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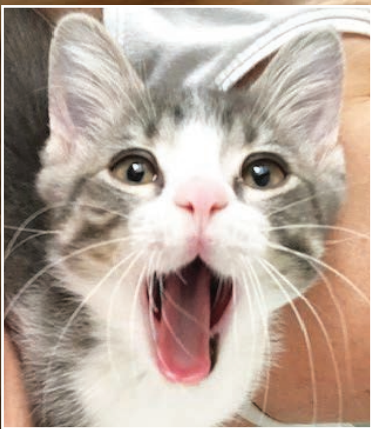
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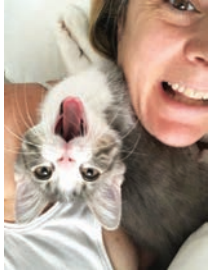
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ME-WOW! **Nikki Gillies'** cute kitten "Toby" took top honors as **Editor's Choice** in our **Fabulous Feline Foto Contest**. (Winning pics on page 9.)

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Message From the Association President



By **Allen Johnson**
Association President

Dobson Ranch HOA Maintaining a Sense of Business as Usual

Hello Ranchers,

While writing this, I can't help but wonder what the major current events will be by the time this article is published. The fact that today is the last day of summer inspires me to look forward, yet also take stock of the recent past. Considering the positive, the bright spots for myself personally in 2020 have come from the simpler activities that I didn't have time for, or, in retrospect, I've realized that I didn't prioritize correctly before. Maybe you've had a similar experience this year.



Regardless of whatever is going on at the macro-level, it's refreshing to know that in Dobson Ranch we're maintaining a sense of business-as-usual. The Association remains well financed – with abundant reserves, investments, and operating capital. Past and current leadership have

been amazing stewards of our financial resources. Thanks to decades of careful planning, as the Ranch nears its 50th anniversary we're positioned well to invest in needed maintenance and enhancement projects.

In September, a survey was distributed to gauge interest in constructing restroom facilities at Laguna Park. Since this is our primary outdoor gathering area, the issue has been raised many times over the years. The results of the survey, as well as a poll of homeowners adjacent to the park, indicate a high level of desire to move forward. Major concerns revolve around aesthetics and security, which are being factored in carefully as the discussion proceeds. Kudos to our **Master Planning Committee** for their detailed research and ongoing dedication to ensuring that our investment serves the community in the best way possible.

Here's to a cooler autumn and a Happy Halloween. **Be well!**

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND!
The Dobson Association, Inc.
Board of Director's Open Session Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2020
7:00 pm (virtual)
 Link to join meeting posted on website calendar.

Executive Director's Message



By **Lynelle Glysson**
Executive Director

A Promise of Good Things to Come

Dear Residents,

I regularly take time to tour Dobson Ranch and walk the paths, check on the facilities and parks. There has been a change in the air recently and there is an increase of activity on the Ranch with the cooler weather.

It is gratifying to see so many residents out and about; biking, walking, rollerblading and simply playing.

I stopped by the pickleball courts and talked to the players. I was able to get their feedback on the courts and where some improvements can be made. Replacing the sports courts at Los Altos is on the Reserve Projects List for 2021. Getting input from the players is important as they might give us ideas that we might not have considered.

Walking the lakes, I enjoy talking to the fishermen. I like to hear what types of fish they are fishing for and catching. Chatting with people walking the lakes lets me know the importance of the aesthetics of the common areas.

Our parks are used for a multitude of purposes. Some residents are out early getting exercise or parents bring their children out to play. Pets are an important part of many residents' lives and many are out walking their dogs. With the dog park set up after our Bark in the Park event, we are looking at viable options for our four-legged family members.

With the new tennis courts at La Casita, we have had the opportunity to create a new space for the tennis players, including a new water station and bulletin board area with seating. I have met with them to get their input.

This morning when I was out and about there was a beautiful rainbow over Dobson Ranch. I always think of a rainbow as a promise of good things to come. I am sure that is the case for Dobson Ranch.

Until we can come together in person, let us stay **#DobsonRanchStrong** while we are **#HomeontheRanch!** Thank you for the continued support of your neighbors, Board, and staff.





Water Awareness



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

The Moon is Blue

Two full moons fill the sky this month; the first is called a **Corn Moon** while the second full moon is known as a **Blue Moon**. How can water be conserved just because there are two full moons this month? Beats me, but a Blue Moon falls on Halloween this year when all the little goblins and angels will be roaming my street, coming up my driveway, standing six feet away so I can drop a treat into their swag using my long-handled tongs. Of course, I will be wearing my werewolf mask to maintain that social distance.

October is the time to consider how one's landscape will thrive over the winter. Most places, the plants go dormant. About the only dormant plant here is the summer Bermuda grass. For that there is winter Rye to plant (*establish*), water and bring to life to cover our small patches of ground cover. Bermuda grass stops growing when the soil temperature reaches 65° F in late October and stays that way until the warming soil brings it back to life. For the common areas on the Ranch, approximately two million gallons of water is saved annually through our reverse season watering plan to be used to help establish a winter lawn. Establishing winter grass takes a lot of water as the sprouts and then the new grass needs to be kept moist, which can mean watering three or four times a day for a couple of weeks.

This year we have really felt the changes in our weather patterns. The spring was wetter than usual, and the summer was a shocker with more than twice the usual number of 110° F-plus days. Also, the east coast hurricanes have been more frequent this season, while there were fewer west coast Pacific storms. Our preparations should be for both colder and hotter than normal winter conditions meaning we should have blankets ready to protect plants vulnerable to cold nights and make routine soil moisture checks to protect plant roots. Good smart controllers can make the needed adjustments to the watering schedule, but they are not capable of protecting plants from a chill.



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Wash your hands often, wear a mask and avoid crowded places. Stay safe and look for the Blue Moon on Halloween.

Message From the Editor



By **Nancy Roggio**, Communications Manager

Putting the "Special" in Dobson Ranch Special Events

Over the last few weeks, I've been out and about taking photos at the **Employee Appreciation** and **Resident Drive-In Movie Nights** in August, and the **Bark in the Park** and **Annual Golf Tournament** events in mid-September.

Normally, that wouldn't be a big deal; just part of my job as Editor of **Ranchers' RoundUp**. But, under our present pandemic circumstances, it was a big deal to me, at least!

After living a life strictly working from home day in and day out since mid-March, only going out for groceries or occasional take-out food, and not being able to visit with friends or family, it was great to get out of the house and interact with many of you on the Ranch once again (*albeit, masked up and six feet apart*).

It is so unfortunate that our Recreation Department has had to cancel so many wonderful events this year due to COVID-19 mandates (**Stargazing**, **Casino Night**, **BYOB**, **Spring Expo**, and the **Tween Egg Hunt** and **Easter Eggstravaganza**, just to name a few).

Together with the Recreation Department, we've offered you, our residents, more options for virtual social interaction than ever before during these challenging times. Our **"Home, Home on the Ranch" Photo Contest**, **Kids' Virtual Talent Show**, the **Virtual**

Painting with a Twist Class, **Fabulous Feline Foto Contest**, **Bark in the Park Virtual Photo/Video Contests** and **The Wizard School Virtual Scavenger Hunt** have all been great ways to forget about cabin fever, even if it's for only a short period of time.

However, it's the outdoor events on the Ranch that help us stay active, get some much needed fresh air, meet up with friends and neighbors to create our very own sense of community (*all while perfectly practicing social distancing, of course*). That's what puts the "special" in our Dobson Ranch special events!

See you soon at the next outdoor event in October! I'll be the one behind the black mask with cats on it.

ARE ALWAYS MORE SPECIAL WHEN THEY HAPPEN AT DOBSON RANCH



CC&R Tips and Reminders for October

by Camile Gonzales, Operations Manager



Over Seeding Lawns

Beginning in the month of September, many homeowners started the overseeding process. While it is not a requirement in Dobson Ranch, many homeowners like to over seed for the pleasing aesthetic. Below are a few tips for homeowners on the over seeding process:

- The best time for over seeding is starting in September, to begin prepping your lawn by thinning out your grass by lowering the blades on your lawn mower.
- In October, you can start applying the seed and watering.
- Time your over seeding for the period when nighttime temperatures are below 70°, but above 50° F.
- Water, Water, Water. Setting sprinklers to wet the entire lawn area lightly for two to three minutes several times in the evening and early morning hours. This process can take up to two weeks, so be patient.

2.12.1 VISIBLE YARD AREAS

Visible yard areas shall be landscaped. Landscaping may consist of grass, trees, plants, shrubs, decorative stone, artificial turf, or other materials approved by the ACC. However, all visible yard areas shall have and maintain a minimum of one (1) live tree.

- Waiting until November when temperatures are cooler will slow the seed germination process and leave you with a thin, uneven lawn. If you chose not to over seed your lawn, please make sure yards are still maintained by being mowed, weeded and edged.

The Dobson Ranch Association will start to over seed all parks and common areas within the next few weeks to keep the grass looking green for the winter.

Trees

With the serious lack of rain and monsoons this summer, many residents are finding that their trees are dying. If you need to replace any trees, plants or shrubs, please remember to fill out an **Architectural Application** which you can find on the Dobson Ranch website under Documents and Forms.

Thank you to all homeowners for continuing to make Dobson Ranch **"The best place to live!"**

4th Quarter Assessment

by Lisa Morse, Finance Manager



Your **4th Quarter Assessment Statement**, the final assessment billing for 2020, has been mailed out to you. Please be sure to update the mailing address for assessment payments as follows:

The Dobson Association, Inc., P.O. Box 98148, Phoenix, AZ 85038-0148.

To make an online payment, simply visit our website at <https://www.dobsonranchhoa.com>, select "Make a Payment" on the Home Page, and also on the Assessment Payment Portal, located on the second screen. If you have not previously set up your assessment payment using the new CIT Payment Portal, you must first sign up, enter your contact information, and register your property.

Below is the information you will need:

- **Management ID** = 1194
- **Association ID** = 00DR
- **Property/Account Number:** (Your 9-digit account number)

You may also access the payment portal directly at: <https://propertypay.cit.com>.

Please note: To avoid any convenience fees charged, we suggest paying your assessments using your bank account information (account and routing number). There are no fees charged when you set up payments through your bank account.

Highlight of a Finance Department Staff Member



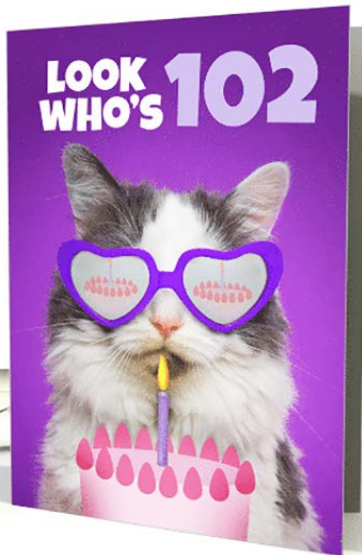
Carole Stabile has worked for The Dobson Association since June of 2006, and has worked in more than one department. She is currently a key player in the success of the Finance Department. Working as our *Member Services Coordinator*, Carole is responsible for monitoring the collection of assessments,

processing of trustee sales and foreclosures, processing of deeds and escrow statements, preparing and sending transfer and disclosure packets, initializing of escrow inspections and numerous other necessary tasks.

Carole is invaluable to the Association. She works diligently in assisting homeowners who may need a special payment plan to pay their past assessments. She not only keeps track of these payment plans and in-house attorney accounts, but is also our liaison to the attorney providing correspondence regarding liens, lien releases and collections. She performs our escrow processing, keeping our records accurate and providing new homeowner packets. She assists homeowners daily with inquiries regarding the new payment portal, assessments, rental registrations and escrows. Carole has displayed her tireless dedication to the Association while working with our homeowners with such grace and ease over the past 14 years. We very much appreciate all you do for us at Dobson Ranch!



THANK YOU, RANCHERS! EDWARD THARP RECEIVED 75 CARDS, GIFTS & VISITS FOR HIS BIRTHDAY!

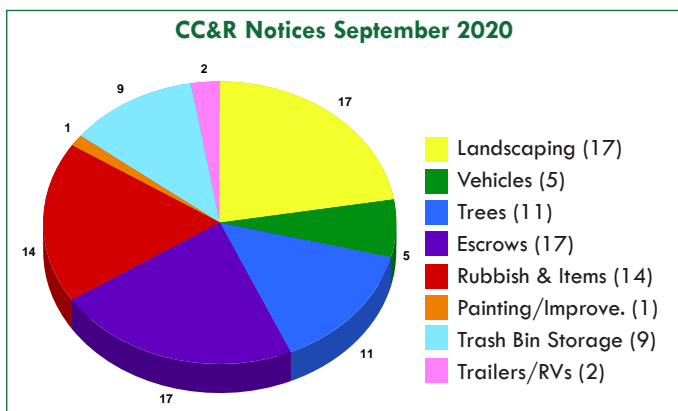
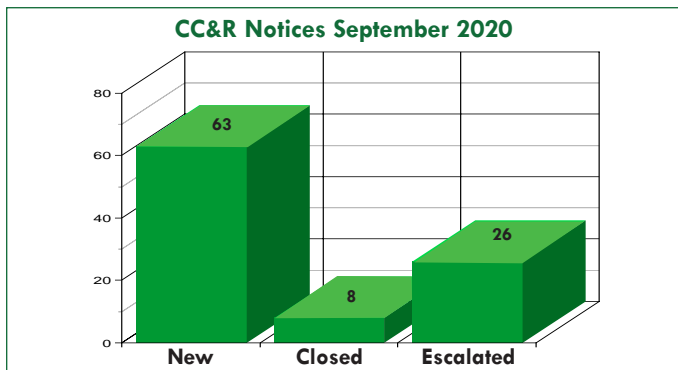


"Thank you! It was a nice thing to do and I appreciate it very much."
-- Ed Tharp

LOOK WHO ELSE TURNS 102!

Phyllis Keller would also like us all to wish fellow resident **VINCE J. GALGANO** a very happy 102nd birthday on October 9th! Jim lives on Lake 1 at 2350 W. Via Rialto Avenue and is receiving hospice care.

CC&R Notices



By Nancy Roggio
Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Luke Mosiman, our new Code Compliance Specialist, was making his rounds on the Ranch recently and came across the home of **Richard and Charmaine Trujillo** at **2242 S. Patterson** and chose to nominate the homeowners for our **October Green Thumb Award**.

The clever use of matching brick in the multi-tiered planting beds, courtyard, walkways and wall dividers is certainly eye-catching.

Numerous potted plants also add to the charm of this picture-perfect property. Way to go, Trujillos!

Ranchers taking pride in their homes makes this community...
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.



Clothing Choices for Conservation? Yes! (Part 2)

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management Committee Member



Last month's **Conservation Corner** article discussed changes retail stores are making to protect and sustain the environment. We learned that stores such as **Kohl's**, **Old Navy** and **Nordstrom** are doing their part to leave smaller environmental footprints. Considering that fashion is one of the most polluting industries in the world, is there anything else we can do to help the environment when shopping for new clothes?

Yes, there is – **shop resale!** It's been said that one person's "trash" is another's treasure, and while resale clothing may not be "new," all the items you purchase will be new to you. If everyone in the U.S. bought just one used item instead of new in one year, we would save almost six billion pounds of carbon emissions, the equivalent of taking half a million cars off the road for a year.

Resale shopping has come a long way in the last few years, thanks to online resellers such as **ThredUp.com**, **Swap.com** and **Poshmark.com**. These websites offer easy-to-use search engines to help you find affordable resale fashion in your size, color, style, etc. Launched in 2009, **ThredUp.com** is considered the world's largest fashion resale marketplace, offering 35,000 brands at **up to 90% off**. Yes, you read that right, up to 90% off! Not only is resale shopping great for environmental stewardship, it is extremely affordable.

If you still enjoy shopping in-person, then look no further than the **Goodwill** right in Dobson Ranch's backyard, at the

southwest corner of Dobson and Guadalupe Roads. Our local **Goodwill** offers affordable fashion at your fingertips, and, as a nonprofit, it helps people overcome challenges to build skills, find jobs and grow their careers. **Goodwill** stores are open with safety precautions, and now is the perfect time to look for Halloween costumes and winter clothing.

If you cannot find what you are looking for at the Mesa store, then peek at **ShopGoodwill.com**, which offers items at stores across the nation, most of which are available via auction at very inexpensive prices. Also in Dobson Ranch's backyard is **The White Dove Thrift Shoppe** (1255 W. Guadalupe Road) where all sale proceeds benefit **Hospice of the Valley's** patients and families. Their motto is perfect for shopping resale - "Recycle, Repurpose. Enjoy!"

Whether or not you choose to shop resale, please remember to donate your unwanted clothing instead of throwing it away. Not only will you support our local community, the simple act will divert waste from landfills, another important aspect of environmental stewardship. According to the **Environmental Protection Agency**, the U.S. generated 12.8 million tons of clothing and footwear in 2017, most of which ends up in landfills.

Shopping resale is affordable, sustainable, and fun. Are you still not convinced shopping resale makes a difference? As desert dwellers, let's think of this – **it takes 700 gallons of water to produce a single T-shirt.**

No "drought" about it, nothing is more stylish than shopping resale!



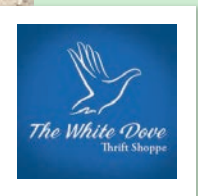
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Landscaping Tips



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

Maintaining Red Yucca in the Arizona Landscape



Red Yucca (*Hesperaloe parvifolia*) is a really nice little plant with an interesting architectural form that attracts hummingbirds, survives on little water, tolerates high heat, requires minimal maintenance and packs a wallop of really attractive flowers. It starts to bloom in March and may continue to send up flowers into the fall.

Most resources describe Red Yucca as having a height of three to four feet and when mature, a spread of the leaves of up to six feet. Once the plant exceeds its needed spread, it must be divided at the base. This can easily be accomplished in one of two ways:

1. Dig up the entire plant, pull or cut apart all the individual plants, and replace one to three or more plants as desired back into the original planting hole.
2. If digging up the entire plant is not feasible, then dig around the perimeter of the plant and remove as many plants as desired without disturbing the center clump. Removing the outer plants down to a more manageable clump will leave a really good-looking plant that will not need to be divided again for many years.



The plants you remove can be planted elsewhere or added to the compost pile.

Annual maintenance of Red Yucca consists of removing the spent flower stalks.

- Cut the stalks as close to the base as possible if the stalks are still green and will not pull out from the base.
- Stalks that are left on the plant until they are fully dead will easily pull out with a little twist.
- Cutting the leaves back in an effort to reduce the overall spread of the leaves is a terrible idea. The leaves will not grow back. The only normal growth comes from the center growing points of all the plants within the clump and results in little tufts of growth all over the planting that looks worse than a bad haircut.



What this wonderful plant gives to us deserves our care in maintaining it appropriately.



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Homeowner Improvements Architectural Applications September 2020

By Carole Stabile, Member Services Coordinator

23 Applications **\$392,856**

DOBSON RANCH UNIT 1

Roof	\$ 12,981
Gate	\$ 75

DOBSON RANCH UNIT 111

Roof	\$ 13,600
Landscape	\$ 1,500
Paint	\$ 2,500

DOBSON RANCH UNIT V

Carport Addition	\$ 2,400
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DOBSON PINES

Roof	\$ 6,000
RV Gate	\$ 1,800
Pool Renovation	\$ 90,000
Landscape	\$ 10,000

DOBSON SHORES

Paint	\$ 4,200
Landscape	\$ 400

LAGUNA SHORES

Second Story Addition	\$ 225,000
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GOLDEN PALMS ESTATES

Roof	\$ 8,500
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LOS ALTOS

Front Door	\$ 2,000
Paint	\$ 1,000

REGENCY ESTATES

Mailbox	\$ 800
Landscape	\$ 2,000
Block Wall	\$ 1,000

SARATOGA LAKES

Shed	\$ 1,000
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WESTPORT BAY

Paint	\$ 5,000
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KNOELL VILLA SOLANO

Pergola	\$ 1,100
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Home Sales

Trustee Properties:
2 – Houses
Home Sales: 31



Annual Fall Fish Restock

By Joseph Trickett, Chairman of the Lake Habitat Committee

With another Summer behind us, this one being particularly hotter and drier than we would care to remember, we can welcome a long-deserved Fall, where temperatures drop and we can get back outside and enjoy the grounds here at the Ranch without the fear of spontaneously combusting!

With the season change comes our **Annual Fall Fish Restock**. Under normal circumstances we would stock Bass, but 2020 being what it is, and there has been nothing ordinary about it, it appears that COVID-19 did not spare fish farms either and there is a regional Bass shortage. Bass, to our complete dismay, are simply not available. Considering this unexpected Bass shortage, we have taken this opportunity to add to our lakes foraging base and aquatic workers. Our aquatic workers in this case being 700 12- to 14-inch White Amur (commonly referred to as Grass Carp).

White Amur help control the weed and algae growth here in the lakes, though there are already White Amur in our waters,

new age classes are needed since it is the younger fish that are the more active feeders.

Along with the White Amur, we will be stocking approximately 1,000 Bluegill along with 3,750 Redear Sunfish in the 1- to 2-inch size range, and 20,000 Fathead Minnows 1-inch or larger. Though these fish add to our foraging base being that they are low on the food chain, they are hard workers, too! The Fathead Minnows are particularly hard workers, in that they eat algae, organic sediment, duck and goose waste, leaf litter and mosquito larva. These guys work 24/7!

Though no new Largemouth Bass will be introduced to our lakes this season, the population currently residing in our lakes should be healthy and well fed.

Just remember our "Catch and Release" policy goes for all of our fish here at the Ranch. Resident and non-resident fishing licenses are available at the La Casita Recreation Department.



That's One BIG Bass!

Board Member **Chris Diamond** recently caught this Large-mouth Bass on Lake 7 about 100 yards from his home. The actual weight of the fish is unknown, but it still is one heck of a great catch!

Chris says, "I'm by no means a fisherman, it was just pure luck that I caught that big guy."

Way to go, Chris!

Have a big catch of your own?

Send your "big fish" photos to nroggio@dobsonranch.com and you might see your photo in a future issue of **Ranchers' RoundUp**. Be sure to include your name, type and size of fish and in which lake it was caught.



Master Planning: Making Dobson Ranch An Even Better Place to Live!

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



Long-time Ranch resident **Tim McElrath** Chairs the **Master Planning Committee** and helps plan our next moves forward like a chess master. Find out more about him and the Master Planning Committee in this informative Q&A-style interview.

Q: Tell us about your background.

TM: I'm an Arizona native, but went to college in lovely (and cool... sigh) San Diego, graduating from Point Loma College with a degree in Psychology. I have held a small variety of interesting assignments and jobs; most recently working in the Promotional Products/Screenprinting and Embroidery business.

Q: How long have you lived in Dobson Ranch and what is your family status?

TM: I've lived on the Ranch for 35 years and have owned two homes. I'm very happily married to Lucille (35 years now); and we're the proud parents of Sean, a recent graduate of Westmont College, now living in a state of enchantment, in Albuquerque.

Q: Explain what it is that you do as the Master Planning Committee Chairperson.

TM: My role as chairperson is to simply provide the structure that allows the committee to be successful. I compile the agenda, and then work with Staff and the Executive Director to make sure the committee has all the information it needs to make informed and well-reasoned recommendations to the Board.

Q: When and why did you get involved in the Master Planning Committee?

TM: I volunteered and applied to join the committee last Fall, began serving in January, and was elected as Chair in June. As to why... I had the privilege of serving on the board of one of our great sub-associations (*Shoutout to Wood Creek!*) and enjoyed the challenge and gratification that comes with active participation in an HOA. The DR Master Planning Committee has a tremendous opportunity to provide guidance, insight and support to the Board and Staff by providing focused guidance and insight on the revitalization of Ranch assets -- and I wanted to be part of that process.

Q: What is the biggest challenge the Master Planning Committee faces today? How can it be met?

TM: It's not so much a challenge as it is a matter of stewardship and responsibility to Ranch residents and homeowners, both now and in the future:

- To assiduously maintain and improve our current facilities and amenities.
- To keep Dobson Ranch relevant to the needs of residents.
- To ensure that those who choose to live and do business in Dobson Ranch benefit via their investment in a high-functioning HOA.

Q: What is the one thing that you would like to see change about the Master Planning process? Why?

TM: I don't think there's anything I'd change at the moment! Our processes are well defined, and we'll be working to broaden our base of input as we begin to develop a 5-Year (and beyond) Master Plan. Communication and respect among the Board, Committees and Staff is key to our success. We have positive forward momentum, a great group of dedicated committee members with a range of experience, and forward-looking staff that are invested in a vision for Dobson Ranch. What's not to like?

Q: Are there any specific goals that the Master Planning Committee has set and what is the time frame to meet them?

- TM:** We are currently focused – along with the Executive Director and Staff – on bringing our major facilities up to standard within the next two-plus years.
- We've seen improvements at the Los Altos pools, and that will continue with a redesign and remodel of the bathroom facilities there, along with a renovation of the Sports Courts.
 - In 2021, the focus will also grow to encompass much needed improvements at the Saratoga facility.
 - In 2022, our primary offices, meeting spaces and facilities at La Casita will be a hotspot of activity and improvements.
 - In the meantime, not to ignore our parks and lakes, we have recommended – and the Board has approved – a series of upgrades to our community walkways and parks, starting with new path lights along the length of Lake 1, from Isabella to Dobson Road. That project will be done in four phases with completion expected by the end of October. Our lighting upgrades continue into next year when we begin replacing many of our aging pole lights.
 - We also recently selected and recommended replacement benches which will be installed in phases over the next two years in our parks and along the lakes. Picnic tables and accompanying fixtures are not far behind.
 - We have also begun viewing design studies to update the front-facing community signage on the Ranch.

Moving towards 2023, there are roughly two dozen Reserve Projects coming up per year, with many of them falling into the "Major Projects" category. Very exciting times ahead!

Q: Would you like to have other Ranchers join the Master Planning Committee?

TM: Definitely! Qualities such as planning, detail and experience are certainly helpful, but what really benefits the process are collaborative people who are able to balance their own knowledge with an appreciation for the opinions and ideas of others. That PLUS a genuine desire to work on behalf of the entire community and make Dobson Ranch... **"An Even Better Place to Live!"**

Interested in joining the Master Planning Committee? Please contact **Lynelle Glysson** at lglysson@dobsonranchhoa.com.



ME-WOW!

The Winners of Our Fabulous Feline Foto Contest are...

Editor's Choice Award*



"I absolutely loved all of the fotos featuring "Toby", the expressive kitten, but this one is definitely my favorite!"

-- Nancy Roggio
Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

"Toby" sent in by Nikki Gillies

*Receives \$75 PetSmart Gift Card & Gift Basket from Dobson Ranch AZ Pet Vet



Crazy Cat



Melanie Walker's crazy cat "Toby" wins top prize in this cat-egory.

Jennifer Vogel's lazy cat "Benjamin" takes the top prize paws down.



Lazy Cat

Scaredy Cat



Robin Castillo's scaredy cat "Lizzie Raindrop" garners top prize in this cat-egory.

Cuddly Cat



Glamour Puss



Kristy McKisson's glamour puss "Coco" wins top dival

Amanda Hall's cuddly cat "Scout" wins top prize in this cat-egory by a landslide.

Congrats to all five of our Foto Contest Winners. They will each receive \$50 PetSmart gift cards.



From the Recreation Director's Desk



By Jesse Wright
Recreation Manager

Thank you to all who participated in the 2020 **Dobson Ranch Golf Tournament**. I know it looked a little different this year, but I think everyone still had a great time. Congratulations to

Bryan Reed, Jonathan Doyle, Scott Ogles and Stephen Mosley for taking First Place! As always, the golf event was a great success and we also want to thank all of our sponsors for their participation. (See photos from the event on page 15).

October will be chock full of fun! We will have **Halloween Drive-In Movie Nights** on Friday, October 16th and Saturday, October 17th at the La Casita parking lot at 7:00 pm featuring **The Addams Family** animated movie. Free popcorn will be served carside. Reserve your spot on the Dobson Ranch App, as parking spots are limited.

We will also hold a **Virtual Halloween Costume Contest**. Categories are ages 0-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 and the entire family. Submit your clever costume photos to jwright@dobsonranch.com by no later than Sunday, October 18. Prizes will be awarded.

And, there's more! We are putting together a **Virtual Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt** around the Ranch (*Laguna Park, Saratoga Recreation Center and Los Altos Recreation Center*). Watch for more details to be posted on Facebook. Come enjoy all that we have to offer and be a part of a "Howlin' Good Halloween!"

Our second **Virtual Painting Class** is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th at 2:00 pm. Registration will be on *ActiveNet*.

I look forward to seeing you at our Fall events. Stay safe!

PLEASE NOTE: All events are subject to change. Please visit the Events Calendar on our website for the most up-to-date information.

New Tennis Reservation System for La Casita Tennis Courts Using the Dobson Ranch App



Just follow these simple steps to make your reservation:

1. Log into your Dobson Ranch App.
2. Navigate to the Tennis menu.
3. Tap into which La Casita Tennis Court you would like to reserve.
4. Tap "Reserve La Casita Tennis Court".
5. Select the date you wish to reserve and tap "Manage Reservations".
6. Select the time you wish to reserve.

Reservations are required to use the Dobson Ranch La Casita Tennis Courts.

Have questions? Contact the Recreation Office at 480-831-7464.

Tennis Tip for October: Control Your Actions to Avoid Unfortunate Mishaps



By Kwong Young
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

During tennis, accidents will occur, such as getting hit from your opponent or even from your own partner when they are serving due to a bad hit.

It was very unfortunate for **Novak Djokovic** that at the US Open, while he was chasing down a possible major title, that in the heat of the moment and being frustrated by losing a point sent a ball that hit a linesperson behind him in the throat area causing her to immediately fall to the ground.

Fortunately, though shaken up, this female linesperson was not seriously injured. Novak promptly went over to her aid to check on her and to give his sincere apology for this misfortunate incident.

However, due to this incident caused by Novak D., the US Open tournament referee defaulted him because of intentionally hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

The accident stunted Djokovic's bid for an 18th Grand Slam title. He had come into the tournament as the overwhelming favorite, having a 26-0 start to this season.

Ball kids next to the net post, golf fans standing nearby a golfer who is teeing off, basketball fan's sitting on the floor area, baseball fan's sitting at the foul side line area, all are taking a "risk" just choosing to be there watching the game!

Clearly it doesn't matter if you happen to be a top tennis professional or just a weekend warrior, one must think about your own actions on the court, to conduct yourself well and to avoid mishaps.



Novak Djokovic checks a linesman after hitting her with a ball in reaction to losing a point during the fourth round of the US Open tennis championships on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020, in New York. Djokovic defaulted the match. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)



DOBSON RANCH TENNIS ACADEMY

All tennis lessons and Round Robin events are held at the La Casita Recreation Center. All tennis sessions begin on the first of each month and run until the end of the month. Contact the La Casita Recreation Center for more information at 480-831-7464 or visit dobsonranchhoa.com.



ADULTS

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

Adult Skills & Drills

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

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

Monday, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **5915 \$50 R/\$75 NR**

Wednesday, November 4, 11, 18, 25 **5916 \$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, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **5917 \$50 R/\$75 NR**

Wednesday, November 4, 11, 18, 25 **5918 \$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.

9:00 am - 10:30 am | Sessions: Monthly

Saturday, November 7, 14, 21, 28 **5919 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

JUNIORS

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

Junior Clinic

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

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly

Monday, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **5920 \$50 R/\$75 NR**

Saturday, November 7, 14, 21, 28 **5921 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Monthly Round Robin Social*

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

Saturday | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

*November Social 11/21

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 the exclusive use of Dobson Ranch residents and 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.

ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES

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: September 1
 Instructor: Nancy
 When: MON. & THURS. 6:00 am - 6:45 am*;
 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.

*Your Punch Card for this class 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. Punch Cards will be sold at Saratoga Recreation Center for this class only.





CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Code: 5911
 When: Thursdays (October 29 - December 10)
 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.



DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Code: 5910
 When: Tuesdays (October 27 - December 8)
 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.



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

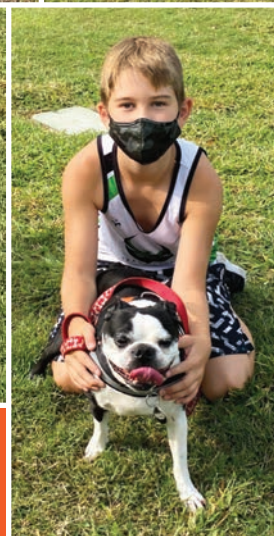
** Punch cards may be punched one time for residents only per class. No additional punches for guests or residents. Punch Cards expire two months from purchase date.*



Hello Everyone! I'm **Avé Wright**, the Recreation Coordinator, and I just want to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to all of our class instructors who have allowed us to continue to offer our great classes during these uncertain times. Though our water classes are coming to an end, **Fitness in the Park** is just getting ramped up and our **Yoga, Tai Chi** and **Children's Dance Classes** are in full swing!



To see many more photos from our **Bark in the Park** event, please visit our **Facebook** page.



Virtual Bark in the Park Contests Winners



Most Patriotic Pooch:
Nelly Mae
Golden Retriever Puppy
Owner: Jamie Cory

Dog Owner Lookalike:
Roxy
6 yr. old Aussie Mix
Owner: David Rankin

Best Trick (Video):
Oliver
5 yr. old Aussie Mix
Owner: Courtney Rankin





To see many more photos from our Annual Golf Tournament, please visit our Facebook page.



The First Place winners of our 2020 Golf Tournament were Bryan Reed, Jonathan Doyle, Scott Ogles and Stephen Mosley with a low score of 53! Congrats, guys!

Special thanks to all of our Double Eagle Sponsors: Suzi Glover State Farm Insurance; Nelson Estate Jewelers, First Impression Dentistry, Hatton Pet Portrait Studio and Pete and Mac's Pet Resort.





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

Save the Date: Saturday, October 10th

Community Clean Up

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

Dump It!

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

Residents are responsible for loading and unloading their own material. Unacceptable items include: appliances, rock, block, concrete, tile, carpet, food, animal waste, engines, all hazardous waste, pressurized tanks and gas powered vehicles.

Shred It!

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

Drop off boxes of paper to be shredded. Paper clips and staples are OK. No plastic bags.

Please Note: There will be no **Garage Sales** this year.

Please follow all social distancing guidelines.

FRI., AUGUST 28th & SAT., AUGUST 29th

Drive-in MOVIE NIGHTS @ LA CASITA

What fun it was for our Dobson Ranch Drive-In Movie Nights! Little Ranchers (and their parents) enjoyed Disney's animated film ONWARD and plenty of popcorn and popsicles.



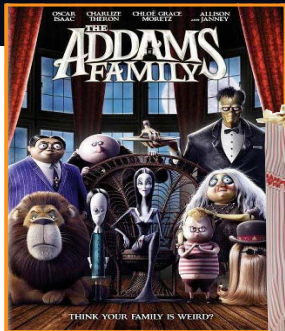


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Halloween **FRI., OCTOBER 16th or SAT., OCTOBER 17th** **Spooktacular**

Drive-in
MOVIE
NIGHTS @ LA CASITA

ARRIVE BY 6:45 PM IN THE LA CASITA REC CENTER PARKING LOT



Rated PG



Dobson Ranch residents and their families are invited to enjoy our **DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHTS*** on Friday, **October 16** or Saturday, **October 17** featuring the creepy and kooky and altogether ooky animated movie **THE ADDAMS FAMILY** and freshly-popped popcorn served carside.

Come early to get your parking spot in the La Casita Rec Center parking lot. Movie starts promptly at 7:00 pm.

Parking space is limited. Register today via our App!

**Social Distancing Guidelines Apply*

Halloween Costume Photo Contest

Contest Details: Go on... get creative with those creepy and kooky Halloween costumes this year!

Age Categories: 0-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, and whole family. Submit your best digital pics to jwright@dobsonranch.com by no later than Sunday 10/18. Be sure to include your name, child's name, address, and age category. Prizes will be awarded in each category.



Scavenger

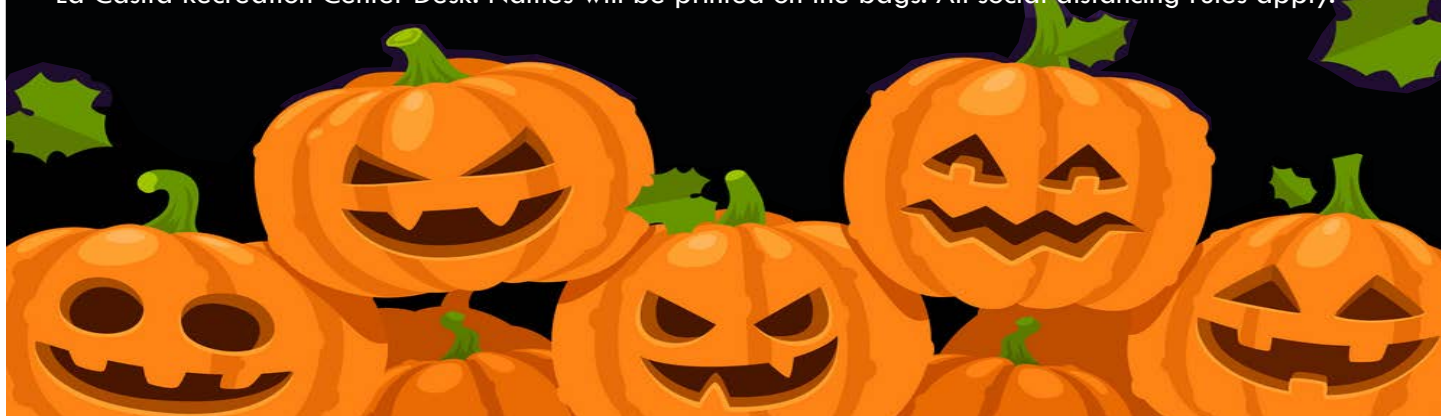
Pumpkin Hunt at the Parks

Here's How It Works:

20 small pumpkins will be randomly placed at **Laguna Park, Saratoga** and **Los Altos** on the morning of **Saturday, October 17**. Once you spot a pumpkin, simply take a photo of it using a digital camera or phone. When you locate all 20 pumpkins and have taken photos of them (even if you didn't find all 20), email your photos to **Jesse Wright** at jwright@dobsonranch.com by no later than 10:00 pm on Sunday, October 18th.

Please do not touch, take or move any of the pumpkins! Leave them for others to find.

The first 75 individual winners will be contacted by email with times they can pick up their Goodie Bags at La Casita Recreation Center Desk. Names will be printed on the bags. All social distancing rules apply.



You asked for it. You got it!
A NEW VIRTUAL PAINTING CLASS
Painting with a Twist

Saturday, October 24 2:00 - 3:30 pm

This fun event with **Painting with a Twist** will be free of charge for all Dobson Ranch residents (a \$30 value per person). But hurry... only 50 spots are available! A link will be sent to your email on October 24 at 9:00 am to attend. The last day to register is October 16 by 1:30 pm. All supplies will be available for pick up at La Casita Recreation Center on Thursday, October 22 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and on Friday, October 23 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

10 years and older are best suited for this event. The painting chosen for this event is shown above. Register on the Dobson Ranch website's **ActiveNet** payment portal.

Have any questions? Please contact the Recreation Dept. at 480-831-7464.



GOT TALENT?

IT'S

SHOWTIME

Enter  Our

★ ADULT VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW ★

CONTEST RULES: Contest begins November 1 and runs through November 20, 2020.

- Our **Adult Virtual Talent Show Contest** is open to residents of Dobson Ranch who are 18 years old and above.
- There will be four categories: **Vocal Performance; Instrumental Performance; Dance Performance** and **"Other" Type of Performance** (magic, comedian, physical talent, etc.). One winner will be selected in each category.
- All videos should be taken using a cell phone, but may not be more than 3 minutes in length. Please do your best to provide adequate lighting and sound when shooting your video.
- Videos should be emailed to nroggio@dobsonranch.com by no later than November 20, 2020. Be sure to include your name and address, description of talent and the category you are entering.
- Talent presentations may include more than one person, but no more than six people.
- All videos will be posted on **Facebook** and our **YouTube** channel. Viewing date TBD. Watch for an Email Blast with more voting information and link to our **YouTube** channel.
- One entry in each category receiving the most votes will win a **\$100 Visa Gift Card**.



Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Frank Saavedra, President



One of the pictures shown here is what we have seen on or tables at our general meetings during "normal" times. We can look forward to once again sitting around tables experiencing friendship, community and happiness. Unfortunately, we don't know when that's going to take place. It can be a while longer before that can happen.

The good news is that the weather is getting cooler, and I see members back out biking and walking along the lakes and around the neighborhood. There are even some members meeting at the park in the morning hours. I've heard that some are preparing to return to Arizona for the winter. Some restaurants and department stores have figured out how to create a safe environment for customers, and many of us are taking advantage of that.



Every once in a while we hear of someone doing something good for others during these crazy days. That good may not have been done had we not been affected by this pandemic. The person doing good often feels as much or more happiness than the folks being helped. We can make ourselves happy by doing something good for others. There are many ways we can do that. All we need do is find those opportunities to do good.

God Bless You!

Fall/Winter Hours Reset at Dobson Ranch Pickleball - COVID Guidance Unchanged

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Cooler morning temperatures and the autumnal equinox bringing with it a later sunrise have DR pickleball moving back to "winter" hours as of October 1st. Get ready for another cup of coffee and maybe a longer dog walk before we begin our regular "drop-in" play on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 am starting in October. Our evening play on Monday and Thursday evenings will also be shifting back to a 6:30 pm start under the lights.

Of course, Dobson residents do have access to the courts anytime between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm seven days a week, but if you want to experience interaction with a varied group of player personalities, all with their own athletic abilities and strategies, please join us for "drop-in", meet some new people, and test your skill set against the field!!

We have enjoyed great turnouts throughout the unusually warm late summer temperatures we have had recently, with 16-20 players coming out quite often for some very competitive play,

and a lot of us resting in our chairs in the shade as well between games. Thank you Dobson Ranch for the very large trees along the lake at Los Altos that make that possible! Just a reminder, as well, to bring your own chair, plenty of your own water, and that we continue to observe 6-foot social distancing as best we can, and usually keep hand-sanitizer by the courts.

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 professional 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 Corona Virus impacts on everything we do. Please contact **Donna Ransom** at donna85202@gmail.com to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.

Finally, please remember the Los Altos Pickleball courts, pools, park, great walking paths, playground, fishing access, and boat launch are all available to Dobson Ranch residents and their guests from early in the morning until the lights go out. Just a few more reasons why Dobson Ranch is a great place to live!

Practice Safe Exercise, Stay Healthy, Mask Up & Pickle-On!!



Women's Club

By Patty Smith, Women's Club President

The **Out to Brunch** group had a great time sharing time together at Laguna Park. It was so good to see everyone in person. No new plans for **Bunco** at this time.

Thanks to the Recreation team **Bark in the Park** was lots of fun for our four-legged friends.

Please do not forget to vote! It is a privilege for which many women died. I did go to the Women's Suffrage Museum in Seneca, NY. These women were so dedicated to get us the right to vote. If you ever have the chance to go, it was a real eye opener. Bless them all.

Happy Halloween and Voting Day!





Women's Tennis Club

By Lynda Bailey, Dobson Ranch Tennis Committee

First, thank you to all those who worked so hard to make our Dobson Ranch tennis facilities up-to-date. Second, let's take a look back. I have lived on the Ranch for 34 years. There were 12 courts - La Casita (4); Laguna (2); Saratoga (2); Los Altos (2); Brookedge (1); and Dobson Pines (1). We now have 10 courts. (Dobson Pines is now a desert garden.)

The Tennis Club was very active. Every month we stood in line to get a popsicle stick that would ensure us a spot in the monthly "Round Robin." Tournaments were always fun and the parties afterward were memorable.

It amazes me when I see so many residents using our courts early in the morning and evenings when the weather is nice.

So what is my point? I know, with almost 500 homes, Dobson Ranch could again have a Tennis Club. We have a great Tennis Pro -- **Kwong Young** -- who organizes "drop ins" and lessons for all ages. We have a Ladies Team that represents Dobson Ranch all over Maricopa County. Our Club could have all levels of play (men, women, mixed, doubles -- whatever we want) and yet be lots of fun to participate.

If this article has intrigued you at all, call the Recreation Department (480-831-7464) and get on the Tennis Club list. It won't cost anything and it just might be a lot of FUN! I look forward to hearing from you!

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:

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

Thank you!

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Dobson Ranch Independents

By Jack Wagner, Chairman

November 3rd has nothing to do with likes or dislikes. Toss that notion as far as your voting choice. Also toss the campaign promises, for those vaporize upon arrival in Washington, D.C.

Focus on Policies. (Principles to guide decisions and achieve rational outcomes.)

Policies on the home front, such as:

- Law & Order
- Support the Blue
- Legal Immigration across the border
- Back to work
- Back to school
- A robust economy
- Continued energy independence
- Inalienable rights



Foreign Policies, such as:

- Fair trade agreements
- Middle East peace treaties
- Bringing our soldiers home

"If we say we can, we will."

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

By Bob Schuster & Michelle Masters, Co-Chairs

The November 3rd General Election is fast approaching and early voting is underway! It is vital that you not only vote, but vote an informed ballot. That means getting to know all the candidates who share your values. You probably know who you'll choose for president, U.S. Senate and U.S. House, but don't neglect the so-called down-ballot races. These are the state, county, district and municipal offices that have a direct impact on our lives here in Dobson Ranch. It's important for all of us to get to know the candidates and issues so we can cast informed votes.

The **Dobson Ranch Republicans Facebook** page (www.Facebook.com/DobsonRanchRepublicans) lists all the Republican candidates at every level that will be on your General Election ballot, plus links to their websites. Please take the time to get to know the candidates by clicking on their links.

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Bob Schuster and Michelle Masters, Co-Chairs





Near or Far, Grandparents Make a Difference

By Allison McIntosh, National Board Certified Teacher at Rhodes Junior High School (Mesa Public Schools)



Whether it's in-person or virtual, building and fostering connections is a priceless gift.



Over the last year, COVID-19 has resulted in restrictions on everything from travel to gatherings. It's more important than ever to strengthen the bond grandparents have with their grandchildren. **Allison McIntosh**, National Board Certified seventh-grade science teacher at Rhodes Junior High, shares tips to help families stay connected.

Set expectations for learning time

Grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren should set clear boundaries regarding what they can and should be doing while learning. For example, the TV should be turned off, but quiet background music can be appropriate during independent work. Children need to know that they still get to "have fun." Once they finish their learning, provide opportunities for play. It will help students avoid temptation during lessons and homework.

Open the lines of communication

Use open-ended questions for starting conversations about learning to avoid the dreaded one-word response. Here are some examples:

- What was the best part of your learning today?
- If your teacher sent me a message about your participation in class today, what do you think he/she would say?
- Will you show me your assignment and explain what you have to do?

Separated by miles

When separated due to distance or COVID-19, one of the most simple and effective things that grandparents can do with their grandchildren is to read together. Whether near or far, grandparents can read to their grandchildren. This can include one person reading aloud to the other or creating a virtual mini book club. Remember to include popular young-adult fiction, graphic novels and biographies.

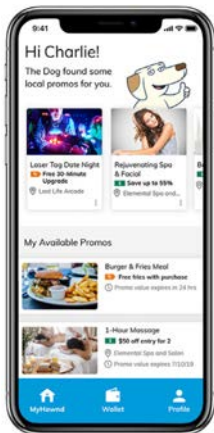
There are a variety of helpful resources for grandparents, including local Facebook groups, *grandmagazine.com*, and blogs dedicated to today's grandparents and grandparenting topics. Mesa Public Schools has a comprehensive list of resources at *mpsaz.org/parentresources* to help families support children in everything from academics to behavioral concerns.

Remember, the pandemic won't last forever. Once students return to full in-person learning and COVID-related restrictions are lifted, the best way for grandparents to support their grandchildren is the simple gift of time. Whether it's in-person or virtual, building and fostering connections is a priceless gift.





City to Help Mesa Merchants Generate Foot Traffic



In an effort to continue supporting small businesses as they navigate the impacts of COVID-19, the City of Mesa is partnering with **Hownd**, a customer foot traffic- and revenue-generation platform for local brick and mortar businesses, to launch an online marketing program available to Mesa businesses at no cost to help drive customers back through their doors. The platform is designed to generate immediate cash sales and customer traffic as businesses work to recover from the devastating impacts of the pandemic.

The City of Mesa has established a fund to cover Hownd administrative fees that would ordinarily be charged to the participating merchant. The fund is anticipated to generate a substantial return on investment by generating revenue for local businesses from thousands of consumers through the sale of vouchers, gift cards and coupons purchased through the **MyHownd** mobile app, email, social media, or a participating business's website.

Businesses based in Mesa can learn more about the program, request information, and sign up by visiting www.hownd.com/Mesa-AZ. They can also visit the City of Mesa's website: www.MesaAz.gov/ShopMesa. Consumers who want to support Mesa businesses can download the **MyHownd** app from their favorite app store.

The program, dubbed "**Shop Mesa**," invites merchants to join the **Hownd** platform to offer customers the opportunity to purchase support vouchers, much like digital gift cards, and take advantage of promotional offers from local businesses.

"Our brick and mortar business owners have been heavily impacted by the pandemic and it's time to kick our efforts into high gear and pivot how we've normally supported them," Mayor **John Giles** said. "The City of Mesa is here to help our businesses, and this partnership with **Hownd** provides an important resource by bringing in customers and offsetting costs."

About Hownd

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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 15th 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 as of October 2020 are:

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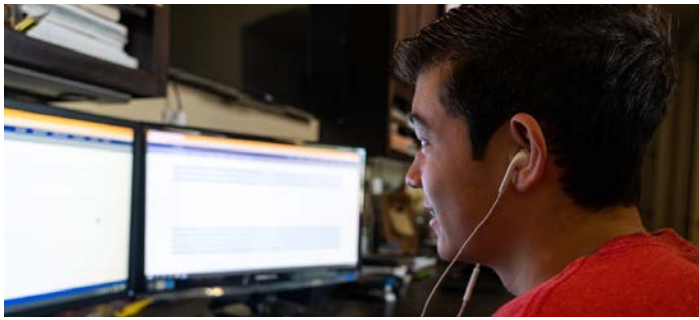
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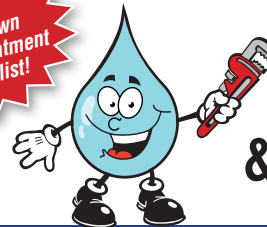
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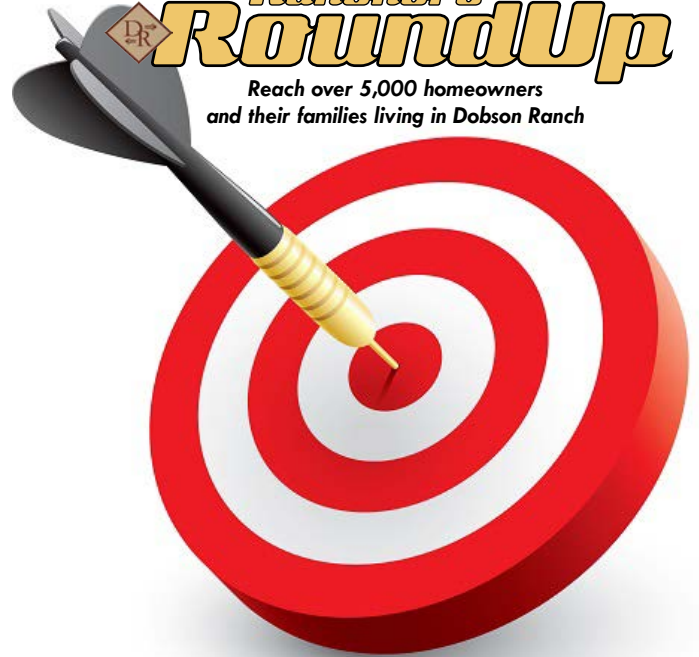
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Calendar of Events

OCT./NOV. 2020

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
<p>12</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p>Budget & Finance Meeting 6:30 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>HALLOWEEN DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT #1 7:00 pm La Casita Park. Lot</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>PUMPKIN SCAVENGER HUNT AT THE PARKS 8:00 am</p> <p>HALLOWEEN DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT #2 7:00 pm La Casita Park. Lot Sunday 18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>VIRTUAL HALLOWEEN PAINTING CLASS 2:00 pm (virtual) Sunday 25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>ADULT VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW CONTEST BEGINS Sunday 1</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Recreation Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Lake Habitat Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm (virtual)</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Master Planning Committee 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Sunday 8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Sunday 15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p>Budget & Finance Meeting 6:30 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>LAST DAY TO ENTER OUR ADULT VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW CONTEST!</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Sunday 22</p>