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Chloe Bartleson, age 12, graces this month's cover in a photo taken at our Flick 'n Float event on June 3rd at the Los Altos pool. Chloe kept her cool in the pool alongside her bestie, Casee Blanco, while watching the movie on the big screen. Chloe said, "It was really fun and I had a great time. I'm looking forward to your next event!"

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# Your Neighborhood

### Message From the Association President



By Nicole Lynam Association President

# Our Differences Make Our Community Stronger

As usual, we have a lot going on around Dobson Ranch this month. Dobson Ranch Summer Camp is a hit with the kids. The Parent-Junior Golf Tournament is coming up on July 30th. Residents are out enjoying our amenities during the early morning and late evening, when temperatures are less brutal. Hopefully, we are seeing some much-needed monsoon rain.

Dobson Ranch is making progress on several of our improvement projects, and it's wonderful seeing them brought to life and refreshing our community.

With all these projects underway, the Board of Directors meeting in June had a light agenda, consisting of updates and discussion. The Board of Directors has chosen to not hold a July meeting, consistent with previous years during the slower summer months.

It is very unusual to have a self-managed community as large as Dobson Ranch. Instead of hiring a corporate management company, for nearly 50 years we have thrived because of a small group of hardworking staff and teams of volunteer residents. We are run by people that are in our community every day, not by people making decisions from a remote office. Our community has a wonderful diversity of residents with a multitude of knowledge, skills and specialties. This has allowed Dobson Ranch to tap into a wonderful resource of experienced volunteers to guide us over the years. Volunteers that genuinely care about our community and strive to keep it the wonderful place that we love and call home. Board of Director and Committee meetings are always open to residents, and we encourage everyone to get involved and share your expertise.

One of the traits that I love most about Dobson Ranch is that we DO act as a community. I know my neighbors and most people on my street. We help when someone is in need and watch out for each other. I've spoken to many other residents around the Ranch that experience the same thing. Social media has its controversial moments, but I also see neighbors reaching out to each other. The "Buy Nothing Dobson Ranch, Mesa, AZ" Facebook page is always active. We have a lot of small business owners in our community that we can support. Many of them can be found advertising in the Ranchers' Roundup or listed on the Dobson Ranch App.

Together Mesa is a City of Mesa initiative that "sprouts from the values of respect and inclusion", celebrates our diversity and focuses on how our differences make our community stronger. The same is true for our Dobson Ranch community. Our diversity is one of our main strengths and TOGETHER we build our success. Go out and meet your neighbors. Attend a committee meeting or apply to join a committee. Join us at community events. TOGETHER is how we keep Dobson Ranch... "The Best Place to Live!"

### **Executive Director's Message**



By Lynelle Glysson Executive Director

### **Keeping Up With Updates**

I hope you are not tired of my updates. I will devote this entry to updates on projects around the Ranch. Due to the challenges over the last few years, projects have been stacking up. Our contractors and staff are staying on top of them and incrementally getting them done.

Some projects that we can check "completed" on are our tree trimming and planting. The Board approved having a third party trim our trees two years ago. We now schedule the tree trimming annually. Our contractor takes great care in trimming our trees, and we have been happy with the results. We have also removed some trees along Lindner Avenue and planted new ones in their place. And, we have replaced some trees in the retention basin along Lindner.

By the time you are reading this, the lighting project will be well underway at Laguna Park, and we will begin to install the bollard lights along the Lake 7 walking path. This will make walking along the lake in the evenings much more enjoyable.

John, our painter (previously featured as an Employee of the Month), has already painted seven miles of our perimeter walls. Not only that, residents have been repairing their walls and redoing their stucco where needed. It's a community effort in keeping Dobson Ranch "The Best Place To Live!"

At the June Board of Directors meeting Miceli Construction Group gave an update on the Saratoga Recreation Center refurbishment. This is scheduled to be completed in September. We will do our best to keep on schedule, but we also understand that supplies continue to be a challenge.

We have more upcoming projects to look forward to this year. In the fall/winter, we will be refurbishing the splash pad at La Casita. Included in the refurbishment is a new shade structure. Then, we will be installing a restroom at Laguna Park. This has been long awaited and will be such a benefit to families who enjoy going to the park.

With all this activity, the Board and Budget and Finance Committee will be going into budgeting season. They will take a close look at the increase of doing business. We are all aware of the increase of daily needs such as gas. I know from experience that they will be diligent in keeping costs down while being realistic on the effects of inflation.

We will have much to celebrate next year for our 50th Anniversary. Many of these projects will be complete, and our community will have plenty of family-oriented events and activities to look forward to throughout the year.

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



# **Your Neighborhood**

### Message From the Editor



By Nancy Roggio
Communications Manager

### Here's Your Chance to Tell Us What You Think!

It's been 2-1/2 years since our last *Ranchers' RoundUp* Readers' **Opinion Survey**. More than 200 residents took the time to answer a few questions back in February 2020. Since that time, many changes have come about in your monthly magazine. Many of these changes are a direct result of suggestions from residents being implemented in the publication.

Here are just a few features that have been added to RoundUp:

- Family-focused articles by **Dr. Andrea Hogan** as a Resident Guest Writer.
- Movers and Shakers interviews with key residents or staff members that truly help make this community great, written by yours truly.
- Monthly Desert Landscaping Tips & Tricks articles by resident and Certified Volunteer Master Gardener Sue Hakala.
- A monthly update from Councilmember Francisco Heredia.
- A monthly Conservation Corner article by Kathrine Blomquist to help reinforce the community's commitment to the environment.

- "Biggest Catch" Photos sent in from Ranch fishermen/women.
- Contests such as our Kids and Adult Talent Shows, Annual Art Shows, and a variety of Photo Contests to gain resident participation.
- A fun monthly "Find the Fact" Quiz to encourage residents to read each issue more thoroughly. (Our newest addition.)
- More resident photos sprinkled throughout the publication.
- Many new display and classified advertisers hoping to interest you in their goods or services.

So... it's time to send out a new *Ranchers' RoundUp Readers'* **Opinion Survey** for 2022.

This time around, I'd like to see **400** Dobson Ranch residents (double the amount from the last survey) take the time (approximately 4 minutes) to participate in the survey.

The survey will begin Monday, July 11th and run through Sunday, July 24th.

Please go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/ranchersroundupsurvey to take the survey.

Results of the 2022 survey will be published in the August edition of *Ranchers' RoundUp*. I look forward to hearing what **YOU** have to say! And, what I can do to improve **YOUR** publication.







Please note, the assessments changed in 2022 to \$579.60 annually. If you are having trouble paying online, you may have to change your account number. Below are the instructions to do so.

- 1. Sign into the CIT portal https://propertypay.cit.com
- 2. Click on the word "PROPERTIES" at top right side of page.
- 3. Click on your address.
- 4. Scroll down and you will see PROPERTY ACCT. NUMBER.
- 5. Please insert your new 16-digit account number in this space.
- 6. A green box will pop up to save your acount number CLICK SAVE!

AFTER YOU DO THIS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE YOUR PAYMENTS.

I do empathize with the challenges you may be facing with the changes to the statements, account numbers and new assessments. If you have any questions or need help, please call the office at 480-831-8314, or email me at: Iglysson@dobsonranch.com.

Keep your 16-digit account number readily available for your next payment.

# APPRECIATION

### LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE TEAM

"I am out in the community often and talk to residents who are out and about. A few weeks ago, I ran into a resident who grew up in Dobson Ranch and was out fishing with his son. During our conversation, he told me how much the Ranch has improved. He said it looks so nice now and better than ever. That was wonderful to hear and a tribute to our landscaping and maintenance staff. A few years ago, I met with the maintenance leadership; Marc Diaz, Supervisor and Dennis Melgreen, Facilities Manager, and we did an analysis of the department. We did a deep dive into work assignments, tools needed, maintenance schedules and other department details.

"Since then, work assignments have been clearly defined, tools to do the job have been purchased and incentives have been implemented. This has clearly made a huge impact on the community and the parks and paths have never looked better. I am proud of the work the landscaping and maintenance team has accomplished."

- Lynelle Glysson, Executive Director



By Nancy Roggio, Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Congrats to **Alisa Reniker**, the homeowner of **2442 S. Los Altos**, for being nominated for this month's Green Thumb
Award. As the "BEFORE" photo below depicts, her Xeriscape landscaping changed her property into a true desert oasis.

"What I love about my landscaping is that it is so easy to maintain. The plants are all accustomed to the Arizona heat and are also frost resistant. I love the colors and that something is flowering year-round. And, the back patio is perfect for watching the breathtaking Arizona sunsets or monsoons," Alisa proudly boasted.

Interesting tidbit: Alisa's father made the Scottie dog address marker in metalworking class when he was in elementary school.

Taking pride in your property like Alisa is what makes Dobson Ranch indisputably... the best place to live for almost 50 years!



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



# **Your Neighborhood**

# Escape the Heal

## with a Northern AZ Adventure

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). While we love the Ranch, summer is a great time to get out of town and escape the heat! Over the years, our family has stayed at many places in Northern AZ. Below outlines our favorites for those of you planning summer vacations up north!

usually at least 20 degrees cooler. Family favorite activities there are hiking, swimming and fishing in the creeks. Water Wheel Falls was a hit with my kids, it's a short hike with swimming holes, waterfalls and natural slides. They also enjoyed playing and fishing in Tonto Creek. Similarly, Christopher's Creek is a beautiful place to enjoy Tonto National Forest. You can plan a day trip, or stay at one of the many camping sites or cabin rentals. Personally, we loved Kohl's Ranch, where my kids enjoyed horseback riding in the forest. In addition, the quaint towns of Pine and Strawberry are just 20 minutes west of Payson, with more lodging options and the popular Tonto Natural Bridge State Park on the way.

The "White Mountain" Area is east of Payson and offers much cooler temperatures, great lakes and beautiful hikes. Heber/Overgaard, Show Low, Pinetop/Lakeside, Greer, and Snowflake/Taylor make up the White Mountains, and driving time depends on where you go. There are many lakes there, but our favorite is Fool Hollow Lake, where you can rent kayaks, paddleboards, boats, or simply camp, swim or fish. We've also enjoyed visiting the area during rodeo weekends, which are a hoot to watch and include festivals, craft fairs and parades. Pioneer Days in Snowflake and the Sweet Corn Festival in Taylor are a blast! Our favorite hike in the area is the Mogollon Rim trail, which offers stunning views of the White Mountain rim, and is easy for small children. The area has several delicious dining options, but our favorite is The House Yard Bar & Eatery in Show Low, with outside seating, live music, a huge yard for the kids to play in, and delicious ice cream. It's a hit with both parents and kids! There are many options to stay in this area including campsites, hotels, resorts, and cabins/houses to rent.

also offers significantly cooler temps and pine forests, but with a hip downtown. We've stayed in VRBOs in historic Flagstaff, Munds Park and Williams, and all

places offered a unique experience. Williams has **Bearizona**, a wildlife park with a drive-thru experience of North American animals in natural habitats combined with a walk-thru zoo, and nearby is the **Grand Canyon Deer Farm**, where kids can feed and walk with deer. Williams also has the **Grand Canyon Railway**, with trips/tours to the **Grand Canyon**.

Downtown Flagstaff has an exciting nightlife and rad summer festivals (we had a blast at the Celtic Festival). Flagstaff is also close to awesome outdoor adventures. AZ Snowbowl has hikes around the iconic San Francisco Peaks. Walnut Canyon National Monument has remarkable views of ancient cliff dwellings. For older kids, Flagstaff Extreme has an Adventure Course for ages 7-11, and additional courses for varying skill levels for ages 12+. Munds Park was our most "chill" northern AZ experience, where we simply lounged on the wrap-around porch of our rental, cooked out, walked to the small lake nearby and enjoyed the splendid weather of this "hidden gem" of AZ. There are several options for lodging in these areas, in fact, I know many DR residents with VRBOs there — check out the Dobson Ranch Resident Facebook page to support your neighbors' investments!

prescots is another option with cooler temperatures, lakes and pines. While we've never taken the kids, my husband and I adored trips there as a couple. Downtown Prescott is lovely, with historic Whiskey Row that boosts great restaurants, bars with live music, and plenty of specialty shops and antique stores. We've also enjoyed hiking in the area at both Watson Lake and Thumb Butte.

### Sedona

Lastly, the Red Rocks of Sedona is a family favorite of ours. While the temperatures are not as cool as the other options, Slide Rock and Grasshopper Swim Hole give a cool relief from the heat with incredible views and both are close enough for a day trip!

We are fortunate to live short drives away from these beautiful and comfortably cool places! So, beat the heat by planning a day trip, weekend getaway, or entire week up north and explore our stunning state!







### Monthly Update from Councilmember Heredia

Mesa Receives \$920K Grant for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning We were recently awarded a \$920,000 grant from the Federal Transit Administration

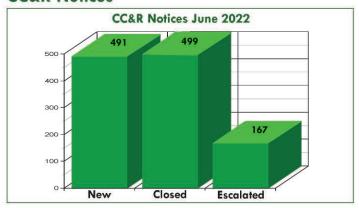
to conduct detailed transit-oriented development planning along a proposed 5-mile streetcar route in west Mesa. The proposed transit route will connect five major activity areas within the city including Sloan Park, Riverview Marketplace, the Asian District, the Fiesta District, and Downtown. The funded planning efforts provide the city with the opportunity to conduct detailed branding and marketing of special areas; study, market, and partner on catalyst sites; and implement strategies from three of the four Redevelopment Plans.

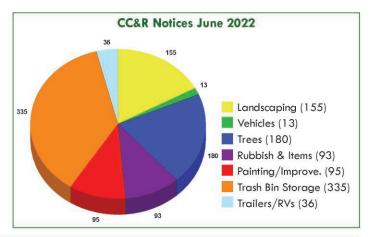
The study will include comprehensive planning along the streetcar route to increase economic development opportunities along the transit line; increase transit ridership; improve transit access for pedestrians and bicycle traffic; increase mixed-use development near transit stations; and address climate change, environmental justice challenges, and racial equity/barriers to opportunity.

Be on the lookout for future opportunities to give your feedback and contribute to this project. Please contact my office if you have any questions or comments: 480-644-6275 or District3@MesaAZ.gov.

~ Councilmember Heredia

### **CC&R Notices**





# The Newly Revised Guidelines are Here!

On June 14th, 2022, the newly-revised **Residential Architectural Guidelines** were approved by the DRAC committee. Enforcement of the Guidelines went into effect July 1st, 2022, by our Code Compliance team. The Guidelines took about six months to review, with two workshops and input from homeowners. Some of the new sections you may want to check out are:

- Outside Lighting/String Lights
- Security Cameras
- Trash Bin Storage
- Pony Walls
- Clarification between Permanent Structures and Accessory Structures
- Sheds
- · Little Free Libraries

The DRAC has also added an **Appendix** section in the back of the Guidelines with drawings regarding setbacks, play structures, allowable hardscape, wall and fence heights, and sheds. These drawings will include dimensions that will help homeowners when filling out Architectural Applications.

There is also a section in the Appendix that will give suggestions on desert-adapted landscape plants. The rules state in the Guidelines that every home must have one 15-gallon tree and two 5-gallon shrubs planted in the

front yard of their home. This list of plants and trees are all Arizona water friendly which was a huge concern among homeowners. The trees and plants suggested in the list do well in the hot Arizona sun and need little water.

You can find the new Residential Architectural Guidelines on the Dobson Ranch website, the Dobson Ranch App, and there are also hard copies in the office as well, if needed.

If you have questions regarding the new Guidelines or filling out an Architectural Application, I will be happy to speak with you.

If at any time you have questions or concerns regarding code enforcement, please contact the Administration Office at 480-831-8314, and I would be glad to assist you.



Thank you,

Camille Gonzales, Operations Manager



# **Your Neighborhood**



We received 8 entries from our first Find the Fact Quiz in June. A random drawing was held on June 21st to select the winner of the first \$20.00 Amazon Gift Card. The gift card for June goes to JoAnn Precup. Thanks for taking the time to Find the Facts!

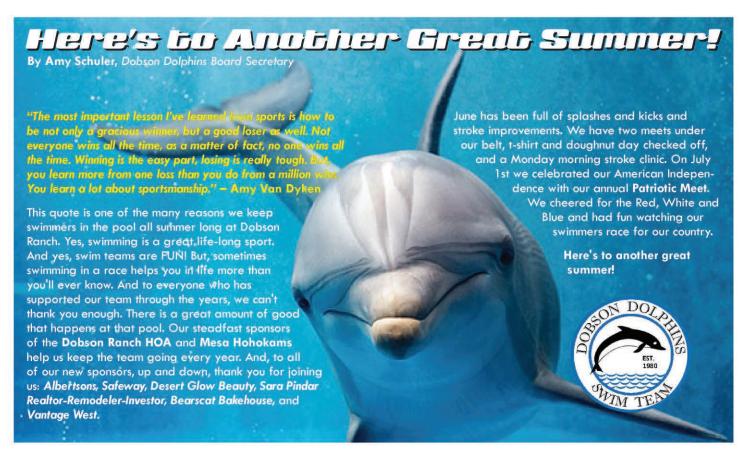
To enter this month's **Find the Fact Quiz**, simply email all of the answers to questions 1-20 below to *nroggio@dobsonranch.com* by no later than July 20, 2022. All residents (of any age) with all 20 correct answers will be put into a drawing. One winner will be randomly selected to receive a **\$20.00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

### Ready, set, GO!

- 1. What local organization will check your smoke alarms for FREE?
- 2. What is the date and time of the next Red Cross Blood Drive at Dobson Ranch?
- 3. Which crickets are light yellowish-brown to tan in color?
- 4. What does the \$85 price per person include for our Annual Dobson Ranch Golf Tournament?
- 5. When is the August Round Robin Tennis Social?
- 6. What is the advertising tagline for the D.R. Golf Course?

- 7. How much does it cost for teens to place an ad in the At Your Service section of Ranchers' RoundUp?
- 8. Whose home was chosen for the July Green Thumb Award?
- 9. When will the Ranchers' RoundUp Readers' Opinion Survey begin and end?
- 10. How old do you need to be to play Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Style Poker at La Casita?
- 11. Which advertiser has a coupon for \$2.00 off any 10" sub in this issue?
- 12. How many CC&R notices were sent out in June due to Trash Bin Storage issues?
- 13. Which college will conduct eight A Matter of Balance classes at Dobson Ranch?
- 14. When should you water plants to minimize evaporation?
- 15. What is the color of a Summer Camp Counselor's t-shirt?
- 16. On what date did the DR Architectural Guidelines get approved?
- 17. On what date is the Retirees' Club Member Appreciation?
- 18. What is the correct term for monsoons?
- 19. What are the names of our two Cade Compliance Specialists?
- 20. Michelle Mowery is the new Principal of what school?

Hope you have fun finding the interesting facts floating around this issue! We'll be back next month with another set of questions and another \$20.00 Amazon Gift Card for one lucky resident who takes the time to Find the Facts!







## DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

### JIMINY CRICKETS!

**Indian house crickets** and **field crickets** are the two most common types in Maricopa County. They do not bite or carry diseases. As soon as it gets hot, I find them hopping across my family room at night.

Indian house crickets (*Gryllodes supplicant*) are <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" long, light yellowish-brown to tan in color, and are the most troublesome. They are a nuisance as the males "chirp" at night by rubbing their wings together to attract females. They may feed on young plants and flowers outdoors and fabrics and drywall indoors.

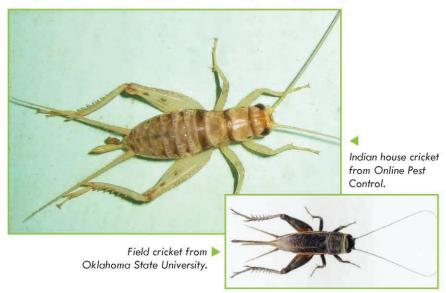
The field cricket (*Gryllus bimaculatus*) is about 1" long, dark brown to shiny black, and likes to eat woolens, cotton, silks, synthetic fabrics, furs, carpeting, and your favorite sweater. Clothing with perspiration stains or food spills are particularly attractive to them. They also eat young plants and flowers.

Eggs laid in the soil in late summer overwinter, hatching in late spring or early summer. In our mild climate, they can be found year round. The tiny immature crickets look exactly like the adults, except they have no wings. They feed on the same foods that adults like and mature in 90 days.

To keep them out of your house, fill cracks and holes that are possible entry points. Keep doors closed tightly at night, including screen and garage doors. Keep exterior lights off at night, put pet food away, keep a clean kitchen, and check potted plants. Physically kill or remove crickets. I find the stomp method works well.

Encourage natural predators: cats, lizards, birds, and spiders. Apply boric acid or pesticides labeled for use on crickets to cracks and crevices after 10:00 pm. Concentrate on cricket hiding places like closets, under stairways, along foundations, under boards, and pots outside. Applications made when crickets are small are most effective.

The Indian house crickets in my house are attracted to cockroach bait in those tidy plastic containers sold at the local Ace, Home Depot or Lowe's. They eat the bait, then go off and die somewhere, and I have a good night's sleep.



### Homeowner Improvements

# Architectural Applications June 2022

By Carolyn Burleson, Admin. Assistant/Architecture

42 Applications	\$ :	259,925
BROOKEDGE ESTATES		
Awning Fabric	\$	1,200
Landscape	\$	7,500
		in Market
DOBSON RANCH UNIT I	523	
Exterior Painting	\$	13,300
DOBSON RANCH UNIT III		
Exterior Painting	\$	3,600
Roof and Beams	\$	15,000
Driveway Extension	\$	3,000
Front Door	\$	6,000
Pony Wall	\$	200
Window/Door Replacement	\$	25,000
DOBSON PINES	1540	121212121
Exterior Painting	\$	3,890
DOBSON SHORES		
Exterior Painting	\$	5,300
Landscape	\$	23,000
Roof Replacement	\$	
Window Coverings	\$	1,273
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Gazebo	\$	6,000
Little Library	\$	300
Window Replacement	\$	8,200
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Landscape	\$	700
Roof Replacement	\$	14,655
Solar Panels	\$	20,000
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RV/Side Gates	\$	4,000
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# Conservation Corner

## Rise Up! 50 Ways to Voluntarily Save Water

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water and Lake Management Committee Member



On May 18th, the City of Mesa enacted **Stage One of the Water Shortage Management Plan.** The plan includes a 5% reduction goal for city water systems. For residents, the city has a public awareness campaign to alert us of the water shortage conditions and the voluntary measures we can take to save water.

A few ways to define "voluntary" are:

- Proceeding from the will or from one's choice or consent (voluntary cooperation)
- 2. Unconstrained by interference (voluntary participant)
- 3. Of, relating to, or regulated by the will (voluntary behavior)

So, let's all cooperate, participate and change our behaviors in favor of saving water! Since the Dobson Ranch community is celebrating our 50th Anniversary next year, here are 50 easy ways to save water outside and inside your home. You may be doing some water-saving measures already, thank you, so here are some new ideas. The list starts with saving water outside the home, because over 60% of household water is used for outdoor landscaping.

### Outside your home:

- Use a Smart Irrigation Controller.
- Remove turf and replace with desert landscaping.
- Catch water in an empty tuna can to measure sprinkler output and aim for 3/4 to 1 inch of water each time you irrigate.
- If you have a lawn, adjust the lawn mower to the height of 1.5 to 2 inches because taller grass shades roots and holds soil moisture better than short grass.
- Leave lawn clippings on the grass to cool the ground and hold in moisture.
- Water summer lawns once every 3 days and winter lawns every 5 days.
- Use sprinklers that deliver big drops of water close to the ground because smaller drops can evaporate before hitting the ground.
- Reach out to neighbors if you see an irrigation leak in their front yards. (Personal thanks!)
- Minimize evaporation by watering in the early morning.
- Use 2 to 4 inches of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation.
- Monsoons are coming (knock on wood), so collect water from your roof by installing gutters and downspouts and use the runoff to water plants and trees.
- Turn off sprinklers after it rains.
- Direct water from HVAC systems to water plants.
- Plant in spring or fall, when watering requirements are lower.
- Group plants together with the same watering needs to avoid overwatering and underwatering.
- Use a nozzle on your garden hose to control the output.
- Set a timer when using the hose as a reminder to turn it off.
- Check outdoor faucets, pipes and hoses for leaks
- If you have a pool, use a cover to help prevent water loss through evaporation.
- Lower the water levels in your pool to reduce water loss due to splashing.

- If you have an automatic refilling device, check your pool periodically for leaks.
- Minimize or turn off waterfalls and sprays in your pool since aeration increases evaporation.
- Make sure your swimming pool, fountain and/or pond is equipped with a recirculating pump.
- Put decorative fountains on timers and use only during daylight or evening hours.
- Wash pets outdoors, in an area of your lawn that needs water.
- When giving pets fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain - use it to water plants.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, sidewalks and driveways.
- Turn off the sprinkler when the kids or fur-babies (or you) are done running through it.

### Inside your home:

- Monitor your water bill because unusually high use can signal a leak.
- Install water-saving aerators on all your faucets.
- When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather.
- \* Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth. (Thanks to all the Dobson Ranch kids that pledged to do this!)
- Scrape dishes rather than rinsing them before washing.
- Only run the dishwasher with a full load.
- Only wash full loads of laundry.
- \* Make sure any new appliances are ENERGY STAR® rated.
- Install low flow showerheads.
- Use bar soap instead of shower gel, as gel takes extra water to rinse off.
- Take shorter showers.
- Check your toilet for leaks.
- Take a shower instead of a bath.
- Turn off the water in the shower while washing and turn it back on to rinse.
- Make sure new toilets, faucets, and showerheads have the WaterSense® label.
- When waiting for hot water, collect the running water and use it to water plants.
- When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your non-edible plants.
- \* Repair or replace leaky faucets.
- \* Cut down on the number of water glasses to wash each day by designating one glass for your drinking water or, my personal favorite, use a refillable water bottle.
- Install an instant water heater near your kitchen sink so you don't have to run the water while it heats up.
- Reuse leftover water from cooked or steamed foods to start a nutritious soup.
- When ice cubes or water are leftover from your drink, pour onto a plant instead of down the drain.

Which water-savings tip resonates with you? Take your pick and do a new one today, or better yet, 50 days and keep going. Many of the tips come from *WaterUseltWisely.com*, so check out the website for even more ideas. The time is now to **Rise Up**\* and cooperate, participate and change behaviors to save water!

\*Kudos to Lin-Manuel Miranda (Hamilton) #DobsonConservation



# At Our Lakes

## Monsoon Season on the Ranch

By Joseph Trickett, Water and Lake Management Committee Chairman



Arizona's monsoon which officially started June 15th and lasts through the end of September is the northern part of the **North American Monsoon** which begins in early June in Southern and Central Mexico. The monsoon is a season, during which the dry westerly winds that persist through much of the year shift to moist southerly winds, carrying thunderstorm activity into Arizona.

The monsoon activity accounts for roughly half the annual rainfall in central Arizona and between two-thirds and three-fourths the annual rainfall for southern Arizona.

The 2020 monsoon season was one of the driest on record, while in 2021 we had one of the wetter ones on record seeing nearly eight inches of rain across the region. As for this year, we will have to wait and see what the monsoon season brings us. Typically, we do not see measurable rainfall of the monsoon season until around the 4th of July, however we had .01 inches come down in the end of June, hopefully this is an indication as it was last year of a wetter than average monsoon season.

Here, at the Ranch, the monsoon season does not produce

thunderstorms every day as it does in other parts of the world, but rather occurs in a pattern that has "bursts" and "breaks"... depending on subtropical high-pressure systems and westerlies which can lead to strong widespread thunderstorm outbreaks and activity throughout our region.

We rely on these monsoon thunderstorms to bring in cooler, though short-lived, temperatures. During the summer months high temperatures deplete oxygen levels in our lakes. Low  $O^2$  levels can cause stress on the fish residing in our lakes. The monsoon thunderstorms help oxygenate the lakes through rainfall, wind activity and cooler temperatures which also allows the oxygen that is produced through the photosynthesis process to remain in the water longer benefiting our lakes' ecosystem.

Did you know that since the monsoon is a season rather than a storm, that the correct term is monsoon thunderstorms not monsoons? Well, whatever you like to call them, these storms can be spectacular! If you happen to catch a picture of some of the amazing lightning, sunrises, sunsets or another aspect that's a part of these storms, be sure to send it over to be featured in an upcoming issue of the *Ranchers' RoundUp*. Don't forget to batten down the umbrellas and patio furniture!





# **Movers and Shakers**

JULY 2022

# One Head, Many Habs!

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



One of the key staff members of the Dobson Ranch HOA is Operations Manager **Camille Gonzales**, who admittedly wears lots of different hats daily.

### Q: Tell us about yourself.

CG: I was born and lived in Germany for most of my childhood, coming from a military family. After my dad retired, we moved to Tacoma, WA. I have lived in

Arizona for 11 years and enjoy the constant sunshine over the everyday rain of Washington. I have a B.A. degree in Psychology and I'm currently taking classes at Mesa Community College for my HR certification. I have two beautiful girls, 21 and 9 years old, and enjoy traveling and doing things with my family.

### Q: Please give a brief overview of your career background?

CG: I've worked within the HOA industry for the past five years, starting at the front desk and working my way up to Operations Manager. My previous job was as a portfolio community manager for Associa Management in Scottsdale, managing nine properties all over the Valley. I love working here because of the sense of community and spirit, and because Dobson Ranch is a unique community established nearly 50 years ago.

### Q: How long have you worked for Dobson Ranch?

CG: My two-year work-iversary with Dobson Ranch is next month. It was very interesting starting in the middle of COVID when things were on lockdown, but I was amazed by the way the office was kept running and activities and meetings were still being planned virtually. I work in the Administration Office and my duties include HR, Payroll, managing the Code Compliance team and Front Desk. I also attend the Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee (DRAC) and DRAC Appeals meetings.

### Q: What is your role with the DRAC Committee?

CG: I prepare the agenda, take the meeting minutes, set up Appeals for homeowners and help homeowners fill out their applications or answer any questions they may have. Code Compliance and DRAC go hand-in-hand as many applications result from violations a homeowner may have received. I also like to encourage homeowners that may have applications to attend the DRAC meeting, so they can discuss their application with the DRAC or answer any questions the DRAC may have for them. I always like to tell homeowners ahead of time when filling out applications to be as DETAILED as possible.

# Q: What has been the process to update the Residential Architectural Guidelines and why is it so important?

CG: This year the DRAC has held two workshops in January and March with homeowners present, to review and update the Residential Architectural Guidelines. The purpose of reviewing the Guidelines is to update any state laws or state statutes and clarify the verbiage so homeowners will have a better understanding of them. This will also help our Code Compliance team with their job of enforcement. At each workshop homeowners were able to make comments or add input on what they thought should be added or what was no longer necessary. Notes were made and the changes to the Guidelines were sent to the HOA

attorney for review. The Guidelines were then posted to the website so all homeowners could review them. Copies were available in the Administration Office as well. At the DRAC meeting on May 25th, there was additional discussion and notes taken. Finally, on June 14th, the revised Residential Architectural Guidelines were approved. DRAC has put in a lot of hard work over the past six months, and they care about making Dobson Ranch "the best place to live." Some of the highlighted changes were adding a section about string lights, arranging the sections so they made sense and were easier to find, and adding an Appendix section at the back of the Guidelines that include drawings for play structures, setbacks and hardscapes, and also a Desert Plant section to give homeowners a list of desert-friendly trees, shrubs and ground cover plants that will help with watering and will last through the hot Arizona summers.

# Q: What are the three most important qualities for manning the Front Desk at the Administration Office?

**CG**: Patience, kindness and being able to multitask. The Receptioist is the first face you see when walking into our office. Our newest receptionist, **Christy Tribiana**, exceeds all three qualities. Christy came from the Recreation Department and is a welcome addition to the administration staff. She's great with homeowners, remains calm and is always willing to help.

# Q: What is the biggest challenge you face in the hiring process as Personnel Manager?

CG: I renew benefits annually, make sure all insurances are up to date, onboard new employees, and participate in the hiring process. One of the challenges every hiring manager faces in 2022, is finding employees to hire. There are so many jobs available that it makes the hiring process very competitive and hard to find applicants.

### Q: Describe your efforts overseeing Code Compliance.

CG: The Code Compliance team, on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee, works to enforce the Guidelines. The team issues violations as needed, but they also work with homeowners and answer questions regarding compliance. This department gets an undeserved rep as the "bad guys". Our Code Compliance Specialists, Adam Murray and Shelica Alwahabi, are both very friendly, patient and always act professionally. They are willing to work with homeowners as much as possible. When it comes to Code Compliance and our homeowners, communication is key.

### Q: What is on the horizon for the Code Compliance team?

CG: I'm excited to report that we will be introducing a new user-friendly compliance software called HOA Life this month. This program will be a game changer in the violation process. It will make things easier for our Code Compliance team as they will have access to a phone app that is able to give details on which homes have violations, help map out their routes and take pictures for the violation letters. This software will also help improve communications between homeowners and our staff. Plus, homeowners will be able to access their own portal where they can view any of their open violations, communicate with the team if they have corrected the violation, and can fill out Architectural Applications right there on the site.





# Meet Crismon Elementary Principal Michelle Mowery

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

For 21 years, Michelle Mowery has dedicated her life's work to education. Mowery's career started as an elementary teacher before becoming an administrator, most recently serving as a principal in the Washington Elementary School District. She is excited about joining the Crismon Elementary community.

### Why did you pick Crismon Elementary School?

While I have been an elementary and junior high principal, my heart is with the elementary grades. The warmth and positive culture and climate at Crismon Elementary made it an easy decision. I love its vision, "Every Child, Every Opportunity, Every Day", and that it's an established school with rich traditions. I look forward to carrying on those traditions as well as building new ones with students, staff and families.

### What are a few goals for the new school year?

My goals are to build relationships with students, staff, parents and community partners. I believe the school is the hub of the community. I am excited to engage with all.

### What advice would you give students, staff and the Crismon community?

Enjoy your elementary years because they go quickly. Get involved and try new things, make time for school events, and find your voice within your school to communicate your ideas. I would also like to thank our community for trusting me with the most important people in their lives each day. As a mother, daughter, wife, sister and friend, I always make decisions from my heart and my head. My best decisions are student-centered.

### What are your favorite books?

I love the messages in Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse and The Recess Queen. I am also a huge fan of podcasts and currently listening to Jay Shetty's series "On Purpose."

### How would your teachers describe you as a student?

They would share that I was a good student and a hard worker, but a little chatty with a lot of energy.

### Do you have a favorite food, beverage or guilty pleasure?

You can never go wrong with Diet Coke and Mexican food.

### A Letter from Principal Michelle Mowery



I am Michelle Mowery, the new 2022-2023 Crismon Elementary Principal. It is a privilege and honor to lead such a dedicated staff and community whose commitment to quality education is evident.

Arizona has been my home since 1987 when we moved from Minnesota, I received my Bacherlor's degree in Elementary Education from Arizona State University and my Master's degree in

Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. I have been in education for 21 years and taught for 11 years in Kindergarten through Fifth grade prior to moving into Administration. I had the privilege of teaching Third and Fourth grade at Guerrero Elementary in Mesa as well. My last 10 years have been in administration as a Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, and for the last seven years, Principal of both an Elementary campus and a K-8 campus.

My husband and I live in Chandler with our two daughters. Emma is in Fifth grade and Alaina is a sophomore in high school. We also added two new additions to our family, our five-month-old puppies. Rocky and Oakley keep us busy, but they are so much fun.

As the new Principal of Crismon Elementary, I value family involvement and collaboration between staff, students and parents. I believe in providing an environment that will give our children every opportunity to grow academically, socially and behaviorally. I look forward to building upon Crismon's rich traditions and reputation of academic excellence.

I am eager to partner with the Crismon Elementary community to provide our children the best educational experience possible and to continue to instill in them the love of learning.

Warm regards, Michelle Mowery







Photos by Tim Hacker/MPS and Samantha Chow/MPS



### From the Recreation Director's Desk



By Jesse Wright Recreation Manager

Now that the weather is in the triple digits, come out and enjoy your community pools and splash pad! Swimming is great exercise and being submerged in water is a super fun way to stay

cool! See the App or Dobson Ranch website for our pool and splash pad summer hours. Our new summer building hours run from May 27th to September 4th. We are open Monday through Saturday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm, and Sunday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.

We're excited to bring you our second Parent/Junior 9-Hole Golf Tournament on July 30th at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course. You can sign up your junior golfer (ages 8-17), then add the adult partner's name in at registration on ActiveNet. The cost is \$40 per twosome which includes golf cart, plus hot dog, chips and drink for each player.

Bring your dogs out for a fun run in Laguna Park on September 10th for **Bark** in the Park. Be sure to sign up at the event to participate in three different in-person contests: (Best Trick, Pet Owner Lookalike and Most Patriotic Pooch). There will also be vendors there that cater exclusively to your canine. We will have fenced areas for big and small dogs, so come out and enjoy another paws-itively perfect day on the Ranch!

Golfers! Mark your calendar for our 18th Annual Golf
Tournament on Saturday, September 24th. Registration is at
the La Casita Recreation Center. I look forward to seeing you at
our upcoming summer events!

### **Tennis Tip for July**



**By Kwong Young**Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

### **Mental Toughness**

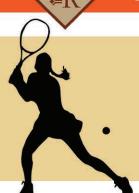
Athletes such as Stephan Curry, Michael Phelps, Tom Brady, and Serena Williams are top competitors in their sport. They all have one major thing in common, and that is "Mental Toughness". Without mental toughness, one cannot be successful in the sports world.

This is where you, on the court or in the workplace, cannot fold under pressure if you want to succeed in life. Maintaining positivity even under a great deal of stress is imperative. One must practice positivity and calmness under pressure even when things are not working your way. Not quitting and having no excuses, but doing the best you can and not "tanking" (giving up or don't care) is the name of the game.

I had to learn to have this trait. I had the skills, but lacked the mental toughness to help take me to the next level of performance. Being good on court decision making, breathing, and a positive attitude toward my opponents made me a better player!

Some players play using their mind and some players are losing their mind... which one would you rather be?





## **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 I** Sessions: Monthly Monday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6156 \$50 R/\$75 NR Wednesday, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 6157 \$50 R/\$75 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, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6158 \$50 R/\$75 NR
Wednesday, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 6159 \$50 R/\$75 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, August 6, 13, 20, 27 6160 \$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 I Sessions: Monthly Monday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6155 \$50 R/\$75NR

### **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 I 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm \*August Social 8/20

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

### PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

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



### RECREATION CLASSES

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

### ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES

TAI CHI

Instructor: Linda When: Wedr

When: Wednesdays
Where: PM Classes only in July

La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 10:00 am Intermediate Tai Chi

11:00 am
6:00 pm
11:00 pm
Beginning Tai Chi
Intermediate Tai Chi
Beginning Tai Chi

Cost: \$3 drop in residents, \$6 drop in non-residents

\$12 resident only for a 6-use punch card



Tai Chi is a gentle Chinese exercise system that may enhance strength and flexibility as well as reduce stress. Learning the Tai Chi form can be the beginning of a healthy, lifelong practice that can improve

the quality of life of individuals who choose to practice it.

### YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Jeanne When: Mondays

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Cost: \$8 drop in, \$42 resident only for a 7-use

\$6 drop in, \$42 resident only for a 7-use

punch card



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

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

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



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

dance and reggaton. This class combines high energy and motivating 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 2 months from date of purchase. Punch Cards may be punched one time for residents only per class. No additional punches for guests or residents.

### **COMMUNITY TABLE TENNIS**

(Drop In)

When: Fridays

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm in July; 4:30 - 6:30 pm in August

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





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

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Time:

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 agua 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:

When: Mondays - Thursdays (June 6 - October 6)

Where: La Casita Recreation Center Pool

7:30 am - 8:20 am Time:

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. 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: 6113

When: Mondays (July 25 - August 29) Where: La Casita Recreation Center Time:

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Cost:

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)**

Code:

When: Tuesdays (July 26 - August 30) Where: La Casita Recreation Center

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Time:

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. Contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

### **INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)**

Code: 6119

When: Thursdays (July 28 - September 1) Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Cost:

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 or bare feet are recommended. There will be a recital at the end of the session. Contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.



### Texan Hold 'Em Tournament Style Poker

(Must be 18 or older) When: Friday, July 22

6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm) Where: La Casita Rec. Center (Grande Room)

Poker night is a free monthly program for

Dobson Ranch residents. Meet your neighbors for a friendly game.

### Bunco

When: Friday, July 15

Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm) Where: La Casita Rec. Center (Chica Room) This fast-paced, yet easy game is played with dice. It's a fun social hour with other residents.



### Bridge

When: Mondays

Time: 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Where: St. Matthew U.M. Church (in July) La Casita Chica Room (in August)

Cost: \$1.00 per player

We are actively seeking more bridge players. We play party bridge, singles and couples are welcome. Call Susan Toevs at 317-446-8641 for info or to join.

Cost for Poker and Bunco: Free to residents, \$5 non-residents.





Our Summer Camp Discovery Kids have been having a BLAST each and every day! Photos below

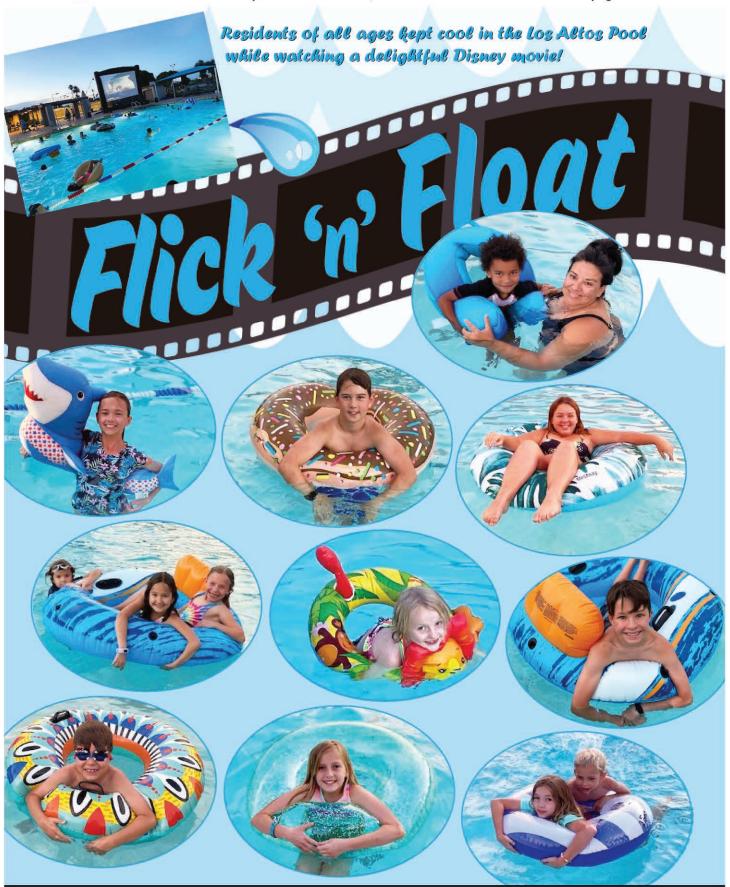


are from Camp Weeks 2 through 4. To see more photos, please visit our Dobson Ranch HOA Facebook page.





To see more Flick 'n Float photos from June 3rd, visit the Dobson Ranch HOA Facebook page.





Ten new and not-so-new residents attended our third Resident 101 Orientation in June.

# orientation June 15, 2022



Didn't make it in June? Resident 101 Orientations will be held quarterly in 2022.





# PARENT-JUNIOR 9-HOLE TOURNY



**\$40**\*
per team

TWO PERSON TEAMS
1 Parent & 1 Child (Ages 8-17)

SHOTGUN START 5:00 PM Check-in is at 4:30 pm.

INCLUDES: Golf Cart, Hot Dog, Chips & 1 Drink ticket for adult. Prizes will be awarded.

\* Donation to The Pops & Junior Youth Golf Program

REGISTER VIA ACTIVENET TODAY.





# 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:**

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### **Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club**

By Susan Toevs, Club President

The Retirees are trying to stay cool this summer. Our indoor activities continue with good attendance. We are eating out! The men have their breakfast, the ladies have their lunch, and, of course, we are all eating out at Dinner Night Out and Happy Hour. Nancy Palomo has been a great hostess for our Game Day group.

Our August General Meeting will return to the La Casita Grande Room on Monday, August 1st beginning at 9:30 am for mixing and mingling, and 10:00 am for our meeting, program and luncheon. Don't forget to bring your books and puzzles for our exchange table!

The Retirees' Club Board Meeting will be held on August 18th at 9:00 am at La Casita.

With cooler weather we will be looking forward to resuming our outdoor activities... hiking, biking and our new walking group. Watch your weekly "The Good Times" newsletter for details as we move into fall.

Mark your calendars for our Membership Appreciation Event on October 22nd. There'll be music, dancing, and, of course, plenty of food. Karen Magnan is forming a committee to plan the evening (food, decorations, etc.) Contact her directly at arizonamag@gmail.com to join the planning fun.

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 June Membership Evening Social featured lots of yummy appetizers, desserts and good conversation with friends. (See more photos below.)

### The Retirees' Club had their General Meeting on June 6th at 6:30 pm at La Casita Recreation Center. Photos by Susan Toevs.



















# **Dobson Ranch Clubs**

### Women's Club

By Patty Smith, Women's Club President



**Happy 246th Birthday America!** We are having lots of challenges. May we have wisdom meeting them.

Birthday wishes also go out to **Sameera** for turning 91 years young. Sameera is a remarkable and sweet lady. We wish her many, many more. Thank you, Lynda, for

hosting the birthday celebration.

Thank you to the Water Aerobics ladies and our members for the beautiful Celebration of Life for Liz Helfand. Zoe and her family were so appreciative. Liz has been a vibrant "star" in our lives. She was generous, kind and had a fabulous sense of humor. Her enjoyment of sharing her Italian cooking was shared by many. LOVE - LOVE - LAUGH... RIP.

We need continued prayers and positive thoughts for **Chris** as she continues to battle her health issues.

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer. Stay cool... at least you do not have to shovel sunshine!

Blessings, Patty



Happy 91st Birthday, Sameera!



The Women's Club and Water Aerobics ladies were honored to host Liz Helfrand's Celebration of Life on June 18th.

## Building Heat Index, Lots of Wind at Times, and Next Up... Monsoon 2022!

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Despite the usual challenges from climbing heat and too much wind at times, Dobson Ranch Pickleball is marching along. Many of our regular players are moving in and out on vacations, some extended, and, in fact, I will be at a new summer home in Flagstaff for much of this summer. Look me up if you are in town, and I will introduce you to public play at Bushmaster Park!

The Los Altos courts are staying busy in our morning and evening drop-in times, and we are seeing quite a few folks continuing to come out with a foursome on their own schedules. 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 to 10:00 pm under the lights, but is subject to adjustment for attendance issues that sometimes develop in the heat of mid-summer. The new windscreens are up and look great, and we have four gates separating the courts from errant balls which would otherwise be interrupting play on the opposing courts. Bring a chair if you would like a comfortable seat in the shade, and please hydrate before and during play to avoid heat distress.

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** (planner 1948@gmail.com) for more info, 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 donna 85202@gmail.com to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.





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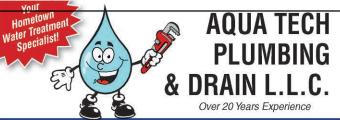






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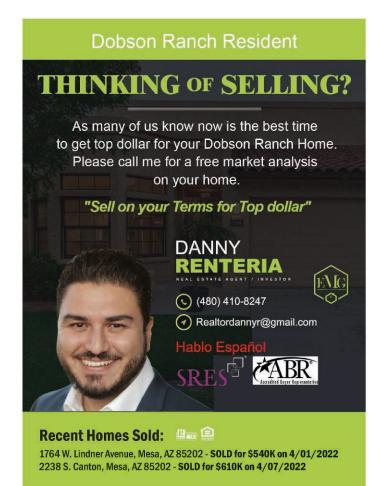


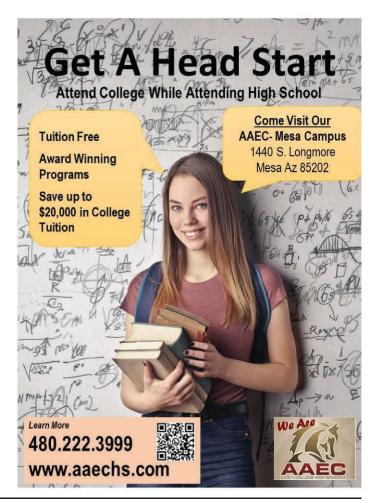


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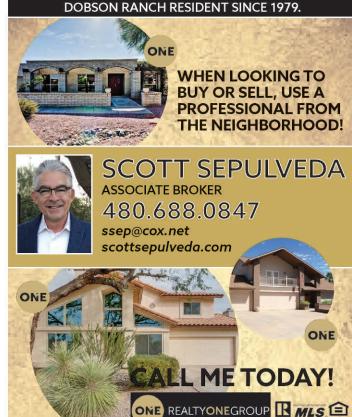
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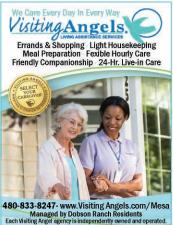
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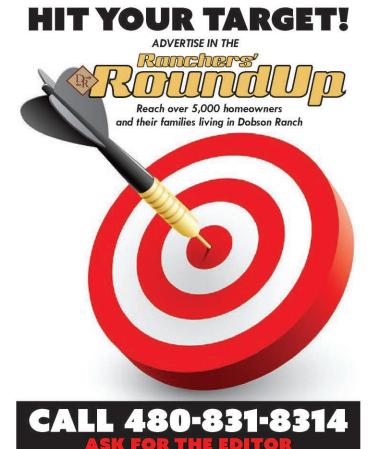
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