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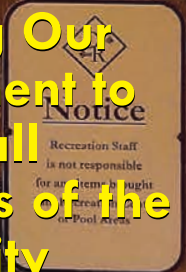
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Photos by Lynelle Glysson

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Jordan Crow and **Evan Nicholas** are shown picking up their free painting supplies at La Casita from Recreation Coordinator **Avé Wright** for our first-ever **Free Virtual Painting Class** hosted by **Painting with a Twist** that was held on Saturday, August 22. The virtual class was so popular that another painting class will be held in the near future.

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Message From the Association President



By **Allen Johnson**
Association President

Affirming Our Commitment to the Overall Aesthetics of the Community

Hello Ranchers,

Hopefully by the time you read this we'll finally be getting some relief from the scorching record heat! August was an interesting month to say the least. On a personal note; having a kindergartener and a second-grader attending school virtually has given my family a whole new appreciation for the work our educators do. It's been challenging enough for us to conduct Board and committee meetings via Zoom. Imagine having to do that with hundreds of kids? My hat's off to them for making it happen.

Some positive news... work continues on many of the enhancement projects around the Ranch. The tennis court rehab at La Casita is complete and it looks amazing!



Work also continues on the Los Altos lighting and pool upgrade projects. During the August meeting the Board approved the purchase and installation of ADA compliant chair lifts for each of our four pools, as well as the purchase of 20 new outdoor benches for installation throughout our common areas. Discussion continues about the possibility of constructing permanent restroom facilities at Laguna Park – stay tuned for more on that.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I'd like to affirm our commitment to maintaining the overall aesthetics of the community through fair and pragmatic CC&R enforcement. Unfortunately, some of our governing documents are confusing and outdated. Our Association leadership team spent several months last year researching old type-written documents in County records to determine what rules apply to our 41 separate subdivisions. The result is a better understanding of the Association's scope of authority and responsibility. Our Association team has been diligent about sending notices to the handful of homes with visible weeds, trash, inoperable vehicles, etc. Sometimes the compliance process takes longer than we'd hope, and no one is more frustrated by this than the Board. Although there are a few exceptions, we're thankful that the vast majority of our neighbors take tremendous pride in our community.

Be well!

Executive Director's Message



By **Lynelle Glysson**
Executive Director

Major Projects Moving Forward at the Direction of the Board

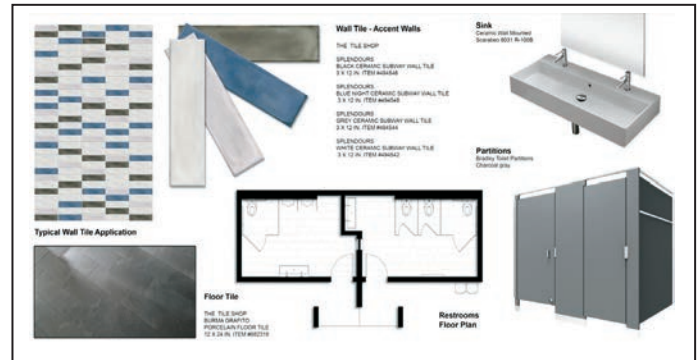
Dear Residents,

Dobson Ranch is moving forward with many projects based on the reserve study and at the direction of the Board. As an aging community, it is important to keep up with the replacement of aging components of the Ranch. We have a busy schedule of replacing and updating components over the next few years. This year the major replacement projects are the La Casita tennis courts, lights on Lake 1 and the Los Altos restrooms.

The tennis courts at La Casita are now complete and are being enjoyed by residents. The new post tension concrete should last decades and make it a pleasure for residents to enjoy with the new smooth surface.

All the components of the Lake 1 lighting project have been approved by the Board; we are awaiting our permit so we can start work in earnest. The lighting on Lake 1 is in serious need of replacement and we cannot wait to start this project. We will be installing bollard lights along the walkway and pole lights at the playgrounds.

The Los Altos restroom project is with our architect who will be drafting construction plans so we can put this project out for bid. The restrooms will get a fresh new look and be ADA compliant.



Before these projects go to the Board for approval, they are reviewed in various committees who advise the Board. The committees are appointed by the Board, as outlined in each committee's charter, to research and advise the Board on various projects and expenses associated with running Dobson Ranch. Committees are a great way for residents to be involved in the process and give their perspective to the Board. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please go the website and on the Amenities and Activities tab, go to Clubs and Committees. There you will find links to all the committee charters. If any of the committees interest you, I encourage you to attend a meeting, most currently being held via Zoom and live streamed, to see what they are all about.

Stay #DobsonRanchStrong while you are #HomeontheRanch!



Water Awareness



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

The Storm

Six years ago, we woke to a most rare event. It was zero dark thirty on a Monday morning when a storm passed or rather stalled over Dobson Ranch. By 6:00 am, more than four inches of rain had fallen on the Ranch. Sometime after the downpour ended, we came to find out that a storm like that September 8, 2014 storm usually only happens once every one-thousand years; well, maybe once every 500 years. We do not have records going back that far and besides over the past 500 years our local climate has morphed into the slowly warming desert we know today.

Could such a monsoon storm again wreak havoc on our neighborhood? The short answer is “yes” because that is the nature of monsoon weather. We fared far better than many of our neighboring communities that day. No homes were flooded. Several streets were under water for a while, but any lasting damage was limited.

We had one advantage – our lakes. Our lakes are meant to be detention basins that will absorb the rapid run-off from a major storm, holding the water long enough for the run-off from the surrounding areas to flow downstream. Many areas had problems draining away all the run-off from the storm. We did not. Yes, many streets and common areas had several inches of water to deal with, but that is what protects our homes. The

water must go somewhere, and a street is a whole lot better than a front room.



The water eventually drained away; a lot of the water seeped away. That is how a desert

works. An area as flat as ours can cause real problems. The water will pool, and our lakes are a good place for that. The lakes are designed to contain the water within the walls that form their perimeters. When stormwater run-off starts to mount, the lakes are designed to overflow creating a larger lake with more holding capacity. Our lakes were designed to hold the run-off from a two-inch rainstorm without significant overflow. When the lakes were built in the early '70s, a day with a two-inch rainfall might happen once every 200 years. Times have changed.

There are few measures we can take to be prepared for a heavy storm. One measure is to look at the way water drains away from one’s yard. Is that channel blocked, is it full of pine needles? Pine needles make great dams. Bag the needles and put them in the green barrels and save your yard from flooding.

How likely are we to get two inches of rain this monsoon season? I will provide that answer in the November *RoundUp*.

Message From the Editor



By **Nancy Roggio**, Communications Manager

App Recap

As you know, our **Dobson Ranch HOA App** was launched on Monday, August 10th. What you may not know is the success rate of our App launch.

So... let’s take a look at the numbers.

Prior to August 10th, **over 100** residents were asking for pre-launch access as a result of one *Facebook* post.

By August 12, we had **633** residents who had downloaded the App. That’s a **55%** resident adoption in just 48 hours!

According to **Alosant**, our App developer, Dobson Ranch had the highest number of App downloads during a launch period that they have seen to date for any of their community clients.

By August 17, just one week after our App launch, we had **1,246** residents download the App, and that number continues to grow daily.

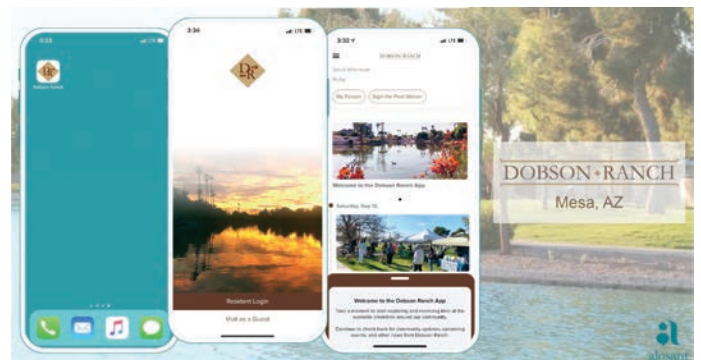
We’ve already expanded our App capabilities to include making pool reservations, reserving time slots on our tennis courts, and drive-in movie reservations. We hope to add other capabilities (such as surveys) to the App in the near future.

If you did not receive an email invitation to download the App, it is because we do not have your email address on file. However, you are still welcome to download the App by

following these simple steps:

1. Download the free Dobson Ranch HOA App from the **Apple Store** (Apple phones) or **Google Play Store** (Android phones).
2. Select "View as a Guest" on the App home screen.
3. Click "Request Resident Access" at the top of the page.
4. Complete the form with your information, then click "Sign Up".
5. Please allow 24-48 hours for your request to be processed.
6. Once approved, you will be able to log into the App using your email address and password.

With the Dobson Ranch Community App you’ll be able to receive important HOA announcements, information about board meetings, special events and virtual events, make pool or tennis court reservations, and more... all in the palm of your hand.





Violation Notices May Already Be In the Mail

by Lynelle Glysson, Executive Director



In the last issue of *Ranchers' RoundUp*, there was information regarding residents filing complaints of governing document violations.

This month, I want to clarify the intent of last month's article. The complaint form is meant to be an additional tool for residents who may have a neighbor violating the governing documents. **ARS 33-1803** indicates that the person who receives the violation has the right to know the name of the person who observed the violation. In most cases, this is a staff member of Dobson Ranch and that is included in the violation letter.

However, if a staff member cannot observe the violation, such as one in the backyard of a home, the violation can be enforced if a homeowner fills out a complaint form verifying

they have observed the violation. This is a useful tool for residents who have suffered with a neighbor's violation that staff simply cannot verify.



This does not mean that when the office receives a call about a visible violation, we are going to ask residents to fill out a form. They are welcome to do so and several have. Rather, we make note of the violation and add it to our list of lots for follow up. In most of the cases, the violation has already been observed and a notice has already been sent.

By working together, we can continue to have Dobson Ranch be *"The best place to live!"*

If you have any questions or concerns regarding violations or violation notices, you can email me at: lglysson@dobson-ranch.com.

4th Quarter Assessment

by Lisa Morse, Finance Manager



Be sure to look for your **4th Quarter Assessment Statement**, the final assessment billing for 2020, being mailed to you mid-September. 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



Akina Trimmer started working for The Dobson Association in November of 2018. She works as our Bookkeeper and is responsible for processing accounts payable invoices and payments, and the uploading of bank files of homeowner assessment payments.

Akina is an invaluable asset for the Dobson Ranch Association. She works diligently in applying assessment payments, working with CIT Bank, identifying payments we receive that need special attention to apply payments correctly. She performs accounts payable processing, keeping our vendor files up to date and processes vendors payments on a weekly basis. She assists homeowners daily with inquiries and with challenges with the new payment portal. Akina maintains homeowner files in our accounting software and assists with processing escrow demands. Akina works with a noticeable calmness and always with a smile, which is very much appreciated, not only by other staff members but also with our homeowners. She has assisted homeowners both in person and most recently over the phone and via email.

We want to thank Akina for all her efforts and for the hard work she provides her department and the homeowners of Dobson Ranch.



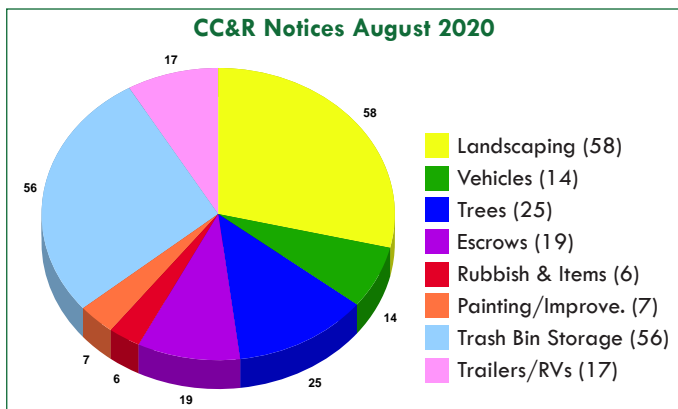
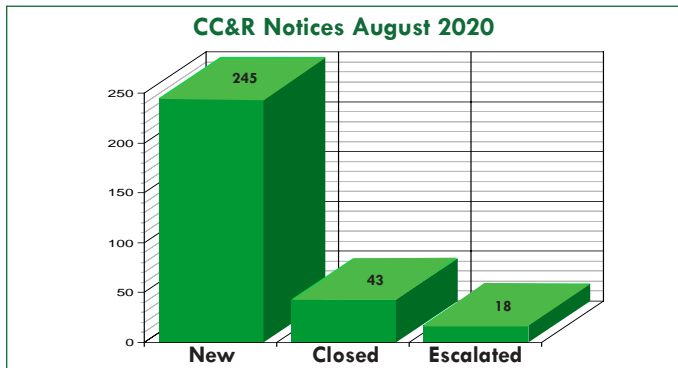
**RANCHERS...
SHOW SOME
LOVE FOR
FELLOW
RESIDENT
EDWARD
THARP!**



Ed will be turning **102** years young on September 22! His caregiver, Christine Pleska, is asking for your help in making his milestone birthday extra special. Won't you please send a birthday card to Ed at 2650 W. Naranja Ave.? **We'd like Ed to receive at least 102 cards on his birthday from Ranchers like YOU!!**

Trivia: Ed was born in **1918** when Woodrow Wilson was president, the average income was \$1,115, gas was \$0.25 a gallon, the average price of a home was \$4,821, and the most popular toy was a Raggedy Ann doll. He's seen it all!

CC&R Notices



By Nancy Roggio
Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Lynelle Glysson was making her rounds on the Ranch recently and came across the home of **Jeff and Kris Kamtz** at **2718 S. Yucca** and chose to nominate the homeowners for our **September Green Thumb Award**.

"I just loved the desert landscaping on this property. The owners did a complete landscape overhaul two years ago that made a huge difference," Lynelle told us.

The rust-colored panel with address numbers adds a rich pop of color and contemporary design to the front of the home.

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 1)

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management Committee Member



Over the past few months, you may have made changes to your shopping habits. Nowadays I find myself grocery shopping less frequently for my family because I am stocking the refrigerator and pantry for two weeks instead of one. I've also turned to shopping online for clothes, which is something I had not done much of before.

Whether shopping for clothes online or in person, the apparel industry in the United States is a \$12 billion annual business, with the “average” American family spending approximately \$1,700 on clothes each year. As for the environment, fashion is considered one of the most polluting industries in the world. According to a 2013 report by the Environmental Protection Agency, over 15 million tons of textile waste was produced in the U.S., with over 85% going into landfills that year.

Luckily for us as consumers, retailers are becoming more and more transparent in their quest to lessen their environmental impacts. **Kohl's**, the largest department store chain in the U.S., has established sustainability goals targeting three key areas. For climate action, the company is reducing greenhouse emissions and increasing renewable energy. For sustainable sourcing, **Kohl's**-branded products have an efficient use of natural resources and environmentally sound management of chemicals. Waste and recycling sustainability goals include the proper management of all wastes, reduced waste generation, and sharing recycling information with customers.

Other retailers are doing their part to leave smaller footprints as well. One environmental initiative from the luxury department store chain **Nordstrom** is encouraging the brands they carry to not source from ancient and endangered forests, endangered species habitat and/or illegally logged forests. Not only does the low-cost apparel store **Old Navy** make it a point to use recyclable in-store signage, the company is working towards offering denim made with water saving techniques only. **Old Navy** is 88% of the way there, thanks in part to partnerships with denim mills that recycle their water.

By leaving a smaller environmental footprint on the world today, retailers are helping to create a more sustainable tomorrow. The stores mentioned above are just a small sampling of retail companies that are transparent with their pro-environmental actions. The next time you are shopping for clothes, whether online or in person, a national chain or local establishment, check if the store or their suppliers have any initiatives in favor of conservation. If the store is making strides to help the environment to your liking, what a great place to spend your hard-earned dollars. That will keep you in high style!





Landscaping Tips



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

Tree and Shrub Fertilization

Some of the trees and shrubs we plant in the landscape can benefit from fertilization, while native and desert-adapted plants rarely need any. Let the nutrient needs of the species, the nutrients found in the soil, and your observations of the plants themselves be your guides.



- Know the plants – not all plants have the same fertilization needs.
 - o For example, a citrus tree needs regular fertilization to stay healthy, while a native mesquite rarely needs supplementation.
- Don't fertilize native or desert-adapted plants unless plant observation and/or a soil test indicates a deficiency.

- o If these plants appear healthy and have no pest or disease problems, no fertilizer is needed.
- o Some native/desert plants in urban areas may need supplementation due to soil depletion and compaction from construction and other activities that negatively affect the soil.
- Non-native/non-adapted and medium to high water-use plants will need supplemental fertilization on a regular basis.
- A soil test is recommended as a baseline to inform an accurate fertilization plan and schedule.
- Timing – generally fertilize right before and during the growing season. Avoid fertilizing during times of extreme temperatures, dormancy or pruning stress.
- Reduce fertilizer needs and improve soil structure and health by leaving some organic material like leaf and flower litter on the ground to enrich the soil.
- Fertilizing plants beyond their basic needs:
 - o May push fast, weak growth resulting in brittle limbs that are easily broken in storms.
 - o Generates sudden plant growth with an insufficient root system to support this flush of top growth, leading to blow-overs.
 - o Leads to unnecessary pruning, wasting time and fuel, and adding to air pollution.
 - o Can adversely affect the environment due to run-off into bodies of water and groundwater.
 - o Leads to high salt concentrations in the soil, causing stress on the plants and harming beneficial soil microorganisms.
 - o Can be a waste of money.



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Homeowner Improvements

Architectural Applications August 2020

By Carole Stabile, Member Services Coordinator

37 Applications **\$522,766**

DOBSON SHORES

Deck	\$ 20,000
Deck Railing	\$ 23,000
Shed	\$ 2,500
Paint	\$ 4,000
Front Door	\$ 8,292

LAGUNA SHORES

Solar System	\$ 32,405
Roof	\$ 24,000
Paint	\$ 5,400
Gate	\$ 1,250

DOBSON RANCH UNIT I

Paint	\$ 3,050
Gate	\$ 200
Pool Installation	\$ 70,000
Home Addition	\$ 150,000

DOBSON RANCH UNIT III

Block Wall	\$ 13,000
Windows	\$ 9,859

GOLDEN PALMS ESTATES

Gate	\$ 2,157
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LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED

Gate	\$ 2,200
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LOS ALTOS

Driveway Extension	\$ 2,000
Block Wall	\$ 5,553
Paint	\$ 100
A/C Installation	\$ 8,500
Home Addition	\$ 100,000

REGENCY ESTATES

Mailbox Replacement	\$ 800
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SARATOGA LAKES

Roof	\$ 10,000
Landscape	\$ 20,000

KNOELL VILLA SOLANO

Paint	\$ 2,000
Pergola/patio cover	\$ 2,000
Landscape	\$ 500

Home Sales

Trustee Properties:
1 – House
Home Sales: **44**





Don't Move a Mussel!

By Joseph Trickett, Chairman of the Lake Habitat Committee



With summer water activities in full swing, it's important to be aware that when leaving listed aquatic invasive species waters in Arizona such

as lakes Powell, Mead, Mohave, Havasu, Apache, Canyon, Saguaro and Pleasant, you must clean, drain and dry your boat, paddle board, kayak, canoe or other recreational equipment before putting it back in the water somewhere else.

Quagga and zebra mussels were first found in the great lakes in the 1980's. Since then they have spread throughout much of the eastern United States. In 2007, divers found quagga mussels in Lake Mead. The quagga and zebra mussels are aquatic invasive species which have few predators and can out-compete native species. Most likely they arrived here in Arizona in 2004 or 2005 attached to a boat that had traveled here from back east.

An adult female mussel can produce up to a million eggs each spawn; this allows them to spread very quickly. They now threaten many areas in the west, including Arizona's rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

Mussels can attach themselves to almost any surface in the water; boats, paddle boards, ropes, dock lines, fishing and other recreational gear are just a few examples. If it has been

in the water for several days in an infected area there is a good chance that a mussel has attached itself to it.

Our lakes here at Dobson Ranch are also threatened. Currently there have been no quagga or zebra mussels found here in our community lakes, as we proactively stock our lakes with Red Ear Sunfish which are one of the few fish species that will actively feed on the mussels in case they do arrive. There are also steps that we as individuals can take to help limit the risk of our lakes becoming infected.

If it has been in the water it needs to be inspected, cleaned, and dried before it is put back into the water somewhere else, this includes our urban lakes here in Dobson Ranch as well as others throughout the valley. So, if you enjoy a day out on the lake with your kayak, be sure to take the simple steps of cleaning, draining, and drying it before using it again here or at another body of water.



A full list of aquatic invasive species waters and proper decontaminating procedures can be found at the **Arizona Game and Fish** web site: www.azgfd.com



Record-Setting Catch on Lake 1

Meet **Cooper**, a Dobson Ranch licensed fisherman, who caught this **33 lb. 5 oz. Mirror Carp** on Lake 1.

According to the **Arizona Carp Anglers**, this is the largest carp caught in AZ.

Executive Director **Lynelle Glysson** met Cooper a few times and says he enjoys catch and release fishing on Lake 1.

(You should have seen the one that got away!)



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.



Maintaining a Little Slice of Nature in the Middle of our Urban City

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



As the new Chairman of the Lake Habitat Committee, **Joseph Trickett** is making his voice heard in our community. Get to know more about him and the dedicated efforts of the Lake Habitat Committee in this Q&A-style interview.

Joe Trickett graduated from ASU in 2005 with a BA in Journalism and Mass Communications, majoring in Public Relations. He now owns and operates a swimming pool service and repair company which he started in 2005. He has been living on the Ranch for six years and has been married to Ashley Trickett for just over a year. Currently, their "kids" all have four legs.

Q: Can you explain what it is that you do as the Lake Habitat Committee Chairperson?

JT: I help facilitate the meetings, create the meeting agenda and present the committee report to the Board of Directors. All committee decisions and proposed courses of action are decided by the committee as a whole or by majority vote.

Q: When and why did you get involved in the Lake Habitat Committee?

JT: I got involved in the lake habitat committee last year because I wanted to be a part of helping ensure the quality and care of our lakes and the wildlife that they support.

Q: What is the biggest challenge you face with our lakes today? How can it be met?

JT: One of the biggest challenges that we face with our lakes is "complacency." I feel that sometimes we may take our lakes for granted, since they have always been here. I feel fortunate to live in a community that has lakes to fish on, boat on, walk and bike around, and to have a little slice of nature right in the middle of our urban city. I believe that we can meet this challenge by maintaining the beauty and health of our lakes so that residents can enjoy them year-round.

Q: Would you like to have other Ranchers join the Lake Habitat Committee?

JT: One thing that we need more of is resident involvement on the Lake Habitat Committee. Currently, our committee is made up of only a few residents. I would like to see each lake represented by at least one resident who lives on or near, or who regularly boats on, goes fishing on or walks around that lake. Having more resident involvement would help ensure that potential issues such as algae blooms, trash or debris build up or other issues are met more proactively. You do not need to be an expert, you just need to have an interest in our lakes and be willing to work as part of a group in a positive way.

Q: What poses the biggest threat to our lake ecosystem?

JT: Our lakes have no mechanical pumps or filters other than the pumps that operate the fountains and the aeration on Lake 8. Water enters our lakes through the SRP canal at Lake

1, then through a series of valves travels from lake to lake and ends at Lake 8. We rely on natural processes and fish stocking to keep our lakes healthy. The fish are our hardest workers; not only do they provide sport for fishermen, they help maintain our water by eating plankton, weeds, algae, midge flies and other larva, as well as stirring up the water column.

The water is alive, and if things get out of balance there can be an algae bloom, scum or bacteria build up. This can sometimes be fatal to our fish as well as being unsightly. We are then forced to chemically treat the lakes which can also be harmful to fish and other organisms such as the phytoplankton and zooplankton that help maintain our lakes. The best way to prevent this is to be proactive. For instance, making sure that our fishery is healthy and recognizing trends in our water early through testing. That is why resident involvement is extremely helpful to keep visual tabs on our lakes on a day-to-day basis.

Q: Are there any immediate issues on our lakes that need to be addressed?

JT: Currently, our lakes are in good shape overall. However, our Lake Habitat Committee is working on providing more fish habitat for our lakes, intelligent stocking plans developed from data and observations, as well as providing other recommendations to the Board to help ensure the lakes are properly maintained and for their continued betterment.

Q: Has the extreme heat that we have had this summer had any effect on our lakes?

JT: The extreme heat of summer causes oxygen levels in our lakes to drop which can be harmful to fish and other lake inhabitants. We rely on wind and monsoon storms to help oxygenate our lakes during the summer months. Currently, our lakes are low. The water level has dropped, and we are only taking in water from the SRP canal to maintain current water levels, so that if there is a monsoon storm there is capacity within our lakes to prevent flooding. Monsoon season lasts through September so, hopefully, we will get a storm soon!



Q: What changes, if any, have you noticed at the lakes since the Coronavirus pandemic began?

JT: I have noticed an increase in fishing especially in the morning and evening hours. With many of us working from home or trying to limit our regular activities with social distancing in mind, the lakes at Dobson Ranch offer a break from the confines of your home.

Whether it is dropping a line in or taking a stroll or bike ride around our lakes, we are lucky to have such a great resource within our community. I'm glad to see so many residents taking advantage of our number one amenity, our lakes.



ME-WOW! Enter Our Fabulous Feline Foto Contest

Contest Begins 9/14 and ends 9/25



Entering is as easy
as 1, 2, 3!

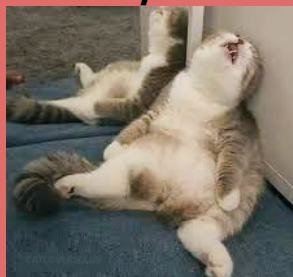
- 1. SHOOT:** Choose one of the 5 cat-egories shown below, then snap a pic of your furry feline friend in a creative way.
- 2. SHARE:** Email your best digital photo by no later than September 25, 2020 at 5:00 pm to nroggio@dobsonranch.com along with your name, address, name of pet, and cat-egory. You may enter no more than one photo per cat-egory.
- 3. SHOUT:** One prize will be awarded for the best photo in each of the five cat-egories. Prizes will be a \$50 PetSmart Gift Card. One photo will be chosen as an "Editor's Choice" and receive a \$75 PetSmart Gift Card. Winning photos will appear in a future Ranchers' RoundUp.

The 5 Fabulous Feline Foto Contest Cat-egories are:

Crazy Cat



Lazy Cat



Scaredy Cat



Cuddly Cat



Glamour Puss





From the Recreation Director's Desk



By Jesse Wright
Recreation Manager

Hello Dobson Ranch Residents! I can't believe it is officially Fall. Time flies when there have been so many changes happening!

We have an October full of events again this year. First, our **Community Clean Up & Shred** event is on Saturday, October 10th. It's time for some Fall house cleaning, so bring all of those papers that have been piling up in your home to Saratoga or La Casita parking lots to have them shredded (*paper clips and staples are OK*). The clean-up location will be at Los Altos parking lot from 7:00 am - 1:30 pm. Please keep in mind that residents are responsible for loading and unloading their own material.

Don't forget about another great October event! Before you know it, school will be on break and your children and grandchildren will be looking for things to do during Fall Break. We are offering a fun **Fall Break Camp** for children ages 6-12 from Monday, October 5th through Friday, October 9th at our Saratoga Recreation Center.

Due to the popularity of the first **Virtual Painting Class**, we will also be adding another class very soon, so keep checking the website and App for more details. Last, but not least, is our **Halloween Spooktacular** event coming up on Friday, October 16th. We are not sure how this event will look at this time. We will be sending out more information as we know more.

Stay safe, we are working through these changing times the best we can.

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

RECREATION FACILITY FALL HOURS:



La Casita Recreation Center*
2719 S. Reyes • 480-831-7464
Beginning September 2:
Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Los Altos Recreation Center*
2524 W. Campo Alegre
Beginning September 2:
Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Saratoga Recreation Center*
2345 S. Saratoga
Beginning September 2:
Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Laguna Park
2455 W. Laguna Azul Avenue
Open year-round
sunrise to sunset
*Closed on holidays

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

September Tennis Tip - Recovery Strategies



By Kwong Young
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Ever find yourself going back for a deep high ball that you end up going close to the back fence or running wide for a sharp angle shot?

Of course we all have, but many players unfortunately don't practice doing the right thing of "recovery", which is going back to the area you just left.

When a player recovers back to their home base, they will have a better chance of dealing with future shots from their opponents. You will then find yourself not always out of position and this will make you simply become a better and smarter tennis player because you automatically know where to go after you hit the ball.

As the quality of your opponents improves, you're going to have to contend with a wider variety of shots and become more sophisticated with your positioning. It's imperative that you put a lot of energy into your recovery. If you lollygag back into position, you're going to be on the defensive all the time. In my experience, when players think about being explosive, they move with more conviction. So, remember to always recover when you either get pulled back or wide.

You Know the Drill...



This drill is called "Ready, Rally and Recover." It involves returning to your home base spot in the middle of the baseline after every shot to help you be prepared for the next shot. It's suitable for beginner and intermediate players and helps improve your court positioning.





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, October 5, 12, 19, 26 **5905 \$40 R/\$60 NR**
Wednesday, October 7, 14, 21, 28 **5906 \$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, October 5, 12, 19, 26 **5907 \$40 R/\$60 NR**
Wednesday, October 7, 14, 21, 28 **5908 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Adult Saturday Doubles

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

8:30 am - 10:00 am | Sessions: Monthly
Saturday, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **5909 \$50 R/\$75 NR**

JUNIORS

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

Junior Clinic

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

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, October 5, 12, 19, 26 **5903 \$40 R/\$60 NR**
Wednesday, October 7, 14, 21, 28 **5904 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Monthly Round Robin Social*

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

Saturday | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

*October Social 10/17

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.

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

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

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

*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.

AQUA ZUMBA

Instructor: Karen
 When: Thursdays (August 1 - October 8)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center Pool
 Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
 Cost: \$7 drop in rate, \$30 resident only for a 5-use punch card (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 - October 1)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center Pool
 Time: 7:30 am – 8:20 am
 Cost: \$4 drop in rate, \$12 resident only for a 4-use punch card (expires 9/3/20)

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



In a fun, encouraging and high energy atmosphere, your child will be shown the fundamentals of ballet and jazz, which can help improve motor skills and creative expression. Soft-soled shoes or bare feet are recommended. Children must be able to work in a group setting. There will be a recital at the end of the session. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Code: 5910
 When: Tuesdays (October 27 - November 17)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Cost: **Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

This upbeat and fun class is perfect to sample different dance styles which will include jazz, ballet, modern, hip hop, and other styles. Get moving with this upbeat and fun class and discover dance. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Code: 5911
 When: Thursdays (October 29 - December 3)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 Cost: **Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5. Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

Children will be introduced to dance through their favorite fairytales during this positive and encouraging class. Dance can build self-esteem and improve motor skills. Watch your prince or princess shine in this fun and creative program. Children need soft-soled shoes and comfortable clothes. Ballet shoes, leotard and tights are recommended.



There will be a performance on the last day of class. Children must be able to work in a group setting and follow directions. For more info on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

RECREATION CLASS INFORMATION

- REGISTRATION** for classes can be done on the Association website at www.dobsonranch.com or at La Casita Community Center, 2719 S. Reyes, Mesa, AZ. Class fees are due during the registration process unless otherwise noted.
- QUESTIONS** on any recreation class or activity, you may contact La Casita Community desk at 480-831-7464.
- REFUNDS** – The Dobson Association reserves the right to establish fees and cost minimums for all programs and to cancel those programs not having sufficient enrollment. Program refunds will be issued for:
 - Cancellation of class by instructor or the Dobson Association will result in full refund.
 - Participants may cancel after first class or initial start date of class for a full refund.
 - Notification by participant prior to start date of illness or injury preventing participation during session time frame.
 - Discontinuance of participation due to injury or illness will be reviewed for consideration of prorated refund.
 - No other refunds will be given. No exceptions. Refund requests must be promptly submitted.



GET YOUR PUNCH CARDS FOR RECREATION CLASSES AT LA CASITA

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



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

BARK IN THE PARK

Saturday, September 12, 2020
Laguna Park - 2455 W. Laguna Azul
8:00 am - 11:00 am

Contests will be held Virtually.
Winners will receive a Gift Card.



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



FREE VIRTUAL PAINTING CLASS

Saturday, August 22







Jennifer Frappier

Eden Farrel

Nicole Larimer & Carolyn Kowalski

Brian Kossler

Cherry, Reagan and Johnny McCarthy

Watch for more details about a second virtual painting class coming soon!



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16th Annual Dobson Ranch GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday
September 19, 2020
Tee Time: 7:00 am

**Dobson Ranch
Golf Course***

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

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

* Rated Arizona's best municipal golf course.

Golf Sponsorship Levels:

Par Package \$150

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

Birdie Package \$175

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

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

Eagle Package \$225

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

Double Eagle Pkg. \$275

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

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



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FALL Break CAMP

Ages 6-12 yrs.



Daily Themes!

- AGES: 6-12
- DAILY THEMES:
 - Treasure Hunter
 - Game Show
 - Far, Far Away
 - Cutthroat Kitchen
 - Blast From the Past

REGISTER ONLINE AT DOBSONRANCHHOA.COM

Monday thru Friday 8am - 5pm

OCTOBER 5-9

Saratoga Recreation Center
2345 S. Saratoga

● PRICING:

\$40* per day/\$185* for the week

*Prices are for Dobson Ranch Residents
Non-residents pay an additional \$5 per day.

Contact the Dobson Ranch Recreation Department for more information at 480-831-7464.

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.



Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Frank Saavedra, President

If this sounds repetitious, that's because it is. As I've stated in the last several months, we continue to postpone all club activities. September will be as free of activities as have the previous few months.

When we finally resume activities, we may need to rethink much of what we have become accustomed to doing. Social distancing will probably be around for several more months. Restaurants, bars and breweries will need to continue to enforce distancing and the size of groups they serve. The number of DRR members that attended activities is normally much larger than the recommended group size that can be served. Restrictions that were never a consideration before the pandemic may have a profound impact on what we do and how we do it.

Our general meetings may require significant changes. Our attendance at these meetings sometimes approaches 100. If distancing is required, the way we meet will have to be changed. As our country, state and city make changes to deal with the pandemic, our club will need to implement changes as well. Time will tell how everything will evolve.

God Bless You!
Frank

Dobson Pickleball Sweats It Out Through Record "Hogust" Heat

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Record August heat did not deter many Dobson "picklers" from pursuing their favorite sport, but some of us did retreat to the high country for awhile to experience cooler, but still record, temps.



Pictured are a few of us who found ourselves at Bushmaster Park in Flagstaff where early morning temperatures hovered around 55 degrees. Bushmaster is a beautiful city park set in the pines, with pickleball, a skate park, dog park, basketball courts and a lovely shaded playground.

Our "pandemic" summer hours on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 7:00 am continue through September. Evening social pickleball group play also remains active under the lights on

Monday and Thursday nights starting at 7:00 pm (when the weather cooperates).

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

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 Coronavirus 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.

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

Women's Club

By Patty Smith, Women's Club President

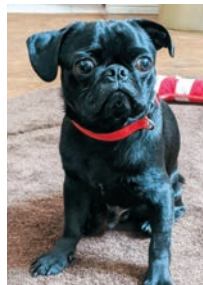
I am hoping this September finds you all healthy. It has been one very unusual year!



Remember way back last year when we were hosted by Patricia for our Hawaiian Bunco? This picture will jog our memories.

Vicky is recovering from a knee replacement. We know you are going to be better than ever soon.

We wish to THANK YOU for the support to help make broken femur surgery possible for "Regis" the Pug. He appreciates being able to walk on both legs.



Did everyone enjoy our "Out to Brunch" at Laguna Park? I am sure we had a good time visiting and seeing each other in person. Maybe October will bring us to a restaurant that needs our support. Chris will keep us all informed. Take care.

Blessings,
Patty



Dobson Ranch Republicans

By Bob Schuster & Michelle Masters, Co-Chairs

The November 3rd General Election is fast approaching and it's time to get 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 when you vote, 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.

If you would like to show your support for one or several candidates by posting their yard sign(s) on your property, we can also help you with that. Just contact us at DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com and we'll do our best to get the sign(s) to you promptly. We'll also be glad to add you to our email list to keep you up-to-date on local Republican news.

Bob Schuster and Michelle Masters, Co-Chairs



Dobson Ranch Independents

By Jack Wagner, Chairman

That first Tuesday in November is approaching quickly; it is indeed time to do your **homework**.

Do not punch that card or mark your ballot with emotions (*subjectivity*); like or dislike (*a dunce hat on*).

Vote with **SAVVY** (*objectivity, facts*);

- know what policies are being voiced by the candidate;
- know what values and beliefs the candidate projects;
- know where the candidate stands for giving power back to "We the People."



CITIZEN RESPONSIBILITY in November is a **MUST!** With an informed choice, with others making an informed choice, that freedom to choose will remain.

Please check out the following websites:

www.arizonaindependents.com

www.independentamericanparty.org

Jack Wagner, A Dobson Ranch resident since 1979.

golfingjack@msn.com

70sglfr@gmail.com

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!

Questions? Call **George Tihanyi** at **480-792-6746** or **Robert Doyle** at **602-321-6169**, or email rdoyle@canyonrecords.com

Donations are always appreciated:

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

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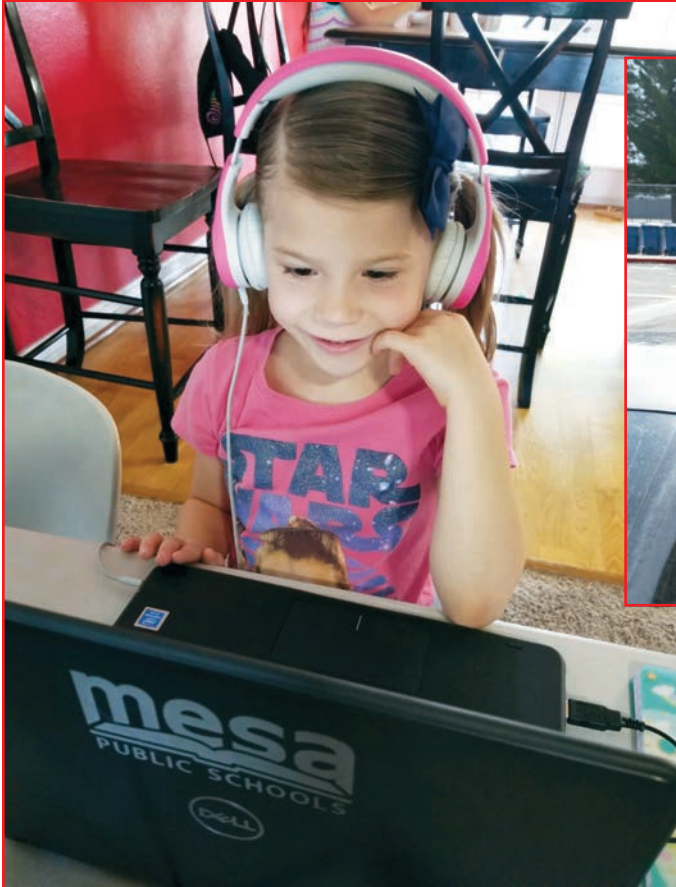
<https://www.meetup.com/LD18-Dems/>





How Mesa Public Schools is Bridging the Digital Divide

By Laurie Struna, Media Communications Specialist, Communications and Engagement/Mesa Public Schools



Device distribution at Crismon Elementary (serving Dobson Ranch)

Remote learning support

Specialized family support network teams were created at all district schools to assist with families' technology needs. **Marlo Loria**, director of CTE and innovative partnerships, coordinates assistance with technology issues.

Loria works with school technology leads on every campus to identify students who need access to home internet. Staff assist families in signing up for discounted internet service through Cox or by requesting an AT&T hotspot. They also share information and links for online resources and tutorials for the Canvas learning management platform, Webex video conferencing system and other technology topics.

"Remote learning has made it critical to ensure that all of our students have access to technology and that parents know how to access resources so they can support their children," Loria says.

Help buttons are located on each school's website for families to share technology and other needs. Once the family completes a short survey, an informational email is sent directly to the designated school contact for assistance.

Mesa Public Schools will transition to modified in-person learning when state and/or county health benchmarks have been met. Remote learning will remain an option for any family. Learn more at mpsaz.org/reopen.



MPS Elementary student learning at home

Last month, more than 60,000 Mesa Public Schools students started school in a remote learning environment due to COVID-19. Behind the scenes, the district had spent the summer preparing for the massive undertaking to ensure that every student was equipped with the technology and Wi-Fi access needed to start the school year strong.

David Sanders, chief technology officer, shared that 18,000 laptops were previously available only to high school students. By the first day of school, that number nearly tripled, with more than 50,000 devices distributed to students in all grades. To make online learning possible for all, the City of Mesa provided a \$6.5 million Mesa CARES grant to purchase laptops for K-6 Mesa Public Schools students.

Unfortunately, buyer demand and vendor trade issues have delayed the laptop delivery until later this fall. Until the new devices are delivered, the district is meeting student needs by distributing devices already owned by the district.

"Our long-term goal has always been to provide laptops to all students in grades pre-K through 12," Sanders says. "Thanks to the City of Mesa, we will be reaching our long-term goal a few years earlier than originally planned."

Ranchers' RoundUp

The Official Publication of the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association

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

The ad sizes and costs as of October 2020 are:

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING: Classified ads are limited to 40 words. Only the first few words in the heading will be in all caps. All business and non-resident classified advertising is \$1.00/word. Cost for resident's non-business classified advertising is \$0.50/word. Applicable tax will be added to amount due. Payment is due at the time of ad placement. Prompt payments are the responsibility of the advertiser. Payments may be made at dobsonranchhoa.com, by mail or in person. Non-payment or payments received after the 20th of the month will result in ad cancellation. Over the phone payments cannot be accepted. Contracts are not required for classified advertising. **The deadline is the 20th of the month prior to publication.** Submit ad to nroggio@dobsonranch.com.

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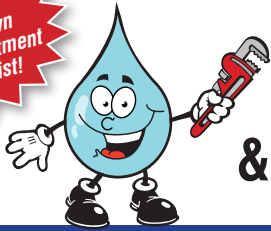
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Staff Drive-In Movie Night
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Calendar of Events

SEPT./OCT. 2020

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

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<p>21</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool</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>24</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Sunday 27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool</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>1</p> <p>Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p> <p>Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool</p> <p>Master Planning Meeting 7:00 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Sunday 4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Fall Break Camp 8:00 am Saratoga Room</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Fall Break Camp 8:00 am Saratoga Room</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Recreation Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (virtual)</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Fall Break Camp 8:00 am Saratoga Room</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>8</p> <p>Fall Break Camp 8:00 am Saratoga Room</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p> <p>Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Fall Break Camp 8:00 am Saratoga Room</p>	<p>10</p> <p> Community Clean Up 7:00 am La Casita, Saratoga & Los Altos</p> <p>Sunday 11</p>
<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>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p> <p>Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</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>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p> <p>Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool</p> <p>Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>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>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</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>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 pm Laguna Park</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Sunday 25</p>