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No matter what craft or activity Irelyn participates in (including the Camp Talent Show), she always does a great job and has a ready smile... even if it is sometimes hidden by a mask. She is also a member of the Dobson Dolphins Swim Team, so her summer is jam packed!

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 2345 S. Saratoga

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## Message From the Association President



By **Allen Johnson**  
Association President

### Happy July!

The world is back in business, kids are out of school, and it's blazing hot. Oh well, I guess two out of three ain't bad!

June was another busy month for the Board. We held a joint workshop with our **Budget and Finance Committee** to discuss potentially outsourcing our Accounting and Bookkeeping positions. Our combined emphasis is to ensure the sustainability of the Ranch's finances, as well as enabling the best possible service for our Association's Members. After further discussion and review of four different options, the Board voted to move forward and collaborate with a third-party Accounting Services provider. This will reduce the cost burden to the Association, allow for better continuity, and provide stronger oversight of the Association's finances.

The Board also greenlighted updating our monument signage throughout the Ranch. After many years, it's time for a refresh. We reviewed several design proposals, and with the assistance of our **Master Planning Committee**, we selected a design aesthetic that best suits the Ranch. The Board also approved engaging with an architect to come up with plans for renovating the Saratoga recreation facility.

Finally, the Board unanimously approved a motion to have our attorney draft restated CC&Rs. This is a first step to help alleviate a major challenge that the Ranch has dealt with since day one. Some background – even though Dobson Ranch is one master planned community, we're comprised of over thirty separate subdivisions, not including our eleven sub-associations. Each subdivision has its own unique set of CC&Rs, which means that lot use restrictions and architectural requirements vary between subdivisions. For example, some of the lots in Dobson Ranch are limited to having only two-car garages, while others have no specific limit. This creates challenges for residents who may wish to update their homes, and for our **Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee (DRAC)** who are required to navigate the requirements for approving architectural applications for each subdivision. It also complicates the CC&R enforcement process. The solution is to consolidate all of the Dobson Ranch subdivisions under one consistent set of CC&Rs.

To be clear, our intent is not to make dramatic changes to the Association's regulatory framework. Restating CC&Rs won't be a quick or simple process; nor should it be. Members of each subdivision will need to vote individually to ratify the new CC&Rs. Depending on their existing documents, some of them can do this by simple majority, while others require 75% or greater in favor to approve. Extensive community outreach will be necessary, and this will be a year-long process. It's worth the effort to set aside the outdated requirements and ensure the sustainability of our Association for the future. There will be many opportunities for the community to provide feedback. Stay tuned for updates as this process moves along.

**Be well!**

## Executive Director's Message



By **Lynelle Glysson**  
Executive Director

### The Added Benefits of a Third-Party Accounting Firm

As Allen mentioned in his message, we will be working with a third-party accounting company. I wanted to elaborate on some of the additional benefits to the operation of Dobson Ranch.

**Uniform and consistent financial reporting:** With a third-party accounting company, we will receive consistent and uniform financial reporting. We will also have the option of ad hoc reports if there is an area of interest or concern.

**Separation of duties and internal controls:** With our new accounting services, we will strengthen our internal controls with layers of approval, clear separation of duties and improved internal controls. Board oversight will continue with Board approval on invoices by the President and Treasurer. All Board members will have full access to all invoices paid as well as access to financial reports.

In addition to the robust financial reporting and financial transparency, additional services will benefit the overall operations of Dobson Ranch.

One additional benefit is **new code enforcement software**. Staff will have a more user-friendly platform to enforce CCR compliance. The new platform will have accurate reporting and improved tracking of violations.

We will be making ordering resale documents an easier process. Realtors, banks and title companies will be able to go to our website to download disclosures pertinent to the closing of an escrow.

It is important to know that we are still here in the office, and we are retaining all current staff. If you want to drop off a payment in the office, you can. If you want to come to the office to ask a question about your account, we are here to help.

Transitioning to a third-party accounting company will take time. Full transition will take a few months. We have a comprehensive transition plan and will keep you up-to-date on any pertinent information along the way. If you have any questions, you can contact me directly at: [lglysson@dobsonranch.com](mailto:lglysson@dobsonranch.com).



Photo: Tim McElrath

A quick update on Lake 1 lighting: Bollards are being installed on Lake 1. Although the pandemic caused major supply chain challenges, we are happy to be installing this much needed lighting. A few of the new bollards have already been installed at Laguna Park. If you

live on Lake 7, please swing by and take a look. We would like to install bollards along the path on Lake 7. That path is in dire need of lighting to be able to fully enjoy the path in the evenings.

**Let Us Stay Dobson Ranch Strong!** Thank you for the continued support of your neighbors, Board and staff.





## Message From the Editor



By Nancy Roggio  
Communications Manager

### Celebrate Good Times, Come On!

When you think of the month of July, you probably think of celebrating our Independence Day on July 4th with family, friends, food and fireworks. However, July also has some other wacky, fun and offbeat theme days worth celebrating. There are several themed days for each day of the month and the list keeps growing, but here are a few favorites:

- July 1 **Chicken Wings Day** (Spread your wings and fry.)
- July 2 **World UFO Day** (The truth is out there.)
- July 3 **Eat Your Beans Day** (Eat your beans for every meal.)
- July 4 **Spareribs Day** (Life needs to be more rib-elicious.)
- July 5 **Bikini Day** (If your summer bikini body isn't quite ready, there's always fall's sweater body.)
- July 6 **Fried Chicken Day** (You had me at fried chicken.)
- July 7 **Macaroni Day** (Say cheese!)
- July 8 **Freezer Pop Day** (Once you pop, you can't stop.)
- July 9 **Sugar Cookie Day** (Got milk?)
- July 10 **Pina Colada Day** (When life gives you pineapple...)
- July 11 **Blueberry Muffin Day** (Top of the muffin to you!)
- July 12 **Pecan Pie Day** (Pistachio can't, but pecan.)
- July 13 **French Fry Day** (I make fries disappear. What's your superpower?)
- July 14 **Be a Dork Day** (Some people celebrate this every day.)
- July 15 **Give Something Away Day** (Don't give to get.)

- July 16 **Personal Chef's Day** (Never trust a skinny chef.)
- July 17 **Lottery Day** (Feelin' lucky?)
- July 18 **Ice Cream Day** (Enjoy it before it melts.)
- July 19 **Daiquiri Day** (One drink counts as 2 servings of fruit.)
- July 20 **Fortune Cookie Day** (You'll be hungry again in 1 hour.)
- July 21 **Junk Food Day** (Fries before guys.)
- July 22 **Hammock Day** (Happiness is a hammock.)
- July 23 **Gorgeous Grandma Day** (Nacho average grandma!)
- July 24 **Cousins Day** (Special friends from same family tree.)
- July 25 **Parent's Day** (Kids wear out parents faster than shoes.)
- July 26 **All or Nothing Day** (Be all in or get all out.)
- July 27 **Go for a Walk Day** (Walk first. Figure out where you're going later.)
- July 28 **Waterpark Day** (Sunsplash here we come!)
- July 29 **Lasagna Day** (Think of it as spaghetti flavored cake.)
- July 30 **Cheesecake Day** (Life always tastes better after a slice of cheesecake.)
- July 31 **Avacado Day** (You guac my world.)

Recognizing and celebrating these theme days is a simple way to bring a little fun and humor into your home or workplace.



Tell us how you celebrated any one of these special July "holidays" and you could be featured in the next issue of **Ranchers' RoundUp**. Send your name, address and a short description of the "holiday" you celebrated, along with a photo commemorating the event to [nroggio@dobsonranch.com](mailto:nroggio@dobsonranch.com) by no later than **July 28**. One entry will be selected to win a **\$20 Gift Card**. This contest is open to Ranchers of all ages.

For pallet deliveries, contact  
**Melissa Forrester**  
at [mforrester@unitedfoodbank.org](mailto:mforrester@unitedfoodbank.org)

## Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign

**HELP THE VULNERABLE DURING TRIPLE DIGIT HEAT**

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

**June 1 - October 1**

- United Food Bank Volunteer Center  
358 E. Javelina Ave.
- Paz de Cristo  
424 W. Broadway Road
- **Dobson Ranch HOA Administrative Office**  
2718 S. Reyes
- A New Leaf - East Valley Men's Center  
2345 N. Country Club Drive
- Klaus Team - Keller Williams Integrity First Realty  
2918 S. Elsworth Rd #133
- The Salvation Army  
241 E. 6th St.
- Mesa Fire Station 202  
830 S. Stapley Drive
- Mesa Fire Station 216  
7966 E. McDowell Road
- Mesa Fire Station 217  
10434 E. Baseline Road
- Mesa Fire Station 218  
845 N. Alma School Road
- Mesa Fire Station 220  
32 S. 58th St.
- Mesa Main Library  
64 E. 1st St.
- Red Mountain Library  
635 N. Power Road
- Red Mountain Library  
7550 E. A...
- Mesa I  
708 W. B...
- Superst  
6955 E. Sou...
- Mesa Chal  
165 N. Centem  
(Public Safety O...
- Mesa Commu  
1833 W. Southern  
(College Police Office)
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710 E. McKellips Rd.  
(College Police Office)
- Athoria Games  
6134 E. Main St.

[www.mesaaz.gov/H2Omesa](http://www.mesaaz.gov/H2Omesa) #mesahydrates

## Dobson Ranch Residents:

**YOU can make TWICE the difference!**

Dobson Ranch HOA will match up to 50 cases of water donations. Drop off your cases of water at the La Casita Administrative Office between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm M-F.



WATER DONATIONS AS OF 6/28/21 = 31 CASES (WITH MATCH = 62 CASES!)







**AVÉ WRIGHT**  
Employee of  
the Month -  
June 2021

"Avé has put together a very exciting Summer Camp Hope program this year. I should know, I hear it from my office every day! The kids are having so much fun with tie-dying shirts, egg parachutes, talent shows, and so much more!

"She has gone above and beyond to make sure it is much more than just childcare; it is a super fun and safe place for Dobson Ranch kids to enjoy the summer with their friends," commented Executive Director **Lynelle Glysson**.

"Avé has done an excellent job with programming for our La Casita Summer Camp this year, especially with all the restrictions and guidelines we have to follow. The kids are busy every day doing arts and crafts, active sports, swimming, and participating in fun brain buster activities. I always see the kids smiling and having a blast. Great job working with all the camp counselors. Keep up the good work, Avé," added Recreation Director **Jesse Wright**.

**Congratulations, Avé!**

**TOYS . CRAFTS . PARTY SUPPLIES . HOLIDAY DECOR**



Based in Tempe, AZ, **JOYIN** was established in 2015, and has become one of the fastest-growing designers and manufacturers of toys, party supplies, outdoor play items, and seasonal products in the country. We are excited to partner with **JOYIN** and share some of their fun-filled products with our Summer Camp Hope campers!

**JOYIN** is offering Dobson Ranch residents a **30% DISCOUNT** on all merchandise purchased online using the "**JOYIN30**" discount code when you check out now through August 31, 2021.



**VISIT JOYIN.COM NOW TO RECEIVE THE 30% DISCOUNT!**

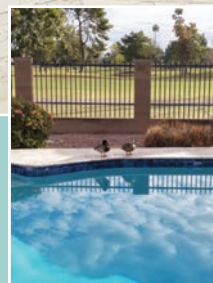


**By Nancy Roggio**  
Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Our first ever **Backyard Oasis Award** goes to **Liz Durnam** at 1656 W. Milagro Avenue.

"Warm, sunny days are finally here, which means I'll be spending more time outdoors basking in the sun and enjoying everything that summer has to offer. My backyard is my oasis because I can just sit, relax and enjoy the pool with an amazing view of the Dobson Ranch Golf Course. I love how peaceful it is in the morning, listening to the birds singing, and looking at the geese gathered on the golf course. My backyard is where my heart is," said Durnam.

Homeowners taking pride in their property like Durnam is what makes Dobson Ranch indisputably... **the best place to live!**



**Congratulations  
Liz!**

Photos: Liz Durnam



If you would like your "**backyard oasis**" or a neighbor's backyard featured in a future issue of **RoundUp**, send address and photos, along with a short note explaining what makes it so special to [nroggio@dobsonranch.com](mailto:nroggio@dobsonranch.com).





## Keep Palm Trees Trimmed

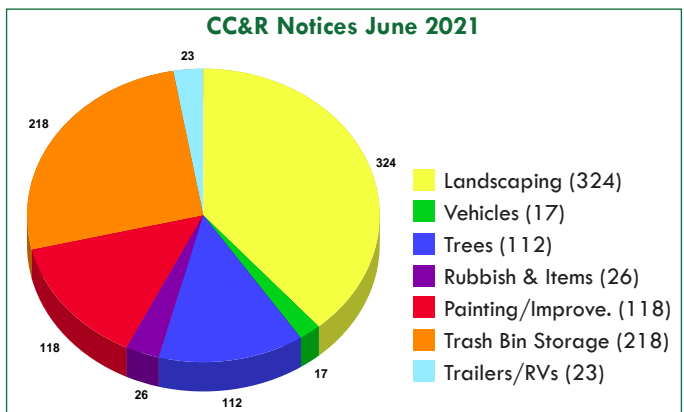
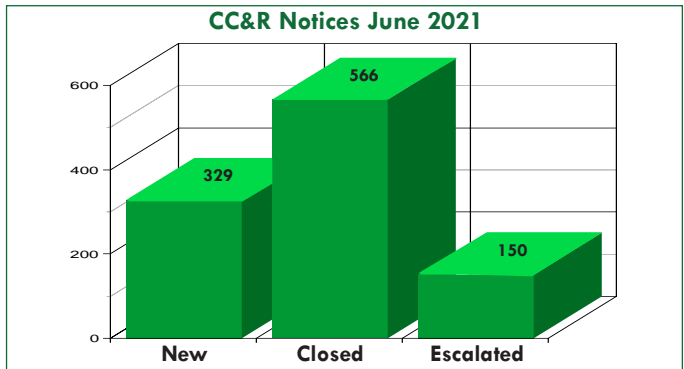


It's that time of year again for homeowners to enjoy the sun and start trimming their palm trees. Per the **Residential Architectural Guidelines, Section 2.17 Trees** - All Palm trees must be trimmed on a regular basis to remove any dead or brown fronds from palm trees in front yards and rear yards.

Be sure to check your monthly **Rancher's Roundup** for Display and Classified ads to find a Dobson Ranch recommended landscaper. If, at any time, you have questions or concerns regarding code enforcement, please contact the administrative office at **480-831-8314** and I will be happy to assist you.

Thank you,  
**Camille Gonzales**, Operations Manager

## CC&R Notices



## Signs of the Times

You may have seen some work being done at the various entrances around Dobson Ranch with our existing monument signs being removed. After much review and careful consideration by the **Master Planning Committee**, and with Board approval at the June Board Meeting, our re-designed monument signs will begin being installed and are expected to be completed by mid-October.

These signs will refresh Dobson Ranch and give us a smart, classy look. We are replacing our banner and event signs as well to give us a uniform look.

These and other improvements around the Ranch will keep Dobson Ranch known throughout the Valley as... **"The Best Place to Live!"**



EXISTING CONDITION



DOBSON RANCH

APPROVED ENTRY SIGN





## DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

### Pantry Pests and Summer Heat

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener



#### Inside the House...

Insects move indoors during the hottest part of the summer. There are a host of pests that would enjoy a meal in your pantry: bean weevil, rice weevil, flour beetle, grain beetle, Indian meal moth, roach, ant, firebrat, etc. Some are specific feeders, meaning that they will eat just specific things such as grains or pasta. Others are general feeders that aren't fussy at all.

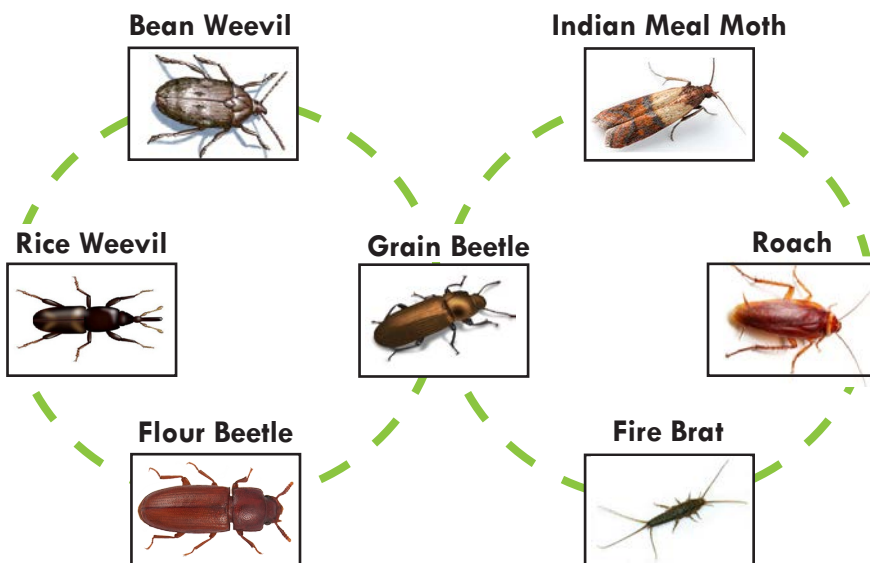
Keeping a clean cabinet helps prevent their visits. Vacuum out crumbs in corners and cracks, thoroughly wipe everything else down. Store food in glass, metal or heavy plastic containers that have tight, insect-proof lids to keep insects out of your food. Cardboard, cellophane, metal foils, and flexible plastics are not barriers for most pantry pests in larvae or adult stages. Check new food purchases for pests before you store them. I once found cockroaches in dried cat food. Watch out for little spills, they make a meal for a bug.

Pantry pests generally found in food products will not harm humans or animals. Place food in the freezer at 32° F or lower for 4-5 days or in the oven at 140° F for 30 minutes to kill any insects.

#### Meanwhile Outside the House...

Be sure to keep deep watering your landscape plants. Water all the way around your plants for at least one hour several feet away from your trees, bushes, flowers, cactus, and succulents. Yes, cactus too. High temperatures and no rain means that they need your attention more desperately than ever.

It's easy to forget how hot pots can get when they're in the full sun in the summer; up to 128° F or more on the sunny side of the pot. It's not a bad idea to try to insulate pots by double potting or otherwise shielding them from the direct sun. Or, use two layers of burlap or shade cloth around the pots. Secure with string or a clothespin.



#### Homeowner Improvements

### Architectural Applications June 2021

By Carole Stabile, Member Services Coordinator

**36 Applications** **\$ 242,191**

<b>DOBSON RANCH UNIT I</b>	
Roof	\$ 11,480
Paint	\$ 4,200
Window Replacement	\$ 13,000

<b>DOBSON RANCH UNIT III</b>	
Paint	\$ 200
Landscape	\$ 14,000
Block Wall	\$ 3,250

<b>DOBSON RANCH UNIT V</b>	
Paint	\$ 5,100
Roof	\$ 11,000

<b>DOBSON PINES</b>	
Garage Door	\$ 450

<b>DOBSON SHORES</b>	
Paint	\$ 3,500
Window Replacement	\$ 9,904
Block Wall	\$ 2,300

<b>LAGUNA SHORES</b>	
Roof	\$ 33,000
Front Door	\$ 3,000
Paint	\$ 4,500
Driveway Extension	\$ 2,500

<b>LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED</b>	
Window Replacement	\$ 6,000
Front Door	\$ 5,000

<b>GOLDEN PALMS ESTATES</b>	
Solar Panels	\$ 25,303
Paint	\$ 1,500

<b>LOS ALTOS</b>	
Landscape	\$ 4,000
Paint	\$ 6,950

<b>REGENCY ESTATES</b>	
Landscape	\$ 13,622
Paint	\$ 300

<b>SARATOGA LAKES</b>	
Solar Panels	\$ 47,632

<b>WESTPORT BAY</b>	
Mailbox Relocation	\$ 800

<b>KNOELL VILLA SOLANO</b>	
Landscape	\$ 4,100

<b>BROOKEDGE ESTATES</b>	
Landscape	\$ 5,600

**Home Sales**  
Trustee Properties:  
1 – House  
Home Sales: 42





## Resident Q&A With Councilmember Heredia

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



We are honored to have **Councilmember Francisco Heredia** as our "Mover and Shaker" this month answering questions sent in by our residents and Executive Director **Lynelle Glysso** in this Q&A-style interview.

**Q: We have noticed an increase in homeless people walking through our neighborhood. What are your plans to keep our neighborhood family friendly and child centric?** (Question sent in by **Anna Cameron**.)

**FH:** All Valley cities have reported an increase in homelessness and/or increased community concern about seeing more homeless people on the streets. The COVID-19 pandemic and associated unemployment appears to be contributing to the number of people experiencing homelessness locally and nationally.

Addressing homelessness has become a priority for me, and for my colleagues at the Mesa City Council. As a result, we have launched various initiatives to address homelessness such as operation "Off the Streets," community court, hiring navigators through non-profit organizations, among others. You can learn more about our efforts through **Mesa's Strategic Plan for Addressing Homelessness: [www.mesaaz.gov/residents/community-development/reducing-homelessness](http://www.mesaaz.gov/residents/community-development/reducing-homelessness)**.

Besides our citywide efforts, we are exploring partnerships at a regional level to find the solution that can best address this problem. Please know that I continue to work hard in finding creative solutions to address this, and other issues, currently present within our city.

**Q: The noise along Route 101 decreases our ability to enjoy our backyard as it is too loud to talk comfortably, whereas before the freeway re-structure we had our windows open often to enjoy our AZ weather. What are your plans for keeping the AZ Department of Transportation focused on solving this issue, instead of taking the easier, less expensive option of using a louder pavement?** (Question sent in by **Anna Cameron**.)

**FH:** After many conversations with residents along the 101-Price Freeway corridor regarding an increase in noise complaints following recent construction, the City of Mesa, along with the cities of Tempe and Chandler, asked the Maricopa Association of Governments to conduct an independent noise study to better understand the causes of the increase in disturbances. That study is currently underway and is scheduled to be completed by December of this year. The study will involve an extensive variety of noise measurements, including readings directly from residents' homes. After the study concludes, Maricopa Association of Governments and City of Mesa staff will review the results to determine the best next steps to address future noise concerns.

Residents that would like to submit a complaint or provide feedback can do so by filling out the ADOT contact form: [https://apps.azdot.gov/contact\\_adot/](https://apps.azdot.gov/contact_adot/)

**Q: I frequently ride my bicycle along the Western Canal, which is the boundary between Mesa & Chandler. This is a very**

**popular area for bikers and pedestrian traffic. The Chandler side has been significantly improved, with paved path, landscaping, lights, rest areas, and even water fountains. The Mesa side is a mess, with a mishmash of fences and walls, piles of trash, and yards which should be code violations. We don't need duplicate paved paths. I realize some of this area is probably SRP property, but can't something be done to improve this area, especially between Country Club and Dobson? This is the gateway to Mesa, and currently presents a very poor image.** (Question sent in by **Frank Mizner**).

**FH:** The north "Mesa-side" portion of the Western Canal, from L101 to Country Club, is owned/maintained by SRP. City of Mesa staff has contacted them and reported the situation. We hope to work with them to have this resolved soon. Regarding the fencing, walls and yard condition, that is up to the property owners to maintain. Our Code Compliance Department is currently looking at the fencing conditions along the canal between Country Club and Dobson. This is a two-mile stretch and depending on the severity of the problem, it might become a long-term project. I can have more information on a plan to address this situation in the upcoming weeks. As we continue to work towards this project, we will continue to monitor the area and if you have any feedback, we would like to know.

**Q: I have concerns regarding the maintenance of the sidewalks/parkways on the Ranch. Specifically, there are weeds that are about 2 feet high growing out of the sidewalk near the construction site at Dobson & Isabella. There has also been a significant amount of trash along the sidewalks on Baseline between Longmore and Pennington. Not only are there old food containers and used, dirty masks, there has been a dead bird there for a couple of weeks. I'm not knowledgeable as to the frequency of cleanup - or which organization is responsible. What can be done?** (Question sent in by **Tracy Pastore**.)

**FH:** Our Transportation Department oversees streets maintenance. However, sometimes these types of issues fall into property owners' responsibility, depending on the specific location. My office has coordinated with the Transportation Department and Code Compliance to address your concerns. When in doubt, please submit a request for service and our staff will route it to the responsible party. It is a great help when residents report any issues or concerns, and the best way to report maintenance issues is through the City of Mesa **CityLink Online System: [citylink.mesaaz.gov](http://citylink.mesaaz.gov)**. This is a user-friendly platform where residents have the ability to:

- Submit issues, and attach photos, either via the web portal or a mobile app.
- View the status of their request.
- View the location and status of other requests.

This system can be used to submit a wide variety of requests: street maintenance, graffiti, code compliance, water issues, deceased animals, etc. Through this system, City of Mesa staff can efficiently route the request to the appropriate depart-





ment in a timely manner. I encourage you to visit this website and find how useful it can be. That said, if you find that your issues are not being resolved, please feel free to reach out to my office, and I will gladly coordinate with the appropriate departments to address your concerns.

**Q: What is the process for reporting City Code violations?**

**FH:** As mentioned previously, the best way residents can report any code compliance violations is through the City of Mesa **CityLink Online System:** [citylink.mesaaz.gov](http://citylink.mesaaz.gov). Residents can also report issues via phone by contacting the Development Services Department Call Center at 480-644-4273 or by email. Each area is assigned a Code Compliance Officer. This website has important information regarding the code compliance officer assigned to your area. You can find contact info and an interactive map that will give you a lot of useful information: [www.mesaaz.gov/residents/code-compliance/code-compliance-staff](http://www.mesaaz.gov/residents/code-compliance/code-compliance-staff).

**Q: Are there any plans to review bringing back more recycling options in the city of Mesa?**

**FH:** Recycling remains a high priority for the City of Mesa. Unfortunately, our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) vendor that experienced a fire in October 2019 continues to remain offline. While we are delivering as much recyclable material as possible to our remaining MRF vendor, there are currently no other viable private MRF options available at this time. Therefore, our focus remains on exploring long-term, sustainable recycling solutions. We are working with our engineering department on creating a solid waste and recycling master plan. We appreciate your patience and remind residents that while recycling does conserve natural resources, we can make much more significant gains in managing our waste stream by reducing and reusing. Simple behavioral changes, such as minimizing the use of single-serving and single-use packaging, can reduce the amount of resources and energy required to produce, transport and dispose of those items at the end of their short life cycle.

As we continue to explore long-term options, I would like to remind you about the items currently accepted in our recycling program:

- Beverage Bottles, Jugs and Cans (*Water, soda, juice bottles, beer and wine bottles, aluminum soda cans, and milk jugs.*)
- Metal Food Cans (*Soup cans, vegetable cans, canned fruit cans, pet food cans, etc.*)
- Cardboard (*Corrugated cardboard only, which has a wavy center layer.*)
- Paper (*Mail & junk mail, office paper, magazines, newspaper.*)

For additional information please visit [www.mesaaz.gov/residents/trash-recycling/trash-recycling-for-single-family-homes/blue-barrel-recycling-program](http://www.mesaaz.gov/residents/trash-recycling/trash-recycling-for-single-family-homes/blue-barrel-recycling-program)

**Q: Tell us about the Non-Discrimination Ordinance that the City Council has passed. At what stage is this ordinance?**

**FH:** On March 1, 2021, the Mesa City Council approved a non-discrimination ordinance prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing and places of public accommodation based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, veteran's status, marital status, genetic information, or familial status. The new ordinance took effect on June 29, 2021.

In efforts to educate our community, we have planned for an extensive outreach campaign with an educational approach which includes creating informational content that will be listed on the website, educational flyers specifically for businesses, and targeting that business education over the summer with several of our City partner organizations.

**Q: What are some new projects that are underway in District 3?**

**FH: NW Corner of Alma School and Southern:**

The Landing at Fiesta Village will consist of 220 market rate apartments with 1-3 bedroom units, amenities, and a much-improved pedestrian environment with new retail offerings along Southern. Existing buildings have been demolished and construction is anticipated to be complete in September 2022.

**NW Corner of Dobson and Isabella:**

The Broadstone Dobson Ranch plans for a luxury multi-family community with approximately 288 units. Construction began in the Fall of 2020 and has recently completed demolition and mass grading of the 10-acre site. Building foundations and vertical construction are currently underway, with an anticipated opening in the Spring of 2022.

**SW Corner of Main and Dobson:**

Mekong 88 is an expansion of the existing marketplace. This will be 32,670 square feet of new construction on a currently vacant 2.44 net acre lot perpendicular to current Mekong Supermarket building on the southern end. Mekong 88 is located in Mesa's Asian District, which contains more than 70 Asian-related businesses, near Dobson Road in West Mesa.

This website has an interactive map listing all the current Mesa developments, stage in the building process, and additional details: <https://opengis.mesaaz.gov/apps/5022a5e0e5a347769c4e8e43d5ae5b2b/explore>

**Q: What are the City's plans for Fiesta Mall?**

**FH:** The Fiesta Mall site has always been a priority of mine. The property was owned by several different owners who did not have the same vision for the site. This represented a challenge in moving forward with redevelopment. I am happy to announce that the property will soon be owned by one entity, and we will be able to move forward with master planning for the site. I look forward to working with the developers, city staff and the community to see this site reemerge as a major hub for West Mesa.

**In conclusion...**

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to address some of your concerns. I hope the information I have provided is helpful. Please know that you can always contact my office at 480-644-6275 or by email at [District3@mesaAZ.gov](mailto:District3@mesaAZ.gov). To stay up to date regarding city programs and resources, please follow me on social media:

- Facebook @CouncilmemberFranciscoHeredia
- Twitter and Instagram @MesaDistrict3
- You can also sign up for my monthly newsletter by sending a request to [District3@MesaAZ.gov](mailto:District3@MesaAZ.gov).

**- Francisco Heredia, Councilmember District 3**



## Save Money with Xeriscape

By Becky Zusy, Conservation Coordinator, City of Mesa



Did you know that grass landscapes use twice as much water as desert landscaping? Converting grass into an attractive low water using landscape is one of the best ways to conserve water and energy, save money on your water bill and reduce maintenance.

### The City of Mesa is offering a **Grass-to-Xeriscape Landscape Incentive**. When a

homeowner applies to remove at least 500 square feet or more of established and living grass and plans to replace it with low water use plants (*not just artificial turf*), the project may qualify to receive a **\$500** incentive from the City of Mesa. Grass must be alive at time of application and completed projects are not eligible to apply.

With our **Trees Are Cool** additional incentive, Grass-to-Xeriscape Landscape Incentive applicants who add low water use trees to their new converted landscape may be eligible to receive an additional **\$75!** The Grass-to-Xeriscape program is designed to save water, and it also is intended to promote overall sustainability. This includes reducing heat island effect through plant shading. Plants also supply oxygen, provide wildlife habitat, and absorb carbon dioxide, among other environmental benefits. Take our online quiz at [mesaaz.gov/conservation](http://mesaaz.gov/conservation) to see if you might qualify!

Understandably, converting from grass to Xeriscape can be a big decision for homeowners, businesses and communities. But, don't be concerned that Xeriscape is just rocks and cactus. There are hundreds of varieties of low water use plants that bring color, beauty and function to the landscape. Xeriscape is common sense landscaping incorporating principles such as good planning, use of well-adapted plants, efficient irrigation, use of water-saving mulches and more.

While it does require some "up front" money to convert grass to Xeriscape, it will save dollars in the long run. The costs can vary greatly depending on existing conditions and desired landscape changes. It requires 35,000 gallons per year to properly water 1,000 square feet of turf, while low water use plants use only 15,000 gallons for the same amount of space. If you're still looking for more reasons to convert here are...

### The Top Ten Reasons to Convert to Xeriscape:

**10. Save Time** - Grass will need mowing once every week

or two. Fertilizing should be done monthly. Mowers, weed whackers and irrigation require maintenance. Dethatching and aerating are also needed periodically. Don't forget to add weed, disease and pest control to your schedule.

**9. Save Water** - Bermuda and ryegrass require about 60 inches of water each year, but we average only 8 inches of rainfall each year (*and last year we were not even close to that*). In comparison, a Xeriscape uses one-half to two-thirds LESS water than a lawn.

**8. Preserve Water Quality & Save Energy** - Less or even no fertilizers and pesticides are needed with Xeriscape. Much of our water pollution comes from runoff of these products from urban landscapes. Xeriscapes also provide great energy-saving benefits. A lawn has been shown to reduce home cooling requirements as much as 4 percent compared to a home with no vegetation cover. However, a Xeriscape

with good tree, shrub and vine placement can cut cooling costs up to 46 percent.

**7. Save Money** - Save on the cost of water, fertilizer, mowing, seed and labor. Other costs that often aren't considered include water damage to walls, private streets and mower damage to trees or the irrigation system. Additional savings can come from the lower energy bills when plants are placed strategically around buildings.

**6. Save Landfill Space** - Grass clippings create a great deal of waste for the landfills.

**5. Save the Air** - Two-cycle engines such as gas-powered mowers, blowers and weed trimmers contribute to our air pollution problems.

### **4. Decrease Noise Pollution** -

Mowers, weed whackers and leaf blowers have become a major source of background noise in many neighborhoods.

**3. Set an Example** - One good conversion begets another... you'll be surprised by the inspiration you can provide to your neighbors. If you look to the future and respect our desert environment, this is an opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to using our natural resources wisely.

**2. Save Frustration** - Common problems include fertilizer issues, dead spots caused by diseases, and constant upkeep and maintenance of irrigation. Plus, you'll be mowing during the hottest part of summer when Bermuda grows best.

**1. No More Mowing** - This is your chance... how many parts of the country are there where you can totally get away with not having a lawn?!

### Mesa Homes Before & After Xeriscape Landscaping



Photo on right was taken 1-1/2 years later.



Photo on right was taken 7 years later.



Photo on right was taken 2 years later.

Check out [mesaaz.gov/conservation](http://mesaaz.gov/conservation) or email [conservation.info@mesaaz.gov](mailto:conservation.info@mesaaz.gov) for more information!





## Summer at the Ranch

By Joseph Trickett, Water Management and Lake Habitat Committee Chairman



Though the official start date of the monsoon season is June 15th, here, at the Ranch, we typically do not see any measurable rainfall until after the Fourth of July. The middle and end of June brought excessive heat, with excessive heat warnings put in place for most of the State.

Last year we saw 105 days with temperatures of 100 degrees or higher, this year our first 100-degree day was on Wednesday, May 5th, compared to last year's first 100-degree day being recorded on April 26th. Typically, our first 100-degree day here in the Valley happens the first week of May. With our summer having an average start and June typically being our hottest month on average, we can expect high and dry conditions until the monsoon arrives to give us some much-needed moisture.

High air temperatures increase soil temperatures which, in turn, increase water temperatures in our lakes. At the end of June water levels in our lakes were increased to a total of 12.8-acre feet of water over the normal level to combat the excessive heat. An acre-foot of water is 43,560 cubic feet of water which equals about 326,000 gallons. Depending on the monsoon forecast, the lake draw will be adjusted, and water levels lowered to make room for storm water. Last year's monsoon did

not bring much in the way of rainfall. Few areas surpassed 1 inch of rainfall in 2020. We saw 4 to 5 inches in 2018 and 2019.

The monsoon is driven by shifting winds bringing in moisture from the Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf of California. As our summer heat builds, that moisture rises and produces powerful thunderstorms. This year **The Climate Prediction Center** puts the Phoenix metropolitan area under equal chances for above-normal, below-normal, or near-normal rainfall. In other words, we will just have to wait and see. *(Must be nice to be a meteorologist!)*

As for our lakes, high water temps and ample amounts of sunlight drive photosynthesis, phytoplankton (*tiny plants*) and zooplankton (*tiny animals*), which will begin to thrive causing our lakes to green. Lake conditions will be monitored to make sure these processes do not get out of hand. Migratory birds will continue to head back north for the summer, while our resident birds will tough it out with the rest of us.

**Just a friendly reminder!** Please **do not** feed the ducks and geese, it is important for them to be encouraged to head back north for the summer. Too many resident birds can cause a strain on our lake systems, and nothing is worse than getting company that sticks around for free food!





## From the Recreation Director's Desk



**By Jesse Wright**  
Recreation Manager

Now that the weather is in the triple digits, come out and enjoy your community pools and splash pad! Swimming is great exercise and being submerged in water is a super fun way to stay cool! See the Dobson Ranch App for summer pool and splash pad hours. Our new summer hours at the La Casita Recreation Center run from June 1st – September 5th. We are open Monday thru Saturday 8:00 am - 9:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm. We will be open limited hours during the summer holidays (10:00 am - 6:00 pm on July 4th and 5th).

Bring your dogs out for a fun romp in Laguna Park on September 11 for **Bark in the Park**. There'll be fenced areas for big and small dogs, and plenty of interesting vendors that cater exclusively to your canine. Sign up to participate in virtual contests including Best Trick, Dog Owner Lookalike and Most Patriotic Pooch by emailing your entries starting August 30th - September 3rd by noon to [Awright@dobsonranch.com](mailto:Awright@dobsonranch.com). Social distancing rules will apply.

Golfers! Mark your calendar for the **17th Annual Golf Tournament** on Saturday, September 18th. Registration starts June 14th at the La Casita Recreation Center.

**Remember:** You can register for classes/activities online using **ActiveNet** at [qpm.activecommunities.com/dobsonranchrec](http://qpm.activecommunities.com/dobsonranchrec). Then simply search for the activity in which you wish to participate. If you have any questions, please call La Casita Recreation Center at **480-831-7464** and we can help you through the process.

## Tennis Tip for July: Beat the Coach



**By Kwong Young**  
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

### Be the Player Who Can Beat the Coach

From grade school through college, we learned through books and the help and guidance from our teachers/instructors. Many of us still remember what a teacher said to us that made an impact on us for years to come. Your teachers all wanted the best for their students and it was up to us to take responsibility to do our assignments by studying, learning and remembering the facts. This is no different when a tennis player who wants to seriously improve will seek out an instructor of his or her choice either through private or group lessons. The player will absorb what the tennis instructor preaches and practice the recommended drills to help them focus and stay sharper as a player.

My first coach was a college player who was #5 on the team and in about three year's time I was good enough to beat my coach starting from a beginner 1.5 level. Coach Steve was an excellent coach who groomed me well, but I was an excellent student that absorbed everything he preached to me and spent six or seven days a week practicing to help me rise to the top of my game quickly.

My theory is simple: If you can beat the coach then don't listen to them. However, if you cannot beat the coach, pay attention!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Coach Kwong will be out of town during most of August and will not be offering any tennis classes. However, Coach Kwong will offer private lesson time by appointment only during August. You can reach Kwong at (480) 759-2248.

### LA CASITA RECREATION CENTER

#### Summer Building Hours:

Memorial Day 5/31 – Labor Day 9/6

Sunday	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Monday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Thursday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm

Closed Holidays

#### Summer Pool/Splashpad Hours:

Memorial Day 5/31 – Labor Day 9/6

Sunday	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Monday	9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Tuesday	Noon – 9:00 pm
Wednesday	Noon – 9:00 pm
Thursday	Noon – 9:00 pm
Friday	Noon – 9:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm

Closed Holidays

### LOS ALTOS RECREATION CENTER

#### Summer Building Hours:

Memorial Day 5/31 – Labor Day 9/6

Sunday	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Monday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Thursday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm

#### Summer Pool Hours:

Memorial Day 5/31 – Labor Day 9/6

Sunday	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Monday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Tuesday	Noon – 9:00 pm <i>(Dobson Dolphins practice 7:00 am-11:30 am)</i>
Wednesday	Noon – 9:00 pm <i>(Dobson Dolphins practice 7:00 am-11:30 am)</i>
Thursday	Noon – 9:00 pm <i>(Dobson Dolphins practice 7:00 am-11:30 am)</i>
Friday	Noon – 9:00 pm <i>(Dobson Dolphins practice 7:00 am-11:30 am)</i>
Saturday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
<b>Leisure pool open M-F 8:00 am - 9:00 pm</b>	

### SARATOGA RECREATION CENTER

#### Summer Building Hours:

Memorial Day 5/31 – Labor Day 9/6

Sunday	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Monday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
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#### Summer Pool Hours:

Memorial Day 5/31 – Labor Day 9/6

Sunday	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
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**WHAT COULD BE MORE RELAXING THAN WATCHING A MOVIE FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR POOL FLOAT IN LOS ALTOS POOL ON A HOT SUMMER'S EVENING? NOTHING!**

## FLOAT



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## 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](http://www.dobsonranch.com).

### ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES

#### TAI CHI

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

Time:	10:00 am	Intermediate Tai Chi
	11:00 am	Beginning 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: Saratoga 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, 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: Saratoga 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

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.







## AQUA ZUMBA

**Instructor:** Karen  
**When:** Thursdays (June 3 - October 7)  
**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 10/07/21)



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 work out 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 7 - October 7)  
**No class on Monday, July 5.**  
**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 10/7/21)

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



## CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

### FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

**Code:** 6021  
**When:** Thursdays (July 29 - September 2)  
**Where:** Saratoga 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. (continued)

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:** 6020  
**When:** Tuesdays (July 27 - August 31)  
**Where:** Saratoga 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:** 6022  
**When:** Thursdays (July 29 - September 2)  
**Where:** Saratoga 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.**

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.



## ACTIVITIES

**Texan Hold 'Em Poker** (Must be 18 years of age or older)  
**When:** 4th Friday of month (July 23)  
**Time:** 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)

**Bunco**  
**When:** 3rd Friday of month (July 16)  
**Time:** 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)

**Bridge**  
**When:** Mondays (Call Bette Parrish at 480-206-3514 to join.)  
**Time:** 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

All three activities are held at the Saratoga Recreation Center. Cost for **Poker** and **Bunco**: Free to residents, \$5 non-residents.



Weekly Themes,  
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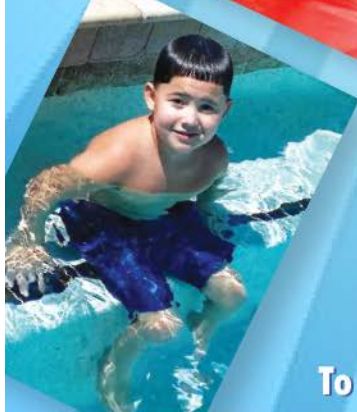


Swimming, Trips,  
Games & more!

PHOTOS FROM WEEKS 1 & 2



Note: Masks  
were removed  
for some photos.



To see more camp photos, visit our Facebook page.





**More fun  
than ever before!**



**Camp continues  
through July 30!**

PHOTOS FROM WEEKS 3 & 4



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DOBSON RANCH  
GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**



**\$75 Per Player!**

**Includes Lunch, Goodie Bag and Cart!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**

**DOBSON RANCH GOLF COURSE**

**Checkin: 6:30 am / Shotgun Start: 7:00 am**





## GOLF TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:



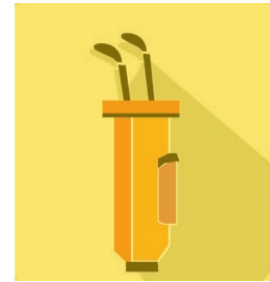
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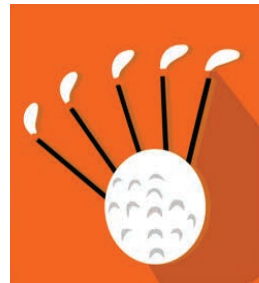
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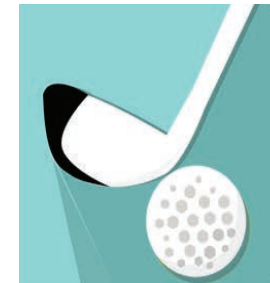
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Par sponsors will be promoted in the *Ranchers' RoundUp* magazine in October. Additional promotion will include our website and social media.



**Birdie Package**  
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Package includes Par Package plus...  
Your business promotional information at tee box.



**Eagle Package**  
**\$225**  
Package includes Birdie Package plus...  
One entry into the tournament that includes play, cart, lunch and goodie bag.



**Double Eagle Pkg.** \$275  
Eagle Package plus...  
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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.). Contact Jesse at number below.

Promotion in *RoundUp* (if signed up by 8/18/21).

For questions or sponsorship information, contact **Jesse Wright** at **480-831-7464** or [jwright@dobsonranch.com](mailto:jwright@dobsonranch.com).



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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021



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By Jill Snyder, Treasurer

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By Jack Wagner, Chairman & Dobson Ranch resident since 1979



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## Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Frank Saavedra, President

The pandemic is continuing to be less and less of a problem in our community, and our lives continue to "loosen up." While in some cases we haven't yet reached our old norms, we keep getting closer and closer. Our members are happy to again participate in Club activities. We have resumed **Happy Hour, Dinner Out, Ladies Lunch, Game Day, and Men's Breakfast** activities. Our June and July socials are back. These are examples of returning to old norms.

While creating a lot of change and bother, the pandemic has caused people to look at things differently because of having to make a lot of changes. Working from home will be more commonplace in our society. Virtual meetings may replace some traveling. Virtual family gatherings are becoming more common as well. I have to wonder how having to deal with changes will affect our Club. Will things ever completely return to the old normal? The next few months may give us an idea of how our Club will move forward in post pandemic times.

**God Bless You!**

Frank

Be sure to check the Events Calendar on the back page to see schedules for **Retirees' Game Day, Bunco, Poker and Bridge.**



**Dinner Out**  
at Outback Steakhouse



**Ladies Lunch**  
at Crackers & Co. Café

## Yep... It's Too Darn Hot, But We Are Playing On

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

The committed pickleball players at Dobson Ranch are pressing on through the heat and sometimes higher humidity, but our attendance is also a little less due to some vacation evacuations, as well as a few scheduled medical procedures. What better time to be sidelined by your doctor for awhile than this weather! We do love the shade on the east side by the lake for a break and will try to keep a fan running there at times to help provide an "illusion of cooling." If you can join us, please pre-hydrate, bring some Gatorade or cool water to stay hydrated, and a wet towel around the neck does help.

Our Association courts are available between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm every day to residents with a Fob, and we are glad to orient newcomers to the sport anytime you might want to come out during our "Drop-In Hours." If you want a chair, please bring one, and we do have shady places to relax near the Los Altos Lake. Plus, there's great views of the ducks and ducklings, if you are watching. You also might occasionally see fishermen landing a nice-sized bass here and there. Nice job by our Fishing Club and Water Management and Lake Habitat Committee on creating a great habitat out there.

**Dobson Ranch Pickleball Drop-In Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday starting at 7:00 am, and Monday and Thursday evenings under the lights, starting at 6:30 pm, or earlier.

To those who read this who may not be on our email list, please join us so we can maximize our opportunities for play as we approach court remodeling later this summer. We will be relocating temporarily once demolition gets under way, so watch for further word on timing and a new location.

We continue to welcome new resident players, but do advise checking with us before coming out to make sure our schedule has not changed. We provide balls for drop-in play through the generous donations of our players, and can provide loaned paddles, but please wear appropriate attire including court shoes. Contact **Rich Bitner** ([rebitner@cs.com](mailto:rebitner@cs.com)) or **Frank Mizner** ([planner1948@gmail.com](mailto: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. Please contact **Donna Ransom** at [donna85202@gmail.com](mailto:donna85202@gmail.com) to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.



A rare sight... Pickleball was rained out on June 23rd.

**Stay Healthy, Practice Safe Exercise, Get the Vaccine & Pickle-On!**





## Women's Club

By **Patty Smith**, Women's Club President

Happy July Birthday, America!

Last month we had a **Surprise 90 Years Young Birthday Bunco Party for Sameera**. Sameera continues to lead a very fascinating life. She is very talented and is a Master Bridge Player and a Concert Pianist. She was playing at the first event I attended with the Retirees' Club. Gary and I still remember her beautiful music. We enjoyed a salad supper at her birthday party.

**Bunco** was hosted by **Pauline**. Thank you for offering your beautiful home. We had a wonderful time. The food was delicious. Oh, and Bunco was fun, too.

For **Out to Lunch** we went to **Mimi's Café**. We celebrated birthday wishes for Miss Mike and Barb. We had not been to Mimi's in a long time. The food was good and the company even better. It feels so good to share our lunch and friendship with each other.

Our **Kathrine Blomquist** is a Busy Bee. Great article on the Bee World. Thank you for all you do...10 times over. You're the best!

Congratulations to **Nancy Roggio**, our Communication Manager, for being awarded the Employee of the Month for June. She wears so many "hats" in her job. She is remarkable and so good at all she does for us and the Ranch. Thank you for your service to the Ranch.

Please keep **Phyllis Bleakley** and **Phyllis Sipes** in your thoughts and prayers. They are going through some major health issues. When we can help, they will let me know. We also wish **Laurie** a speedy recovery from her knee surgery.

We need to also keep our firefighters and first responders in our prayers. They work so hard in bad conditions to keep us safe. They are our Daily Heroes. Thank you to each and every one of them!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

**Blessings to all,**  
Patty



L. to R.: Vicky, Donna, Jacque, Miss Mike, Patricia, Barb, Patty, Pauline and Lynda at **Out to Lunch** at Mimi's Café



Happy 90th Birthday, Sameera!



## High Tide is Here for 41st Season!

### Go Dolphins!

This summer's team consists of 117 swimmers, ages 5-18, and a new coaching staff. So far, the team has participated in Time Trials, dining fundraisers, an away swim meet, and **Swim-a-Thon**.

Being around for 41 years is just a small part of what makes the Dobson Dolphins so special. The Dobson Dolphins is a distinct swim team because of the individual members. Swimmers work hard during daily practice, push themselves during time trials, all while supporting and encouraging one another.

Take a walk by the Jr. Olympic Pool at Los Altos Tuesday through Friday mornings, and you will hear the sounds of much cheering and splashin'.

In July, the team will have favorite annual events like the **Patriotic Meet** and **Water Fun Day**. We are also heading to our neighborhood **Dairy Queen** (July 7) and **La Famiglia** (July 15) for this month's dining fundraisers. All fundraising events help to defray team costs, so please check out **DobsonDolphins.com** for more information and schedules.



## Mesa Public Schools Welcomes Class of 2034

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



Photo by Tim Hacker

Give your child the best start to their education by enrolling them in kindergarten at Mesa Public Schools. Families have a variety of options, including free Montessori, dual language immersion, International Baccalaureate, Franklin traditional schools and more. With award-winning neighborhood schools located throughout the district, there's always an excellent choice around the corner.

The first day of school begins Tuesday, August 3. Whether you will be selecting full- or half-day kindergarten, it's important to enroll your child online as soon as possible at [mpsaz.org/enroll](https://mpsaz.org/enroll).

### What is needed to register my child?

To register your child, you will need proof of the child's age and identity, their current immunization record and proof of physical residence. Children enrolling in kindergarten must turn 5 before September 1, per state law and Governing Board policy. Younger learners may be eligible to participate in preschool, prekindergarten and early-entrance assessment. For more information regarding early learning programs, please visit [mpsaz.org/kinderu](https://mpsaz.org/kinderu).

Education is a partnership between the family and school, and each child's path may be different. If you have questions about school readiness, have a milestone discussion with your child's preschool teacher or pediatrician. Consider speaking with the principal or a kindergarten teacher at the school your child will attend, and explore the school's website for helpful information.

**Kim Freehan**, early childhood specialist for Mesa Public Schools, shares that preparing children for kindergarten is an exciting time. It's when they grow into independent and enthusiastic learners.

"Exposure to a variety of books will increase children's language skills and self-expression," Freehan says. "Help instill a love of learning in your child. Children love words that are unique. Think about selecting books about real-life people, places and events. Study the pictures together to see how they illustrate the facts."

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**SPRINKLER REPAIR** – Working in Dobson Ranch since 1981. Scarecrow Sprinkler Repair. Frank 602-690-4767. Not a licensed contractor.

## AT YOUR SERVICE

Ads are published **FREE** for Ranch teens.

**HI! MY NAME IS DILLON STUART** – I am a Jr. High student living in Dobson Ranch. I will come to you and clean your trash bins. Each bin is \$15. I will power wash the interior/exterior of your bin, clean it out with a bleach cleaner and make it smell fresh and clean. Contact my parents to schedule your cleaning at 602-524-6710 or email me at [cleanestbin@gmail.com](mailto:cleanestbin@gmail.com).

**AESTHETICIAN - SKIN CARE SERVICES** – My name is Mariyah and I am a Senior in High School who graduated from EVIT as an Aesthetician. I'm 17 years old and would love for you to be my client. My services consist of: Mini Facials; Basic Facials; Eyelash Extensions; Chemical Peels and more. Contact me at Instagram: @glambyra or mobile phone 480-272-5227.

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

**HI, MY NAME IS EMMA** – I'm a 17 year old responsible H.S. student living in Dobson Ranch. I'm available to babysit, house sit or dog sit. 5 years experience. Babysitter/CPR certified. Reasonable rates and I have my own transportation. 480-489-5439.

## CLASSIFIED AD COSTS & DEADLINE

All business and non-resident classified advertising is **\$1.00** per word. Cost for residents' non-business classified advertising is **\$0.50** per word. Applicable tax will be added to the amount due. Classified ads are limited to **40** words.

Payment is due at time of ad placement. Contracts are not required for classified advertising.

**Our Classified Ad deadline is the 10th of the month prior to publication date. No exceptions.**



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# Calendar of Events

JULY 2021/AUGUST 2021

All events are subject to change. Visit the Events Calendar at [dobsonranchhoa.com](http://dobsonranchhoa.com) for updated info.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>SUMMER CAMP HOPE - La Casita Recreation Center 7:30 am - 5:30pm Grande/Chica Room</b>					
<b>Water Aerobics</b> 7:30 am La Casita Pool <b>Bridge</b> 12:30 pm Saratoga Room <b>Yoga for Beginners</b> 5:30 pm Saratoga Room <b>Water &amp; Lake Mgmt. Mtg.</b> 5:30 pm Chica Room <b>Budget and Finance Mtg.</b> 6:30 pm Grande Room	<b>Water Aerobics</b> 7:30 am La Casita Pool <b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Saratoga Room <b>Architectural Committee Mtg.</b> 6:30 pm Chica Room	<b>Water Aerobics</b> 7:30 am La Casita Pool <b>Tai Chi Intermed. &amp; Beginner</b> 10:00 & 11:00 am Saratoga <b>Tai Chi Intermed. &amp; Beginner</b> 6:00 & 7:00 pm Saratoga	<b>Water Aerobics</b> 7:30 am La Casita Pool <b>Healing Yoga</b> 8:15 am Saratoga Room <b>Aqua Zumba</b> 6:30 pm La Casita Pool <b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> 7:00 pm Grande Room	<b>Retirees' Game Day</b> 1:00 pm Saratoga Room <b>Bunco</b> 6:30 pm Saratoga Room	Sunday 18
19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>SUMMER CAMP HOPE - La Casita Recreation Center 7:30 am - 5:30pm Grande/Chica Room</b>					
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