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Ten weeks of Summer Camp flew by in the blink of an eye. **Jayden Nguyen**, age 8, says he really enjoyed his second year of Summer Camp at Dobson Ranch. Jayden loved playing sproutball, dodgeball, ping pong, and doing arts and crafts. He was excited to see his friends from last year and to make new friends this year as well. His absolute favorite thing was going on the camp field trip to Altitude Trampoline Park!

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Message From the Association President



By Nicole Lynam
Association President

We're Looking Forward to Fall

It may not feel like fall yet but it is getting closer. Vacation season is ending. It's hard to believe that we are already two-thirds of the way through this year.

Dobson Ranch Board of Directors and many of the committees did not meet in July, allowing all of our hard-working volunteers a break to enjoy time with family and friends. Summer Camp was a wonderful success. Now the kids are back in school or enjoying preschool with Ms. Jessie.

Our amazing residents continue to show their support for our neighbors and larger community. The La Casita Administration Office is once again a drop-off point for the City of Mesa's **Hydration Donation Campaign**. This campaign runs through September 30th, so there is still time if you want to participate and drop off a case of water, or perhaps get together with your neighbors to donate a pallet of water. We also participated in Councilmember Heredia's **Back to School Supply Drive** to make sure students in our district have the proper tools to learn. We had another great turnout for the Red Cross Blood Drive at La Casita on August 2nd. I have seen many residents helping their neighbors directly or posting appreciation on social media. Thank you to all of our residents that make this such a special community!

Our maintenance staff has been hard at work keeping our community updated and beautiful. We have a few projects around Dobson Ranch that are near completion. New lighting has been installed at Laguna Park. Saratoga Recreation Center is looking brand new, with a remodeled meeting room with a kitchenette and new accessible restrooms. Repairs and painting of the perimeter walls around the Ranch are continuing, and they are looking wonderful.

There are exciting fall projects coming up as well. The La Casita splash pad and playground equipment will be replaced. Laguna Park will have restrooms installed. New bollard lights will be installed along the Lake 7 walking paths. And the Saratoga boat dock is getting refurbished with new decking. Fall also means that our Board and Committees will be starting to review budgets and projects for 2023. It is always a huge undertaking and I'm sure the inflation we have been experiencing will make budgeting even more challenging.

The prospect of cooler weather also means the return of enjoying outdoors activities and events. I know I'm anxious to get back out and enjoy our parks and lakes. I know many others are excited to spend more time at the tennis courts, swimming pools, pickleball courts, and all of our outdoor amenities. Our fall events to look forward to include Kids Golf Clinics, Bark in the Park, the 18th Annual Dobson Ranch Golf Tournament, and our Community Clean Up Day.

It's a great time to live in Dobson Ranch! I look forward to getting out and meeting more of our neighbors and enjoying this place we call home.

Executive Director's Message



By Lynelle Glysson
Executive Director

Resiliency Attributed to the Community Coming Together to Resolve Issues

The Board of Directors has been reviewing concerns regarding short-term rentals in Dobson Ranch. They held several meetings with residents who had concerns and residents who use their homes for short-term rentals. In our research of short-term rentals in Dobson Ranch, it appears that there are less than 1% of the total homes in Dobson Ranch being used for this purpose.

The Board was sensitive to all concerns and felt that this issue needed to be researched. After thoughtful consideration, including a review of the governing documents and consulting our legal counsel, the Board intends to follow the governing documents to the extent allowed by law. They are working with owners to make sure their guests are aware of our guidelines. Communication between owners is important. If you would like myself or the Board to facilitate communication, we would be happy to do so.

The Board and I will monitor State, County and City ordinances that may effect this issue.

Throughout the nearly 50 years since the Dobson Ranch community began, change has happened and will continue to do so. The resiliency of Dobson Ranch can be attributed to the community coming together to resolve issues.

You may have received a letter in the mail recently introducing you to our new code enforcement software, **HOA Life**. This software will simplify the enforcement process not only for staff, but for residents as well. The letter you will receive will look a little different, but the same process outlined in the Residential Architectural Guidelines will be used. There will be friendly reminders, such as first violation, second violation, etc. There will be a link on our website and the Dobson Ranch App for you to respond to a violation notice. Or, you can use the QR code on the letter to respond. This software will also be used to submit architectural applications with your smart phone. Simply click on the link and follow the prompts.

If you have any questions, you can call or email us in the office. We are happy to help.

Let us stay **#DobsonRanchStrong!** Thank you for the continued support of your neighbors, Board and staff.



Message From the Editor



By Nancy Roggio
Ranchers' RoundUp Managing Editor

The results are in!

A total of 76 residents took the time to answer a few questions pertaining to *Ranchers' RoundUp*. Here's what they had to say...

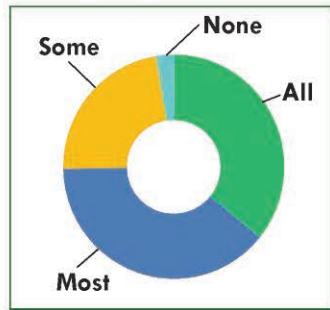


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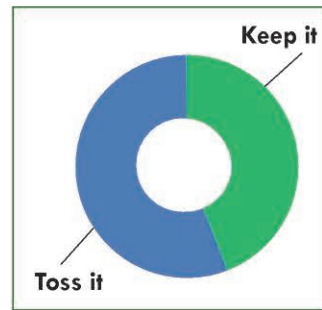
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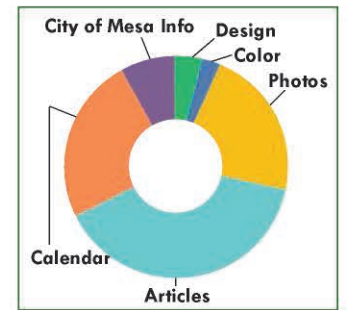
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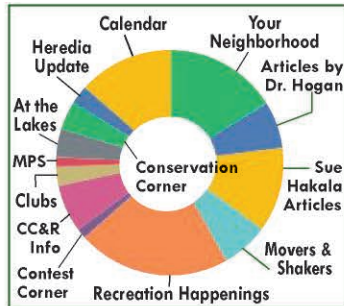
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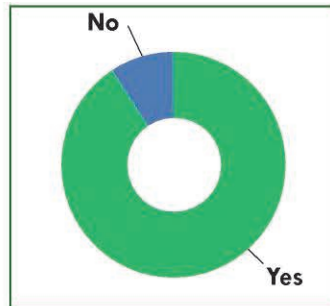
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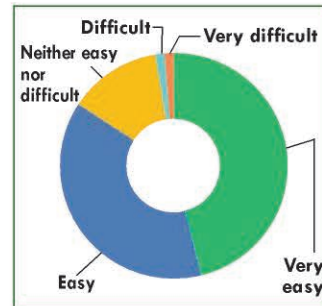
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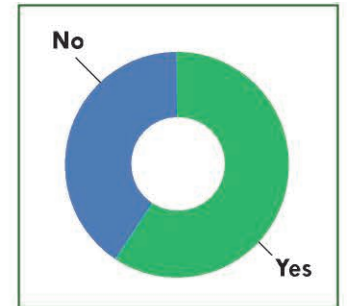
Do you feel the information in *Ranchers' RoundUp* is timely and relevant?



How easy is it to find information in the *Ranchers' RoundUp*?



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What other types of information would you like *Ranchers' RoundUp* to include?

The responses to this question ran the gamut from adding crossword puzzles and coloring pages to including more coupons. An important section that was requested was more information from the City of Mesa, including Mesa events. Several people also wanted more real estate information specific to Dobson Ranch. Here are a few other suggestions:

- City news that effects Dobson Ranch.
- Updates on projects that the Ranch Committees are currently undertaking.
- Articles on artificial turf.
- Local school activities and events.
- What's happening in each neighborhood on the Ranch.
- Internal and external photos of home renovations.
- More contests!

We hope to implement several of these ideas in future issues of *Ranchers' RoundUp*. If you have any other ideas for future articles, don't hesitate to send them to the Editor at any time.

Do you have any additional comments about *Ranchers' RoundUp*?

Here are just a few of the positive responses we received:

- "This just gets better and better."
- "It's not fair to have only one choice for a favorite section. I enjoy and learn something from all of them."
- "It is beautifully done."
- "It's better than ever. Love, love, love it! You guys have really stepped it up."
- "Keep it coming. Love the information."
- "Keep up the great work. We read every one you send."
- "Look forward to getting it each month. Love the magazine style. Appreciate all those who help with its content."

On a scale of 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest), how many stars would you give *Ranchers' RoundUp*?

8.3 ★
average rating





Financial News Update

Dear Neighbors -

As you have probably gathered from the *Ranchers' RoundUp* articles and Lynelle's weekly communications, there have been an unusual amount of reserve projects this year at Dobson Ranch. We have experienced several cost increases related to our day-to-day operations and contracts, as well as change orders related to increased costs on the Saratoga Recreation Center remodeling project.

The annual replacement projects are anticipated and contributions to the reserve account allow the Board to manage the financial impact to the Association owners. Each year a portion of the assessments collected from owners is directed to the Association's reserves. In 2022, \$643,000 will be directed to reserves for future replacements. These funds are invested in staggered terms to ensure there are funds available when it comes time to replace items like pool pumps, splash pads, bollard lights, pool renovations and tennis court resurfacing, to name a few. Over the last few years, the Dobson Ranch investments, like many other investments for homeowners, have not yielded a high rate of return. Because we don't want to jeopardize the principal investment, HOA funds are only invested in FDIC-insured entities such as CDs and treasury notes. The good news is that investment rates are increasing, however expenses related to supply chain issues and inflation are also increasing.

Your Budget Finance Committee and Board work closely to monitor the expenses on a monthly basis. *(By the way, we can always use committee members!)* This year the Association experienced a 40% increase in liability umbrella insurance that was not anticipated in the 2022 budget. There was an increase in the janitorial contract, and gas prices have affected the overall landscape and maintenance operations. In hindsight, there should have been minor increases each year in the assessment rate as the Association is limited to a 5% increase, which makes it difficult to balance the budget to \$0 *(meaning assessments and other income equals the association's expenses)*. During the last two years, the Association has budgeted a loss and utilized accumulated funds to offset the loss as well as cut costs in areas that were possible.

The Board is proud of the accomplishments and completion of projects on the Ranch preserving this wonderful neighborhood as we approach our 50th Anniversary celebration. Making decisions to raise assessments is a difficult endeavor, but we also don't wish to reduce services or discontinue maintaining the Ranch common area assets. In 2023, we are looking at fewer reserve projects which will allow the Association to recoup from the major reserve expenditures in the last few years. However, operational costs continue to soar. As we approach this budget season, we promise to look carefully at operations, but based upon the current economic situation, **please consider this fair warning that Dobson Ranch Quarterly Assessments will likely increase next year.** We still believe this neighborhood is the best value in the Valley!

Stephanie Fee
Dobson Ranch Treasurer



By **Nancy Roggio**, *Ranchers' RoundUp* Managing Editor

Congrats to **Dmitri** and **Victoria Lushnikov**, the homeowners of **2250 S. Cottonwood**, for being nominated for this month's Green Thumb Award.

"When planning our new landscaping in 2021, we decided to embrace Xeriscape and use plants well adapted to the Arizona desert. We took a lot of inspiration from *Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert** that we had on a bookshelf at home. It helped us identify plants we've seen around the neighborhood before making trips to the local nursery to pick up California Barrel Cactus, a Brittle Brush plant, a Texas Mountain Laurel, Red Yuccas, and several types of Agaves. We also took advantage of **SRP's Shade Tree Program** and picked up two different types of Palo Verde trees."

"We did most of the work ourselves, giving our now 6 and 9 year old boys an opportunity to participate and learn more about the different types of desert plants and what it takes to plant and take care of them." - *Dmitri Lushnikov*

*www.amwua.org/plants



If you would like your home or a neighbor's home featured in a future issue of *Ranchers' RoundUp*, please email nroggio@dobsonranch.com.



ALL THE **Activities!**

By Dr. Andrea Hogan, Resident Guest Writer

My husband **Josh** and I have lived in Dobson Ranch for seven years. We have a daughter **Ella** (7) and son, **Emmett** (5). Our children have tried many extracurricular activities, and after some trial and error with various sports, places and clubs, I have some advice if you are looking for fun activities for kids.

On the Ranch



The best deal is through the Dobson Ranch HOA. Ella loved dance classes with **Ms. Jana** and tennis with **Coach Young**, and both kids enjoy playing golf at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course with **Coach Cheyanne** and swimming on the **Dobson**

Dolphins swim team. My favorite thing about Dobson Ranch activities is the clear start and stop dates. For example, your kiddo can take a four-week session and then you may need a break for vacations, and other activities, so you can sit out the next session (or more) and then join in future sessions. For the little ones, this allows you to try various activities without being roped into something that gets billed monthly with no clear end dates. Another bonus is meeting your neighbors!

City Programs



While Dobson Ranch activities are great, sometimes the options are limited. City programs are cheap and they offer pretty much everything. Because of Dobson Ranch's convenient location, we've done city programs via the **Kiwanis Recreation Center** in Tempe, the **Downton Community Center** in Chandler, the **McQueen Activity Center** in Gilbert and the **Rhodes Aquatic Center** in Mesa. If you are willing to drive, there are more centers available. City programs also have clear start and end dates, which lets your kids try many activities. We've let our kids try an abundance of things, but have a rule that they must complete the session, even if they don't like it as it's important to finish what you start! Also, many city programs partner with local specialty schools and gyms to give you the same great classes, but at lower costs. For example, **Gold Medal Gymnastics** has a program with the city of Tempe. Check city recreation websites for details on the programs that are available.

After School



After school classes are offered at great prices via district community education programs. Many districts partner with organizations such as **ActivStars** to offer activities like soccer, cheer and karate. This is a wonderful option for elementary age children (and parents), because classes are directly after school, and you simply pick up your child an hour later than

usual. This means less driving for mom and dad! It's also a great way for kids to bond with their classmates. Most districts send home flyers about after school classes, so check your kid's backpack and take a look at your district's webpage for opportunities!

Sports Leagues



There are many sports leagues in the area. Our kids have done soccer through **i9 Sports**, basketball through the **Gilbert Youth Sports**, and our son loved T-Ball via **Tempe South Little League**. Leagues tend to be more expensive than city programs, but also bring a higher caliber experience. Sports have clear seasons that most leagues follow, but if your child really shows interest in a particular sport, there are opportunities they can do year 'round.

Year 'Round



If your child really loves something and you're okay committing to it all year, it's worth the investment. Our son showed an intense interest in music after completing a city program, so now he takes weekly lessons at **East Valley Rocks School of Music**. It's off Dobson and Guadalupe and Mr. Jeff is amazing. If you have musically inclined kiddos, I highly recommend him.

Martial arts, dance and gymnastics are also activities that are monthly and offer group or private lessons. We had great experiences at **Gracie Jiu-Jitsu** and **AZ All Stars**. I've also heard wonderful things about **Dance 101**.



My daughter's favorite activity is **Girl Scouts**. This past year I committed to being her troop leader and both her and I are enjoying the experience! Girl Scouts is an awesome way to empower girls to become leaders, develop positive values, do community service projects, complete challenges, go on outdoor adventures and learn business skills via cookie sales. (Shout out to all the neighbors in the Ranch who supported our troop this year!).

Extracurricular activities help children learn important social skills, time management and persistence, all of which they will need as adults. Additionally, according to the National Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, extracurricular activities are also strong deterrents for substance abuse in teenagers, so investing in activities now is a great way to invest in their futures!



L. to R.: Fairytale Dancers/ Ms. Janna; Tennis/Coach Young; Drum Lessons; Selling cookies in Laguna Park; Tempe Little League; Golf Lessons at DR Golf Club



Monthly Update from Councilmember Heredia

Mesa City Council Votes to Bring High-Speed Internet Access to Every Premise in the City

I'm excited to share that during our last Council meeting in July, we unanimously approved license agreements with Google Fiber, SiFi, Ubiquity and Wyverd, allowing for more high-speed internet options to bridge the digital divide. This landmark vote brings high-speed internet to every premise in the City. It has been a priority for myself and Mesa, especially since the pandemic heightened the need for fast, reliable and affordable internet service.

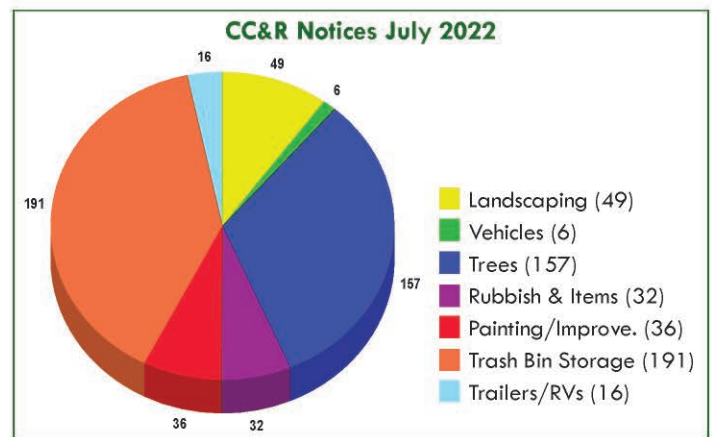
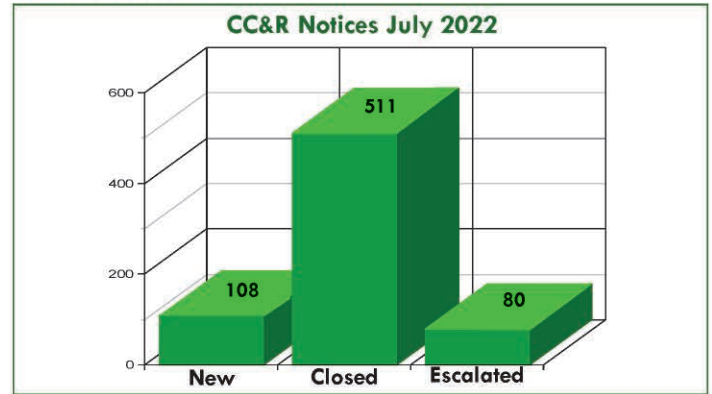
The agreements outline the process for the new providers to install their fiber optic network facilities within the City's rights of way and it allows them to begin the permitting process.

Mesa has long been a champion of innovation and widespread connectivity. In addition to bringing fiber, the City has started expanding the current wi-fi network in downtown Mesa to cover an additional nine square miles, City parks, pools and libraries. Mesa is also deploying a Citizen Broadband Radio System (CBRS) network in underserved areas of the City.

Please contact my office if you have any questions or comments: 480-644-6275 or District3@MesaAZ.gov.

~ Councilmember Francisco Heredia

CC&R Notices



What is HOA Life & What Can It Do For You?



By now, you have been introduced to our new Code Compliance and Architectural software called **HOA Life**. Homeowners will now be able to go to their portal with their email or pin number, look at their violations, communicate through the portal with the Code Compliance team, and even let us know when the violation has been completed by sending updated pictures. Homeowners will also be able to submit **Architectural Applications** through the same portal with auto fill and be able to upload photos as well.

You can look forward to a fresh look to our CC&R Notices with new graphics and information on notices from HOA Life in our September issue of *Ranchers' RoundUp*.

You can find the HOA Life link on the Dobson Ranch App and on the website. If you need assistance with HOA Life regarding violations or using the HOA Life App, please call our Code Compliance team, or **Christy Tribiana** at the Front Desk, and any one of them will be happy to assist you.

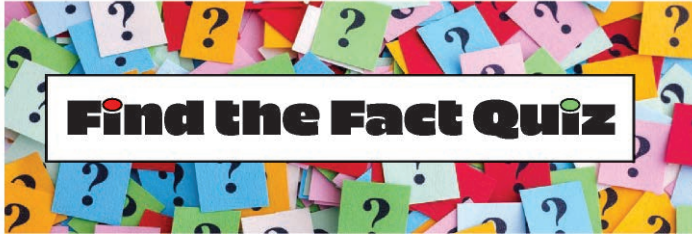
If you haven't already done so, please look at our revised **Architectural Guidelines** that were approved on June 14th, 2022. You can find the new Residential Architectural

Guidelines on the Dobson Ranch website, the Dobson Ranch App, and there are hard copies in the Administration Office as well, if needed.

If you have questions regarding the new guidelines or HOA Life, I will be happy to speak with you. If, at any time, you have questions or concerns regarding code enforcement, please contact the office at **480-831-8314**.

Thank you,
Camille Gonzales
Operations Manager





Find the Fact Quiz

We received 9 entries from our second **Find the Fact Quiz** in July. A random drawing was held on July 21st to select the winner of the second **\$20.00 Amazon Gift Card**. The gift card for July goes to **James Lee**. Thanks for taking the time to **find all the facts!**

To enter the August **Find the Fact Quiz**, simply email all of the answers to questions 1-20 below to nroggio@dobsonranch.com by no later than August 21, 2022. All residents (of any age) with all 20 correct answers will be put into a drawing. One winner will be randomly selected to receive a **\$20.00 Amazon Gift Card**. August's winner will be announced in the September *Ranchers' RoundUp*.

Let's GO!

1. What received the largest percentage for what readers like best about *Ranchers' RoundUp* in our recent survey?
2. The Lushnikovs got their inspiration for their landscaping project from what book?
3. On what two dates will there be Kids Golf Clinics at Dobson Ranch Golf Course?
4. Name a Double Eagle Sponsor for the 2022 Dobson Ranch Golf Tournament.
5. How much does it cost to download the MesaNow app?

6. What special event will be held on November 19th at Laguna Park?
7. Which advertiser has a coupon for an electric installation?
8. Extracurricular activities are strong deterrents for what in teenagers?
9. How many CC&R notices reached the "escalated" status in July?
10. On what date will there be ranchwide garage sales?
11. Name one of the in person contests at our Bark in the Park event on September 10.
12. Where did our Summer Campers go for a field trip on June 28th?
13. How much does it cost to run a half-page ad in *Ranchers' RoundUp* for three months if price is paid in full?
14. What gives senior citizens the opportunity to enjoy free or discounted admission to plays, concerts and sporting events sponsored by Mesa Public Schools?
15. By installing a pool cover you can reduce evaporation by what percent?
16. What are two examples of soft ties when staking a tree?
17. What two residents in the Retirees' Club are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary?
18. What parade is said to be the best July 4th parade in Arizona?
19. Who was head coach of the Dobson Dolphins in 2022?
20. What is the date of the August Shade Tree Workshop?

Hope you had fun finding the facts! We'll be back again next month with another contest and a \$20 gift card up for grabs!

For pallet deliveries, contact **Becca Gilbert** or begilbert@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 - September 30



- United Food Bank Volunteer Center 358 E. Javelina Ave.
- Paz de Cristo 424 W. Broadway Road
- Dobson Ranch HOA Administrative Office 2719 S. Reyes**
- Klaus Team - Keller Williams Integrity First Realty 2919 S. Elsworth Rd #133
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- Mesa Fire Station 207 2545 S. Dobson Road
- Mesa Fire Station 208 4530 E. McKellips Road
- Mesa Fire Station 212 2438 S. Elsworth Road
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Dobson Ranch Residents:

YOU can make TWICE the difference!

Dobson Ranch HOA will again match up to **100 cases** of water donations. Drop off your cases of water at the La Casita Administration Office between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm M-F.



SPECIAL THANKS goes out to **Zari Pavri** for donating 100 cases of water! (4,000 bottles)





DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

STAKING A TREE

When I go on my daily walks, I've noticed that some of my neighbors have planted new trees. Almost all of them are badly staked which can lead to the death of the tree and money down the drain.

When choosing a tree, be sure that you know what the mature size will be, and try to see one in person. It makes a difference! Also, don't plant a tree close to a neighbor's fence, as they probably won't want it growing in their yard and may chop off half of the tree, shortening its life. Choose a tree with a straight trunk that isn't top heavy with the sides all pruned up into a lollipop form. The wind can play havoc with this, uprooting a tree quite easily.

When you get the tree home, or after delivery, make sure to remove any staking, tape, rope, etc., from the tree. You're going to start anew to help the tree get settled in its new home.

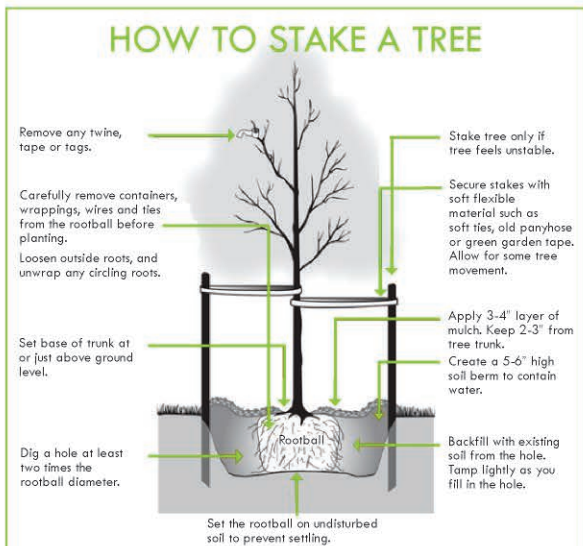
After digging the hole bigger than the root ball, which loosens up the dirt making it easier for the new roots to penetrate, securely pound in two big metal or wood stakes at least a foot into the soil, about one foot outside the root ball (see illustration below). The stakes should be in line of the prevailing winds to give the best support.

The tree needs to be upright and straight. By running your hand up the trunk, you can tell where the sweet spot is as the tree feels stable. This is where you will attach the ties. ALWAYS tie off at the lowest point possible. This allows the tree to move a bit in the breeze, which is desirable as it stimulates better root growth.

Use soft ties, like old pantyhose or green garden tape. Do NOT use wire or rope which can dig into the trunk and create an opening for bacteria and other pathogens to enter. The idea is to softly tie it up.

Create a figure eight around the trunk or tie a loop around the trunk from each side, but not too tight. You want the tree to move a bit as this helps the roots to develop correctly, so that later in life the tree can bend in the wind without being blown over.

Ties should not be on for longer than a year. Test your tree every few months to get a sense of its stability before removing ties. Also, remember to water the tree correctly.



Homeowner Improvements

Architectural Applications July 2022

By Carolyn Burselson, Admin. Assistant/Architecture

48 Applications \$ 276,211

BROOKEDGE ESTATES

Gate \$ 2,100

DOBSON RANCH UNIT I

Block Wall \$ 4,500
 Driveway Extension \$ 3,000
 Exterior Painting \$ 11,000
 Front Door \$ 1,000
 Front Patio Lights \$ 500
 Window Replacement \$ 5,000

DOBSON RANCH UNIT III

Exterior Painting \$ 3,000
 Front Door \$ 2,900
 Solar Panels \$ 28,000

DOBSON SHORES

Block Wall \$ 20,000
 Exterior Painting \$ 6,800
 Landscaping \$ 20,000

GOLDEN PALMS ESTATES

Block Wall \$ 1,000
 Driveway Extension \$ 1,000
 Landscaping \$ 2,000

KNOELL VILLA SOLANOS

Landscaping \$ 10,000
 String Lights \$ 150

LAGUNA SHORES

Front Door \$ 5,600
 Garage Door \$ 3,000
 Gutters \$ 500
 Solar Panels \$ 13,961

LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED

Exterior Painting \$ 11,500
 Roof Replacement \$ 22,000
 String Lights \$ 150
 Shade Sails \$ 150

LOS ALTOS

Solar Panels \$ 28,000
 Sun Shades \$ 10,000
 String Lights \$ 500

REGENCY ESTATES

Exterior Painting \$ 8,000
 Front Door \$ 12,000
 Gutters \$ 2,000
 Pergola \$ 16,000
 Roof Replacement \$ 15,000

SARATOGA LAKES

Exterior Painting \$ 4,000
 Landscaping \$ 1,000
 Shed \$ 900

Home Sales

Trustee Properties: 1 – House

Home Sales: 25





You + Conservation = Water, Time and Money Savings

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water and Lake Management Committee Member



Last month's *Conservation Corner* shared 50 easy ways to save water inside and outside the home. Let's dive further into two of the tips and learn what resources are available to help you save not only water, but your time and money as well.

* Remove turf and replace with desert landscaping

Removing turf and replacing it with desert landscaping is one of the best things desert dwellers can do to conserve water, especially since over 60% of household water is used outside the home. Take advantage of the City of Mesa's **Grass-to-Xeriscape** program to save water and to say goodbye to mowing. Apply to remove at least 500 sq. ft. of healthy grass and replace it with a desert landscape and you could qualify for \$500. Add on **"Trees are Cool"** and get an additional \$50 or \$75 (for adding one or two trees). www.mesaaz.gov

If you missed **SRP's Shade Tree Workshop** last spring, you can participate this fall. SRP gives two free desert-adapted shade trees to residential customers that attend a Zoom workshop. Hosted by **Trees Matter**, you will learn about the eligible trees, caring for your trees, the best methods and locations for planting, and more.

Participating in the Shade Tree Workshop is easy; register and attend a free Zoom workshop on either **Saturday, August 20th at 10:00 am**, or **Saturday, September 10th at 10:00 am**. Pick-up your two free 4 ft. to 6 ft. saplings at Mesa Community College on **Saturday, October 1st from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Register today at www.srpnet.com/shadetrees.

* If you have a pool, use a cover to help prevent water loss through evaporation

Lorie Albert with **Solar Safe Pool Covers**, a participant at this year's Dobson Ranch **Spring Expo**, explains why the use of a pool cover is so important:

"Arizona summers test most people's tolerances, so having a pool to cool off in is almost a necessity! Pool ownership can be costly with the maintenance, chemicals, extra electricity costs and high water usage. Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) states that pools and spas are responsible for about 16% of all outdoor water use.

Solar Safe Pool Covers wants to educate pool owners on best ways to save water. Most pool water loss occurs by evaporation. ADWR advises a standard 16 ft. x 32 ft. uncovered pool loses 4 to 6 feet of water annually due to evaporation, mainly during the summer. Depending on the pool size, that's 20,000+ gallons disappearing, meaning you'll need to replace that water, plus add more chemicals to rebalance chemistry... all at added expense!

By installing a pool cover, you can reduce evaporation over 90% and significantly reduce costs. Pool covers save time and money on maintenance by keeping your pool cleaner (especially during monsoons), cut water and chemical usage, provide safety for kids/pets, and reduce evaporation. Be a smart pool owner – **SAVE WATER** by minimizing fountain and water feature use, limit splashing while swimming, and install a pool cover!

The City of Mesa, SRP and Solar Safe Pool Covers are here to help you on your conservation journey. Join other Dobson Ranch residents that are switching to desert landscaping and/or using pool covers. The time is now to save water, time and money together. **#DobsonConservation**



▲ Pool covers reduce evaporation over 90% and save time and money.

▲ Kathrine's Shade Tree Workshop trees (Desert Willow and Willow Acacia) planted March 2021.



By Amy Schuler, Dobson Dolphins Board Secretary



This year's roster of Dobson Dolphins included 129 full time swimmers and 8 "Little Flippers" who swam three times a week.



Swimming at Los Altos pool was a splashing success for the summer of 2022! Some of the highlights included a guest appearance from Meteorologist **Ian Schwartz** on AZ Family News (Channel 3), Water Fun Day with a giant water slide and sno-cones, Swim-A-Thon and the annual Awards Night.

Besides the fun of being on a swim team, all of the swimmers improved their techniques. From breaststroke streamlining, backstroke counts and butterfly kicks, everyone could say that they learned how to be a stronger swimmer this summer.

Team support was at an all time high with more team sponsors and a full pool of swimmers! We couldn't do it without your generous donations. Our swim team provides a safe and healthy place for kids to spend their summers. Parents make a difference with all of their cheering and positive feedback.

The volunteer board members kept the activities running smoothly and allowed the coaches to just coach! It's a great system. Rounding out everything this summer was the superior foursome who ran the swim practices. Head Coach **Trey McDaniel** brought over fresh ideas, new ways to teach old strokes, and fun motivational ideas. His three staff members, Sam, Abby and Amy, joined in the coaching and success of the Dobson Dolphins.

We can't wait to see everyone back on deck in 2023!



Board Members (l. to r.):
Bottom Row: Melissa Mortensen and Cynthia Shobe. **Middle Row:** Erin Charles; Janine Fischbeck; and Sara Pindar. **Top Row:** Amy Schuler; Katy Hansen and Allison Sutherland.



Coaches (l. to r.): Abby Hansen, Samantha Lint; Amy Pindar; and Head Coach Trey McDaniel.

Special Thanks to our 2022 Sponsors:





Maintaining Healthy and Vibrant Neighborhoods

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



Cynthia Ezcurra received the Mesa Pride Award in 2016 and the Latino Town Hall Award in 2017 for her outstanding work in the Mesa community. She is also the founding member of the Mesa Hispanic Network for City employees. She has been a highly-regarded City staff member who has had a passion for her community for the past 25 years.

Q: Tell us about yourself.

CE: I'm the youngest of 11 siblings, my grandparents were immigrants from Mexico and Spain. Both my parents are native Arizonans. I was born in Oxnard, California, and my parents moved back to Arizona when I was about two years old. I grew up on the westside of Mesa and attended Mesa Public Schools and Mesa Community College.

Q: Please give a brief overview of your career background.

CE: My career began in sales, working as a travel consultant for a small agency doing corporate travel for companies like Boeing and Intel, booking corporate travel itineraries for 12 years. I applied to the City of Mesa and began my career in 1996 in Solid Waste, Environmental Management & Sustainability working in sales and out in the community. I transitioned into working with Code Compliance in educating the community on City ordinances. I'm currently in Community Services, previously known as "Neighborhood Services."

Q: How long have you worked for the City of Mesa?

CE: I have worked for the City of Mesa for 25 years and I work as a Community Engagement Coordinator. This position has granted me the great fortune to work with Mesa's unique and diverse communities and the opportunity to meet wonderful people along the way.

Q: What districts do you represent? How do they differ?

CE: In my role, I oversee two districts: Districts 2 and 3. The westside of Mesa is where I grew up and is near and dear to my heart. District 3, on the westside of Mesa, is full of history, has great communities like Dobson Ranch, neighborhoods like Marlborough Mesa, Carriage Lane, the Fiesta, and the Asian District to name a few. District 2, which covers the central part of Mesa, is a mixture of both old and new. I like to boast of its unique neighborhoods, HOAs, properties with larger lots, plus its great restaurants and shopping. Each district has its gems, and is unique in culture, diversity, friendly people, and long-time residents in the area who I can rely on for neighborhood history.

Q: What does your job entail?

CE: As a Community Engagement Coordinator, I assist Mesa residents in maintaining healthy and vibrant neighborhoods. There is so much to what I do, but I work with Mesa's neighborhoods, residents, businesses, HOAs and outside agencies. I help Mesa communities by introducing City services, programs and classes that may benefit their neighborhood and help strengthen neighbor connections. I also assist neighborhoods on problem-solving processes and activities leading to the resolution of challenges and concerns in the area. I help neighbors define

their neighborhoods by helping them become leaders, so they can create a more active and organized community. I also work with Mesa's diverse population, using my Spanish speaking skills to communicate and educate our Spanish speaking residents.

Q: What types of City services, programs and classes do you introduce to Mesa communities and how do you do so?

CE: I work with other City departments and outside agencies to help residents with resources, services and programs that can benefit communities. Through the years, I've worked hard to develop a rapport and connection with residents and communities. I assist neighbors in their efforts to maintain more active neighborhoods by helping them organize programs like **Neighborhood Cleanups**, speed bumps, community projects, and the **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** program. We offer **Resident Guide Classes** to educate neighbors on City programs, action planning for their neighborhood, Community and Civic Engagement, that focuses on how City government operates and how to get more involved. We work with our neighborhood leaders and use our newsletter and social media platforms to spread the word on City services and classes in both English and Spanish.

Q: Are there any new programs being developed that would be of benefit to Dobson Ranch residents?

CE: City services and programs are offered to all communities including Dobson Ranch. The City is constantly creating programs and resources to help keep up with change and trends that take place in our communities. We are always looking at ways to help as well as programs to offer that fit every need in the community. We offer virtual HOA classes and have partnered with Mulcahy Law Firm to help our HOA and condo communities better understand HOA law and how to conduct proper board meetings. Each class offers different topics. To see upcoming classes, visit: www.mesaaz.gov/neighbor.

Q: Are there any helpful programs that all residents can use?

CE: I would like more residents to know about a cool app called **MesaNow**. It is a **FREE** phone app that allows residents to pay their utility bill, check the balance and due date, report an issue, read City news, view road restrictions, find out who your Mayor and Councilmembers are, and what districts they live in. This app helps residents conveniently access services and information using their cell phone.

Q: Why is your job important to the community and to you?

CE: Community Services plays an important role in Mesa because we are the department that knows and understands the community. We assist neighbors in need to help them feel more secure and safe in their neighborhood. I love what I do! My goal is that Mesa residents continue to love their neighborhood, feel safe and know what free programs are available to them.

Q: How can our residents find out more about the City services, programs and classes the City of Mesa offers?

CE: I recommend browsing the City's website and to get familiar with its many departments. Signing up for our newsletter is a great way to learn about City services and see what it is taking place in Mesa. To sign up for our newsletter, see our programs and classes, please visit: www.mesaaz.gov/neighbor



Four Ways You Can Help Students at Mesa Public Schools

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

The '22-'23 school year is underway at Mesa Public Schools and while students settle into the rhythm of a new and exciting school year, it's a great time to get involved in helping students succeed.

Have you considered adopting a school or volunteering?

Organizations such as retirement communities, civic groups and churches are welcome to adopt a school for campus cleanup, supply drives or other needs. Visit your neighborhood school and speak with the principal about opportunities to get involved.

Are you thinking about organizing a supply drive? Whether it's school supplies or personal care items, schools are happy to accept donations. Are you looking to help a school with donations, or volunteering opportunities at a school but unsure where to begin? Contact the district's **Community Partnerships Department** at **480-472-7288**.

Make an ECA donation

The ECA tax credit program helps Mesa's students while enjoying a dollar-for-dollar credit. Each year, eligible Arizona taxpayers may donate up to \$200, or \$400 if filing jointly, to extracurricular programs. Eligible taxpayers will receive the money back as a credit when filing their state taxes.

For more information or to contribute online, visit mpsaz.org/eca. Mesa residents are invited to call **480-472-0133** with questions or to contribute via phone.

Help fund classroom projects

You can find a wide variety of teacher projects on donorschoose.org. This nonprofit organization allows individuals to donate directly to public school classroom projects.

Would you like to attend a school event?

Mesa Public Schools' Gold Card provides a great opportunity for members of Mesa's senior community to connect with busy students by supporting them in the concert hall, on the playing field and in the theater.

The Gold Card gives senior citizens the opportunity to enjoy free or discounted admissions to plays, concerts, musical, and sporting events sponsored by Mesa Public Schools. The cards are free to residents within Mesa Public Schools boundaries who are age 62 and older. Spouses are also eligible, regardless of age.

To request a Gold Card, visit mpsaz.org/communications or pick one up at the district's **Administrative Services Center**, 63 E. Main Street, or **Curriculum Services Center**, 549 N. Stapley Drive. Call **480-472-1174** for more information.



PHOTOS (Left): Attending high school activities brings the Mesa community together. **(Top Right):** Backpack and school supply drives provide students with tools to succeed. **(Bottom Right):** The garden at Crisman Elementary School helps students connect with nature and volunteers help school gardens flourish. Photos by Tim Hacker/MPS.



From the Recreation Director's Desk



By **Jesse Wright**
Recreation Manager

Dobson Ranch is kicking off our full roster of family-friendly events for the fall of 2022.

Don't miss our **Bark in the Park** event on Saturday, September 10th. Bring your four-legged friends out to Laguna Park for a pawsome time. Sign up at the Dobson Ranch tent to participate in three in person contests: Best Trick, Pet Owner Lookalike and Most Patriotic Pooch. There'll be plenty of vendors there that cater exclusively to your canine. Look for the ad on pages 18-19 in this issue for more details.

It just wouldn't be fall without our **18th Annual Golf Tournament** on Saturday, September 24th at Dobson Ranch Golf Course. Registration is going on now at La Casita Recreation Center. You can register individually or as a foursome.

Our fall **Community Cleanup** on Saturday, October 1st will include Ranchwide garage sales, large item dumping at Los Altos and shredding at La Casita and Saratoga parking lots. Use the Dobson Ranch App to help you find exactly what you're looking for at the garage sales.

Plus, we're offering a fun **Fall Break Camp** for kids ages 6 to 12 on October 3-7 at La Casita Recreation Center. See more information on page 22.

Don't forget! Our **Summer Hours** will end on Labor Day, September 5th. Fall facility hours for La Casita, Saratoga and Los Altos will be 8:00 am - 7:00 pm Monday - Saturday, and 10:00 am - 5:00 pm on Sunday. Come on out and enjoy the Splash Pad at La Casita before it closes down for the season. Hope to see you all at our upcoming fall events!

Tennis Tip for August 2022



By **Kwong Young**
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Take a Trip on the Tennis Court

We will all at sometime be taking a planned or unexpected trip somewhere. That's exactly what you want to do, to take a trip (*transition*) on the tennis court.

Starting off from the backcourt as a server/receiver does not mean to place yourself only in that spot. If one wants to be more successful in doubles play then you need to work on your transition from going from one area of the court to another by moving up toward the volley/attacking zone (*net*).

Here is a list of reasons/clues to make you want to take this trip to the net area (*Offense*):

- Weak Forehand/Backhand
- High deep lob
- Opponent is stretching and off balance
- Deep groundstrokes
- Ball lands close to their feet/body
- A serve that jams or pulls them wide

You and your partner want to control and dominate the net area for the following reasons:

- Gives opponents less time to react
- Puts them on the defense
- Create better angles
- Makes you a more intimidating player

Go on... give it your best shot!

KIDS GOLF CLINICS
TWO NEW DATES - MONDAY, AUGUST 15 & MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
5:00-6:00 PM

IT'S FREE... FREE LESSONS. FREE CLUBS. OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS AGES 7-17.
ALL SKILL LEVELS... COACHED BY DOBSON RANCH GOLF COURSE PROS

DOBSON RANCH GOLF COURSE

LIMITED SPACE - 16 SPOTS PER CLINIC - REGISTER ON ACTIVE.NET! QUESTIONS? CALL REC. DEPT. AT 480-831-7464.

DO YOU HAVE **concerns about falling?**



A MATTER OF BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- View falls as controllable.
- Set goals for increasing activity.
- Make changes to reduce fall risks at home.
- Exercise to increase strength and balance.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Anyone concerned about falls.
- Anyone interested in improving their balance, flexibility and strength.
- Anyone who has fallen in the past.
- Anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns.

This program is being conducted at this location by A.T. Still University as a public service.

Classes are held once a week for 8 weeks for 2 hours each.

DATES:

September 2, 2022 - October 28, 2022

DAY: Fridays

TIME: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

COST: The class is FREE!

LOCATION:

La Casita Recreation Center - Chica Room
2719 S. Reyes
Mesa, AZ 85202

CONTACT: Jesse Wright

PHONE: 480-831-7464

EMAIL: jwright@dobsonranch.com

Sign up online today using ActiveNet or call Jesse Wright at 480-831-7464!



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, Sept. 12, 19, 26 **6166 \$30 R/\$45 NR**
Wednesday, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 **6167 \$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, Sept. 12, 19, 26 **6168 \$30 R/\$45 NR**
Wednesday, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 **6169 \$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.

8:00 am - 9:30 am | Sessions: Monthly
Saturday, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 **6170 \$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 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, Sept. 12, 19, 26 **6165 \$30 R/\$45NR**

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 and relaxed setting.

Saturday | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

***September Social 9/17**

***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 & PM Classes
 La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 10:00 am Intermediate Tai Chi
 11:00 am Beginner Tai Chi
 6:00 pm Intermediate Tai Chi
 7:00 pm Beginner 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

CANCELLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12TH

Instructor: Jeanne
 When: Mondays (beginning Sept. 12)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Cost: \$8 drop in, \$42 resident only for a 7-use punch card



Transform your mind, body and spirit! Yoga will improve your flexibility and strengthen your core muscles while banishing stress and tension. This relaxing but invigorating

class promotes inner calmness using breathing techniques, balancing postures and stretching/floor work. Modifications available to meet all levels. Bring a yoga mat! Yoga blocks, strap and blanket/towel are also very helpful. You can attend yoga class with your punch card.

PLEASE NOTE: We do not allow spectators at this class.

ZUMBA

Instructor: Karen
 When: Tuesdays
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
 Cost: \$7 drop in rate, \$30 resident only for a 5-use punch card



Zumba is a fusion of Latin and international music that incorporates a variety of dance styles such as salsa, cumbia, belly-

dance and reggaeton. This class combines high energy and uplifting music to help you burn fat and tone your body. Even if you have never danced before, you will have a blast, because the routines are fun and easy to do. So what are you waiting for? Join the party and try Zumba today! Punch card expires two months from the date of purchase. Punch Cards may be punched one time for residents per class. No additional punches for guests or residents.

COMMUNITY TABLE TENNIS

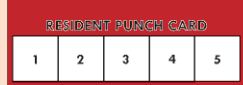
DROP IN

When: Fridays
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Table Tennis is available for Dobson Ranch residents only. Tables are available on a first come, first serve basis. Players must be 13 or older to participate or accompanied by an adult. Paddles and ball are free to rent with a driver's license or school ID.



Dobson Ranch Recreation Department
 2719 S. Reyes, Mesa, AZ 85202
 (480) 631-7464



GET YOUR PUNCH CARDS* FOR RECREATION CLASSES AT LA CASITA REC. CENTER

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



AQUA ZUMBA

Instructor: Karen
 When: Thursdays (June 2 – October 6)
 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.



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 6 – October 6)
 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

This morning class will get you ready for the day. The class consists of exercises done in shallow and deep water that will change your movements and get your heart rate going without all the jolting. Expect a fun time!



CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Class Code: 6114
 When: Thursdays (September 15 - October 20)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 Cost: **Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5. Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

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

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)

Class Code: 6108
 When: Tuesdays (September 13 - October 18)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Cost: **Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

This upbeat and fun class is perfect to sample different dance styles such as jazz, ballet, modern, hip hop, and other styles. Get moving with this upbeat, fun class and discover dance! Contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)

Class Code: 6120
 When: Thursdays (September 15 - October 20)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
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(Must be 18 or older)
 When: Friday, August 26
 Where: La Casita Rec. Center (Grande Room)
 Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)
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Bunco

When: Friday, September 16
 Where: La Casita Rec. Center (Chica Room)
 Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)
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When: Mondays
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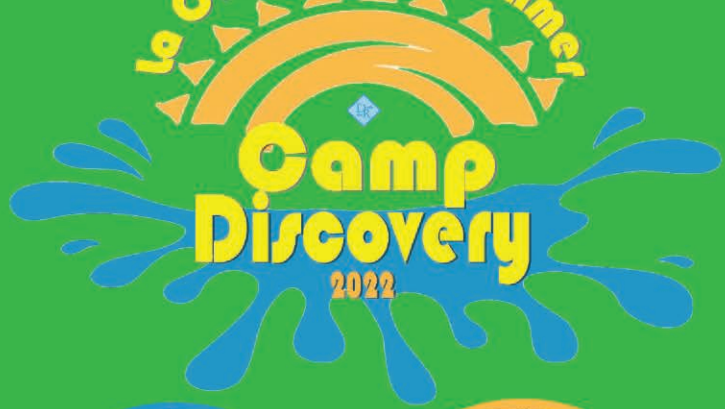
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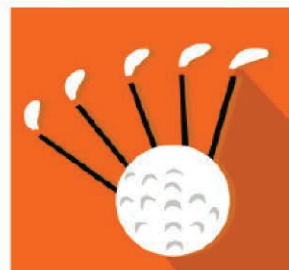
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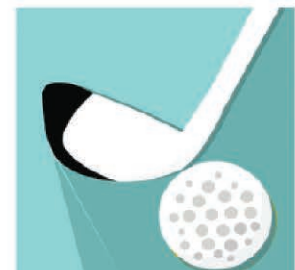
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Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Susan Toevs, Club President

Even though it has been a very hot month, our retirees continue to gather for fun and fellowship. We have had evening meetings during the summer, but were really looking forward to our return to the La Casita Grande Room on August 1st for our August **General Meeting**. September will bring many members home from their summer hiatus and back to our full schedule of activities. We will be holding a meeting to form our new walking group, so be sure to sign up at the General Meeting.

Also, please remember to bring those summer books that you enjoyed reading and puzzles for our book and games exchange table at the September General Meeting.

We extend our congratulations to **Paul and Peggy Karban** on their **70th Wedding Anniversary!** They are both founding members of the Retirees' Club and have remained active all these years.

We have to bid a fond farewell to **Dovie Bryant** as she will be moving to Friendship Village. Dovie has been a mainstay in our Club since she first joined. She has served as Treasurer, and most recently, as our Membership Chairperson, as well as a member at large on the Board. She has developed a great format for enrolling members and maintaining our nametags. She's been a terrific presence in our Club and will be sorely missed. Dovie leaves big shoes to fill. We wish her and her husband, Bill, all the best as they join in on their new activities at the Village.

Merry Bevill has been a member at large on our Board for this past year. She has developed guidelines and job descriptions for all of the Board Members, Committees and Activities Chairs. It has been a huge task and her work will be helpful for years to come. Thank you so much! She and her husband, Rod, are moving off the Ranch to be closer to family. They will be missed!

Our **Membership Appreciation Committee** has been working hard to organize the special event we have coming up on October 22nd. Be sure you save the date!



Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary to Paul and Peggy Karban!

Know someone who should be interviewed for the **Special 50th Anniversary Edition** of the *Ranchers' RoundUp*? Please contact **Nancy Roggio**, Editor, at nroggio@dobsonranch.com.

The Retirees' Club held their General Meeting on July 5th at 6:30 pm at La Casita Recreation Center. Photos by Susan Toevs.





Monsoon 2022 Came In Big! Lightning, Heavy Rain & Impressive Dust Storms... Yet We Pickle On!

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative



While I plan to remain mostly in Flagstaff for this summer, I have dropped in a couple times at Los Altos when in town and found that normal pickleball play continues based on previous summer experience. That means things start at 6:30 am for as long as folks can last, usually a few hours, with lots of hiding in the shade drinking copious amounts of water between games and maybe chit-chatting a little longer than usual! Attendance is slimmer than winter play, due to those moving indoors to play here and there, and the usual absences due to vacations or health issues. I am still hearing that there is strong attendance in evening play as well.

A few of us found ourselves in Flagstaff for the annual Fourth of July Parade, including **Jill** and **Ari**, and **Sandy**, as you see in the photo above. We marched with the Flagstaff Pickleball Association contingent and it was a parade not to be missed. We were led by a couple of "pickle dogs" and a pickle-decorated car, followed by the rest of us giving out 200 balls donated by vendors. Our entourage included four players dinking across a portable net carried by two other players. We received lots of support from the crowd that was great to hear! It was also interesting to see most of the candidates for state-wide office in the parade, along with a lot of other civic organizations, including police, fire and a medical helicopter fly-over. Check this event out some year if you get a chance! It is according to some, the best July 4th Parade in Arizona, and I don't disagree.

Remember, our eight new dedicated pickleball courts at Los Altos are available to residents and guests every day between 6:30 am and 10:00 pm.

Our "Summer Schedule" for regular "Drop-In" hours is Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 6:30 am, and Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm under the lights, but is subject to adjustment for attendance issues that sometimes develop in the heat of mid-summer, and for inclement weather.

Bring a chair if you would like a comfortable seat in the shade, and please hydrate before, during and after play to avoid heat distress. Don't forget that the remodeled bathrooms are air-conditioned, and you can always quit and jump in the pool!

New resident players for our "drop-in" times are always welcome to come out, but we do advise checking with us before 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 court shoes and make sure you are hydrating and bring plenty of water.

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.

PICKLE-ON!

Women's Club

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

Is it August already? May you have a continued happy and restful summer.

Patricia kindly offered to host us for our August **Bunco** game night. Laurie will send out an email with all of the details.

Chris still needs your positive thoughts and prayers. Thank you.

Our September **Out To Lunch** will be Friday, August 9th. We will go to **IF Café**, located on the SE Corner of Dobson and Guadalupe Roads.

Laurie, Chris and **I** are looking for replacements. Think about stepping up for **Bunco, Out to Lunch** and **Women's Club President**. We certainly would appreciate your help!



Blessings,
Patty

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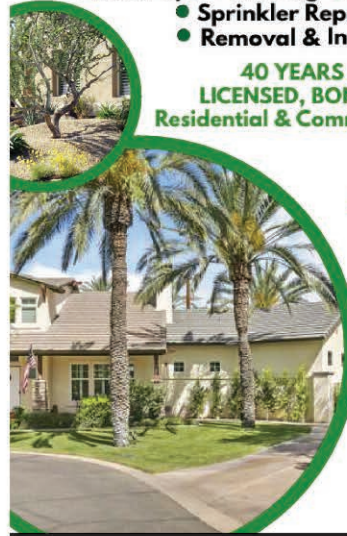
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Summer Camp Field Trip to Harkins Theatre in Chandler on July 19 by Amanda Jensen



Calendar of Events

AUG. 2022 / SEPT. 2022

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
8 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room Fairytale Dancers 5:30 pm Grande Room	9 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Line Dancing 9:30 am Grande Room Dance Sampler 5:30 pm Chica Room Zumba 6:30 pm Chica Room DRAC Meeting 6:30 pm Grande Room	10 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.	11 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Intro to Ballet & Jazz 5:30 pm Chica Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool	12 Table Tennis 4:30 pm Grande Room	Sunday 14
15 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Retirees' Board Meeting 9:00 am Grande Room Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room KIDS GOLF CLINIC 5:00 pm DR Golf Course Fairytale Dancers 5:30 pm Grande Room	16 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Line Dancing 9:30 am Grande Room Dance Sampler 5:30 pm Chica Room Zumba 6:30 pm Chica Room	17 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.	18 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Intro to Ballet & Jazz 5:30 pm Chica Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool	19 Retirees' Game Day 1:00 pm Grande Room Table Tennis 4:30 pm Grande Room Bunco 6:30 pm Chica Room	Sunday 21
22 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Room Fairytale Dancers 5:30 pm Grande Room Budget & Finance Meeting 6:30 pm Grande Room	23 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Line Dancing 9:30 am Grande Room Dance Sampler 5:30 pm Chica Room Zumba 6:30 pm Chica Room DRAC Meeting 6:30 pm Grande Room	24 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.	25 Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Intro to Ballet & Jazz 5:30 pm Chica Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool Legante Paseo Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Chica Room Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm Grande Room	26 Table Tennis 4:30 pm Grande Room Poker 6:30 pm Chica Room	Sunday 28
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