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The Official Publication of the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association

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## It's Business as Usual... In a New Way!

By Lynelle Glysson, Executive Director



As mentioned in the April **RoundUp**, we are doing business as usual... in a new way. Those who participated in our Annual Meeting were part of our first-ever live stream meeting. We fielded questions from residents who tuned in as well as fielding motions for approval of meeting minutes. You may have heard me say, "I want to introduce Mayberry to Millennials" when referring to Dobson Ranch. I think that has happened! The charm and small-town sense of community in Dobson Ranch are preserved while we use today's technology to keep up with ever-changing times.

I would like to welcome our newly-elected Board Members! **Michael Snedeker** has retained his seat on the Board and **Liz Durnan** and **Kathleen Tolar** are the newest members to join our Board. I look forward to working with the new Board Members. Dobson Ranch is a large and sometimes complicated property. We have a team of Board Members that not only have a heart for Dobson Ranch, but a head for making sound decisions.

At the April 30, 2020 Open Session Board Meeting, the Board appointed new Officers: **Allen Johnson** - President; **Ben Smith** - Vice President; **Louis Thiele** - Secretary; and **Stephanie Fee** - Treasurer.



Allen Johnson



Ben Smith



Louis Thiele

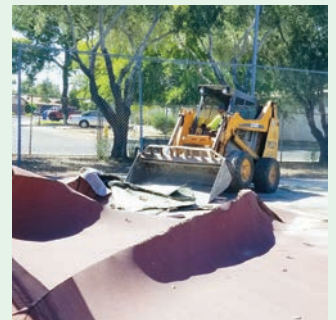


Stephanie Fee

More "business as usual" is completing our reserve projects. Some of the projects that were already reviewed and approved are under way. This includes the La Casita tennis court renovation. We are excited for the new and improved tennis courts we will have in a few months.

As we look forward to opening our facilities, we are preparing proposals to go through committees and to the Board for approval. Once we can meet in person again, I expect that we will be super busy. At the same time, we are keeping a close watch on the finances and monitoring the income and expenses. We are only doing projects that were already approved for completion in 2020.

Other "business as usual" items are our banking needs. If you remember, we had a presentation by **ClickPay** for new assessment payment options. The Board asked that I get additional proposals for them to review. I sent out a request for proposal to several banks. The Board voted on April 30th to have our operating funds moved to **CIT/Mutual of Omaha Bank**. Please see page 3 for details on new payment methods to be implemented on July 1, 2020.



La Casita tennis courts

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## Water Awareness



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

### The Green Grass of Home

For some time now, we have been advised to forsake a front and back yard lawn in favor of desert-themed landscaping; to live in the natural environment of the Sonoran Desert. Many Ranchers have followed this advice and have been very creative in their efforts. There is no end to the number of books and pamphlets that present gorgeous layouts. I wish I could duplicate some of the rock wonders I see in my drives through the Ranch.



South side of Los Altos Recreation Center

The common areas of the Ranch, in some respects, provide us with the green grass missing from our yards. The Ranch has taken great care to provide parks and common areas with turf to cool our picnics and areas to play. These areas are

carefully maintained by our own professional landscape staff with the right mix of grass and lawn seed, the right mix of fertilizer, proper grooming and the proper irrigation to keep a park healthy.

Notice the intricate grooming of the many trees. For the most part, sidewalks are provided to guide us through the parks so our many walkers do not trample the grass and create ruts.

There are gravel-covered areas meant to prevent the soil from becoming dust - places where grass can't grow. Grass is hard to grow under shade trees or around pine trees. Growing grass next to walls is also not very efficient as water and most walls do not get along very well. That is why most of the fencing surrounding our parks has a gravel border that can limit the need to water right up against the border fences and walls. The grass that does cover our parks can then be properly irrigated. Just look at our parks and appreciate the value they offer us.



Laguna Park (Sunday in the Park)

Our parks and green areas, even our desert landscape gardens, are a source of pride. That has never been more apparent than over the past few weeks as we self-isolate. Many people have found comfort in pulling up a chair under one of the many trees along the shoreline of our lakes. Many families

have spread blankets on the grass at Laguna Park or along the lakes. Many find walking along the sidewalks to be more than just a stroll in the park. And many enjoy standing on the lake banks to cast a line to make that one big catch. All who come enjoy the green, green grass of home.

## Message From the Editor



by **Nancy Roggio**, Communications Manager

### Like a good neighbor... Dobson Ranch HOA is there!

In these trying times, our commitment to do the right thing remains the same. From helping you understand the impact of COVID-19 on your community to helping you make the most of your time at home, we hope to spread a little cheer, news and knowledge... **just like a good neighbor.**

Whether you're joining your friends in a virtual movie night with *Netflix Party*, starting an ebook club on *Skype*, or getting your sweat on with free online workouts from *Planet Fitness*, or doing one of a thousand other things a little differently, we'd love to hear about it... **just like a good neighbor.**

We sincerely hope *Ranchers' RoundUp* can offer you a monthly dose of stability, comfort and escape. And, if you need a daily dose, please follow us on the **Dobson Ranch HOA Facebook page**. You'll find many inspiring examples of what being a good neighbor is all about. And, amazingly, there is no shortage of them to share with you.

**Like a good neighbor... Dobson Ranch HOA is there for you.**

Send your reviews, comments and suggestions for future issues to [nroggio@dobsonranch.com](mailto:nroggio@dobsonranch.com).

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## And So It Goes...

by Annie Vaugier, Code Compliance Supervisor



As of press time, we are still in the Isolation/Quarantine/Physical Distancing stage of the COVID-19 virus directives. These events have changed the way we work, the way we play, the way we socialize and, in some respects, the way we think. While this pandemic is certainly a known entity that requires serious attention, we still have lives to live and friends and

loved ones with whom we stay connected by whatever means possible. We also remain a community of residents that enjoy our homes and expect the many services Dobson Ranch provides to maintain our homes' aesthetics and property values.

Based on communications we have received regarding properties that appear to be in disrepair or unkept, please be assured that we are still out in your communities inspecting, opening, closing and/or escalating violations as required per your governing documents. There have been many questions posed to us in recent weeks and we wish to address some of them as a **Code Compliance Q&A**.

**Q:** I called weeks ago about my neighbor who has weeds. Why haven't you done anything about it?

**A:** Most likely, we have taken steps within the authority given by your governing documents to have your neighbor remove all of his/her live and dead weeds. There are specific guidelines that stipulate the process of violations, fines and pre-attorney notices that can be imposed upon a homeowner. The compliance process is on page 17 of your **Residen-**

**tial Architectural Guidelines** at <https://www.dobsonranch-hoa.com/architectural-guidelines/>

**Q:** How am I supposed to take care of a violation when I can't currently leave my home to get the supplies, materials or services needed to remedy the violation?

**A:** We have worked with many homeowners with extenuating circumstances to help them get their violations remedied and closed. During the COVID-19 situation, most of us are utilizing home deliveries of supplies/materials and many services are considered essential services and can service your homes for weed removal/control and remodeling/restorative construction. Please let us know if you are currently experiencing a hardship or inability to address your violation and we will work with you to help get your violation closed and/or submit a fine waiver request once your violation has been resolved.

If you have questions regarding your CC&Rs and/or Residential Architectural Guidelines, please email them to [avaugier@dobsonranch.com](mailto:avaugier@dobsonranch.com). We will do our best to address as many questions as possible in future **Ranchers' RoundUp** articles.

Take care and hopefully we will soon be back to normal ... whatever that looks like post-pandemic.

One last thought shared via a facebook post I received: To those who are complaining about the quarantine period, just remember that your grandparents were called to war. You are being called to sit on your couch and watch Netflix.

**You can do this!**

## New Bank and Payment Options

by Lynelle Glysson, Executive Director

Here at Dobson Ranch, we strive to provide the most convenient, secure, and cost-effective payment options for Homeowners. For many years, Dobson Ranch has leveraged our banking relationships to offer mail, electronic check payment, ACH bank account drafts, and credit card payment options.



On April 30, 2020, the Dobson Ranch Board of Directors voted to move the assessment payments

and operating account to **CIT/Mutual of Omaha**. With that move comes more flexibility and improved processing of assessment payments. This will also save the Association money as all the services provided are at no cost to the Association.

**Through the Mutual Property Pay Portal you will be able to:**

- Authorize a one-time payment by electronic check
- Authorize a one-time payment by a credit/debit card
- Authorize, schedule and track recurring bank draft payments
- Authorize, schedule and track recurring credit/debit card payments

You will also be able to view your account history online. This option has not been available with our current online payment option. You will also be able to make payments via check by sending a payment to our new lockbox if you wish.

We are planning for this change to take place by the third quarter on July 1, 2020. We will be sending out more details via mail, email, the website and *Ranchers' RoundUp* in the upcoming weeks and months.



## You Never Know What You're Going to See...

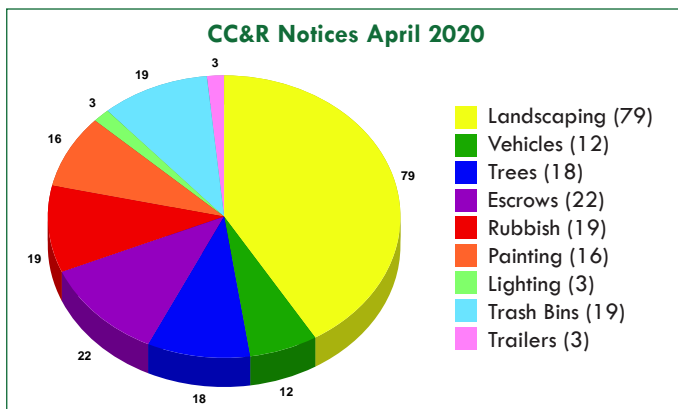
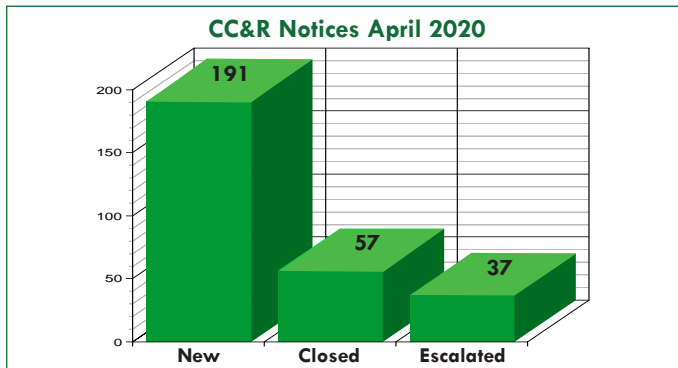


*Sue Arandjelovic sent in the first photo taken on one of her daily walks. After posting the photo on our Facebook page, we found out it was **Sonny Treloar** in the bear costume walking his beautiful Grand dog. (Sonny plays guitar with the band **Caution** that performed at our Fall Festival last October. You may remember him as the guy who led the kids around the park during the song **Baby Shark**.)*

*Sonny sent in the other two photos, but that's no Baby Shark that the bear reeled in!*

*Thanks for the comic relief, Sonny! Just what we all needed!*

## CC&R Notices



**By Nancy Roggio**

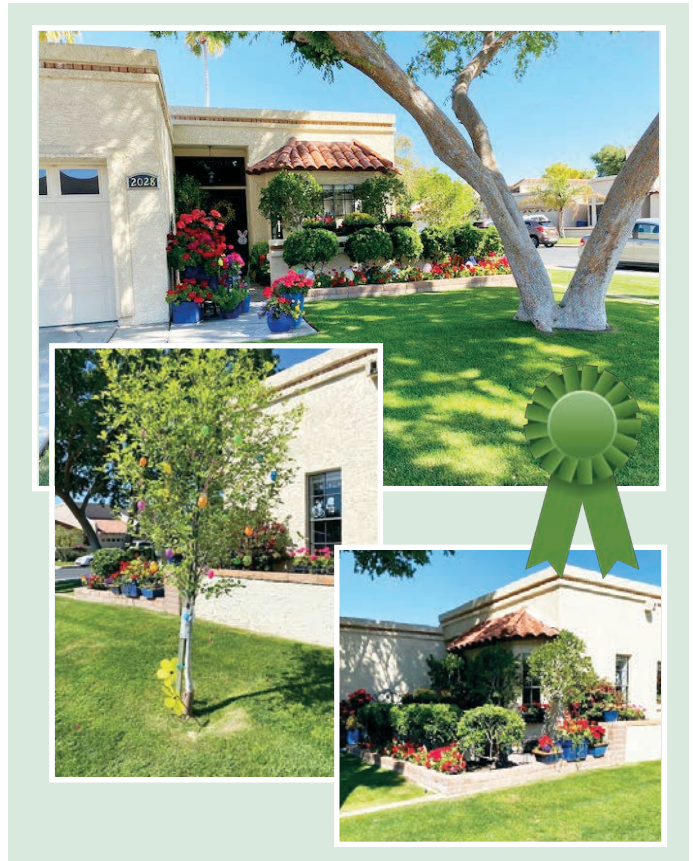
*Ranchers' RoundUp Editor*

The **Green Thumb Award** for May goes to the horticultural homeowners of **2028 W. Nopal** in Laguna Village.

Whether you're approaching this home from the corner of Santa Barbara or from W. Nopal, there's stunning planting beds and bright blue pots bursting with a beautiful array of red and white Spring blooms in both directions.

The lawn is well manicured and the Easter decorations adorning the trees, in the windows and by the front door added a touch of whimsy to this well loved residence. Kudos!

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



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





## La Casita Preschool Prepares Craft Bags

Ms. Jessi Feltmann Goes "Above and Beyond" for our La Casita Preschool Families



Ms. Jessi from the La Casita Preschool handed out very special **Craft Bags** to her Preschool families in a drive-thru fashion on March 27th at La Casita.

The bags were brimming with stickers, collage materials, glue and supplies to make puppets, treasure boxes and a sun catcher. Also, included in the Craft Bags were laminated activity sheets with a dry erase marker, journals, geoboards, measuring instruments, science materials, large poster board and books. Ms. Jessi put these "care packages" together herself to help families learn and bond together. Many of the materials were recycled items that each family needed to work together to make a game or craft.

Ms. Jessi also sends out a weekly themed activity list for her Preschool families. It includes art activities (some of which are posted as tutorials on the La Casita Preschool Facebook page), science and math, book suggestions, Play-Doh recipes and games to get the kids moving.

Way to go, Ms. Jessi!



Ms. Jessi Feltmann ▶

## Laguna Village Decorates for Easter



2040 W. Nopal



2738 S. Paseo Loma



2735 Santa Barbara



Also on W. Nopal





## Uplifting Messages in Chalk Art Found Throughout the Community



This is a time to lift each other up even in the simplest of ways. Colorful messages of hope and support have been popping up on sidewalks all across the Ranch, with kids (and even a few adults) taking pride in their artistic creations. Here are just a few of our favorite examples.



Halle & Flynn Willden (W. Knowles Circle)



Kim & Dillon Stuart (Natal/Pennington) Andrew & Allison Ernst (Patterson)



Cienna Molina (El Marino)



Kat & Spencer Biersdorff (Laguna Village)



Reagan Caston (Los Altos on Isabella Ave.)



Hosanna & Jessica Loera (near Alma Elementary on Rogers)





## Staying Sane While Staying Home

by Craig Knippenberg, Family Therapist

### Don't throw out structure.

Sit down with your children and map out how the days will flow. Set up specific time for reading and homework, chores, independent free time, meal breaks, family time and bedtime. Like every teacher, write it down and post the schedule.

### Everybody could use a breather right now.

Make sure your children know that you will plan blocks of time for yourself and that they will need to self-entertain. This will give you time for needed chores and your own mental health time. Have several a day and work in times for your own self-reflection, checking in with other parents and exercise time. Be sure to let children know that disturbing your time will result in a loss of privileges.

### Free play.

While officials are making people distance themselves from others, getting outside is still allowed and encouraged. Outside time and fresh air has huge physical and mental health benefits. While children might complain about not knowing what to do, they will quickly find something to explore or create while outside. If there's room in the house for one room to be set aside for unbridled free play, do it. Zoom sessions for your children and their friends are also encouraged. This is also a great time to break out old hobbies and jigsaw puzzles. It is important to keep to family units as much as possible.

### It's OK to loosen screen rules... a bit.

It is recommended to have a limit of a half hour of gaming during the school week and several blocks of gaming time on the weekends. However, given these unprecedented circumstances, you may want to go with the weekend rules just to help you and your kids survive. The same is true with TV and Netflix. While binge-watching might be an appealing alternative, you'll pay the price in your child's moodiness after you pry them free of their screens. Several one-hour blocks a day of screen time is better than binge-viewing.

### Get out all those old-fashioned board games.

What a great time to play *Monopoly*, the game of *Life*, *Parcheesi*, *Clue*, *Sorry*, *Chutes and Ladders*, *Candyland*, or any of the popular board games that have stood the test of time. You can also watch TV together and share a big bowl of popcorn. This would also be a great time to watch old family videos. Connecting with happier times is always good for our mental health.

### Stick to a sleep schedule.

While it might be tempting for your older children to stay up late every night and sleep late every morning, that's not going to be beneficial to their physical and mental health. You'll also be left with very moody children the next day. Stick with your normal bedtime schedule. And, don't forget to enforce no screen time an hour before bed!

### Limit the news.

For your own mental health, and the mental health of your family members, limit the intake of news. Constantly following the latest coronavirus news will increase the entire family's anxiety.

### Give kids an outlet to discuss emotions.

Journaling is a good way for adolescents to process their feelings in this uncertain time. You can also set aside a time to talk as a family about how everyone is feeling and coping with the outbreak. Doing this at the dinner table or after dinner is ideal. It's important to acknowledge their anxiety but also their loss and grief about upcoming trips and school programs on which they will be missing out. Then turn to your family game time and your usual routines.

### Have an adventure mindset.

In good times and bad, help your child understand that every moment in life offers opportunities to learn, create and grow. Ask your kids what they will remember from this experience. What will they treasure and what would they want to change for generations in the future.

### A word of advice.

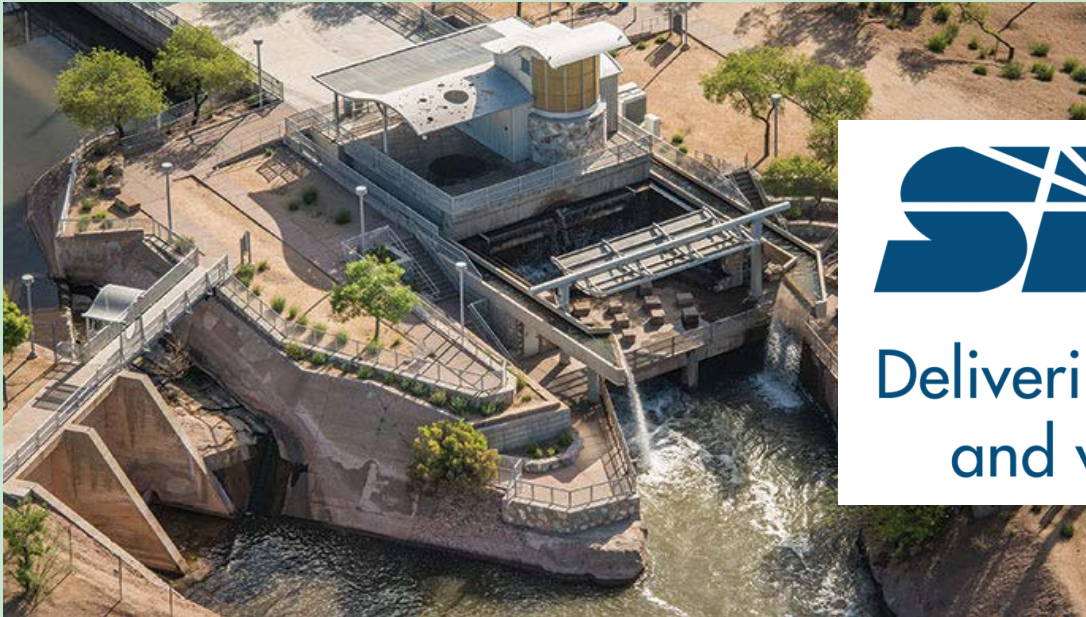
Simply do your best. It is just one moment in time and it, too, shall pass.





## SRP Is Here to Help During This Pandemic

Sent in by Kathleen Mascareñas, SRP Media Relations Representative



SRP delivers about 800,000 acre-feet of raw water annually to a 375-square-mile service area and manages a 13,000 square-mile watershed. It typically delivers more than 325 billion gallons of water to municipal, industrial, agricultural and urban irrigation systems each year.

We understand you may be feeling concerned and uncertain because of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Here's what we're doing at SRP to help keep our community healthy while keeping the power on and water moving through the Valley.

### Keeping you in power during COVID-19

We know that our residential and business customers are greatly impacted by this unforeseen event. Because of this, we will not turn customers' power off for non-payment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will also waive all late payment fees. This applies to both residential and commercial customers.

We will try to contact customers who are currently disconnected for non-payment to ensure a safe reconnection. If your power is currently off for non-payment and we were unable to reach you, or you have not been contacted yet, please call us 24/7 at **602-236-8888**.

Some customers may still see late fees on their upcoming bills. If there is a late payment fee on your bill, please call us to have it removed.

**Please note:** Some customers may experience temporary disconnections due to work on the power system. We will make every effort to ensure minimal impact.

Even though we aren't turning power off for non-payment during this time, customers will continue to be charged for the electricity they use.

If you are having a hard time paying your electric bill for any reason, please let us know as quickly as possible. We can work with you to avoid a worsening financial situation.

SRP will continually assess the situation to ensure this is the right decision for our customers and the community. In addition, SRP is following all guidance from the CDC. This includes taking steps to reduce the threat of COVID-19 exposure to our employees, customers and the community.

### Here's what else we're doing

As an employer of over 5,000 Arizona residents, we're doing our part to stop the spread across the Valley.

This includes stopping employee travel, allowing some employees to work from home and taking extra steps to keep our facilities clean. All of these steps are being taken to ensure the reliable delivery of water and power.

We remain committed to the support of many community causes during this time. However, in-person events are canceled through the end of May.

Customers registered for upcoming events will receive additional notice about any cancellations.

### COVID-19 changes: What you need to know

We know these changes may impact how you do business with us in the short term. But please know, they will not affect our ability to do our most important job: delivering water and power to customers.

Although our **PayCenters** are open, we encourage customers to take advantage of **My Account** and our mobile apps to make payments using the Power app, M-Power app and Water app.

During these uncertain times, cash-only customers can now use My Account and our mobile apps to make payments to avoid visiting the PayCenters.





## Landscaping Tips



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

### Efficient Landscaping Equals Savings

With the uncertainty about the economy, naturally the focus is on efficiency and savings. Summer looms around the corner with its promise of higher energy and water bills. Don't despair. You can preserve and protect the living plants of the landscape **and** reduce future plant replacement costs, while also saving on water and energy costs. Put your landscape to work to meet your efficiency and savings goals.

#### Perform an irrigation system check-up now before the temperatures climb.

- **Controllers** – adjust program and test run the system to check for leaks and misdirection
- **Valves** – Clean out valve boxes and repair leaking valves
- **Sprinklers** – replace broken heads and check after mowing, address pressure issues like misting
- **Drip** – Plug emitters without plants, check and clean filters by flushing out. Make sure landscape plants and trees have enough emitters and they are appropriately placed to water the drip line, and water to the appropriate depth for the plant.

#### Take great care to maintain tree health for their benefits to the microclimate like shade for temperature reduction, and to prevent tree failure and costly removals and replacements. Trees can easily become a liability if not maintained.

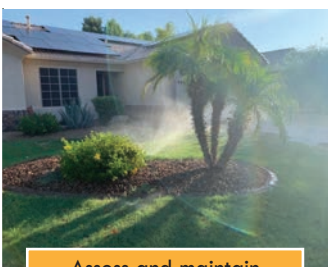
- Monitor trees for drought stress over the coming months
- Prune trees when necessary for tree health and to reduce liability
- Fertilize trees to maintain optimum health as indicated, though native and desert-adapted trees rarely need supplemental fertilization
- Mulch around trees and plants to cool roots and conserve water

#### It's not too late to plant shade for a cooler microclimate to reduce temperatures on a building, fence or patio and save on future cooling costs. Your landscape professional can suggest appropriate plants to block sun on a west-facing wall, for example.

Now more than ever, it is important to protect your landscape investment. Your landscape professional is your partner in managing and maintaining the complex living ecosystem called your landscape, so meet with them and plan for an efficient and beautiful future.



Plant a vine on a west-facing wall to create a cooler microclimate



Assess and maintain irrigation systems for water savings - sprinklers shouldn't mist like this



Practice proper tree health care to protect and preserve trees



**PROTECT YOUR LANDSCAPE INVESTMENT**  
Is your landscaper SLM Certified?

### Homeowner Improvements

#### Architectural Applications April 2020

By Carole Stabile, Member Services Coordinator

<b>45 Applications</b>	<b>\$209,205</b>
<b>DOBSON PINES</b>	
Landscape	\$ 4,000
<b>DOBSON SHORES</b>	
Landscape	\$ 1,550
Stucco & Paint	\$ 4,500
Paint	\$ 1,500
New Construction	\$ 30,000
<b>LAGUNA SHORES</b>	
Driveway Extension	\$ 5,200
Paint	\$ 2,600
<b>DOBSON RANCH UNIT I</b>	
Block Walls	\$ 4,200
Mailbox	\$ 600
Roof Replacement	\$ 42,000
Paint	\$ 4,450
<b>DOBSON RANCH UNIT III</b>	
Paint	\$ 8,500
<b>DOBSON RANCH UNIT V</b>	
Paint	\$ 5,000
<b>DOBSON RANCH UNIT XIII</b>	
Shed	\$ 3,000
<b>DOBSON RANCH UNIT XV</b>	
Gazebo	\$ 500
Shed	\$ 800
<b>DOBSON RANCH UNIT XVIII</b>	
Paint	\$ 500
<b>GOLDEN PALMS ESTATES</b>	
Paint	\$ 5,700
Garage Door	\$ 3,000
Shade Structure	\$ 9,400
<b>LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED</b>	
RV Gate	\$ 3,000
Block Walls	\$ 4,000
Landscape	\$ 10,000
Roof Replacement	\$ 16,500
<b>LOS ALTOS</b>	
Paint	\$ 7,285
<b>REGENCY ESTATES</b>	
Paint	\$ 2,100
Landscape	\$ 12,000
<b>SARATOGA LAKES</b>	
Paint	\$ 20
Driveway Extension	\$ 2,500
Landscape	\$ 3,900
Window Replacement	\$ 8,500
Gutters	\$ 500
<b>KNOELL VILLA SOLANO</b>	
Landscape	\$ 400
Patio	\$ 1,500

### Home Sales

Trustee Properties:  
1 – House  
Home Sales: **36**





# I for the love of tennis

by Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



**Kwong Young**, our Dobson Ranch tennis pro, was born in Hong Kong. At the age of six, he moved with his family to New York City and later to upstate New York. Kwong graduated from Broome Community College in Binghamton, NY with an AS degree in marketing-sales and management. He moved to Arizona in 1987 and currently

lives in Sun Lakes with his wife, Marji, who also enjoys playing tennis.

What's interesting about Kwong is that he didn't start playing tennis until he was 21.

"I met a friend in college, Steve Howland, and started playing tennis with him. He gave me lessons in tennis, and, in exchange, I gave him lessons in billiards," Kwong reminisced.

"Even on my first lesson with Steve, he commented that I seemed like a natural at the sport, and, with plenty of practice, I soon became quite skilled at the game," Kwong stated.

In fact, in less than three years, Kwong became the number two singles player on the Broome Community College tennis team.

After Kwong moved to Arizona in 1987, he became USPTA (*United States Professional Tennis Association*) certified to teach tennis. Since that time, he's given tennis lessons to players of various ages and abilities from 4-year-olds to 80-year-olds throughout the East Valley.

He began giving group and individual one-on-one tennis lessons at Dobson Ranch two years ago. Under normal circumstances (*before the pandemic*), he teaches about six to eight different classes per month. He enjoys the variety; teaching adults and juniors equally.

Under Kwong's expert guidance, Dobson Ranch offers a full-range of **Adult Tennis** programs and playing opportunities for ages 16+ and various ability levels. His popular classes for adults include: **Adult Skills and Drills, Adult Beginner to Advanced Beginner, Adult Weekday Doubles**

## Play, and Adult Saturday Doubles.

The mission of Dobson Ranch **Junior Tennis** (*ages 7-12*) is to provide quality instruction in a fun and friendly atmosphere with a multi-level junior program from the youngest beginners to sanctioned tournament players. Kwong usually holds two different **Juniors Clinics** a month.

Plus, once a month on a Saturday, Kwong conducts a monthly **Round Robin Social**. "This monthly social is a fantastic way to meet other tennis players in the community. Players participate in doubles and mixed-doubles matches in a round-robin format, assorted by levels," Kwong explained. Those who have taken instruction from Kwong most likely have heard him give his favorite tennis tip: "Never watch the ball when you play, instead... **stare** at it."

Kwong says he has had the privilege of teaching some students with exceptional skills at Dobson Ranch. "Some of them have played other sports or are just naturally talented. Or, in some cases, students have played tennis with their parents," Kwong added.

When asked what playing and teaching tennis has meant to Kwong as a career, he replied, "It has given me enjoyment by watching students fall in love with the sport of tennis, a sport that I love as well."

"Like everything else, the Dobson Ranch tennis courts and classes were closed and cancelled in April due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, on a brighter note, during the downtime the resurfacing of the La Casita tennis courts began. I am excited to get back to teaching in May and playing on the top-grade courts at Saratoga," Kwong concluded.



For more info, call Kwong Young at **480-759-2248** or email [kyoung@dobson-ranch.com](mailto:kyoung@dobson-ranch.com).





## What Did You Pledge?

by Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management Committee Member

Last month throughout Dobson Ranch, **Earth Day's 50th Anniversary** was celebrated in many different and creative ways. Chalk drawings of the Earth covered our sidewalks and walls, the Dobson Ranch library posted lessons on how to make crafts with recycled products, and **Ms. Jessi** from the La Casita Preschool encouraged her students to be "Earth Superheroes."

To those of you that made an **Earth Day Pledge**, thank you! As a community leader in conservation, Dobson Ranch is a great place to support the environmental movement. Please do not get discouraged if you forgot to follow through on your pledge. The world is changing at a rapid pace these days, and new habits take anywhere from 18-254 days to become set. Find something you would like to change in favor of the environment and allow time to make it happen.

My pledge is to discontinue the use of single-use plastics as much as possible. Globally, more than 150 million tons of single-use plastic items are produced each year.

To help change my consumption of single-use plastics, I have ingrained a few pro-environmental behaviors into my routines, such as carrying reusable shopping bags in my car. Did you know that one reusable bag can prevent the use of 600 plastic bags? I also carry personal beverage cups. However, in our fast changing world, reusable bags and cups are no longer refillable.

Still, there are other ways we can reduce our use of plastics. One simple behavior is to carry reusable drinking straws, made from materials such as durable stainless steel, glass or bamboo. Also, choosing a bar of soap over body wash lessens the estimated 1.4 billion empty bottles tossed out every year.

Finally, avoiding the purchase of bottled water is one of the best pro-environmental behaviors to reduce plastic waste. As an added bonus, the practice is

ultimately less expensive in the long run if you invest in a water filter and/or reusable bottles. To learn more about the plastic items you use and discard each year, check out the **Plastic Calculator** on the Earth Day website at <https://www.earthday.org/plastic-pollution-calculator-2/>

Whether you pledge to take shorter showers, to install a smart irrigation controller, to discontinue using single-use plastics, etc., you are persevering in a changing world to do your part to support a better environment for us all.

The mission of Earth Day has been going strong for over 50 years - "To build the world's largest environmental movement to drive transformative change for people and our planet." It is up to us to continue moving forward.

**The future residents of Dobson Ranch, as well as the generations to come, will thank you.**



Photo of her son Emmett at Laguna Park by Carrie Anderson



## From the Recreation Director's Desk



**By Jesse Wright**  
Associate Director of Recreation

Due to the current circumstances, we are postponing **Casino Night Out** until August 21st and **BYOB** will be cancelled on May 29th. Please check future **RoundUps** and the Dobson Ranch website for more information for our new summer hours once we open back up. Come and enjoy all of the amenities that Dobson Ranch has to offer.

Looking ahead, we have more exciting events and programs coming up. If you have children or grandchildren ages 6-12 and are looking for some fun summer activities... look no further. **Summer Camp Adventure** at La Casita is starting May 26th, but will be run differently this year. Camp will not be held on site. See the flyer below for more details.

Unfortunately, our **Flick 'n Float** program at Los Altos on June 5th will also be cancelled this year.

Finally, save the date for our community **Ice Cream Social** at La Casita on July 10th. Bring your whole family out for a wonderful time. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming summer events and hope to see some new faces as well.

La Casita Recreation Center began renovating the tennis courts in mid-April. 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, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **5857** \$50 R/\$75 NR  
Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17, 24 **5858** \$40 R/\$60 NR

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

Tuesday, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **5859** \$50 R/\$75 NR  
Thursday, June 4, 11, 18, 25 **5860** \$40 R/\$60 NR

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

Monday - June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **5861** \$50 R/\$75 NR  
Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17, 24 **5862** \$40 R/\$60 NR

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

Saturday, June 6, 13, 20, 27 **5863** \$40R/\$60 NR

### JUNIORS

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

Monday, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **5853** \$50 R/\$75 NR  
Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17, 24 **5854** \$40 R/\$60 NR

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

Tuesday, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **5855** \$50 R/\$75 NR  
Thursday, June 4, 11, 18, 25 **5856** \$40 R/\$60 NR

### MONTHLY ROUND ROBIN SOCIAL

Saturday, June 20 - 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (*Register in advance*)

**IT'S FREE!**  
Sign up through  
Active Net or  
call the Rec.  
Office

## Dobson Ranch

# Home Based Summer Camp Adventure

May 26 - July 31

Weekly supply pickups will be from La Casita  
Rec. Center on Mondays

We'll supply  
you with **crafts,**  
**activities & virtual**  
**field trips to do**  
**at home!**

**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

**For more information, call the Recreation Office at 480-831-7464**





**FLICK n FLOAT**

**CANCELED**

Bring your inner tubes and pool noodles!

Refreshments will be available for purchase!

Relax!

Cool Off!

Watch a movie!

**Disney FROZEN II**

Friday, June 5  
7:30 pm  
Los Altos Rec. Center  
2524 W. Campo Alegre



The following is an excerpt from the article that was featured in the **Arizona Republic** on April 20 entitled, "Want to bring a food truck to your metro Phoenix neighborhood? Here's what you need to know" written by **Katherine Fitzgerald**. For the full article visit [azcentral.com](http://azcentral.com).

When community events for the **Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association** were cancelled, the food trucks booked for the upcoming festivities were poised to take a financial hit. And the Mesa neighborhood's residents were facing fewer food options. So, recreation director **Jesse Wright** got to work finding new ways to connect the two groups.

Dobson Ranch is bringing in one food truck at a time throughout the week and setting up a makeshift drive-thru. Customers are pre-ordering and driving up, cutting down interaction time. Friday's lunch slot from **Cousins Maine Lobster** was perhaps the best turnout for a food truck yet. Wright has already booked the truck again.

"I think it benefits both getting the (food trucks) name out there and having that option for people who do not like to cook or try new foods," Wright said.

A number of Phoenix-area food trucks are experimenting with delivery systems, as well as grab-and-go. However, they've still been hit hard by the shutdowns, social distancing and

decreased spending all stemming from the new coronavirus pandemic.

The Phoenix Street Food Coalition, founded in 2010, works with about 120 local food trucks. Marketing Director Jason Fimbres has seen the staggering impact on food trucks.

"Some days, they may be making 30 or 40 bucks and that's not very fruitful for them," he said. "So anybody in the community who would love to support the food trucks there's plenty of ways to do it."



Now, some neighborhoods are bringing food trucks directly to their community. The process can vary depending on where you live, but with proper social distancing, **Lynelle Glysson**, executive director of the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association, sees benefits for both sides.

"We like having something for our residents to enjoy, and then also support local businesses, who might otherwise have zero business," she said.





**Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt** Young Ranchers had an egg-citing time hunting down all 20 rocks painted to look like Easter eggs!



**Mason Thomas**



**Sebastian & Hensley Russnak**



**Maddie & Mason Scott**



**Henlea Ruiz**



**Madeline Downey**



**Avery & Alexa Sanders  
& Isabelle Cameron**



**Theo & Hunter Robinson**



**Elliana Arias**



**Dominic Battaglia**



**Emmett Hogan**



**Tommy & Lucas Hernandez**



**Liam Finley**





## Food Truck

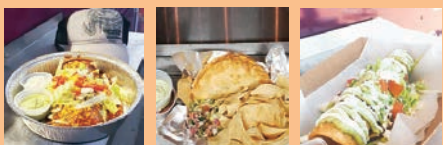


# FESTIVAL

“Thank You!” to all of the Food Truck vendors that rolled into the La Casita parking lot over the past few weeks.



We spiced things up with authentic Mexican cuisine from **Salsa Bites** on March 31



We brought you classic comfort food from **Blue Owl Catering** on April 1



We featured South Texas-style BBQ from **Charlie's Smoke Wagon** on April 2



We let you grab the best grilled cheese in town from **2 Fat Guys Grilled Cheese** on April 3



We brought fresh Maine lobster to our neighborhood from **Cousins Maine Lobster** on April 10 & April 16



We gave you a chance to taste gourmet Mexican food that's an art form from **Dez Burrito** on April 29





## 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.

### FITNESS IN THE PARK



Instructor: Nancy  
 When: **Starting July 13th!**  
 MON./WEDS./FRI. 6:00 am – 6:45 am  
 TUES. & THURS. 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Where: Laguna Park

Cost: **Buy 5, get 1 FREE**  
 Residents: \$50  
 Non-Residents: \$75  
**Buy 9, get 3 FREE**  
 Residents: \$90  
 Non-Residents: \$135

RSVP: Contact the instructor with questions prior to class at 602-703-7822 or at nancy@magillfitness.com

Punch card expires three months from your purchase date. Punch Cards may be punched one time for residents only per class. No additional punches for guests or residents. **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 (May 26 – 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 (expires 10/08/20)

Aqua Zumba keeps the Zumba Fitness workout party going in the pool. Aqua Zumba is classic aqua aerobics with Latin flavor added to regular Zumba routines. The typical land-based Zumba dance steps, such as cha-cha, merengue, salsa, reggaeton, and mambo, are exaggerated and slower in water, 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 – September 3)  
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center Pool  
 Time: 7:30 am – 8:20 am  
 Cost: \$4 drop in rate, \$12 resident only for a 4-use punch card (expires 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.

### FAIRYTALE DANCERS (Ages 3-5)

Code: **5851**  
 Instructor: Jana  
 When: Thursdays (June 4 – July 9)  
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center  
 Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
 Cost: Registration fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.

Children will be introduced to dance through their favorite fairytales during this positive and encouraging class. Dance can build self-esteem and improve motor skills. Watch your prince and princesses shine in this fun and creative program. Children need soft soled shoes and comfortable clothes. Ballet shoes, leotard and tights recommended. There will be a performance last day of class. Children must be able to work in a group setting and follow directions. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

### INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (Ages 4-6)

Code: **5852**  
 Instructor: Jana  
 When: Thursdays (June 4 – July 9)  
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center  
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
 Cost: Registration fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.

In a fun, encouraging and high energy atmosphere, your child will be shown the fundamentals of ballet and jazz, which can help improve motor skills and creative expression. Soft soled shoes are recommended or bare feet. 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: **5850**  
 Instructor: Jana  
 When: Tuesdays (June 2 – July 7)  
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center  
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
 Cost: Registration fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All classes are subject to change.





FREE to All HOA Members

Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundaes

Swimming in La Casita Pool

Win Great Raffle Prizes

A Night of Family Fun for Everyone

Vegan Option Available Upon Request

# ICE Cream Social

Friday, July 10

6:00 - 8:00 pm\*

La Casita Rec. Center  
2719 S. Reyes

\*while supplies last

Recreation Department • 480-831-7464 • [dobsonranch.com](http://dobsonranch.com)

FEELING LUCKY? JOIN US FOR

## Casino Night

**POSTPONED**

FRIDAY, MAY 15 - 6:00 - 9:00 PM  
LA CASITA GRANDE ROOM  
BLACK JACK, CRAPS, ROULETTE  
RAFFLE PRIZES - MUST BE 21 & OLDER!

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# BYOB

21+ over event

**CANCELLED**

- Wine and Beer Tasting!
- Prizes!
- Live Music!

ID Required

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**  
La Casita Recreation Center

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**DRUMROLL, PLEASE! AND THE WINNING PHOTOS ARE...**

# Home, Home on the Ranch



## PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Our Ranchers sent in cute and clever photos showing how they are battling boredom while cooped up at home. All entries were posted on our Facebook page.

### ◀ EDITOR'S CHOICE AWARD

**Dyan Garcia** wins a \$150 Visa Gift Card for her adorable photo of Zoey Baking Cookies!

**1st PLACE**



**Carrie Anderson**  
Reading Time with Emmett  
\$100 Visa Gift Card

**2nd PLACE**



**Steven Mittelbrunn**  
Getting Comfy and Cozy in Front of the TV  
\$75 Visa Gift Card

**3rd PLACE**



**Kat Mace**  
Isaac Playing Along to "Coco" Soundtrack  
\$50 Visa Gift Card

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ENTERED OUR "HOME, HOME ON THE RANCH" PHOTO CONTEST!**





## Retirees' Club

By Frank Saavedra, President

As is the case with much of the country, the **Dobson Retirees' Club** is temporarily closed. We aren't even doing carry out or deliveries. What we've been doing is getting better acquainted with *Zoom Video Conferencing* and *Cisco Webex Meetings*.

In keeping with the recommendations about social distancing and group gatherings, many of us have been visiting with family and friends via the internet. Given that older citizens seem to be more susceptible to the dangers of the coronavirus, especially if other underlying health conditions exist, family home visits now seem to have inherent problems.

Ironically, not being able to physically visit with those who live close by, we seem to be visiting a lot more frequently with those who live in other states or other countries. While the capability to visit online with distant friends and family has existed for quite some time, the coronavirus has caused a lot of us to now have the time to be a lot more available to visit online. While texting and email are a good way to communicate, seeing the face or faces of family and friends is a step up. Many of us would rather see those faces live and in person, nonetheless seeing them on a display does have some benefit. I expect 'internet visiting' will continue after the pandemic has passed.

We keep hearing about 'opening the country' on the news. When that happens we've heard about things changing to a 'new normal'. Many have heard that 'the only constant in life is change'. I'm looking forward to what this 'new normal' will be for our Club, and how long that will persist before we get back to the 'old normal' if, in fact, we ever get back to it.

God Bless You!

Frank

## Street Pickleball at the Ranch

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Since the last issue of *Ranchers' RoundUp*, Arizona moved from social distancing guidelines to a mandatory Stay At Home Executive Order. With Governor Ducey's Order in effect, the cities of Tempe and Mesa immediately closed down all organized Parks & Recreation activities indoors and out, including tennis, pickleball and basketball. Our Dobson Ranch Association followed their lead and we have not played pickleball at the Los Altos Courts since March 30th.

While there are eight courts remaining open at the City of Phoenix Pecos Park, which some continue to attend, many of us are avoiding groups of 10 or more and staying close to home. In addition to enjoying the great walking paths and bicycle lanes that Dobson Ranch provides, a few of us have started



gathering for "Street Pickleball" in the cul-de-sac in front of my house. Others are playing on short courts in their garage or driveway. There is not really enough room for a full size court, so we enjoy "dinking in the driveway" on a short court where we play "kitchen" dinking games. Lots of fun, but not the same... but, it will just have to do until we come out from under the stay at home orders.

We will resume our regular schedule whenever the courts are re-opened, so be sure to get on our mailing list if you are not already on it, and check for updates regularly.

For schedule updates, please check the Dobson Ranch website at: [www.dobsonranchhoa.com/activities](http://www.dobsonranchhoa.com/activities). Or, you can contact **Rich Bitner** ([rebittner@cs.com](mailto:rebittner@cs.com)) or **Frank Mizner** ([planner1948@gmail.com](mailto:planner1948@gmail.com)) for further information or to get referrals for professional instruction. Please contact **Donna Moran** at [donna85202@gmail.com](mailto:donna85202@gmail.com) to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play when it resumes.

**Pickle-On!!**

## Women's Club

By Patty Smith, Women's Club President

Easter and Passover were not cancelled. However, I wasn't expecting to watch church services on my computer this year. Being quarantined has certainly made life different, but we were still able to celebrate.

**Happy May Day and Happy Mother's Day** to all of you. Maybe by the time the *RoundUp* arrives at your home, the COVID-19 will be under control and more lives are being saved. Prayers for all COVID-19 patients and their families.

Thank you to the **Dobson Ranch Yacht Club** and residents for the **Blue Light Parade** which floated down Lake 7 on April 25. This was a wonderful way for us to honor all of the first responders, medical and hospital staffs, grocery stores staffs, veterinary clinics, hardware stores, restaurants trying to stay afloat with take-out services, and essential businesses that are working to keep America moving. We thank you!

It has been so wonderful to see and meet our neighbors walking around our neighborhood. Of course, doing so at the correct "social distance."

And, last but not least, thank you to our DR Maintenance Crew keeping the Ranch looking beautiful, as always.

May we continue to live with Hope, Commitment and Gratitude far after this pandemic has past.

May God bless you and keep you and your families safe and healthy,  
**Patty**

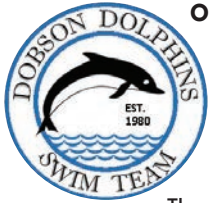
*Patty and Gary Smith's blue star is a tribute to all of the first responders.*





## 40 Years and Still Splashing!

By Kathrine Blomquist, Dobson Dolphins Board President



### On-line Registration is Now Open!

The Dobson Dolphins are getting ready to celebrate their 40th season! The team's Board of Directors is optimistic the season will occur in some fashion and we hope you are, too.

The team practices each week at Los Altos Recreation Center's Jr. Olympic pool and swim meets occur throughout the season with the **East Valley Swim League**. Events during this milestone season include a **40th Anniversary Celebration**, "FUN"-draisers, and the annual **Awards Ceremony**. Bring out those t-shirts from past seasons and cheer on the team.

**Sign up your swimmer today!** Online registration is open now using the "ONLINE REGISTRATION" link at **DobsonDolphins.com**. The team is open to all swimmers ages 5-17 that are able to swim the length of the pool with proper freestyle form. Registration is quick and easy, and we are not collecting payment until the season begins. The season is \$75 for residents and \$80 for non-residents. Please complete a registration form for each swimmer.

Check out **DobsonDolphins.com** for the most up-to-date info.

**Be safe and Go Dolphins!**

## Dobson Ranch Independents

By Jack Wagner, Chairman

It's out with "like."

And, out with "dislike."

Before you make your choice on the 1st Tuesday in November, **do your homework!**

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:

[www.indpencearizona.com](http://www.indpencearizona.com)

[www.independentamericanparty.org](http://www.independentamericanparty.org)



**Jack Wagner**, A Dobson Ranch resident since 1979.

[golfingjack@msn.com](mailto:golfingjack@msn.com)

[70sglfr@gmail.com](mailto:70sglfr@gmail.com)

### Independent American Party

*"If you vote for the lesser of two evils, you are still voting for evil. Always vote for the best possible candidate, whether they have a chance of winning or not."*

## Dobson Ranch Democrats & Friends Club

By Jill Snyder, Treasurer

Our monthly meetings are being suspended for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19. In the meantime, please connect with us on our **Facebook** page (<https://www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchDemocrats/>) or call us anytime at **480-792-6746**.

Thank you!

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

**Donations are always appreciated:**

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/drd20>

**Like us on Facebook:**

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

**Join our Meet-Up group:**

<https://www.meetup.com/LD18-Dems/>



## Dobson Ranch Republicans

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

We're hoping to return to our regular monthly in-person meetings in June, but we will ensure it is safe to do so before making that decision. As the election season approaches, we will strive to keep everyone informed via **Facebook** and email.

Visit our **Facebook** page at:

[www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchRepublicans](http://www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchRepublicans)

Or **email us** to get on our email list at:

[DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com](mailto:DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com)

We will use both media outlets to keep you informed about candidates and issues of importance.

We'll also inform you when our meetings resume. When they do, they will again be the first Thursday of each month, 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 & Michelle

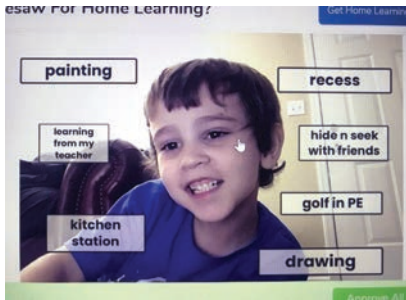






## Navigating At-Home Learning

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



Physical school buildings remain closed, but learning continues for students at Mesa Public Schools. Teachers share that instruction may look and feel a little different, whether that means they're connecting with students online or providing printed work packets.

**Allison McIntosh** is a science teacher at Rhodes Junior High School. After ensuring her students were safe and had basic necessities, she took into account their diverse needs to maximize their learning opportunities.

McIntosh says some families have developed a schedule so several siblings may share one device, while some don't have internet access. Others have parents who work from home, balancing their jobs and supporting their children's learning needs. Once students got on board, McIntosh upped the pace of the curriculum to continually engage her students.

"It's important for students to know that school is still in session, and I encourage parents to make sure their children are actively dialing into learning," McIntosh says. "I connect with my students virtually and by phone, but I can't be face to face with them. We rely on parents to help students understand that they still need to go to their sessions and work to keep their minds sharp."

McIntosh says many students miss the structure and routine of a normal school day, but parents can help their children keep a consistent daily schedule. The most important skill that students can continue to develop, even if they don't have the internet, is to read and write. Students can read newspapers and magazines, and write a synopsis of the material.

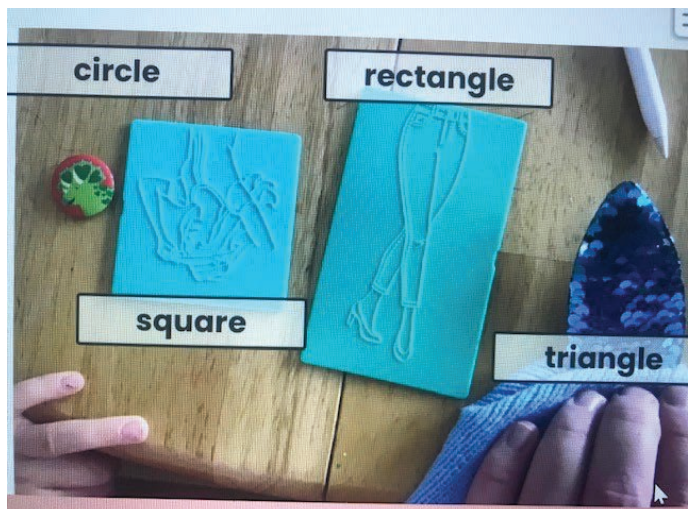
While Pomeroy Elementary kindergarten teacher **Paula Cullymore's** students are still learning the same content they would in a normal classroom setting, she is more creative in delivering her instruction and learning opportunities. For example, she asked students to design a two-dimensional shape, using items in the home. Some students used markers to draw the shape, while others used plastic forks to build one. Once completed, parents snapped a photo of the students' work and sent it in.

Students check in with their teacher and classmates via online classroom meetings. Cullymore shares the classroom meetings have been important for her students' social and emotional well-being.

"During the first classroom check-in my students were so excited to see each other," Cullymore says. "Students connected with each other by showing their pets, siblings and treasures. It really touched my heart."

Before the school closures, Cullymore encouraged parents to help their students excel by giving their children at-home learning opportunities, such as helping write the family grocery list.

"Now it's even more important," Cullymore says. "There are learning opportunities everywhere. Parents can have students write old-fashioned letters, count and measure the windows in the home, start a garden, play old-fashioned board games, or have a yard scavenger hunt to see which family member finds the heaviest rock."



All photos were submitted by Paula Cullymore with parent approval

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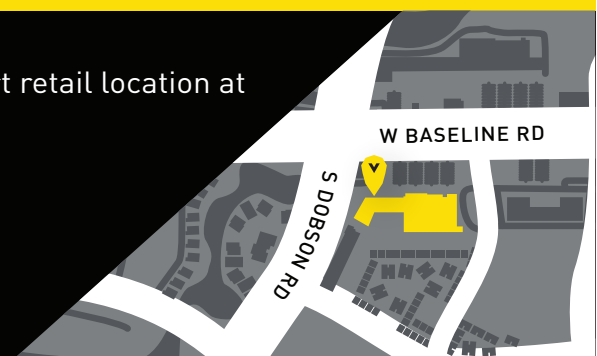
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**POOL SERVICE & REPAIR** – Weekly service. Sand change. Green pools. Kool Deck Repair. Tile Cleaning. Call José. 480-232-7692.

## 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.

**I AM ALEXIS MASSIE** – a college student at Saint Edward's University. I have 3 years babysitting and dogsitting experience. I'd love to help your kids while they are home from school and can tutor as well, if needed! 480-689-0448.

**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.

**JR. HIGH TWINS** – Will bring out trash/recyclable bins \$6 per week. We can also help with any other chores around your home or yard. Shane and Cody 480-234-8339. Leave message.

## CLASSIFIED AD COSTS & DEADLINE

All business and non-resident classified advertising is **\$1.00** per word. Cost for residents' non-business classified advertising is **\$0.50** per word. Applicable tax will be added to the amount due. Classified ads are limited to **40** words. Payment is due at time of ad placement. Contracts are not required for classified advertising. The deadline is the 20th of the month prior to publication date.



Social Distancing at Sunset Plaza by Lynelle Glysson



# Calendar of Events

MAY/JUNE 2020

For the most updated info, visit the Events Calendar at [dobsonranchhoa.com](http://dobsonranchhoa.com).

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
11 <b>MAY</b>	12 Architectural Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Chica Room	13	14	15	16 Sunday 17
18	19	20	21 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm Grande Room	22	23 Sunday 24
25 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> La Casita Office Closed Recreation Center Open 10:00 am - 6:00 pm	26 Architectural Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Chica Room	27	28	29	30 Sunday 31
SUMMER CAMP PICKUP* 1 Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Marketing Committee Mtg. 8:30 am Grande Room Bridge 12:30 pm Saratoga Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room Water Management Meeting 5:30 pm Chica Room Retirees' General Meeting 6:30 pm Grande Room	2 Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Zumba 6:30 pm Grande Room	3 Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Saratoga Lake Habitat Committee 5:30 pm Chica Room Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	4 Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Retirees' Game Day 1:00 pm Saratoga Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool	5 Master Planning Committee 12:30 Grande Room	6 Sunday 7
SUMMER CAMP PICKUP* 8 Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Bridge 12:30 pm Saratoga Room Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room	9 Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Architectural Committee 6:30 pm Chica Room Zumba 6:30 pm Grande Room	10 Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Saratoga Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	11 Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool	12	13 Sunday 14
SUMMER CAMP PICKUP* 15 Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Retirees' Board Meeting 9:00 am Saratoga Room Bridge 12:30 pm Saratoga Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room Budget & Finance Meeting 6:30 pm Grande Room	16 Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Zumba 6:30 pm Grande Room	17 Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Saratoga Waterworks Board Meeting 6:00 pm Chica Room Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	18 Water Aerobics 7:30 am Saratoga Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm Grande Room	19 Retirees' Game Day 1:00 pm Saratoga Room Bunco 6:30 pm Saratoga Room	20 Sunday 21