saturday | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

*August Social 8/15

FREE! Adults 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 Young** at 480-759-2248 or kyoung@dobsonranch.com to schedule private lessons. The Dobson Ranch tennis courts are for exclusive use of Dobson Ranch residents and of the Association Tennis Professional. Other professionals are not to teach classes, lessons or clinics on our Association courts at any time. To ensure the Ranch tennis program remains viable, Dobson Ranch residents should consult the Association Tennis Pro for all tennis instruction. No outside tennis professionals are permitted on Association courts.



RECREATION CLASSES

The following classes are tentatively on the schedule and are subject to change. Please visit the events calendar for the most up-to-date information at www.dobsonranch.com.

TAI CHI

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

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

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



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

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

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

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

HEALING YOGA

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



Healing Yoga

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

FITNESS IN THE PARK

Starting Date: July 13
 Instructor: Nancy
 When: MON./WED./FRI. 6:00 am - 6:45 am;
 TUES. & THURS. 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
 Where: Laguna Park
 Cost: See pricing below in orange band.
 RSVP: Contact the instructor with questions prior to class at 602-703-7822 or at nancy@magillfitness.com

Buy 5, Get 1 FREE! Residents: \$50, Non-Residents: \$75
 Buy 9, Get 3 FREE! Residents: \$90, Non-Residents \$135

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

AQUA ZUMBA

Instructor: Karen
 When: Thursdays (August 1 - October 8)
 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

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, reggae-ton, and mambo, are exaggerated and slower in water, so the water tempo is half the land tempo, 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 1 - Oct. 1)
 Where: La Casita 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 9/3/20)

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.



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: 5877
 When: Tuesdays (July 21 - August 25)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Cost: **Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$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.

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Code: 5878
 When: Thursdays (July 23 - August 27)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 Cost: **Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5. Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$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 info on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

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.



GET YOUR PUNCH CARDS FOR RECREATION CLASSES AT LA CASITA

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



16th Annual Dobson Ranch

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday

September 19, 2020

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.



**\$70
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. 9/14

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



Be a Sponsor!

Hurry! Sponsorship opportunities are limited!



16th Annual Dobson Ranch **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday
September 19, 2020
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.

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 popular community event, contact **Jesse Wright** at the number below.

Eagle Package \$225

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

Double Eagle Pkg. \$275

- **Double Eagle Hole** sponsorship includes the **Eagle Package** plus:
- A promo table at the 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* (if signed up by 7/17). Or, promotion in one issue (if signed up after 7/17, but before 8/17).

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



All events are subject to change. Check the Events Calendar on our website for the most updated info.

FEELING LUCKY? JOIN US FOR

\$5 ENTRY FEE (cash only)

FEE includes: \$500 in play, hors d'oeuvres, & drink voucher (good for 5 beers)

NEW DATE! **FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 - 6:00 - 9:00 PM - LA CASITA GRANDE ROOM**
BLACK JACK - CRAPS - ROULETTE - RAFFLE PRIZES - MUST BE 21 & OLDER!

Save the Date! It's Your Dog's Day at Dobson Ranch, but you'll have a dog-gone good time, too!

BARK

IN THE

PARK

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



Saturday, September 12, 2020
 Laguna Park - 2455 W. Laguna Azul
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Pet-Related Vendors Needed! Contact Dobson Ranch Recreation at 480-831-7464.



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Dobson Ranch

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Home Based Summer Camp Adventure

WEEKLY THEMES:

WEEK 1

Passport

WEEK 2

Aloha Summer

WEEK 3

Imagination Station

WEEK 4

Treasure Hunters

WEEK 5

Across the Pond

WEEKLY THEMES:

WEEK 6

Jedi Training

WEEK 7

Through the Pages

WEEK 8

Edible

Engineering

WEEK 9

Down Under

WEEK 10

Color Wars

& La Casita Preschool Camp (LCP)

Happy Campers doing their daily activities!

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Photos:

1. Olivia Johnson

2. Abbey Lee LCP

3. Elizabeth Radcliff

4. Isabelle Johnson LCP

5. Celia Hoog LCP

6. Kellan Hoog

7. Ella Hogan

8. Jasper Miller LCP

9. Allison Ernst LCP

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For more information about Summer Camp, call the Recreation Office at 480-831-7464.



All events are subject to change. Check the Events Calendar on our website for the most updated info.

SAVE THE DATE! IT'S FUN AND IT'S FREE!



Saturday, October 3: 7:00 am - 10:00 am

Lake 1 - Los Altos Recreation Center
2524 W. Campo Alegre

Plus... visit with local outdoor vendors at our OUTDOOR EXPO.

FOR MORE INFO: Call the Recreation Dept. at 480-831-7464.

SAVE THE DATE!

FALL Break

CAMP

Ages
6-12 yrs.



Daily
Themes!

Monday thru Friday 8am - 5pm

OCTOBER 5-9

Saratoga Recreation Center
2345 S. Saratoga

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

Save the Date!



Community Clean up

Grab your friends and join your neighbors for a Ranchwide spruce up!

Sell It!

Ranchwide
Garage Sale:
7:00 am - 1:00 pm

Dump It!

Ranch Clean Up:
7:00 am - 1:30 pm
Los Altos Parking Lot

Shred It!

Paper Shredding:
8:00 am - 11:00 am
La Casita & Saratoga
Parking Lots

Saturday, October 10th

SAVE THE DATE!



HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020
Laguna Park - 2455 W. Laguna Azul Ave.
5:30 - 9:00 pm



Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Frank Saavedra, President

Our club continues to be at the mercy of the circumstances surrounding the pandemic. We will continue to postpone all club activities for the month of July. That includes our meeting, dinner night out, happy hour, game days, etc.

Our club affords the benefit of providing a forum for social gatherings, and that frequently results in forming friendships among our club members. While we aren't formally gathering during this pandemic, several members have decided to socialize among themselves.

Several ladies have been gathering in parks wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. They expect to continue socializing until the weather makes it too difficult to do so. A few of our members have continued to ride their bicycles in groups. I'm told that wearing a mask while riding isn't very desirable, but social distancing isn't a problem.

As we hear on the news, many people feel isolated and lonely as a result of the pandemic. The friendships formed in our club have helped mitigate the loneliness and isolation. So, while the Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club isn't active right now, being in the DRRC has kept many from becoming depressed while keeping themselves safe.

God Bless You!
Frank

Not Too Hot to "Pickle", Just Yet...

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Monsoon season is here again, but it is not yet as hot or wet as we know it will become soon. Actually, it has been a little windy, has it not? A wind-shear destroyed a pop-up canopy in my backyard recently and has played havoc with our pickleball a few times lately!

Dobson Ranch pickleball is continuing our "Pandemic" summer hours of Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 7:00 am in an effort to stay close to home playing with people we know, while keeping our social distance as we get some serious outdoor exercise. Our evening social pickleball group also continues to play under the lights on Monday and Thursday at 7:00 pm.

We usually have hand sanitizer available courtside, but players are encouraged to bring their own, as well as plenty of water. The bathrooms are now open whenever the Los Altos pool staff is present, but the drinking fountain is not yet available under this phase of re-opening. Also, while we have some benches you can rest on, most are in the sun, so please bring your own chair so you can rest in the shade and take a break between games.

We continue to welcome new players, but do advise checking with us before coming out to make sure our schedule has not changed. We can provide loaned paddles, but please wear appropriate attire including court shoes. Please contact **Rich Bitner** (rebitner@cs.com) or **Frank Mizner** (planner1948@gmail.com) for further information, to get referrals for profes-

sional instruction, and to get on our email list for announcements regarding pickleball schedules and activities. These do change from time to time, especially as we adjust to the realities of the Coronavirus and how it impacts everything we do. Please contact **Donna Ransom** at donna85202@gmail.com to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.

Practice Safe Exercise, Stay Healthy & Pickle-On!!
Rich



Women's Club

By Patty Smith, Women's Club President

Happy belated July 4th! This was a new and different experience celebrating our nation's 244th birthday. I wonder if we could just rewind and start 2020 over.

I have seen many of you enjoying walking our paths along our many lakes. It has been fun watching our resident geese families grow up.

Everyone seems to be handling this pandemic pretty well. I haven't heard of anyone in distress. **Sameera** had a special birthday and we will all have to celebrate her milestone next year!

Thank you to our Maintenance staff for working hard on keeping our neighborhood looking beautiful.

Stay safe and healthy!

Blessings,
Patty





40 Years and Still Going Strong!

By Kathrine Blomquist, Dobson Dolphins Board President



High Tide is here for the Dobson Dolphins' 40th Season! Although we had to make modifications due to Government guidelines, the team is going strong. Thank you to all participating families for adhering to the policies and procedures, as well as to the Dobson Ranch staff and Board of Directors for the support.

This summer's team consists of 54 swimmers, 18 in each age bracket: 7-9, 10-11, and 12+. There are no swim meets this season, but that is not stopping the Dolphins from holding individual **Time Trials**. The first was held June 18th and there was much cheering and encouragement from fellow teammates. Two more **Time Trials** are scheduled in July so swimmers can see their progress and have the opportunity to aim for personal bests. We are also continuing with the tradition of the annual **Swim-A-Thon**, where swimmers raise money for the team based on the number of lengths they swim.

Dolphins and their families enjoyed take-out or eating in at our first dining fundraiser of the season at **Goody's Café** on June 17th. This month, we are heading to **Zoyo** and **La Famiglia**. All fundraising events help to defray team costs, so please check out **DobsonDolphins.com** for dates and more information. Bring out those "vintage" t-shirts from past seasons and support one of the only swim teams in the East Valley this summer.

Go Dolphins!

Dobson Ranch Republicans

By Bob Schuster & Michelle Masters, Co-Chairmen



The August 4th Republican Primary is rapidly approaching. If you're a Registered Republican, or an Independent who will be requesting the Republican Primary Election ballot, please get to know the candidates.

We've made that easy for those living in or near Dobson Ranch. Just go to our **Facebook** page at www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchRepublicans and scroll down to the list of Republican Primary Election candidates running in our area. Click on the links to the candidates' websites or **Facebook** pages to learn more about them. It's a great way to become informed and stay engaged during this unusual time.

We also invite you to join our email list by emailing us at DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com.

Bob & Michelle



Dobson Ranch Independents

By Jack Wagner, Chairman

With the first Tuesday in November approaching rapidly, it is indeed time to do your homework.

You do not punch that card or mark it, with emotions; like or dislike.

You punch that card, mark that card, with **SAVVY** (*objectivity*); you know what policies are being voiced by the candidate; you know what values and beliefs the candidate projects with his/her behaviors; and you know where the candidate stands for "We the People."

Huge **CITIZEN RESPONSIBILITY** in November, for with that choice, perhaps, just perhaps, your further choices are going to be affected.

Please check out the following websites:

www.arizonaindependents.com

www.independentamericanparty.org

Jack Wagner, A Dobson Ranch resident since 1979.

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Dobson Ranch Democrats & Friends Club

By Jill Snyder, Treasurer

Please join us online for our monthly meetings to stay connected and hear from exciting speakers/candidates! We meet on the second Wednesday of each month using **Zoom**. Please visit our **Facebook** page for more information and to register for the next meeting:

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Thank you!

Questions? Call **George Tihanyi** at 480-792-6746 or **Jill Snyder** at 617-504-3990, or email jillsny@gmail.com

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Thanks to all of the proud parents who shared a video of their kids with us, we've seen everything from future movie producers to bullseye-throwing axe hurlers.

All **17** of our performers did a great job in front of the camera and we hope those of you who voted enjoyed the show!

The votes are in and the talented winners in each age category are:

AGE CATEGORY: 2-6



Kellan Hoog, 6

creator of rocket ship puppet show/movie (assisted by Celia Hoog)

AGE CATEGORY: 7-11



Carlin Ciocchetti, 10,

performing a beautiful ballet to "Sleeping Beauty"

AGE CATEGORY: 12-17



Monika Villanueva, 16,

singing and playing her soulful rendition of "All I Want"

Congrats to all three winners! Each will receive a \$100 Visa Gift Card.



Prevent the Summer Slide by Reading With Your Child

By Elaine Veatch, National Board Certified reading and language arts teacher at Longfellow Elementary School



A question teachers often hear from parents is how to keep up their child's learning at home. Hoping to avoid the dreaded summer slide, many families wonder how to keep children engaged in learning.

Vacation is the perfect time for children to select their favorite books to read. Parents can help foster a love of learning by scheduling regular read times together. By sitting with your child and taking turns reading paragraphs or pages, it provides a way to bond and connect with them. While younger readers may love an audience, older readers may be motivated by earned incentives. Explore local libraries or bookstores to identify summer reading reward programs.

Share the read

Give computer games a rest and encourage your child to share what they are reading by hosting online book talks with their

families and friends. By using newfound tools, such as *Webex* and *Flipgrid*, students can share their excitement about reading and motivate others.

Take a virtual field trip

While travel opportunities may be limited this summer, there are many museums, aquariums, and other global points of interest offering free virtual field trips. Encourage children to spend time delving into topics that most interest them while maintaining their sense of adventure.

Mesa Public Schools has a variety of home learning resources to keep students current with their academic skills at [mpsaz.org](https://www.mpsaz.org). You'll find summer reading recommendations at [mpsaz.org/library](https://www.mpsaz.org/library) and [mesalibrary.org](https://www.mesalibrary.org).

Happy summer reading everyone!

Photos above submitted by Mesa Public Schools.

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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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.

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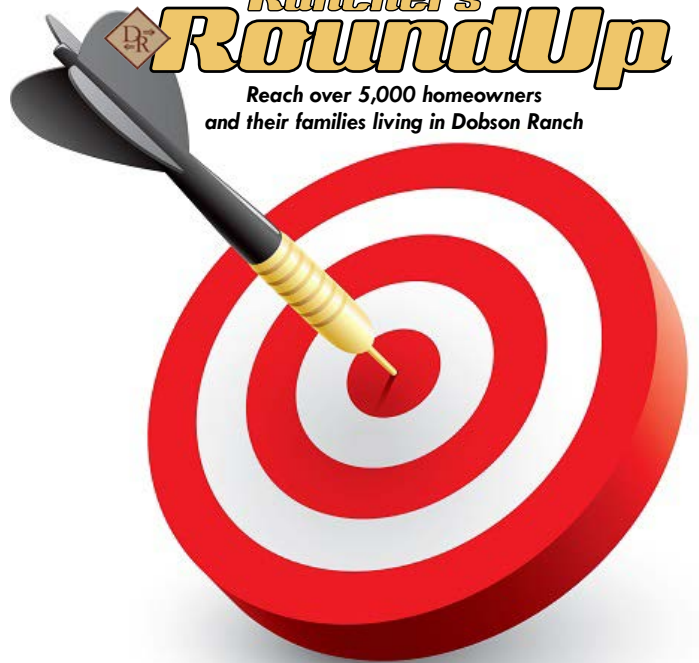
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MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED: OLD TOOLS/ANTIQUES – Local antique dealer looking to buy old stuff. Tools, cast iron, militaria, and more. Call/text Nick 818-703-2152.

POOL SERVICE

POOL SERVICE & REPAIR – Weekly service. Sand change. Green pools. Kool Deck Repair. Tile Cleaning. Call José. 480-232-7692.

AT YOUR SERVICE

At Your Service ads are published FREE for Dobson Ranch teens.

HIGH SCHOOLER LOOKING TO PET SIT FOR YOU – Willing to pet sit any animals. Call or text Michael at 602-582-0730.

HOUSE SITTING & YARD WORK – My name is Michael. I'm 15 and can house sit, maintain your pool and do light yard work. Call 602-312-0283.

HI, MY NAME IS EMMA – I'm a 15 year old responsible H.S. student living in Dobson Ranch. I'm available to babysit, house sit, or dog sit. 3 years experience. Babysitter/CPR certified. Reasonable rates. 480-489-5439.

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For further information on licensed contractors, log onto www.azroc.gov.

This is the website for Arizona licensing of contractors. Use either the contractor's name or their ROC number to search.



“Sunrise Over the Golf Course” by Donna Wallace



Calendar of Events

JULY/AUGUST 2020

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

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY/SUNDAY |
|--|---|---|---|---|----------------------------|
| SUMMER CAMP PICKUP* 13 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room Budget & Finance Meeting 6:30 pm (virtual) | 14 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park Architectoral Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual) | 15 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm. Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm. | 16 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm (virtual) | 17 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park | 18 Sunday 19 |
| SUMMER CAMP PICKUP* 20 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room | 21 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park | 22 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm. Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm. | 23 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park | 24 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park | 25 Sunday 26 |
| SUMMER CAMP PICKUP* 27 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room | 28 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park Architectoral Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual) | 29 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm. Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm. | 30 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park | 31 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park | 1 Sunday 2 |
| 3 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Marketing Committee Mtg. 8:30 am (virtual) Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room Water Management Meeting 5:30 pm (virtual) | 4 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park | 5 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm. Lake Habitat Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm (virtual) Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm. | 6 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool | 7 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Master Planning Committee Meeting 12:30 pm (virtual) | 8 Sunday 9 |
| 10 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room | 11 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park Architectoral Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual) | 12 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm. Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm. | 13 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool | 14 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park | 15 Sunday 16 |
| 17 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room Budget & Finance Meeting 6:30 pm (virtual) | 18 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room | 19 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm. Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm. | 20 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm (virtual) | 21 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park CASINO NIGHT OUT 6:00 pm Grande Room  | 22 Sunday 23 |