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Isaac Mace, a recent 2021 preschool graduate, is flanked by our beloved **Ms. Jessi Feltman** (on right) and assistant **Caitlin Ruggiero** at the **La Casita Preschool Graduation Ceremony** held at Sunset Plaza on May 19. Proud parents and siblings were in attendance for this event.

Isaac is five years old, a whiz with numbers, and loves Sonic the Hedgehog and, you guessed it... Toy Story! He brought Ms. Jessi a seashell almost every week to add to her collection during preschool.

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Message From the Association President



By **Allen Johnson**
Association President

Highlights of the May Board Meeting

Ah the memories... We're finally past the Zoom bloopers, masks and frequent slatherings of hand sanitizer. I enjoyed catching up in person with our attendees at the May Board Meeting. Emerging from the pandemic-induced isolation brings about a spirit of new beginnings, and an intensified desire to tackle new challenges.

The highlight of our May Board Meeting was a vote to approve the conversion of Kavanaugh Park from an underutilized playground to a permanent dog park. We've discussed this project for several months, and we appreciate the helpful feedback we've received from residents. Construction will begin right away, and the anticipated time frame for completion is two months. Special thanks to our Master Planning Committee for their contributions with research and design.

In keeping with the animal theme, the Board discussed another regular item of concern. The overpopulation of feral cats in many areas throughout the Ranch has become increasingly problematic. Unfortunately, this problem is made worse when residents provide food to these feral colonies. Though well-intentioned, this attracts more cats who breed rapidly. Without adequate shelter and care, these cats often lead short and difficult lives. We urge everyone not to feed the feral cats.

The best way to reduce and manage our population of feral cats is through a trap, neuter and release - or "TNR" program. We're thankful that several of our residents have volunteered to participate in these efforts. The **Animal Defense League of Arizona (ADLA)** provides resources and support. The Association is working with the ADLA to provide financial assistance to Dobson Ranch Residents who follow the ADLA program. If you'd like more information, please reach out to our Executive Director **Lynelle Glysson**.

May's Board Meeting also included the appointment of Board Officers. It's my sincere honor to serve as Board President for another year. It's definitely been an adventure!

Congratulations to our newly elected Board Officers: Vice President **Nicole Lynam**, Secretary **Ben Smith**, and Treasurer **Stephanie Fee**. Together, along with the rest of the Board, we're committed to looking ahead and making Dobson Ranch **"The Best Place to Live."**



Nicole Lynam



Ben Smith



Stephanie Fee

Be well!

Executive Director's Message



By **Lynelle Glysson**
Executive Director

Board Decisions Keep Us Moving Forward

At May's Board of Directors Meeting there were several important decisions made. The Board approved an update to our **Common Area Guidelines**. Included in the updates are such benign things as changing the name of the architectural committee to the Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee, moving the FOB guidelines from the appendix to the body of the guidelines and updated restrictions on debris in the lakes. All forms were removed from the guidelines and will be available separately. This allows for any minor changes to operations to be revised without having to update the guidelines. **Dog Park Guidelines** were added for our new dog park that is underway. Approved by the Board is a **Boat Trailer Rental Agreement**. For those who have boats, you can now rent the Association's boat trailer. There are some restrictions, but this can make it convenient to boat owners who need to put their boat in or take their boat out of the lakes.

The Board also approved getting accounting service proposals from third-party accounting companies. Dobson Ranch has been a self-managed Association for nearly 50 years and has always employed a Finance Manager to manage the accounting, financial reporting and other accounting tasks. In the last few years, it has become more difficult to employ staff within the Dobson Ranch budget as the competition for these types of employees has risen in the greater Phoenix/Mesa area. Some of the benefits of having a third-party accounting company may be cost savings, separation of duties and a wider knowledge base that a third party can bring. These are serious considerations that the Board will take under advisement. Most importantly, no matter what the Board decides, you will receive the same personalized service that makes Dobson Ranch so special.

Dobson Ranch is a special place and has so much to offer. It takes great effort on the part of may volunteers and staff to keep moving forward. If you have any interest in volunteering on one of the many committees, please contact me at: lglysson@dobsonranch.com.



Photo: Lynelle Glysson

And, if you have not fished the lakes, why not give it a try? It is just what the doctor ordered to destress and get out and enjoy the incomparable beauty of Dobson Ranch.

Stay Dobson Ranch Strong!



Water Awareness



By Craig A. Wilson
Water Resources Manager

Final Report

I started posting articles in the *Ranchers' RoundUp* in 2008 and it has been a good run. Though I never made it to 800 words, I did generate articles that regularly filled half a page. I cannot really say I wrote those articles as I mostly paraphrased what was being discussed by those with far more knowledge on water conservation. I had a good time, but now I must move on to other endeavors.

Water conservation is far more important than I originally imagined. When I came to this amazing place, I succumbed to the notion there was plenty of water. There was the Salt River and tubing was fun. Our neighborhoods were still green and there were the boys of spring to enjoy. That first summer was a shock, brutal even. After six years, I had learned a lot about Arizona and the Valley of the Sun and became comfortable enough to begin writing about our relationship with our water resources and the need for conservation.

Those who have gone before, from the ancient ones to the travelers, the migrants and to our neighbors; they all played a role in building the Salt River canals, preserving the Tonto Basin and building the dams along the Salt River. As much as it may

seem like a river, the Salt River is just a tributary of the Gila River; itself a tributary of the great Colorado River. It is our collective responsibility to carry on the husbandry of these rivers for future generations.

One of the major undertakings on my watch has been the introduction of innovative irrigation controllers. Through the efforts of the Salt River Project with its smart controller program, we have introduced stand-alone smart controllers in many of the homes in Dobson Ranch and most of our common areas. The common area controllers are now on a cloud-based system with the savings over the past decade exceeding \$500,000 on the water not purchased.

The past two decades have proved to be times of change. We were all part of that change. And there is more to come as we figure out how to live with a changing climate. I trust I created a water conservation tradition for Dobson Ranch. I have enjoyed this journey in the desert and will always remember water is abundant to those who use water wisely.

We certainly will miss Craig's insightful water conservation articles in Ranchers' RoundUp and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Message From the Editor



By Nancy Roggio
Communications Manager

Opposite Ends of the Spectrum

Although the following email, dated April 19, 2021, from **Frank Mizner** was addressed to

Lynelle Glysson and **Allen Johnson**, I wanted to share it with all of our readers.

"I'm impressed every month with the quality, breadth and personal touches exhibited by this excellent publication.

"Call me weird, but I generally read it cover-to-cover within a day of receipt.

"This month (April issue) two items were especially relevant... your column on 'common questions' (basic stuff, but always worth a reminder), and the 'borrowed' column on cats (lots of common sense on a major issue).

"Congrats to all the staff involved. Keep up the good work!

"P.S.: Is there an opportunity for you to submit Dobson Ranch for some recognition through CAI (Community Associations Institute) for all the innovative programs you've initiated during the COVID crisis?"

Now on the opposite end of the spectrum, I also received an anonymous handwritten letter also referring to articles in the April *RoundUp* which stated the following:

"A Green Thumb Award goes to 'a home with a lawn as green and as manicured as can be.' Really? In our climate, where water is a precious commodity, we cannot promote the old ideas and instead must reward those who are cognizant of our climate and using precious resources wisely.

"How did you get coerced into publishing an article about cats roaming? The article is an opinion piece with no identification as to the qualifications of the authors. That was embarrassing to read. You need to do better than this."



So, as you can see, opinions about the publication vary greatly.

As Editor of *Ranchers' RoundUp*, I am willing to listen to both sides of the spectrum. However, in the future, it would be nice to know who I am listening to.

If you have a message or **Letter to the Editor** you'd like us to share with our readers, please email your comments to nroggio@dobsonranch.com. The copy deadline for the July *Ranchers' RoundUp* is June 20, 2021.

Please use the same email address above to send your reviews, comments and suggestions for future issues. We'd love to hear from you!



NANCY ROGGIO
Employee of the Month
May 2021

"When Nancy was hired back in March of 2019, our website and magazine were in dire need of a refresh. She immediately went to work revamping *RoundUp* and improved the use of color, clarity of the photographs, design, and content. She then went through the monumental task of updating our website.

"Then the pandemic hit. Since that time, Nancy has been integral in keeping residents of Dobson Ranch engaged with her creativity. From the ongoing improvement of the *Ranchers' RoundUp*, Dobson Ranch App, website, and our social media posts, to her numerous photo, talent and art show contests... she has promoted a wonderful sense of community. She helped Dobson Ranch get through a tough year with her tireless efforts.

"Nancy has magic that improves everything she touches," commented Executive Director **Lynelle Glysso**.



By Nancy Roggio
Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Our **June Green Thumb Award** goes to **Charlie and Victor Low** at 1726 W. Natal. Their home was nominated by resident **Jacqueline Butler-Diaz**.

"Be sure to look closely at the front yard details. Victor, as gardener, has done interesting dried mud wall circles to enclose his plants. He has used tree trimmings to raise the branches of plants that usually grow closer to the ground, all giving a beautiful profile to the garden," said Butler-Diaz.

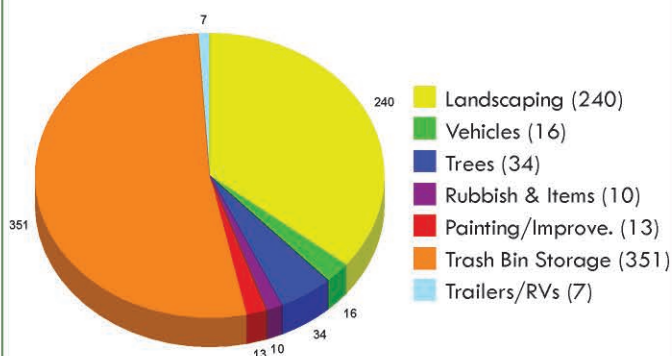
Homeowners taking pride in their property like the Lows is what makes Dobson Ranch indisputably... *the best place to live!*

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.



Welcome Aboard, Broc!

By Camille Gonzales, Operations Manager

I wanted to take the time to introduce you to our new CC&R Inspector at Dobson Ranch, **Broc Lawrence**. Broc has been an asset and quick learner to our code compliance department and Administration team since he started, and we are happy for him to join the Dobson Ranch Team.



Broc Lawrence

Broc joined the CC&R team in late April of 2021. He previously worked in property management underneath a private fiduciary and joined Dobson Ranch to expand his knowledge and to branch out into HOAs. Broc is friendly and enjoys helping people any way he can, and has been hired as a full time inspector which will include working Saturdays.

We, on the Dobson Ranch Administration Team, are very excited to have Broc working with us.

If at any time, you have questions related to CC&R Code Compliance, please contact Nate, Broc, or myself at 480-831-8314. We would be happy to assist you.

Thank you for helping to make Dobson Ranch **"The Best place to live!"**

Camille Gonzales, Operations Manager

Committee Recruitment

By Stephanie Fee, Treasurer - Board of Directors



Have you ever wondered how your assessments are used to operate Dobson Ranch? Do you yearn to contribute to the community you live in? If so, we have a perfect opportunity for you! The **Budget and Finance Committee** has dwindled down to three members, plus myself as Treasurer. I am a non-voting member of the Budget and Finance Committee.

What does the Budget and Finance Committee do? The Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors. We review the monthly financial operating statement for the Ranch and discuss any variances with the management staff. Then we recommend acceptance of the monthly financial statement to the Board of Directors. We monitor delinquency rates, investments, assist with input on the Annual Budget, and review bids for major repairs and maintenance, as well as capital improvement items. Our recommendation is then forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

The Committee meets monthly for an average of 1.5 hours, but you are required to review the financial packet prior to the meeting.

If you have a finance background, great ideas or a keen interest in participating... we need **you!** Please consider volunteering for this or any Ranch Committee!

For pallet deliveries, contact **Melissa Forrester** at 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 2719 S. Reyes**
- A New Leaf - East Valley Men's Center 2345 N. Country Club Drive
- Klaus Team - Keller Williams Integrity First Realty 2919 S. Ellsworth Rd #133
- The Salvation Army 241 E. 6th St.
- Mesa Fire Station 202 830 S. Stapley Drive
- Mesa Fire Station 216 7968 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 84 E. 1st St.
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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.



EVERY CASE HELPS!

HELP THE VULNERABLE DURING TRIPLE DIGIT HEAT

MESA Hydration Donation Campaign



DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

Getting Ready for Summer

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

Wicked summer heat is just about here. Now's the time to get your plants ready for it. Remember to deep water trees, cactus, succulents and other plants once a month during the hot months. Yes, even cactus.

Plan how to give your plants supplementary shade in the coming months, especially for plants that get full afternoon sun. Have shade cloth on hand and some type of clips to secure it. Clothes pins (*found at the dollar store*) or clamps work great. Use them on the shade cloth, not on your plant as it can cut off the nutrients to that part of the plant. If clamped on an arm, that arm could die.

Shade cloth comes in different percentages. Thirty percent blocks out 30% of the sun, etc. Use 30, 40 or 50% shade cloth on plants depending on how much shade the plant needs. Shade cloth sold at *Lowe's* or *Home Depot* is very dense, usually 80-90%, and great for your patio, but not your plants, as it will block out too much sun and not let your plant photosynthesize correctly. *SummerWinds Nursery* has 50% on hand.

Shade cloth comes in knitted or woven cloth. I find that the woven type is less likely to catch on plants or me, blends in better, and, to my eye, looks better in the garden. The knitted cloth does seem to drape more easily, so it depends on how you want to use it.

If you grow *Echinocereus grusonii* (*golden barrels*), do plan to put on some shade cloth on the top, south and west side. So many of these plants died last summer as they couldn't take the really extreme temperatures. I had two layers of shade cloth on mine and they lived.

It took me several decades trying to remember which plant got which piece of shade cloth as it came out of my plastic storage bin. It finally occurred to me to put a label, attached with a clothespin, on the sunscreen when I took it off and stored it for winter. Makes it all so much easier the next year.



Echinocactus grusonii (*golden barrel*) with 50% shade cloth on the top and sides to give it more shade from the blasting sun.

Homeowner Improvements

Architectural Applications May 2021

By Carole Stable, Member Services Coordinator

43 Applications \$ 355,025

DOBSON RANCH UNIT I

Roof	\$ 18,725
Paint	\$ 5,500
Landscape	\$ 1,800

DOBSON RANCH UNIT III

Paint	\$ 5,500
Front Door	\$ 1,700
Pony Wall	\$ 5,000
Courtyard Wall	\$ 1,000
Gate/Wall	\$ 20,000
Patio Cover	\$ 31,000
RV Gate	\$ 5,000
Landscape	\$ 3,000

DOBSON RANCH UNIT V

Gazebo	\$ 3,000
Paint	\$ 3,100
Landscape	\$ 11,000

DOBSON SHORES

Paint	\$ 11,000
Window Replacement	\$ 3,500

LAGUNA SHORES

Garage Door	\$ 2,700
Window Replacement	\$ 53,000
Pony Wall	\$ 2,000

LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED

Landscape	\$ 35,000
Roof	\$ 24,800

GOLDEN PALMS ESTATES

Solar Panels	\$ 25,000
Exterior Lights	\$ 1,000

LOS ALTOS

Landscape	\$ 38,750
Paint	\$ 5,500
Carport to Garage	\$ 5,000
Sunscreen	\$ 500
Block Wall	\$ 5,000
Garden Greenhouse	\$ 1,000

REGENCY ESTATES

Landscape	\$ 2,000
Roof	\$ 20,000

SARATOGA LAKES

Paint	\$ 2,100
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KNOELL VILLA SOLANO

Gate	\$ 1,000
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BROOKEDGE ESTATES

Gazebo	\$ 850
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Home Sales

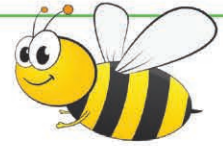
Trustee Properties:
1 – House
Home Sales: 45





To Bee or Not to Bee?

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management Committee Member



Last month's **Conservation Corner** discussed a Citizen Science Project using the "Zombie Hunting Kit" available through our Mesa Public Library. Library card holders are able to check out the kit and contribute to research right in their own backyards. The project helps scientists determine if a bee parasite causing hives to die off in California is here in Arizona.

Here is some food for thought the next time you enjoy a salad, a piece of apple pie, or a slice of watermelon:

Saving bees is vital because bees are considered the most important pollinators of plants.

Need a refresher on pollination? Think back to high school science; in a nutshell, pollination is the transfer of pollen from one part of a plant to a different part of the plant. Or, if you prefer technical terms, as a pollinator, a bee carries, or moves, the pollen grains from the anther of one flower to the receptive part of the carpel or pistil of another.

The relationship between pollinator and plant is considered one of the most ecologically important animal-plant interactions. Without pollinators, many plants could not set seed and reproduce. And, without plants to provide pollen, nectar, etc., other animal populations would decline.

There are over 4,300 native bee species in North America and Hawaii. Research by the **Center for Biological Diversity** (BiologicalDiversity.org) concluded that bees play a crucial ecological role by pollinating wild plants and provide more than \$3 billion in fruit-pollination services each year to crops in the United States. Due to threats such as habitat loss and pesticide use, 700 species are in trouble. Over 40% of America's honey bee colonies collapsed in 2019.

The Sonoran Desert is home to about 1,000 species of native bees. According to **Water Use It Wisely** (WaterUseItWisely.com) our native bees co-evolved with our desert plants for eons and they now "work" together in terms of food gathering and pollination services. The **Desert Botanical Garden** (dbg.org) considers native bees "The

Unsung Heroes of the Desert." Our native bees range in size from less than 1/16" long (*the world's smallest!*) to as long as 1-1/2".

It is fairly easy to tell native bees apart from honey bees. Most native bees hold their legs close to their bodies while flying and honey bees' legs dangle below their bodies. There's no need to be afraid, most of the native bees you'll encounter do not sting. Honey bees aren't aggressive when collecting food for the hive. (*But, as Winnie-the-Pooh has shown us time after time, it's best not disturb the hive of the honey bee.*)

Let's Bee Friends



Honey Bee



Carpenter Bee



Mason Bee



Bumble Bee

What can we do to help the dwindling bee population?

Planting a pollinator garden or adding pollinator plants is a great contribution. The newest columnist to the *RoundUp*, **Sue Hakala**, will be sharing about pollinator gardens in a future article in "Desert Landscaping Tips & Tricks."

Choosing organic foods at the grocery store is an important choice, because the pesticides used in non-organic farming are lethal to pollinating bees. Or, write to Congress and urge the end of the use of bee-toxic pesticides, or neonics, the leading cause in the collapse of bee colonies (nrhc.org/savebees).

Feel like a party? Attend the **Pollinator Power Party**, the world's largest virtual party

celebrating pollinators, June 21-26, 2021. Last year over 1.2 million people joined in the celebration of pollinators and the role that electric power companies have in protecting them. The party is in conjunction with **National Pollinator Week** and includes fun activities such as a celebrity cooking class, pollinator art and culture, habitat management stories, scientific lectures and gardening tips. Learn more about this family-friendly event and register at Pollinator.org.

So, the next time you take a sip of coffee, savor a prickly pear margarita, or enjoy the sights of flowering plants while taking a stroll through our beautiful desert, are you now going to thank the bees? That should no longer be a question.

#DobsonRanchStrong



Bringing a Unique Viewpoint to Our Board

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



Nicole Lynam has quite a background in Architectural Design, Housing and Urban Development which will certainly be an asset to us as she joins our Board of Directors.

Q: What is your college background?

NL: I started my education at Lansing Community College, in Lansing, Michigan, and earned an Associate's Degree in Architecture with a

focus on Residential Design. I moved to Arizona in 2004 and studied Architecture at Arizona State University, graduating in 2007 with a Bachelor's Degree in Design with a major in Housing and Urban Development.

Q: What is your family status?

NL: I met my husband Brian in 2009, when he was a neighbor of mine at a previous apartment. We got married in 2014. Although we do not have children, we do have two dogs, named Leia and Solo.

Q: How long have you lived in Dobson Ranch? What made you move to this community?

NL: We moved into the Saratoga Lakes Unit 4 area of Dobson Ranch in 2014. There were many things that drew us to this community. We loved the location and convenience. My office is only two miles away and Brian has easy freeway access for his work. We liked the lakes for fishing and boating, and the beautiful paths for walking our dogs.

Q: What do you enjoy most about living in Dobson Ranch?

NL: I love the "community" that I have found here. I am blessed to have amazing neighbors around me that I can count on, both direct neighbors and those I've met throughout our community. The kind of neighbors that introduce themselves with desserts when you move in or that you can count on to watch your home if you are away. The kind of neighbors that say "hi" and stop to chat when you meet along the paths, even if it's the first time you've met. The kind of neighbors who come together during tough times to have driveway get-togethers or create a neighborhood pantry to make sure everyone has what they need. That type of true community is becoming harder to find.

Q: What does Dobson Ranch's slogan "The Best Place to Live" mean to you?

NL: Dobson Ranch truly is "The Best Place to Live" because of the people. Dobson Ranch is a rare community filled with residents and homes fitting every demographic. Original homeowners living next to young families in their first home, small homes next to large homes, and a variety of cultures, backgrounds and interests. Dobson Ranch does a great job of providing amenities and activities that cater to the diversity of our neighborhood and help bring us all together.

Q: Briefly tell us about your architectural firm.

NL: **KE Design LLC**, located in Tempe, specializes in the design and permitting of commercial architecture. Since 2007, I've worked under an amazing mentor, who allowed me to continue his firm's legacy after he retired. Over the past few years, I have been able to grow my small firm and expand what we can

offer our clients. I currently have five employees, located locally and remote, and have been able to expand my licensing and business into multiple states.

Q: What was your motivation for running for the Board?

NL: Brian and I have been attending Dobson Ranch Board meetings regularly for several years. I've also attended various committee meetings during that time. I like the direction our community is moving in right now and hope to be a bigger part of that process as Board Vice President. I believe that my experience in housing development and architecture provides me with a unique viewpoint that can assist in the many challenges a large community, like ours, experiences.

Q: What is your role with the City of Mesa's Board of Adjustments?

NL: A few years ago, I decided that I should get more involved in the community around me and applied to volunteer for City of Mesa advisory boards. I was invited to join the Board of Adjustments in July 2019. The Board of Adjustments meets once a month and is tasked with hearing and deciding on variances, special use permits, and interpretations of the City of Mesa Zoning Ordinance. The decisions aren't always easy, but it does feel good when we are able to help residents facing a unique problem with their home, business or property.

Q: Tell us about your role as a member of the Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee.

NL: I was appointed to the Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee (DRAC) in June 2019. The DRAC meets twice a month to review applications for visible alterations of properties within the Dobson Ranch community and helps to ensure that our community is held to a consistent standard. Our big accomplishment since I have served on DRAC has been updating the Architectural Guidelines. Our Committee members and HOA Staff put a lot of effort into researching our various CC&R Documents, City of Mesa Ordinances, current laws, and similar neighborhood standards, to bring our Architectural Guidelines to current compliance. We successfully held multiple open workshops for resident feedback. During the process, we found a lot of community support for the updated documents, which we hope will help maintain the quality and value of our neighborhood for many years.

Q: What challenges are you looking forward to tackling on the Board of Directors and why?

NL: I think our biggest challenge is that we are an older community. Over the past 48 years, our community has developed its own character and identity. As we continue into the future, we need to ensure that we are able to keep that unique history and identity, maintain or improve quality, update amenities, bring in new advancements, and keep our community to a high standard where people want to live. That is a big task and determining the best path to achieve it requires a team of collaboration that I think our current Board of Directors and Committees are qualified to tackle. I'm looking forward to being more involved in that process.



Our Ranch Waterways

By Joseph Trickett, Water Management and Lake Habitat Committee Chairman



With summer here and the prospects of a monsoon or two in the near future, it is important that we consider why our lakes at the Ranch were designed. Our lakes are technically labeled as “water shed runoff.” In simple terms, they are designed to absorb storm runoff in the event of heavy rainfall. Hopefully, we see some of this elusive heavy rainfall this year!

Dobson Ranch is built on... you guessed it... an old ranch. Ranches have some characteristics of being flat covered by dirt and vegetation. When heavy rain falls on a typical ranch, it gets absorbed into the fertile ground pretty well, not so much when it comes to concrete and asphalt. All the water which would have normally been absorbed into the ground needs to go somewhere, and that somewhere is our lakes.

Our lakes water level is maintained by the SRP canal. For those of you who are not aware, SRP stands for “Salt River Project.” The Salt River has been diverted and placed into canals over the years to help feed our ever-growing city. The original Salt River once fed the original land that Dobson Ranch is built on and that is why our lakes are able to be maintained by the SRP

canal. The land has rights to the water because of its history. It is incredibly more complicated than this, but, in a nutshell, this is why we are able to have lakes rather than drainage basins.

Since our lakes also act as drainage basins, everything... and I mean **everything**... ends up in them. Nearly all of the storm drains in Dobson Ranch feed directly or indirectly into the lakes. There is also a 3-foot elevation change from Lake 1 to Lake 8, with Lake 8 being at the lowest level. In the event of a 20-year or 100-year storm, there is a valve at Lake 8 which will release water back into the SRP canal. There is also a runoff and retention area designed into Carriage Lane Park, which is located just south of Guadalupe Road.

Since anything and everything has the opportunity to end up in our lakes from either rain, wind or gravity, it is important for us to be mindful of what ends up in our gutters. Sprinklers should be adjusted to limit runoff. Pools and other bodies of water should be drained to the sewer clean out of the home, not into the street. Yard debris should be cleaned up and properly disposed. Trees that overhang any of the lakes should be regularly trimmed.

If we all do our part, we can help maintain our lake system for years to come.



A few of the Dobson Ranch lakes as seen from Google Earth

Are you a Ranch fisherman? Send your photos to nroggio@dobsonranch.com. Include your name, type of fish caught and in which lake.



**KIDS ART
BEST IN SHOW**
Eowyn DiSanto, 17



**ADULT ART
BEST IN SHOW**
Jack Salley, 82

ART SHOW

128 entries received!

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

KIDS DRAWING



Eowyn DiSanto
Age 17
60% of vote

KIDS PAINTING



Audra Combs
Age 16
51% of vote

KIDS SCULPTURE



Eliana Adams
Age 13
44% of vote

KIDS CRAFTS



Eliana Adams
Age 13
42% of vote

KIDS JEWELRY



Abby Lee
Age 4
41% of vote

KIDS PHOTOGRAPHY



Elijah Adams
Age 15
52% of vote

ADULT DRAWING



Albert Tinker
Age 71
42% of vote

ADULT PAINTING



Brielle Hansen
Age 21
35% of vote

ADULT SCULPTURE



Mike Davis
Age 73
39% of vote

ADULT CRAFTS



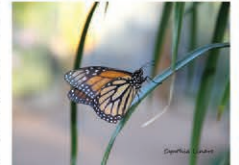
Toy DiSanto
Age 44
49% of vote

ADULT JEWELRY



Jan Larsen
Age 70
81% of vote

ADULT PHOTOGRAPHY



Cynthia Linare
Age 31
38% of vote

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition and to all those who voted!



From the Recreation Director's Desk



By Jesse Wright
Recreation Manager

Want to get out of the sizzling summer sun? Come out and enjoy your three community pools and the La Casita splash pad. See below for our pool and splash pad summer hours.

If you have children or grandchildren ages 6-12 and are looking for some fun summer activities for the kiddos... look no further. We are still accepting registrations for our **Kids Summer Camp Hope** at La Casita. Camp will run Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. We are limiting attendance this year, so sign up today to reserve your spot! See the flyer on page 14 for more details.

Bark in the Park will be back on September 11th. Bring your dogs out for a fun romp in Laguna Park, with areas for big and small dogs. Sign up to participate in virtual contests including Best Trick, Dog Owner Lookalike and Most Patriotic Pooch by emailing your entries (*August 30 - September 3*) by noon to Awright@dobsonranch.com. Vendors that cater exclusively to your canine will be there, too. Social distancing rules will apply.

Golfers! Mark your calendars for our **17th Annual Golf Tournament** on Saturday, September 18. Registration starts June 14th at the La Casita Recreation Center. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming summer events!

Remember: You can register for classes/activities online using **ActiveNet** at apm.activecommunities.com/dobsonranchrec. Then simply search for the activity in which you wish to participate.

Tennis Tip for June: Beating the Heat



By Kwong Young
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Beating the Heat

As we are heading into the hotter season of triple digit temperature, we now need to alter our playing time to beat the heat by either playing in the early morning or after the sun goes down. Listen to your body and give yourself more rest time during court change. You may want to shorten your point playing by coming up toward the net to attack and end the point sooner.

And, to help shorten your game duration, you may want to use the no-ad (*no advantage*) scoring method.

Because we are sweating more when the temperature rises, it is important to maintain proper hydration before, during and after the match. Though water is the best beverage for sport, a carbohydrate-electrolyte beverage can help boost sodium levels in extreme weather. Whatever you do – do not drink caffeinated beverages before or during play!

Another beneficial practice for hot weather tennis is acclimating ourselves to the weather before we play. This can help reduce the impact that the hot weather conditions have on our bodies and, by extension, on our game.

Remember, even when the heat feels unbearable, precautionary steps and proper hydration can make all the difference in ensuring that we stay in peak form on the court.

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 Hours:

Memorial Day 5/31 – Labor Day 9/6

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

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
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
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Saturday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm



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, July 12, 19, 26 **6015 \$30 R/\$45 NR**
Wednesday, July 7, 14, 21, 28 **6016 \$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, July 12, 19, 26 **6017 \$30 R/\$45 NR**
Wednesday, July 7, 14, 21, 28 **6018 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Adult Saturday Doubles

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

8:30 am - 10:00 am | Sessions: Monthly
Saturday, July 10, 17, 24, 31 **6019 \$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, July 12, 19, 26 **6013 \$30 R/\$45 NR**

10:00 am - 11:00 am | Sessions: Monthly
Saturday, July 10, 17, 24, 31 **6014 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Monthly Round Robin Social*

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

Saturday | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

*July Social 7/17

FREE! Adults 16+ (Register in advance, space is limited.)

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

Private tennis lessons are available for individual one-on-one instruction with the Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional. Please call **Kwong Young** at 480-759-2248 or kyoung@dobsonranch.com to schedule private lessons. The Dobson Ranch tennis courts are for the exclusive use of Dobson Ranch residents and the Association Tennis Professional. Other professionals are not to teach classes, lessons or clinics on our Association courts at any time. To ensure the Ranch tennis program remains viable, Dobson Ranch residents should consult the Association Tennis Pro for all tennis instruction. No outside tennis professionals are permitted on Association courts.



RECREATION CLASSES

The following classes are tentatively on the schedule and are subject to change. Please visit the events calendar for the most up-to-date information at www.dobsonranch.com.

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;
NOTE: NO CLASSES JUNE 7 - JULY 11
 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.





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)
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 without all the jolting. Expect to have fun while working out.



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 (June 25)
Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)

Bunco

When: 3rd Friday of month (June 18)
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.



Register on ActiveNet



MAY 24 - JULY 30

La Casita Recreation Center
7:30 am - 5:30 pm

**Weekly Themes, Swimming, Field Trips,
Arts & Crafts, Games & more!**

WEEKLY THEMES: Weeks 1-5

1. We Are Family
2. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
3. Fairytales
4. When I Grow Up
5. When You Wish Upon a Star

WEEKLY THEMES: Weeks 6-10

6. The Great Outdoors
7. Christmas in July
8. One Giant Leap for Mankind
9. Take Flight
10. Shark Week

PRICING: R = Resident NR = Non-Resident

**10 weeks \$1,050R/\$1,103NR; First 5 weeks \$550R/\$595NR;
Second 5 weeks \$550R/\$595NR; 1 week \$135R/\$148NR**



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Mesa, AZ 85202
480-831-7464

\$15 FOR 2 TICKETS

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS DISCOUNT TICKETS for Dobson Ranch HOA

Select games & seating areas are available for this offer. To purchase tickets go to:

<http://www.dobsonranchhoa.com/discount-tickets>

Then enter the promo code: **DBSAVE**

No returns, refunds, exchanges, or upgrades on tickets. All tickets based on availability. For any accessible seating or groups of 10 or more, please contact your D-Backs Rep Garrett King at (602) 462-4238 or gking@dbacks.com.

Golfland Sunsplash

TICKETS \$31.00 Includes a round of mini golf

Golfland/Sunsplash tickets are available for purchase at the Dobson Ranch Recreation Dept.

2719 S. Reyes
480-831-7464

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.



**LADIES GOLF CLINIC
THURSDAY, MAY 13**

WEDGES & WINE



HELD AT DOBSON RANCH GOLF COURSE
To see lots more photos, visit the Dobson Ranch HOA Facebook page.



Dobson Ranch Teen Golf Clinic #3

Tuesday
May 11



Teens 12-18
came to improve
their driving skills



★ To see more photos from both of our May Youth Golf Clinics, visit our [Facebook](#) page! ★



Dobson Ranch Junior Golf Clinic #4

Saturday
May 15



Kids ages 6-11
came out to learn
the **FUNDamentals**





SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! IT'LL BE A PAWSITIVELY PERFECT DAY FOR YOU & YOUR POOCH!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021



ENTER OUR 3 VIRTUAL CONTESTS



CONTEST RULES WILL BE POSTED ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM
SUBMISSION PERIOD: Aug. 30 - Sept. 3 • VOTING PERIOD: Sept. 6-10 at noon

NEW! SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

THE YORKIE:	THE BEAGLE:	THE HUSKY:	THE GREAT DANE:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendor Table • Logo on Event Flyer • \$25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Contest Sponsor (3 avail.) • Yorkie Pkg. plus... • Logo on all contest materials • \$50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beagle Pkg. plus... • Recognition in 2 issues of RoundUp • \$75 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yorkie & Husky Pkgs. plus... • D.R. App Promo • 8"x24" sign at Park for 1 week • \$100

PET-RELATED VENDORS AND SPONSORS NEEDED! Contact Dobson Ranch Recreation at 480-831-7464.

17TH ANNUAL DOBSON RANCH GOLF TOURNAMENT



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
DOBSON RANCH GOLF COURSE
Checkin: 6:30 am / Shotgun Start: 7:00 am

GOLF TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

HOLE IN ONE Cash Prize!	18 HOLE SCRAMBLE Placement Prizes & Raffle!	SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 4 Levels	REGISTRATION La Casita Recreation Center

GOLF SPONSORSHIP LEVELS INCLUDE:

Par Package \$150 Par sponsors will be promoted in the Ranchers' RoundUp magazine in October. Additional promotion will include our website and social media.	Birdie Package \$175 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... Promo table at event. Sponsorship of Drink Ticket with business info on back. Promotion in RoundUp (if signed up by 8/18/21).

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.

For questions or sponsorship information, contact Jesse Wright at 480-831-7464 or jwright@dobsonranch.com



Dobson Ranch Republicans

Michelle Masters, Chairperson

People First = Liberties First

Dobson Ranch Republicans



Each of us has inherent gifts that we are meant to give this world, which means our freedoms and liberties must be protected.

Monthly meetings and other events

- * exciting speakers *
- * local & national news *
- * election updates *

Subscribe for updates: www.DRGOP.com

Follow us: [f @DobsonRanchRepublicans](https://www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchRepublicans)

Questions?: email DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com

Monthly meetings the First Thursday each month
7pm-8pm @ Native Grill-Dobson
Business networking 6:30pm-7pm

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>

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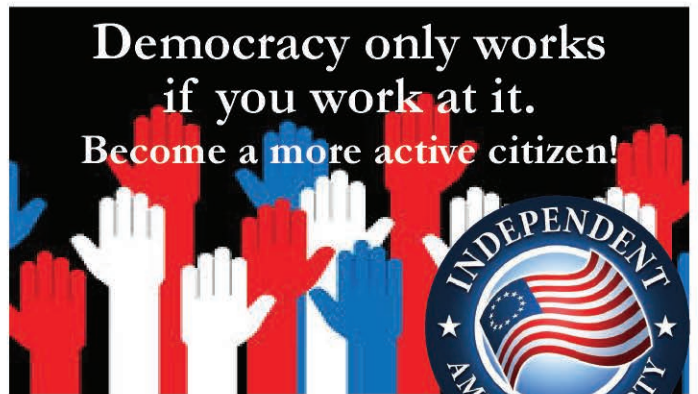
Join our Meet-Up group:

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



Dobson Ranch Independents

By Jack Wagner, Chairman & Dobson Ranch resident since 1979



The signs of return to 'normalcy' are showing everywhere; people going to work, students on their way to and from school, small businesses opening, we are hiring signs, and the shedding of masks.

From lessons learned, there now is a movement coming to fruition: **citizen civic involvement**. For example: What is the significance of June 14, 1777 (*Philadelphia*)? It symbolizes the patriotic ideas of this Nation. Your answer is? Better yet, ask a friend and engage in citizenry.

Community Voices! Send an email: golfingjack@msn.com



Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Frank Saavedra, President

When the pandemic gained control of our lives, it caused us to establish new norms. Our way of life had to be altered in so many ways. Things now seem to be changing. The last couple of months have seen the old norms of our Club begin to reestablish themselves.

Many of our social events are again taking place. We have gathered for **Happy Hour**, **Dinner Out**, **Ladies Lunch** and **Men's Breakfast**. **Game Day** and **Movie Day** are not too far from getting started. We are once again getting together with friends, enjoying getting out of the house, and making our lives more fulfilling. Things that we used to take for granted seem to have become so much more appreciated. Hopefully, that appreciation will persist.



Ladies Lunch

Many of our members "evacuate" our hot weather in their retirement. Since so many are away for the summer, we tone down our general meetings to become potluck gatherings. Thanks to our HOA opening things up, this June will see that custom starting again. Looking forward to becoming a community of friends once again.

God Bless You!
Frank



Retirees' Club Happy Hour



Dinner Out

Still a Great Time to Try Out Pickleball, Despite the Heat...

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Pickleball is increasingly popular around PE Departments in our surrounding schools, so maybe it's time to get the whole family involved... so everyone knows why pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the USA. I have a grandson who has taken to it and is pretty good as a result of some practice at school.

Why not give it a try? 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. We even have great views of the ducks and ducklings, if you enjoy watching them.

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. Please contact **Rich Bitner** (rebitner@cs.com) or **Frank Mizner** (planner1948@gmail.com) for further information, to get referrals for professional instruction, and to get on our email list for announcements regarding pickleball schedules and activities. Please contact **Donna Ransom** at donna85202@gmail.com to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.



The Pickleball "Night Crew." Photo by Donna Ransom

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Retirees' Hiking Club

By **Barbara Stout**, Retirees' Hiking Club Chairperson

We finished our last hike on May 19. I wanted to thank all the hikers that came out this year and hope to see more of you next hiking season. I will send out the new hiking schedule in early October for our fall hikes.



Have a wonderful summer!
Barb



Top Photo: April hike with lots of wild horses and Red Mountain in background. **Bottom Photo:** Pickett Post hike near Superior, AZ, and once again, **Jack Magura** is the sole guy on both hikes.

Women's Club

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

We are halfway through 2021. Life is slowly returning to normal. Just getting together for **Out to Lunch** in May (see photo below) has been so wonderful! We missed each other.

We celebrated Cinco de Mayo at *Macayo's*. We also celebrated Lynda and Laurie's birthdays as well.

For our June **Out to Lunch**, we'll be headed to *Mimi's*. Laurie is going to see if anyone is interested in Bunco which begins on July 16th. She will send out an email.

Congratulations to **Pauline Cetti** and **Carole Armstrong** on their precious baby granddaughters. Pauline and Carole sure are very proud and happy grandmas. The babies are beautiful little girls (*taking after their grandmas, of course*).

Happy Father's Day to the guys in our lives. Flag day is June 14th. Remember to "Fly Her High." Have a safe 4th of July. Happy Birthday, America!

Blessings to all,
Patty



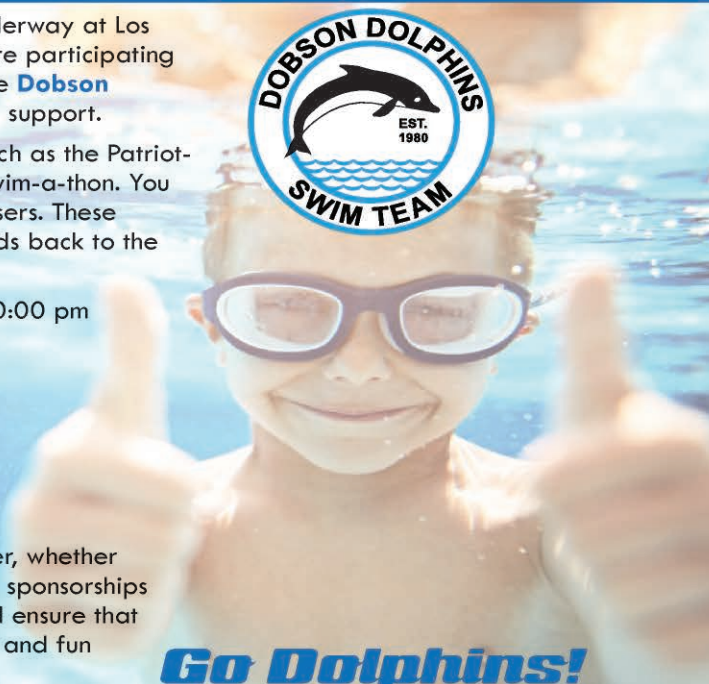
41st Season is Now Underway!

The 41st season of the **Dobson Dolphins Swim Team** is underway at Los Altos! Thank you to all the new and returning families that are participating this summer. The team also extends a sincere thank you to the **Dobson Association** and **Mesa Hohokams** for the ongoing financial support.

This summer, Dolphins will participate in fun annual events such as the Patriotic Meet, T-Shirt/Picture/Donut Day, and the ever-popular Swim-a-thon. You can support the team by joining in one of our dining fundraisers. These restaurants are graciously donating a portion of the proceeds back to the team:

- **Zoyo Neighborhood Yogurt**, Wed., June 9, 11:00 am - 10:00 pm (6350 S. McClintock Drive)
- **Goody's Cafe**, Wednesday, June 30, 4:00 - 9:00 pm (1862 W. Baseline Road)
- **Dairy Queen**, Wednesday, July 7, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm (2754 S. Alma School Road)
- **La Famiglia**, Thursday, July 15, 11:00 am - 7:30 pm (1859 W. Guadalupe Road)

Simply mention "**Dobson Dolphins**" when placing your order, whether dine-in or take-out. As a 501(c)(3) public charity, we rely on sponsorships and donations to keep registration costs low. All funds raised ensure that area school-aged kids have the opportunity to enjoy a safe and fun summer activity. Hope to see you there!



Go Dolphins!



Four Students Earn Scholarships From Mesa Citizen of the Year Association

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



Pratik Shah



Andrea Luna



Evelyn Nonthe Sanchez



Jessica Slate

Mountain View High's **Pratik Shah** and Westwood High's **Andrea Luna, Evelyn Nonthe Sanchez** and **Jessica Slate** have been awarded Student Community Service Awards and \$1,500 scholarships from the Mesa Citizen of the Year Association. To be eligible, students must complete at least 150 service hours during high school and demonstrate a commitment to lifelong community service.

Shah plans to attend Columbia University where he will major in social studies before applying to law school. He will also expand his linguistic skills, continuing his studies in Russian and Spanish languages. Shah is president of the National Honor Society, along with a member of the student council and the Mayor's Youth Committee.

"Through my experiences as a leader in a lot of school clubs, as well as a direct voice in my community's council, I developed a problem-solving mindset unlike before," Shah says. "I discovered myself as more of a people's person and realized my civic duty in helping students and adults gain access to their potential."

Luna will attend Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at Arizona State University, where she will major in elementary education and minor in Spanish. After that, she hopes to return to Mesa Public Schools to teach and continue her education earning a master's degree. Luna is involved in activities such as Interpreters Club, Link Crew, National Honor Society and Little Warriors.

"As a result of volunteering, I discovered my passion and what I want to do for the rest of my life," Luna says. "Interacting with children during summer camp, being a part of Little Warriors and translating during parent-teacher conferences have allowed me to envision myself as an elementary teacher."

Nonthe Sanchez plans to attend Mesa Community College to study psychology. She hopes to become a psychologist and help teenagers overcome mental health issues.

"I've learned that I can share light to others' lives through service because we never know what others may be going through," Nonthe Sanchez says. "When serving my community, I have seen the struggles within my Latino community. You have to serve with your heart, and when you do, there is good that comes back and makes you a stronger individual."

Slate will attend the University of Arizona Honors College, where she will study biochemistry before applying to medical school to become a pediatrician. Slate is involved in National Honors Society, IB Mentors and Little Warriors. She also volunteers with Camp Civitan, a summer for people with disabilities.

"My work with Camp Civitan and the disability community is something that is close to my heart," Slate says. "In the future, I am hoping to use my surgical skills to do charity surgeries to help those who need it but can't afford it."



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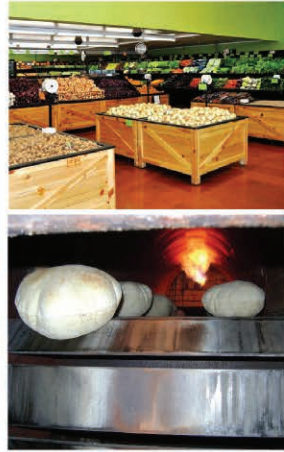
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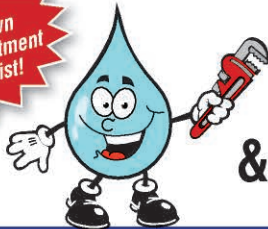
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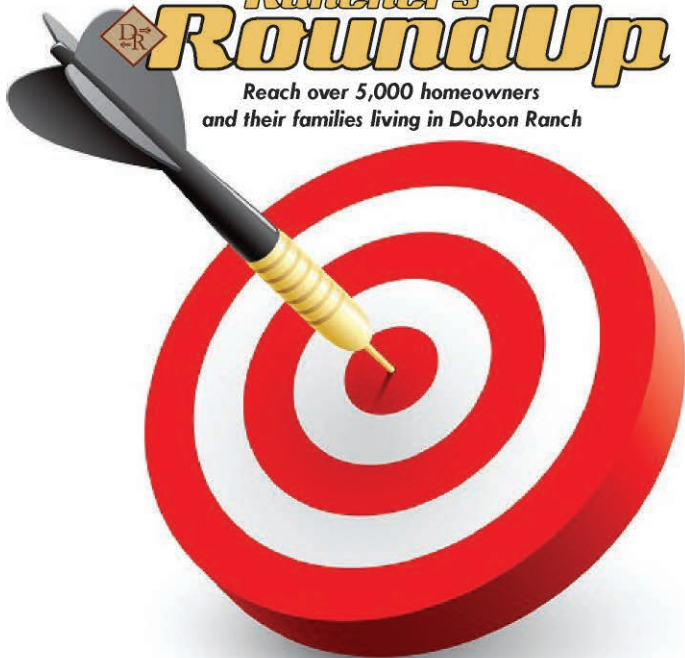
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Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Bridge 12:30 pm Saratoga Room Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room Budget and Finance Mtg. 6:30 pm Grande Room	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 10:00 & 11:00 am Saratoga Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm Grande Room		
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SUMMER CAMP HOPE - La Casita Recreation Center 7:30 am - 5:30 pm Grande/Chica Room					Sunday 27  Poker 12:30 pm Saratoga Room
Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Bridge 12:30 pm Saratoga Room Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm Chica Room	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 10:00 & 11:00 am Saratoga Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool Legante Paseo Board Mtg. 6:30 Chica Room		
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SUMMER CAMP HOPE - La Casita Recreation Center 7:30 am - 5:30 pm Grande/Chica Room					Sunday 4  Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool Master Planning Committee 7:00 pm Grande Room
Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Bridge 12:30 pm Saratoga Room Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 10:00 & 11:00 am Saratoga Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.			
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SUMMER CAMP HOPE - La Casita Recreation Center 7:30 am - 5:30pm Grande/Chica Room					Sunday 11  La Casita Office and Recreation Center CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Retirees' General Meeting 7:00 pm Grande Room	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 10:00 & 11:00 am Saratoga Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool	
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Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Bridge 12:30 pm Saratoga Room Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room Water & Lake Mgmt. Mtg. 5:30 pm Chica Room Budget and Finance Mtg. 6:30 pm Grande Room	Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm Chica Room	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 10:00 & 11:00 am Saratoga Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm Grande Room		