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Turn to page 12 to see more photos from our **Virtual Cookie Decorating Class**. Special thanks to **Smith-o-lator Cookie Shop** for hosting this fun and engaging online class. It was the perfect family-friendly addition to the ho-hum holidays!

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Message From the Association President



By **Allen Johnson**
Association President

Making the Most of a New Beginning

Happy New Year!

It was more profound than ever to see all of the decorations and cheer throughout the Ranch during the holiday season. My family enjoyed many evenings cruising around and taking in all of the delightful Christmas displays. Some of our fellow Ranchers are very creative!

Now that the psychedelic nightmare of 2020 is behind us, there's definitely an eagerness to look forward and make the most out of this new beginning. With that said, progress continues in many areas around the Ranch. The December Board Meeting was a productive one.



Sandy Murray **Liz Durnan**

First, congratulations to **Sandy Murray** on her appointment to our vacant Board seat. Sandy has dedicated many years of service to the Ranch, and we're very grateful that she's stepped forward once again. The Board also wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to **Liz**

Durnan. As a Board volunteer, Liz helped us navigate many of the challenges that the last year tossed in our path. We wish her all the best.

In December, the Board voted to approve the Los Altos facility remodel. The contracts have now been signed and we're ready to move forward. This has been a tremendous undertaking, and we're very excited to see the concept become a reality. The Board also received an initial architect's rendering for the proposed conversion of Kavanaugh Park from an underused playground into a modern dog park. Stay tuned for more to come on this.

Other items approved by the Board at the last meeting include replacing the original gate valve between the Library Park Lake (Lake 6) and Lake 7, along with the replacement of various waste receptacles throughout the Ranch. These strategic investments are part of our master plan to maintain the infrastructure and aesthetics of Dobson Ranch as it nears its 50th birthday.

Best wishes and welcome 2021!

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND!
The Dobson Association, Inc.
Board of Director's Open Session Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2021 • 7:00 pm (virtual)
Link to join meeting posted on website calendar.

Executive Director's Message



By **Lynelle Glysson**
Executive Director

Taking the Sting Out of 2020 Struggles

Dear Residents,

This past year had more than its fair share of struggles. I am sure most of us had personal struggles as well as the collective struggle with the pandemic. However, being a part of the Dobson Ranch community has taken the sting out of the struggles of 2020.

Board and Committee Members kept on with the work of decision making and approval of projects. Residents came together to help one another with support and positivity. And, staff carried on with their duties including coming up with many new creative activities for our residents to enjoy.

Looking forward, we will carry on in 2021 with several projects meant to improve and enhance Dobson Ranch. The restrooms and sports courts at Los Altos will be upgraded and remodeled. The monument signs are scheduled to be updated this year. After those projects are complete, we will start working on the Saratoga Recreation Center remodel.

Look for more creative events, contests and other ways to engage with your neighbors in 2021. One of the highlights of this past year was all the good news coming from the **RoundUp**. The **Ranchers' RoundUp** magazine is a community-wide effort with residents sending in pictures to share, residents featured as *Movers and Shakers*, Green Thumb Awards, and much more. Our Editor, **Nancy Roggio**, takes all the contributions and works her magic to give us all some good news to look forward to reading each month.

In fact, a resident recently sent in this compliment, "The Dobson Ranch newsletter just keeps getting better and better. Our thanks to the Lake Habitat Committee for publishing the color map of the DR lakes - both my husband and I commented that it was nicely done and easy to read. We tend to forget which lake is which, number-wise, so this was very helpful."

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

New Board Member

Please join me in welcoming **Sandy Murray** to the Board of Directors. Sandy, along with her husband of 56 years, has been a resident of Dobson Ranch since 1985. She was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2002. She has served on various committees such as the Marketing Committee and the Master Planning Committee. She looks forward to maintaining our aging community and improving the existing facilities. She would like to "explore ways of enhancing the Ranch for future generations." As a Board Member, she looks for the input of residents when the Board is contemplating major projects. (See photo on left.)



Water Awareness



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

A New Year

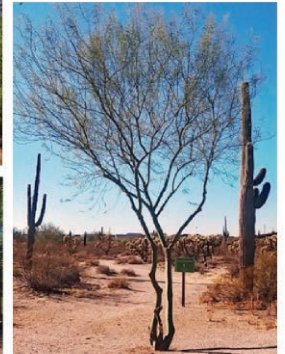
A new year is upon us with the promise of a light at the end of the tunnel, or the top of the hole, as the world strikes you. Much has happened this

past year with many reasons to stay home, where I can be found most of the time as I keep myself and family safe. The plants we employ in our landscape scheme still need the same attention as always and now is the time to plan for them to spring back while our winter plants still have one or two months yet to shine.

There are several places around home to inspire a new look for our landscape. One is the Ranch itself. A walk along some of the less-traveled sidewalks can reveal many interesting arrangements. Of course, walking confers many benefits beyond just looking at landscape details. I could walk, but prefer to drive to traverse more territory in a single outing. After all, the Ranch is a big place.

There are places nearby that also offer inspiration for landscape changes. One place that tops most lists is the **Phoenix Botanical Garden**. But, there are others that provide examples of desert landscapes closer to home. One remote place is the **Mesa Desert Arroyo Park** located near the eastern end of McKellips in Mesa. This Park provides a nice setting for a real desert landscape venue. (See park photos on right.)

A desert-themed landscape does offer a unique way to conserve water, but many desert-adapted plants do require some water. Many survive for long stretches between watering by storing water. They do that by harvesting the sudden downpours and then using that stored water during the dry periods. A desert-adapted garden should provide that same capability with depressions that gather the stormwater run-off long enough for the water to seep into the ground.



Desert Arroyo Park
9320 E. McKellips Rd, Mesa

Message From the Editor



By **Nancy Roggio**
Communications Manager

Dobson Ranch App, A "One Stop Shop"

Currently over 1,500 residents have downloaded the **Dobson Ranch App**. However, in a concentrated effort to increase the adoption and user rate, the Dobson Ranch App has been undergoing significant changes and major improvements over the last month or two. The purpose being to make the App a "one stop shop" for important Dobson Ranch information available at your fingertips.

Here are a few new features being added to the **App Menu**:

- **Virtual "Clubs"** for you to "join" to receive targeted messages as needed
- **Adult Recreation Classes** and **Children's Dance Classes**
- **Dobson Ranch Committees** and their descriptions, members and contact info
- Links to our **Governing Documents** and **Architectural Guidelines**
- A link to our **Assessment Payment Portal**
- A link to our **Recreation Payment Portal**
- Information about **Recreation Rentals**

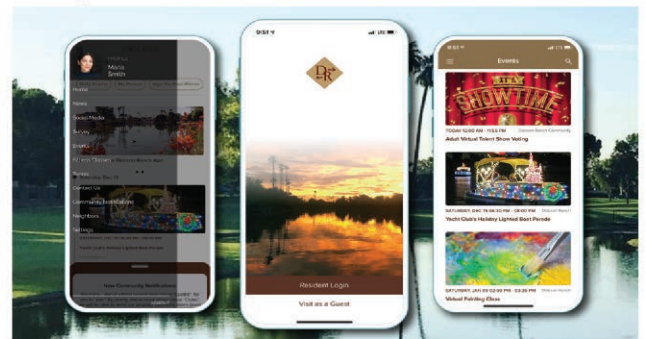
If you're already using the Dobson Ranch App, be sure to check out all the new features listed above.

If you have not yet downloaded the App, please do so now using the following links to see what you've been missing!

- **iOS/App Store** - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/dobson-ranch/id1524273421>
- **Android/Google Play Store** - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.readinsite.dobsonranch>

Requesting Resident Access to the Dobson Ranch App is Easy!

- 1 Select "View as a Guest" on the app home screen
- 2 Click "Request Resident Access" at the top of the home page
- 3 Complete the form with your information, click "Sign Up"
- 4 Please allow 72 hours for your request to be processed
- 5 Once approved, explore Dobson Ranch from the palm of your hand



Experience Dobson Ranch your way, every day, everywhere with the Dobson Ranch App!



JOIN THE BOARD!

Call for Candidates

We are starting our call for candidates for the three **Board of Director** seats that will be filled at the April 2021 **Annual Meeting of the Members**. Each position is for a 3-year term.

Serving on the Board of Directors for Dobson Ranch can be a fulfilling volunteer experience. Whether you are a long-time resident or new to Dobson Ranch, serving as a board member means you can partner with other residents in building a strong sense of community.

The Board of Directors are responsible for serving their neighbors and making sound decisions regarding finances, amenities, events, policy and governing documents. It is an endeavor that requires a time commitment of monthly meetings, committees, and executive sessions. It requires education on how homeowners' associations run and their responsibilities to the members. These members are your neighbors and every decision will impact them. It can be very rewarding to see your input come to fruition in the aesthetic qualities of Dobson Ranch as well as sound policy and finances.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please go to the website (www.dobsonranchhoa.com/board-of-directors/-join-the-board-of-directors), fill out an application and send it to: lglysson@dobsonranch.com. Please include a bio and photo of yourself to be included in the February and March issues of **Ranchers' RoundUp**.



By Nancy Roggio
Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

An extra special **Holiday Green Thumb Award** goes to **Lara and David Hyatt** at **1656 W. Meseto Circle** for their dazzling and oh so de-LIGHT-ful Christmas decorations. Neighbor **Nicole Larimer** said, "The Hyatts outdo themselves every year."

Their colorful assortment of inflatables includes everything from Santa and his husky sleigh team to popular Star Wars characters. And, it wouldn't be Christmas without the Grinch! I especially loved the luminaries all along the walkways!

Homeowners spreading holiday cheer is what makes Dobson Ranch indisputably... **the best place to live!**

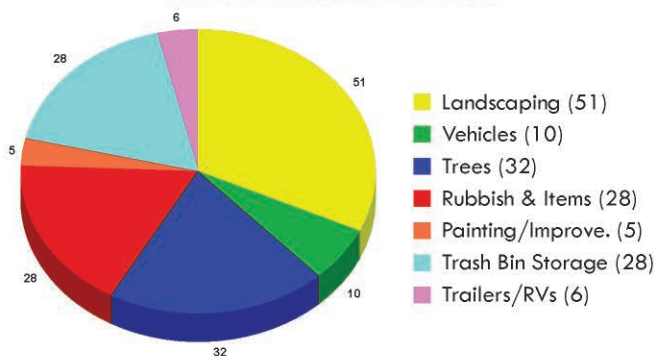


CC&R Notices

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There are many impressive and well-manicured yards in Dobson Ranch that it's hard to pick just one each month. If you would like your yard or a neighbor's yard featured in a future issue of **RoundUp**, email nroggio@dobsonranch.com.



Healthy Habits + Healthy Environment = Happy 2021

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management Committee Member



It's here – 2021, the long-awaited New Year! Did you make any resolutions? This year, the number one resolution of U.S. consumers is to exercise more (44%), followed by eating healthier (42%), which were last year's #2 and #1, respectively. Luckily, as residents of Dobson Ranch, there are great ways to incorporate exercise into our lifestyles thanks to the ample walking

and biking paths, tennis and pickleball courts, swimming pools, lakeside exercise equipment, recreation classes, and more.

As for eating healthier, how about an option that, when done correctly, makes a difference to the environment as well? Incorporating sustainable seafood into your weekly diet is not only healthy for you, it helps the fragile ocean ecosystem – a win-win!

Eating seafood - fish and shellfish - is an important dietary choice because it contains a range of nutrients, including iron, zinc and healthy omega-3 fats. According to the **Dietary Guidelines for Americans**, eating about 8 ounces per week of a variety of seafood can help prevent heart disease. Check out the current guidelines, including recommendations for children, at www.dietaryguidelines.gov.

When making seafood the main protein on your plate, be sure to consume seafood that is caught and managed sustainably. Sustainability is protecting, maintaining and improving lifestyles while preserving resources for the future. In the case of eating seafood, our choices have an impact on the health of the oceans.

Scientific studies predict a worldwide fisheries collapse by 2048, mainly due to overfishing, "bycatch" and habitat loss. Each year, 158 million tons of seafood are harvested. Changes in fisheries allow the removal of organisms from the ocean more quickly and with less effort, therefore species cannot reproduce fast enough to keep up.

In addition to overfishing, "bycatch" is affecting fish populations. An estimated 40% of what is caught in commercial fisheries is unintended catch, "bycatch" and discarded. "Bycatch" includes unmarketable, undersized and endangered species. Unfortunately, the majority tossed back overboard do not survive.

Ocean habitats such as spawning, nursery, breeding, and sheltering areas, are disappearing and species cannot survive, let alone thrive. Farm-raised seafood, known as "aquaculture," tries to accommodate for habitat loss, but not

all methods are sustainable. For example, shrimp ponds and open net pens have negative ecosystem impacts.

But, don't flounder, it is easy to make sustainable seafood choices. An easy way to start is with checking package labels. For example, the *Trident* Seafood brand maintains safe and sustainable fisheries and seafood products. Ask about sustainable seafood at your favorite grocery store. Over 90% of **Walmart's** seafood is sustainably sourced, according to the **Marine Stewardship Council** (msc.org). Also, be sure to visit "Seafood Watch" from the **Monterey Bay Aquarium** at SeafoodWatch.org.

Seafood Watch offers specific recommendations when dining and shopping such as "best choice," "certified," "good alternatives," and "avoid." **Seafood Watch** offers easy-to-read Consumer Guides that are free to download, including one for the most popular seafood items in the U.S., a guide for sushi, and a Southwest guide with ratings on seafood popular in Arizona and New Mexico.

As 2021 swims on, make sustainable seafood choices weekly for your health and for the health of our oceans. Make your resolution fun and incorporate "Wild Caught Wednesdays" or "Seafood Saturdays" to your meal rotation. Your sole will be glad you did. Carp-e Diem!



Photos courtesy of Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch

Dobson Ranch is a community leader in conservation practices, let's keep it that way in 2021 & beyond!



Landscaping Tips



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

And the Green Grass Grows All Around (Part 2)

Last month recommendations for mowing and watering to maintain a beautiful winter lawn were highlighted. Now it is time to include fertilizing, the last of the three key components to keeping a healthy lush green lawn through the winter.

Fertilizing:



- Your winter lawn will require fertilizing, just like your summer lawn.
- Two weeks after seedling emergence, fertilize with ammonium phosphate (16-20-0) at 5 lbs./1000 ft.
- Always water immediately after applying fertilizer to prevent foliar burning and to ensure the fertilizer moves into the root zone.
- To keep your winter lawn at its best, fertilize

every four to six weeks with a complete fertilizer.

- If iron deficiency becomes a problem, use a product containing iron that is chelated or chemically formulated to work well on our high pH soils. Some products containing iron may stain concrete or cool decking so be careful during application.

Finally, the best way to protect and fortify your lawn is through proper seasonal care and maintenance and while most winter lawns are trouble free, on occasion problems may arise.

Troubleshooting:



- Over-fertilization and/or over-watering tend to weaken your turf's root system and cause it to become weaker over time, which in turn can increase the likelihood of frost damage, disease occurrence, and necessitate extra mowing.
- Mow winter lawns when grass is dry to minimize spread of disease. By wounding the plant through mowing, while it is wet you increase the likelihood of fungal infection. In

addition, you increase the likelihood of spreading the fungus on the blades and tires of the mower and on your shoes.

- Some diseases that may occur are Pythium blight (*usually caused when the leaf surface is continuously wet*) or powdery mildew (*typically found in shady areas*). There are several effective chemicals available for treatment.
- Do not water at night.
- Winter grasses do not have thatch build up that require thinning or removal.
- A healthy lawn will push out weeds and keep them to a minimum. The best defense against weeds is to have a good dense stand of grass. Hand pull weeds if possible. Otherwise, there are a number of excellent chemical controls on the market.
- We are fortunate to have very few winter grass-related insect problems.

Homeowner Improvements

Architectural Applications December 2020

By Carole Stabile, Member Services Coordinator

40 Applications \$299,740

DOBSON RANCH UNIT I

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| Roof Replacement | \$ 65,790 |
| Pool Installation | \$ 32,000 |
| Solar Panels | \$ 36,000 |

DOBSON RANCH UNIT III

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| Paint | \$ 4,000 |
| Trim Repair & Paint | \$ 900 |
| Shutters & Flower Boxes | \$ 500 |
| Window Replacement | \$ 8,000 |
| Front Door | \$ 7,800 |
| Gates | \$ 400 |
| Block Wall Extension | \$ 4,000 |

DOBSON RANCH UNIT XIII

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| Paint | \$ 100 |
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DOBSON SHORES

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| Pergola | \$ 5,000 |
| Paint | \$ 400 |
| Solar Panels | \$ 9,500 |

LAGUNA SHORES Unit 5-9

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| Window Replacement | \$ 14,000 |
| Paint | \$ 6,200 |
| Solar Panels | \$ 30,000 |

LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED

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| Shed | \$ 2,100 |
| Landscape | \$ 1,500 |
| Pergola | \$ 6,750 |

LAGUNA VILLAGE

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| Landscape | \$ 3,200 |
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GOLDEN PALMS ESTATES

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| Paint | \$ 3,100 |
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LOS ALTOS

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| Block Wall | \$ 8,500 |
| Paint | \$ 1,500 |

REGENCY ESTATES

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| Landscape | \$ 1,000 |
| Roof Replacement | \$ 15,000 |

SARATOGA LAKES

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| Paint | \$ 2,700 |
| Roof Replacement | \$ 15,000 |
| Window Replacement | \$ 3,500 |

KNOELL VILLA SOLANO

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| Paint | \$ 5,600 |
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KEATS CROSSING

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| Paint | \$ 2,200 |
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BROOKEDGE ESTATES

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| Paint | \$ 3,500 |
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Home Sales

Trustee Properties:
1 – House
Home Sales: 19



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Our Lakes Are Thriving!

By Ed Ricci, Member of the Lake Habitat Committee



The Dobson Ranch Lakes are a thriving resource quite unique in the Valley. They are filled with life and are managed by the HOA and our **Water Management and Lake Habitat Committees** to maintain this life balance. This management is not exact and we use monthly water quality data and

best practices in fisheries management to optimize our wonderful resource.

The walking paths on Lakes 1, 7 and 8 get much use and resulting enjoyment... from exercisers running and walking, mothers strolling, families playing, and fishermen catching and releasing.

For the careful eye, there's lots going on in our lakes. Seeing the occasional bald eagle or osprey is a sight to behold. The annual return of migrating ducks, such as the American Wigeons in October and November, is always something I look forward to watching.

Under the water, there is a complex system of interactions, starting with floating plankton which is the base of the lake's food chain. When the lakes "green up," that's because of a growth cycle of this floating algae. The HOA manages the lakes when they get overly green, typically applying dye in the Spring or Fall, if necessary. The dye inhibits light penetration and the photosynthesis process.

But, we should always remember that our lakes, although artificially created, still behave as natural systems and naturally cycle through the seasons. And, they need to be managed this way. These seasonal changes are an opportunity for the trained eye to watch this web of life occurring in our lakes -- from algae to insects like dragonflies to fish fry to adult fish.

The biggest fish you will see in our lakes are the White Amur. We have stocked these in the 12-inch range as a maintenance measure to eat and prohibit the growth of rooted weeds, which are a clean-up nightmare and would prohibit boat traffic.

The Amur can grow to 25 or 30 pounds, so the big ones are a quite a sight in themselves. The sport fish Catfish and Bass populations are healthy. At 55 degrees, the water temperature at the time of this writing, Bass are still active and catchable. You just have to slow down a little bit and use plastic presentations like worms or lizards or small wobbling crankbaits, and you will catch them. Male Bass will remarkably start fanning out spawning beds near shore as early as February, so watch for this phenomenon. There is always something to see on our lakes!

Here's to another year of great enjoyment of our lakes, no matter how you use them.

"Floating Festival of Lights" Boat Parade

By Chris Diamond, Board Member and Chairman of the Dobson Ranch Yacht Club



Ahoy from the **Dobson Ranch Yacht Club!** Or maybe it should be called the Pontoon Club, but that doesn't sound quite as regal.

We just finished up the **DRYC 14th Annual Lighted Boat Parade** on Saturday, December 19th. We had **22** boats come out, proving that even a pandemic and a low lake can't slow down the Yacht Club.

I still can't believe we've been lighting up the waters of Lake 7 since 2007. In that time, I've seen a French Party replete with a 15-foot Eiffel Tower and chandelier, a Jet with fold-down wings, Santa in a bathtub with working shower, a scene from *Frozen* with all of the cast, Santa on a surfboard, a *Polar Express* Train, a Fire Breathing Dragon, a mini Queen Mary, an Igloo, the Greased Lighting hot rod from *Grease*, a Pirate Ship, a Computerized Light Show with Music, a Christmas Tiki Hut, a Giant Boombox, the At-At Walker from *Star Wars*, and that's just a small sample of the colorful boats that float down Lake 7 during the holidays. If you don't believe these themed boats exist, check out the videos of some of the recent parades, including the 2020 parade, at our website: <https://dryc.us>.

I'm looking forward to seeing what the innovative, creative, hard working, and over-spending members of the Yacht Club come up with in the years to come. And, maybe I'll even stray from the theme of my boat for the last 14 years of "Look what I can do in an hour."

To see more photos from our **2020 Holiday Lighted Boat Parade** taken by our residents, be sure to visit page 13.

- Commodore Chris



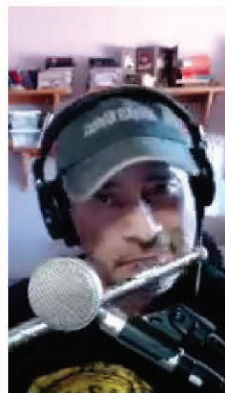
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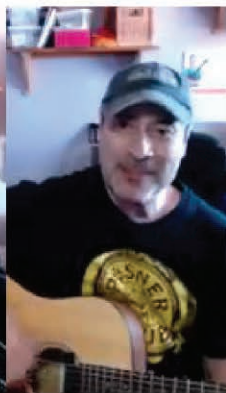
Jennifer Frappier
"Let 'Er Rip"
Vocal Performance



Alicia Garza
Hawaiian Hula
Dance Performance



Dan Villanueva
Original song "Walking the Dog"
Instrumental Performance



Courtney Rankin
"Find My Way Back Home"
Vocal/Instrumental
Performance

All four winners will receive a **\$100 Gift Card**. Thank you to all of our talented contestants.



From the Recreation Director's Desk



By Jesse Wright
Recreation Manager

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone got what they wanted from Santa this year. Because of the unknown event gathering requirements for 2021 due to COVID-19, the new 2021 recreation calendar will not be out this month. We will continue to post our special events on social media (**Facebook** and **Instagram**), on the **Dobson Ranch App** and in the **RoundUp** magazine for upcoming programs and events.

Our **Bark in the Park** event is scheduled for Saturday, January 23rd. Bring your pampered pooches out to Laguna Park for a fun romp in the park. You can sign up to participate in our three virtual contests (*best trick, dog owner look-alike and ugly sweater*) by emailing your photo and video entries starting January 4th -15th by noon to Awright@dobsonranch.com. There will also be vendors at the event that cater exclusively to your canine. We will have areas for big and small dogs, so bring the entire family and enjoy another beautiful day at the park. Social distancing rules will apply.

We are planning another **Virtual Cookie Decorating Class** with a Valentine's Day theme on Saturday, February 13th. Watch for more details coming soon on social media and the App.

Spring Break is also right around the corner, so have your kids come check out our **Virtual Spring Break Camp** starting Monday, March 8th through Friday, March 12th. Sign up online starting January 15th. See ad on page 14 for more details.

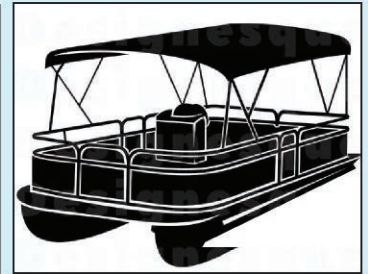
Lastly, our **Community Cleanup & Shred** will be held on Saturday, March 13th. More details to come!

Please Note:

Our Recreation Center Holiday Hours are:
Martin Luther King, Jr Day - Monday 1/18/21 **CLOSED**, and
President's Day - Monday, 2/15/21 **CLOSED**.

2021 Fishing and Boating Permits Now on Sale at La Casita

Fishing Licenses and **Boat Permits** for 2021 have been on sale since December 1st. Prices will remain the same this year. Pricing for Fishing Licenses: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10 for individuals (*seven years of age and older*). And, for a family of up to four: Residents \$10, Non-Residents \$20. Boat Permits are \$15 for non-motorized and motorized watercrafts (*lifelong permit*). Stop by La Casita Recreation Center to purchase your licenses or permits. (*You can drop your information/payment in the drop box or mail them to the Recreation office*).



Tennis Tip for January: Improve Your Grip



By Kwong Young
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Some players get too wristy and don't have a firm grip when striking the ball. That will often lead to missed hits (*off center*), loss of control, racket twisting in your hand, hitting into the net (*topping*), soreness in the wrist, or even tennis elbow.

Try taking an old tennis ball or a stress ball and when a TV commercial comes on take that time to do some squeezing exercises to build up your wrist strength. It will help you control your racket better and will also produce more power.

If you think about a baseball player or golfer, they must have a firm grip on their bat or club to produce enough energy when striking the ball to get the desired maximum distance.

There's another aspect of holding the racquet, though, that's important, especially as you progress as a player. How tightly you hold the racquet, and when, can be critical to good shot-making. **Arthur Ashe**, the former Wimbledon and United States Open champion, divides players into two categories: those who play with hard hands and those who play with soft hands.

"People who are described as natural talents, or who have natural ability, are more prone to grip the handle with soft hands," he said. "That is, they don't hold it tight. They have the correct grip, but they know when to squeeze tight and when to release. Then there are some players who hold the racquet tight all the time, or so it seems."

A soft-hands player generally uses the natural flexibility of the wrist in hitting the ball. A hard-hands player, by contrast, hits the ball with his wrists locked in a stationary position in relation to his forearm.





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, February 1, 8, 22 **5948 \$30 R/\$45 NR**
Wednesday, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 **5949 \$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, February 1, 8, 22 **5950 \$30 R/\$45 NR**
Wednesday, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 **5951 \$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, February 6, 13, 20, 27 **5952 \$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, February 1, 8, 22 **5946 \$30 R/\$45 NR**

10:30 am - 11:30 am | Sessions: Monthly
Saturday, February 6, 13, 20, 27 **5947 \$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

*February Social 2/20

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

Instructor: Nancy
 When: Mondays & Thursdays 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 can be purchased by appointment at the La Casita Recreation Center.





CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Code: 5954
 When: Thursdays (February 25 - April 1)
 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: 5953
 When: Tuesdays (February 23 - March 30)
 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.



INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)

Code: 5955
 When: Thursdays (February 25 - April 1)
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center
 Time: 3:30 pm - 4:30 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.**

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



GET YOUR PUNCH CARDS FOR RECREATION CLASSES BY APPOINTMENT 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.

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.



Special Thanks to **SMITH-O-LATOR**
Cookie Shop

Virtual Cookie Decorating Class Photos



Cookies above decorated by Toy DiSanto and family.



Kayte Gregoire, Jeannine Lee, Carolyn Kowalski



Cole Tully



Courtney R's Cookies



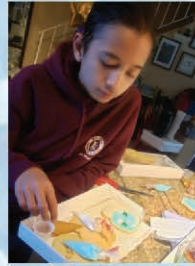
Porter Rankin



Sydney Tully



Romi Feltmann



Michael DiSanto



Maddi Tully



Courtney/Lennox Rankin



LETTERS TO SANTA

Special thanks to the parents for sending in their photos.



1. Chloe & Caleb Hurley
2. Emmett Hogan
3. Wesley Curtis
4. Ella Hogan with her craft ornament
5. Isaac Mace



The Magic of the Holiday Lighted Boat Parade

When the Editor's camera phone goes on the fritz at the **Holiday Lighted Boat Parade** this year, she put out an urgent request on *Facebook* and *Instagram* for residents to send in their best photos from the event.

And, naturally, Dobson Ranch residents did not disappoint! Here are just a few of the submissions from **Kristy McKisson, Chris Diamond, Heather Curtis, Betsy Mardany, Valerie Herrera, and Executive Director Lynelle Glysson.**



Photo: Kristy McKisson



Photo: Chris Diamond



Photo: Heather Curtis



Photo: Betsy Mardany



Photo: Lynelle Glysson



Photo: Chris Diamond



Photo: Valerie Herrera



Photo: Chris Diamond



Photo: Betsy Mardany



Two Photos:
Lynelle Glysson

We hope to see you all at next year's **Holiday Lighted Boat Parade!**



- Let Your Dog Run!
- Two Fenced Areas
- Meet Pet Vendors
- Special Offers
- Enter our 3 Virtual Contests: Ugly Sweater, Dog Owner Lookalike, Best Trick



Bark in the Park

Saturday, January 23 • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Laguna Park - 2455 W. Laguna Azul Avenue



Vendors include:

SUZI GLOVER
State Farm
480-941-2257
www.suziglover.com
Your Insurance Super Hero!



and more!



LA CASITA

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION
February 17th 8a.m. (residents only)
February 24th 8a.m. (non-residents)



Low Ratios

We Learn Through Play:
Science
Math
Literacy
Art
Sensory

Classes:

Ages 3 \$147 per month
Tuesday/Thursday
9a.m.-Noon

Ages 4-5 \$213 per month
Monday/Wednesday/Friday
9a.m.-Noon

Ages 4-5 \$279 per month
Monday-Thursday
1p.m.-4p.m.

To Register:
Place a \$50 deposit to hold your spot! A \$40 registration fee will also be due for new students!

Program Dates:
Summer Camp: June 1-July 16
2021-22 School Year:
August 11-May 18

For further questions or if you would like to meet the teacher:
480-831-7464
jfeltmann@dobsonranch.com

SAVE THE DATE!

SPRING Break

CAMP

Ages 6-12 yrs.

Daily Themes!



VIRTUAL CAMP
Monday through Friday
MARCH 8-11

Price \$5 per Resident; \$10 per Non-Resident
Registration via ActiveNet starts January 15th

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



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! 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>

Like us on Facebook:

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

Join our Meet-Up group:

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



Dobson Ranch Republicans

Michelle Masters, Chairperson

There's no denying 2020 was a difficult year. Parents became teachers, many learned to work virtually, and some learned the difficulties of our unemployment system.

As our 2021 New Year resolutions are underway, also consider giving in whatever way that you can: volunteer time to a food bank or shelter; provide donations to a church or community organization; and join us as we pray for a quick return to normal life. Let's also pray for the continued success of vaccine distributions, thanks to Trump's **Operation Warp Speed** and our medical community.

The intrusion of wearing masks and staying home will soon be distant memories. Until then, reflect on the few things that went well in 2020, do what you can to better the future. And, as our Constitution so aptly puts it... **"Secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."**

Visit our **Facebook** page (www.Facebook.com/Dobson-RanchRepublicans) and to get on our email list simply notify us at DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Michelle



Dobson Ranch Independents

By Jack Wagner, Chairman & Dobson Ranch resident since 1979

Election integrity is a must!

This is not about my guy won, or your guy lost. That thinking is myopic.

What maintaining election integrity is about:

- Living in a representative republic;
- Bill of Rights;
- Constitutional elections;
- Due process, equal protection;
- Trust by 'We the People' - America's bedrock



The right thing to do: conduct a closer review, establish legality with transparency.

Your thoughts? Send me a message at golfingjack@msn.com or 70sglfr@gmail.com.



Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Frank Saavedra, President

2020 can be thought of as a very negative year dominated by the pandemic. Nonetheless, our Club was able to finish the year in a very positive way. If you remember last month's *RoundUp*, our Club made arrangements with **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** here at **St. Tim's** to adopt a family for Christmas. We were initially able to help two families. One family of 9 had 7 girls, and the other family of 5 had 2 boys and 1 girl. We were given their ages, clothing sizes and toy preferences. Unlike past years, we were asked not to purchase food for the families. Money or gift cards can be donated to the families so that they can purchase food items they need.

One of our Club members put together a process using "Sign Up Genius" to allow members to see all the items that were needed for each family, and then allowed members to "sign up" to purchase the items. We weren't real sure how this pandemic year would affect our ability to help. It worked out very well. We discovered that the pandemic may be something of a blessing in that our members responded with a lot of generosity.

We were able to collect all the gift preferences with several extra gifts, money and gift cards for the food, and a few stuffed stockings. The amount of money and gift cards was far more than expected. This allowed us to contact St. Vincent, and

they were able to give us a third family of 6. **Because of the generosity of our members, three families will have more joy this Christmas!**

God Bless You!



7th Annual Christmas Pickleball Tourney Comes Off Without a Hitch!

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

We completed our **7th Annual Dobson Ranch Christmas Pickleball Tournament** on December 19th. There is some debate whether it was the 6th or 8th, but what the heck. At our age we are lucky to remember the score, let alone ancient history! Luckily, we do have younger players we rely on to remind us of these minor details, so if anyone thinks this sport is not for children and adults of all ages, please come out and see for yourself.

The Artisan Elves at the **Gillies-Misner Art Studios** were unruly as ever over the holidays, but despite work delays related to over-consumption of eggnog and the usual bad work attitudes, they produced their usual masterpieces of seasonal pickleball art for all the participants. (See photos on right.)

We continue to emphasize practicing social distancing and other CDC guidelines, including keeping sanitizers court-side. Let's continue to observe the guidelines and try to stay safe while we await the possibility of receiving a preventive vaccine very soon. We will be observing our "winter" hours for "drop-in" morning pickleball play until the heat returns next Spring: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00 am. Our evening play on Monday and Thursday evenings starts at 6:30 pm under the lights.

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 or announcements regarding pickleball schedules and activities.

Please contact **Donna Ransom** at donna85202@gmail.com to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.

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



Women's Club

By Patty Smith, Women's Club President

2021... HAPPY NEW YEAR! May this New Year be healthier than 2020. We are thankful for all the people working around the world, 24/7 to create a vaccine. Hopefully, sooner than later, we will be able to get together again.

Christmas was different this year, but the "**Reason for the Season**" did not change. Hope you all had a beautiful holiday.

Thanks to the **Yacht Club** and all the boats that participated in our **Holiday Lighted Boat Parade** for another fun evening on the Ranch!

Our condolences to **Donna** for the loss of her sister. We care. **Phyllis Bleakley** still needs our prayers... she has a very long recovery before her. **Chris** is doing great. She looks marvelous.

Take care and stay healthy!



Mesa Public School Focuses on District's Promise and Portrait of a Graduate

By Laurie Struna, Media Communications Specialist, Communications and Engagement/MPS
Photo Credit: Tim Hacker/Mesa Public Schools

Across the 200-square mile district, Mesa Public Schools' Promise serves as the foundation for creating equity and learning opportunities for all students.

In 2017, the Governing Board adopted the MPS Promise to ensure that every student is known by name, served by strength and need, and graduates ready for college career and community.

Dr. Andi Fourlis, superintendent of Mesa Public Schools, shares the Strategic Planning process began in 2018, with the goal to answer the question: Once the Promise is fulfilled what would a Mesa Public Schools graduate look like? For eight months the district spoke with thousands of people about their vision for the future. The community-owned plan encapsulates the collaboration between parents, students, staff, and community members who gathered in forums and focus groups to share their valuable insight.

Creating opportunity for all students

Mesa's *Portrait of a Graduate* includes three essential attitudes which are; ethical, inclusive and resilient, and a combination of high priority skills that a *Portrait of a Graduate* would know and be able to demonstrate. Essential attitudes provide the opportunity for students to develop the ability to find common ground, take responsibility for their words and actions, seek to understand the ideas of others, act with character, to be adaptable and learn from their mistakes.

"We believe through the Strategic Planning Process, the aspiration of our Promise and the *Portrait of a Graduate* that if we align resources, engage our community, ignite a culture of well-being, and ensure equity for all students that we will achieve college, career and community readiness," Fourlis says.

Strategic steps to success

Christa Mussi is a counselor at Dobson High School. She shares the work counselors do with students and their families is essential to students gaining the skills needed to be successful in high school and after. Freshman family meetings play an integral role in discussing student's goals and four year plans. By meeting with 100 percent of families, parents and caregivers, the counseling staff is able to address the first piece of the strategic goal under a culture of learning.

There are times when Mussi meets with families and students and learns that the student has been misplaced and belongs in an honors class. She uses the time as an opportunity to discuss the value of honors, to support the student with the move, build course rigor, and connect families to additional supports and resources.

"It's a great tool to ensure equity for all students," Mussi says. "As counselors, we work to establish a sense of community, bring

families into our schools and build relationships so moving forward they know exactly how to reach out for help."

Providing a culture of learning and well-being

Heather Sharpe is a National Board Certified Teacher at Mountain View High School. She shares in her art classroom that she teaches students to be resilient by learning from their mistakes. The digital age makes it challenging to teach students how to fail, because they are used to things being immediately perfect.

"There is no possible way that I can introduce everything that there is about the world of art but I can teach my students how to approach it, to edit and think for themselves," Sharpe says. "The essential attitudes and skills in a *Portrait of a Graduate* are things that will build their character and add to a community, and I am more concerned about ensuring my students are good people rather than being good at art."

She is most proud of her students when she watches them build relationships with their classmates, collaborate and problem solve, because these are the tools and skills needed for college, career and community.

mesa PUBLIC SCHOOLS **Portrait of a Graduate**
The essential attitudes and skills students need to graduate ready for college, career and community.

ESSENTIAL ATTITUDES

- Ethical**
 - Acts with character
 - Is of service to others
 - Takes responsibility for one's words and actions
- Inclusive**
 - Finds common ground
 - Invites and seeks to understand the ideas of others
 - Sees strength in differences
- Resilient**
 - Adaptable
 - Learns from mistakes
 - Is willing to risk trying again

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

- Collaborator**
 - Learns from and contributes to the learning of others while working toward a common goal
- Communicator**
 - Listens and shares ideas clearly and effectively, keeping the audience and purpose in mind
- Community Contributor**
 - Brings people together and contributes to the community and world
- Creative Thinker & Innovator**
 - Uses curiosity and imagination to inspire new ideas or build upon existing ones
- Critical Thinker & Problem Solver**
 - Investigates, learns and sees more than one way to solve a problem

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. **Beginning January 1, 2021, the deadline to advertise is the 10th 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.

| DISPLAY AD SIZE | WIDTH/HEIGHT | 1 MO. TRIAL | 3-MO. CONTRACT | 6-MO. CONTRACT | 12-MO. CONTRACT |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1/16 PAGE | 1.75"W x 2.375"H | \$61.72* | \$168.32/str. \$56.11/mo.* | \$306.09/6 mo. \$51.02/mo.* | \$550.83/12 mo. \$45.90/mo.* |
| 1/8 PAGE | 3.5"W x 2.375"H | \$95.37* | \$260.11/str. \$86.70/mo.* | \$489.60/6 mo. \$81.60/mo.* | \$918.09/12 mo. \$76.51/mo.* |
| 1/4 PAGE | 3.5"W x 4.75"H | \$168.30* | \$459.00/str. \$153.00/mo.* | \$887.40/6 mo. \$147.90/mo.* | \$1713.60/12 mo. \$142.80/mo.* |
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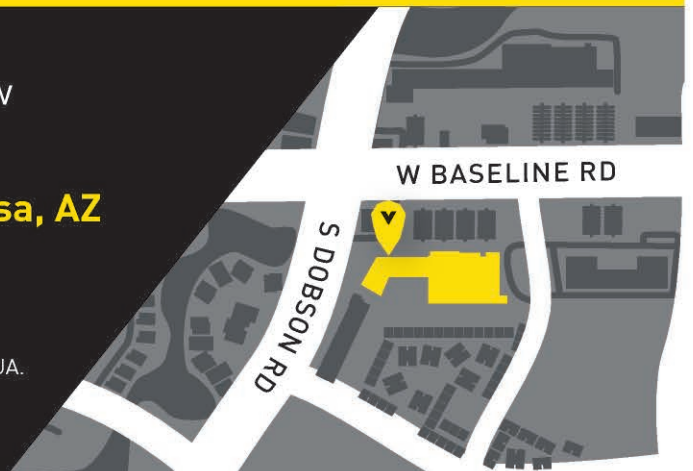
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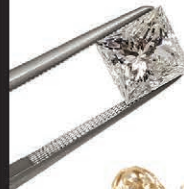
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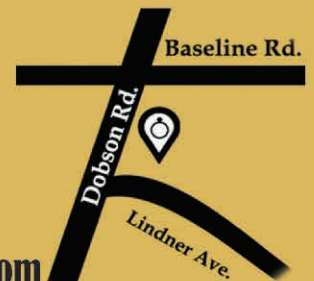
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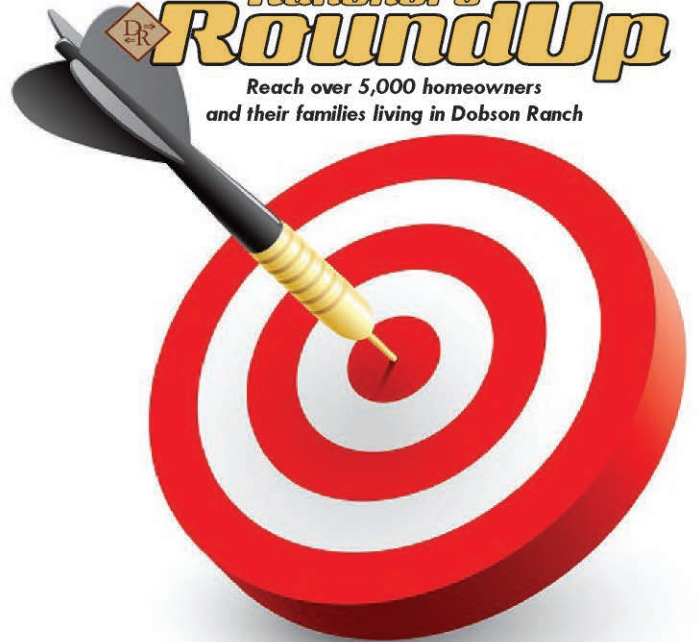


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Calendar of Events

JAN. 2021 / FEB. 2021

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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY / SUNDAY |
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| <p>11</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; color: pink; opacity: 0.5;">JAN.</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual)</p> | <p>13</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>14</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Sunday 17</p> |
| <p>18</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p>  <p>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</p> <p>La Casita Rec. Center & Office CLOSED</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Budget and Finance Meeting 6:30 pm (virtual)</p> | <p>20</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>21</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>22</p> | <p>23</p>  <p>BARK IN THE PARK 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Laguna Park</p> <p>Sunday 24</p> |
| <p>25</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual)</p> | <p>27</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>28</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Sunday 31</p> |
| <p>1</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p>Water Management Committee Meeting 5:30 pm (virtual)</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; color: pink; opacity: 0.5;">FEB.</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> | <p>3</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>4</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 7:00 pm (virtual)</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Sunday 7</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual)</p> | <p>10</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>11</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p>  <p>COOKIE DECORATING CLASS 11:00 am (virtual)</p> <p>Sunday 14</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p>  <p>PRESIDENTS DAY</p> <p>La Casita Rec. Center & Office CLOSED</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Budget and Finance Meeting 6:30 pm (virtual)</p> | <p>17</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>18</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>19</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Sunday 21</p> |