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Courtney Ingham and Beau, her strikingly beautiful Bernese Mountain Dog, made their way to Laguna Park on Saturday, September 10th for our semi-annual Bark in the Park event. Bernese Mountain Dogs are big, powerful and built for hard work. The breed is also blessed with a sweet, affectionate and friendly nature, and Beau is no exception. Beau is always up for a romp in the park, especially when the park is packed with other furry friends.

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Message From the Association President



By Nicole Lynam
Association President

Thank You For EVERYTHING!

What comes to mind when you think of a Homeowners Association? Many people picture the "code police" issuing fines if you don't pull your weeds every day. HOAs get a bad reputation and sometimes for valid reasons. I once swore I would never live in an HOA. Then I moved into Dobson Ranch and decided to get involved. Originally, I just wanted to prevent crazy HOA overreach. Then I found value in sharing my knowledge. These days, even though life is busy and overwhelming, I make the time because I have seen how amazing Dobson Ranch truly is. I have seen how our residents, volunteers and Staff care and strive to build a true community. I feel honored to play a small part in that effort.

I've been Dobson Ranch Board President for six months now. During that time, I've been privileged to catch a alimpse into the inner workings of the Association. I have been able to interact with the hard-working Staff and volunteers that keep us operating and self-managed. Have you noticed all the big projects they coordinated this year? What do you think of the Dobson Ranch App updates? How many other HOAs do you know of with such an impressive community magazine? Our Committees and Staff Members have done an amazing job, especially in a year filled with unpredictable delays, fluctuating costs and supply shortages. As residents, we often fail to see the late-night meetings, insanely long financial spreadsheets, endless phone calls and emails, getting yelled at for things they can't control, learning details of drought mitigation and water rights, aggressively demanding better vendor prices... the list is long. It is easy to underappreciate what it takes to run our Ranch, especially when our Staff does it so well that they make it look simple.

Over the past four years, a large part of that success has been our Executive Director, Lynelle Glysson. Her leadership has guided our community through some challenging years with innovation and dedication. Years that brought us new amenities, memorable events and increasing home values that outpaced our surrounding neighborhoods. Unfortunately for Dobson Ranch, those efforts were also noticed outside of our community and Lynelle has accepted a position elsewhere. Lynelle's presence will be missed in the office, at every event, Board and Committee meetings, late nights and early mornings, and even lurking around our lakes with her fishing pole. Thank you for everything, Lynelle, and we wish you great happiness and success in your new role.

Lynelle has made every effort to ensure that Dobson Ranch will have a successful transition in her absence. While the Board of Directors searches for our next Executive Director, Dobson Ranch still has a very capable team of Staff Members and volunteers. And, if any of you feel like you have too much free time, you are welcome to contact Staff or the Board of Directors regarding open Board and Committee positions to help us keep Dobson Ranch *The Best Place to Live!*

Executive Director's Message



By Lynelle Glysson
Executive Director

So Long For Now...

Dear Residents of Dobson Ranch,

It makes me very sad to think that I will no longer be a part of your community as your Executive Director. I cannot count all the fond memories I have from my last nearly four years here at Dobson Ranch.

When I arrived here in January 2019, I was impressed at how the community came together to realign the direction of the Association. Good people stepped up to the plate to volunteer on the Board and on the Committees. We sorted through all the governing documents and ensured that all subdivisions were operating under their correct CC&Rs.

We made it through a pandemic! I remember thinking that 2020 was going to be a shiny new year in which we could move forward. But, in March 2020, we closed the office. That's when the Staff, Board and community really came together. We worked to keep going as much as we could. Residents were patient during the closures of the amenities. Staff Members came up with creative interactive virtual events to keep the community connected. We also held our food truck events each week. It was such an innovative idea that we were featured in USA Today! I am also super proud that we were able to work with the Dobson Dolphins, so they did not miss a stroke in their swim season.

At the same time, we kept up with projects that the Board approved. Zoom meetings became the norm, which made things a little bit more complicated, but everyone overcame the challenges. And now we're meeting in person once again.

I have also enjoyed getting to know more residents when I am out fishing on the lakes. I have met fellow fishermen who are now my fishing buddies, and we swap "fish stories." I have met families out on the playgrounds, residents walking their dogs and residents enjoying other activities on the Ranch. I have felt a true connection with you all.

The HOA Staff will continue work on the day-to-day operations of the Association. You have a dedicated Board of Directors who will continue to run the Association. I will miss Dobson Ranch and its residents, and especially the talented team of dedicated Staff Members. Dobson Ranch is a special place with special people. Instead of saying "goodbye"... how about I say, "So long for now."

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

Open Forum with Councilmember Heredia – Councilmember Heredia will be at La Casita for an Open Forum in the Grande Room. The main topic will be *The City of Mesa and Short-Term Rentals*. This will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 pm. There will be a Q&A session at the end of the Forum.



Message From the Editor



By Skye Riss Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Your New Community App Has Arrived With Cool New Features!

We are excited to report that we recently launched our new Dobson Ranch App! For those of you who do not have the App, it can be downloaded from the **App Store** (for iPhones) or **Google Play** (for Android phones) by searching **Dobson Ranch**. Already have the App? There's no need to re-download! Just open the App on your phone, and you will receive a message asking you to update the App if it has not already been updated. It's that easy!







〈R〉Announcement to Residents

Dear Dobson Ranch Community,

We are writing to share that Dobson Ranch Executive Director, Lynelle Glysson has accepted another position. Lynelle has been with Dobson Ranch since 2019 and we have accomplished a number of projects and improvements under her guidance. We wish to thank her for her contributions and wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Her last day will be October 13, 2022.

The Board of Directors will be posting the Executive Director position on CAI, and other business-related sites. We will establish an Ad-Hoc Search Committee to assist with finding the right replacement for the position of Executive Director at Dobson Ranch. In the meantime, the Board of Directors will work with Lynelle and Dobson Ranch Staff Members to set the next Executive Director up for success.

Dobson Ranch is a self-managed community and is largely run by our volunteer Board and Committee Members. We will continue to serve the community and continue to run the business of Dobson Ranch. Our current Staff will continue to run the day-to-day operations and we have every confidence in them.

We will communicate with you regularly during this transition. Remember that our meetings are open to the public every fourth Thursday of the month at La Casita. You are welcome to attend or watch on YouTube.

The Dobson Ranch Board of Directors

Our new App has a new look, and there are two new features including an Interactive Map and Augmented Reality!

With the Interactive Map, you'll be able to view the local amenities including parks, recreation centers, local businesses, and even current events. With the Augmented Reality feature, you can view where you are in relation to the local amenities in your community right from your camera!

We have been developing several how-to videos for you to watch so you can learn more. Watch them on our YouTube Channel by searching **Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association** or by scanning the QR code below. We hope you enjoy exploring your virtual environment with the new App! Watch for even more updates coming your way soon!

Images:

(Far Left): New look to the App's home page.

(Left): New Interactive Map feature shows you where all of our amenities are located. The green or orange squares will indicate if the amenity is currently open or closed. Green is open and orange is closed.

(Right): This feature let's you see what's nearby and view digital landmarks and directions by opening the map in Augmented Reality.

(Far Right): Use this QR code to watch our how-to videos on YouTube about these new features.



Let us know what you think of the new features! Email sriss@dobsonranch.com.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Dobson Association has recently experienced a significant loss of leadership.

In August, Board Vice President Allen Johnson announced his resignation from the Board due to work and family commitments. Allen was elected to the Board in 2019 and assumed the office of President shortly thereafter. This was during a period of significant turmoil, strife and controversy for Dobson Ranch. Allen served as President for nearly three years. He exhibited a great deal of professionalism, patience and caring for Dobson Ranch. His leadership will be sorely missed.

More recently, **Lynelle Glysson** has resigned as our Executive Director to accept an excellent professional opportunity to manage Iron Oaks, a high-end community in south Chandler. Lynelle came to Dobson Ranch in 2019, following the abrupt dismissal of our previous manager. She weathered a difficult storm, providing sound advice to the Board, hiring numerous excellent staff members, and completing several major Ranch projects while leaving us in excellent financial condition.

Lynelle's calmness and strong sense of integrity will also be missed. We know she will be successful in her new position.

Dobson Ranch is a better community thanks to Allen and Lynelle.

Frank Mizner, Ranch Resident since 1987







AMANDA JENSEN

Employee of The Month October 2022

Amanda Jensen joined the Dobson Ranch Recreation team in September 2021. Since joining us, Amanda has jumped right in and assisted with all the events, programs and camps. I recently met with Amanda and Jesse and experienced her fresh perspective that will help us continue to improve our recreational programs.

Amanda received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation Administration from California State University, Chico. She is currently attending ASU for her Master's Degree in Sustainable Tourism.

We're so lucky to have her here at Dobson Ranch. She understands our needs and uses her skill set to support the Recreation Department in executing memorable events and quality programs.

JOIN THE BOARD!

Call for Candidates

The Dobson Ranch Board of Directors has two vacanies. If you are interested in serving your community, please consider submitting an application. Each vacancy will fill a term ending in 2025.

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

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

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please go to the website (www.dobsonranchhoa.com/board-of-directors/-join-the-board-of-directors), fill out an application and send it to: cgonzales@dobsonranch.com. Please include a bio about yourself. The Board will leave the call for candidates open until reasonably practical.



By Skye Riss, Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Congratulations to **Quentin White**, the homeowner of **2451 W. Knowles Avenue**, for being selected for this month's Green Thumb Award. And, a special thank you to his neighbor, **Angie Cox**, for nominating Quentin!

Like many homeowners in Dobson Ranch, Quentin has made sure that his landscaping is sustainably friendly by planting desert foliage that does well in Arizona with little to no maintenance.

Quentin explains, "I planted Burgundy Fountain Grass, Mexican Bird of Paradise, a Will Fleming Holly, and a few small succulents." Quentin also took advantage of the SRP Shade Tree Program to have a Palo Verde tree planted in his front yard.

Quentin moved to the Ranch, in May of 2019. Years ago, he was an avid surfboarder and started practicing in high school. He hung a surfboard from Southern California on the wall of his patio, to remind him of good times. "I also have a metal sun sign that represents the Valley of the Sun and a large metal sculpture of agave. The foliage and the sculpture I bought from Treeland Nurseries in Mesa."

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



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



My husband **Josh** and I have lived in Dobson Ranch for seven years. We have a daughter **Ella** (7) and son, **Emmett** (5). Fall is my favorite season, and I especially love visiting all the local pumpkin farms in the area during this time of year. Here are some of our favorite places for fall fun!



MOTHER NATURE'S FARMS

This is our family favorite and the closest pumpkin farm to the Ranch, located on Baseline and Cooper. The entrance fee to Mother Nature's Farms is only \$10, and it comes with a pumpkin and stickers to decorate it. Additionally, there are hayrides, a petting zoo and play areas.

1663 E. Baseline Road, Gilbert, AZ



VERTUCCIO FARMS

This pumpkin farm has a fall festival that offers a corn maze, mini golf, inflatables, petting zoo, zip lines, train rides, and many games for an entry fee of \$15 per person.

4011 S. Power Road, Mesa, AZ



SCHNEPF FARMS

The Pumpkin & Chili Party at Schnepf Farms is totally worth the drive. In addition to a petting zoo and games, there's an impressive amount of festival rides including a roller coaster and carousel. The food is delicious with farm-to-table options and there's a bakery offering scrumptious homemade pies and fresh baked goods. Admission is a bit more pricey, at \$24 per person, but the farm, attractions and rides are the best in the Valley.

24810 S. Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek, AZ



MORTIMER FARMS & WILLIS FARM

While we have many great pumpkin farm options here in the Valley, October is still a warmer month. If you are craving lower temperatures and more seasonally appropriate weather, then Mortimer Farms and Willis Farm are two great options. Mortimer Farms is just outside of Prescott, about a 90-minute drive from the Ranch. Their Pumpkin Festival and corn maze features farminspired rides, a petting zoo, hayrides, live entertainment, barn dances, and farm-to-table food. You can even cut a fresh

pumpkin directly from their patch. Willis Farm is a three-hour drive, however, the longer drive brings much cooler temperatures. Not only does Willis Farm offer most of same features as Mortimer Farms, there are also "haunt nights" in their corn maze, which offer a scary adventure for thrill seekers!

Mortimer Farms - 12907 AZ-169, Dewey, AZ

Willis Farm - 381 1st Street East, Snowflake, AZ



FOUR PEAKS OCTOBERFEST - October 7-9

While Josh and I have only enjoyed this festival kid free, they do offer a Kinderfest with a Hansel & Gretel Village, carnival games and rides. There's also a Runnin' for the Brats 5k Run/Walk and a 10k Run. The live music has always been on point (especially the polka), and the German-style drafts and bratwurst selections are plentiful. Additionally, Sunday features Wiener Dog Races and a fun Weiner Dog Fashion Show!

Tempe Town Lake - Mill Ave./Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe, AZ

DOBSON RANCH HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR - Oct. 14

Since moving to Dobson Ranch, this has been our favorite family event. We haven't missed a year! The games, inflatables, costume contest, trick or treating, and movies in the park have always been fantastic. Emmett even won the costume contest in his age group in 2017! We love celebrating Halloween with our awesome neighbors at this event. The fun begins at 5:30 pm! Laguna Park - 2455 W. Laguna Azul Avenue, Mesa, AZ



This one is on our to-do list this year. We've never been personally, but have many friends who highly recommend the annual Día de los Muertos Festival at the Mesa Arts Center. It's a free two-day festival featuring live music, cultural performances, local artists, crafts, food, and a giant community altar. Mesa Arts Center - One East Main Street, Mesa, AZ

There are so many options to get into the fall spirit here in the Valley. Whether it is at a church or a community center's trunk or treat, a school fall festival, or simply pumpkin carving in your

own back yard – be sure to take the time to enjoy the season!





Monthly Update from Councilmember Heredia Elections are almost here! I want to make you

Elections are almost here! I want to make you aware of four ballot measures related to our City that will be included in the ballot:

Question 1: Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule). Approval of Home Rule allows the City of Mesa to continue to locally control the expenditure of revenues it collects as approved in the City's annual budget. Approval of this measure does not increase taxes. The City currently utilizes Home Rule based on approval by the voters in the 2018 general election.

Question 2: Approval authorizes the City to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the principal amount not exceeding \$157M to provide for public safety, law enforcement, fire and medical facilities, services, and other equipment for public safety purposes.

Proposition 476: Approval creates an exception to the prohibition on bargaining collectively by allowing a meet and confer process and memorandum of understanding with sworn public safety employee organizations under City Charter Section 205(D).

Proposition 477: Approval modifies Section 609 of the City Charter related to City procurements, including modifications that would state the City's policy of allowing all open and competitive procurements methods for materials, allow the value of City Council approved purchases of materials to be set by ordinance, and require efficient and cost-effective policies and procedures for all procurements.

For additional information, please visit: www.mesaaz.gov/government/cityclerk/election-information/general-election.



Dobson Ranch Walls

Many of you know about the painting project for the Dobson Ranch walls on Dobson, Baseline and Guadalupe roads. We have received a few calls in asking why the painting project is taking so long. We have started on the outer perimeter walls, and

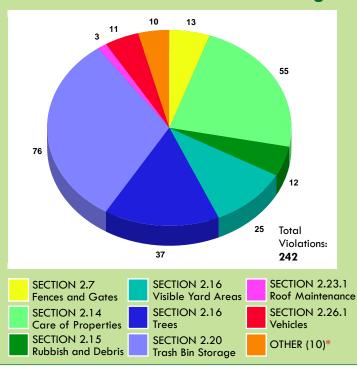
then will work on the inner perimeter walls in the Ranch, which will be about a two-year process. Before our Dobson Ranch painter can start painting, some walls need to be repaired. The repair of the wall is the responsibility of the homeowner. We have either called or sent a letter to these homeowners asking them to repair their walls. Our amazing painter, **John Jenkins**, has already painted more than five miles of wall, and has used over 1,000 gallons of paint, and counting!

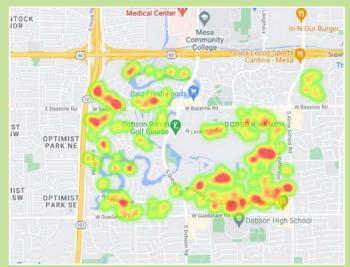
Also, starting on October 17th, 2022, homeowner violation letters will now be sent via email for those homeowners with email addresses on file. Emailing violation letters, will help save on postage for the HOA. If we do not have your email on file and you would like to receive your violation notices by email, please contact the Administration Office and we would be happy to add that for you. Please remember to check out the HOA Life link on the Dobson Ranch App and on the website. If you need assistance with violations or HOA Life, please call our Code Compliance team or front desk receptionist who would be happy to assist you.

If you haven't already, please look at our revised **Architectural Guidelines** that were approved June 14th, 2022. You can find the new Residential Architectural Guidelines on our website, the Dobson Ranch App, and there are hard copies in the office as well, if needed. If you have questions regarding the new guidelines, code enforcement or HOA Life, I will be happy to speak with you.

Camille Gonzales, Operations Manager

CCER Notices for September 2022

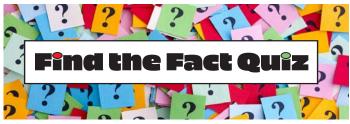




The heat map above indicates where the most violations were given in the month of September.

* Other violations include Architectural Alterations & Improvements, Exterior Colors, Uniform Painting, Permanent Structures, Garages & Carports, Storing of Vehicles, Common Area Guidelines, Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions. Sections can be found in our Residential Architectural Guidelines.





We received seven entries from our third **Find the Fact Quiz** in September. A random drawing was held on September 19th to select the winner of the third **\$20.00 Amazon Gift Card**. The gift card for September goes to **Jo Ann Precup**. Thanks for taking the time to **find all the facts**, Jo Ann!

To enter the October **Find the Fact Quiz**, simply email all of the answers to questions 1-20 below to *nroggio@dobsonranch.com* by no later than October 16, 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.** October's winner will be announced in the November *Ranchers' RoundUp*.

Ready, Set, GO!

- 1. What pro tennis player does K. Young applaud in this issue?
- 2. Who is honored as Employee of the Month for October?
- 3. What date is the Retirees' Hiking Club hike to Cave Creek?
- 4. How many terms did Dennis Kavanaugh serve on the Mesa City Council?
- 5. What does Quentin White have mounted on the wall of his patio?
- 6. On what date will the Lighted Boat Parade be held in 2022?

- 7. What breed of dog is shown on this month's cover?
- 8. In the extreme of summer the Indian fig plant will do what three things?
- 9. Our reverse season irrigation plan saves approximately how many gallons of water each season?
- 10. Where can you watch How-To videos about how to use our new App?
- 11. Who was the Hole in 1 Sponsor for our Annual Golf Tournament?
- 12. What annual festival will be held at the Mesa Arts Center on October 22-23?
- 13. How many CC&R violations were there in September in total?
- 14. Which new advertiser offers \$50 off any full photo session?
- 15. What was the goal (number of bottles) for the Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign in 2022?
- 16. Where can you pick up discounted Harkins Theatres tickets?
- 17. Where can you win a Free Smash Pass for 2023?
- 18. What are the names of the owner and pet that won Most Patriotic Pooch at Bark in the Park?
- 19. Which new advertiser is giving away a free electric toothbrush?
- Name one of the food trucks that will be at our Fall Festival.

Hope you had fun fact finding! We'll be back in November with a new Find the Fact Quiz and \$20 gift card giveaway.



Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign Shatters 2022 Goal!

A record number of donations from residents and businesses helped Mesa shatter its Hydration Donation Campaign goal in 2022, allowing more people to get water during the hot desert summer. The campaign, which started on June 1 and ended on September 30, collected more than 770,000 bottles, breaking the goal of 600,000. Since 2007, the campaign has collected more than five and a half million bottles. The campaign has seen significant increases in donations over the years. In 2009, the total was just over 60,000.

Mesa Fire and Medical Department, United Food Bank, Paz de Cristo, A New Leaf, Mesa Chamber of Commerce, Dobson Ranch HOA and several City nonprofit and business partners collected water donations.

The water donation total for Dobson Ranch came out to 554 cases of water, including the HOA's match donation of 200 cases of water! Thank you to all those residents who donated!

The donated water is distributed by United Food Bank to numerous nonprofit organizations in Mesa and throughout the valley including Paz de Cristo and A New Leaf-East Valley Men's Center.

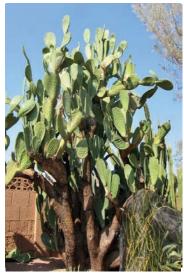




DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

WATERING AN INDIAN FIG



Opuntia ficus-indica

Opuntia ficus-indica (Indian fig) is a plant that a lot of folks seem to have problems watering. This beauty (shown in the photo to the left) has been growing in my yard since the late 1980s. It stands next to a 6-foot fence, so you can guess its height.

In the extremes of summer, this plant will pucker, wilt and self prune (in that order) if it doesn't have enough water (see the pieces on the ground in the lower left). This signals that it's time to give it a slow and deep watering. I usually water once a month, ahead of puckering, in the hot months and only if I don't get a good amount of rain. I water with an oozer hose about 8-10 feet away from the trunk, as this is where the roots are that will absorb moisture and nutrients. Make sure that the soil has completely dried out between waterings, or you will encourage rot to set in.

When it cools down, I'll prune off the dangerous hanging pieces while wearing a full face shield. This is to avoid getting glochids (tiny awful itching spines) in the inside of the mouth, like my husband did one time by pruning with his head back and mouth open. The plant will recover nicely, and fortunately, so did my husband.

The plant also self prunes after a freeze. Healthy pieces that "prune" off can be rooted to form a new plant. Just cut the pad with a clean and sterilized (with alcohol) knife until you get to clean green tissue. Let it sit in the shade for 10-14 days so that it can form a callus over the cut end (like a scab on a human). This keeps out all the pathogens and bacteria. Then, plant in the ground or a pot, propped up with some stones until it roots in several months. Grow in a place where it will get full morning sun until about noon, then filtered shade until roots form. When rooted, it needs to be in full sun to grow into a healthy plant.

Opuntia ficus-indica is the most widespread and commercially important cactus and is grown as a domesticated crop. The fruits, or "tunas", are delicious and made into many products. The pads are used as vegetable nopales. It is native to Mexico and widespread in Central America, Africa, Asia, southern Europe, and in the warm parts of the United States.



Ripe fruit on an Indian fig pad



Indian fig flower

PROTECT THE TREES!

Trees are the living foundation of the landscape

The care taken to choose the correct tree for the space, and the time and money to properly plant, prune, irrigate, and maintain a tree adds up to a big investment over time. The return on this investment is realized in a microclimate of beauty, shade and cooler temperatures for other plants, humans and wildlife, higher property values, and attractiveness for homeowners.

Trees Need Protection During Construction

Nearby construction and repair are often necessary or desired after a tree is established. Unfortunately, trees are often an afterthought and not enough care and protection is provided during construction. Avoidable expenses ensue after the project has been completed because of subsequent tree failures.

A few steps to make sure your tree is protected during a construction project:



- Develop a tree protection plan prior to construction.
- Create a barrier around the tree using the formula 1.5 feet for every inch of DBH, Diameter

at **B**reast **H**eight, or 4.5 feet off the ground.

- Limit foot traffic and vehicles from driving over the root zone, which can compact soil and limit air availability to the roots.
- Place signage around the tree instructing crews not to enter the protected zone.
- If trenching or digging is required within the protected zone, consider hiring a professional who can "air trench" the area, which greatly reduces the damage to the root zone.
- If roots must be removed, limit removal to roots outside of the protected zone or roots smaller than 4" in diameter within the protected area. Removing larger roots will likely have a negative impact on the tree's overall health.
- Any cuts made to the roots should be done with sharp tools to encourage wound closure.
- If irrigation is temporarily shut off, ensure supplemental water is given to the tree regularly to help reduce drought stress.



Landscaping tips brought to you by THE ARIZONA LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION



Water Conservation & Arizona Hydrological Society's 34th Annual Symposium

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water and Lake Management Committee Member



Last month a few residents expressed concerns regarding the use of water in overseeding in the common areas. Thank you, concerned residents, I am glad to know you are out there!

The water use for overseeding turf is planned for annually, by way of "Reverse Season Irrigation." With this plan, our Association under-waters in summer to help save water for overseeding in winter. I always enjoy sharing

that in 2021 the Association used 1,500,000 gallons less water

than in 2020, due in part to reverse irrigation and the use of Smart Irrigation Controllers. Please read Joseph Trickett's article on the following page for additional information, and note that there is a **Drought Management Plan** in place to use as a guide during drought conditions.

These are a few examples of how our community takes water conservation seriously. One other way is by sending a representative to the **Arizona Hydrological Society's** (AHS) **Annual Symposium.** As was the case last year, the representative was none other than... me, and it was an honor to represent The Dobson Association.

AHS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing hydrology (the branch of science concerned with the properties of the earth's

water, and especially its movement in relation to land) and water resources research, planning, and development. The 34th Annual Symposium was billed as "The Southwest's premier event for hydrology and water resources research, management, and public policy" and I was the lone representative from a homeowners association out of the nearly 200 attendees.

The Symposium was held September 14-16 in Tucson (Go Cats!), and included 42 presentations and 12 poster presentations. The

presentations ranged from the effects of forest thinning on the hydrologic cycle, climate effects on "oasis" settings in the metropolitan Phoenix area, and water-energy tradeoffs in data centers, to name a few. Salt River Project (SRP) shared about an interconnection project to allow water stored in SRP's reservoir to be pumped into the Central Arizona Project (CAP), known as SCIF (SRP-CAP Interconnection Facility).

Let's jump to the elephant in the room; the water levels at Lake Mead and the Colorado River. This all-important topic was discussed by Keynote speakers **Rusty Bowers**, Arizona Speaker

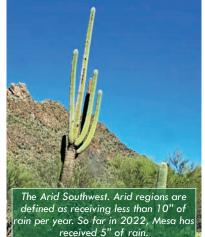
of the House, and **Thomas Buschatzke**, Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) Director. One speaker is a politician and the other a scientist, and both said the same thing in their own ways; it is time for non-partisan agreements and compromises between all stakeholders to ensure that Arizona families, businesses and agriculture continue to have adequate long-term water supplies. Mr. Bowers summed this up succinctly when he said, "Let's go forward."

Next month's **Conservation Corner** will discuss Arizona's water supplies. If you want to get a jump start, check out all the resources at **AZWater.gov** from ADWR. For personal water use, check out the "Know Your H20 Water Calculator" at **MesaAZ.gov**. It's easy to calculate how much residential water you should be using and to find innovative ways to save water at

home like we do here in the community. As indicated on the Ranch, Smart Irrigation Controllers do make a difference.

Thanks again to the Association for entrusting me to represent the community at the AHS Symposium (and a shout out to the neighbors that helped with school carpooling). The Dobson Association and its residents continue to be community leaders in conservation.

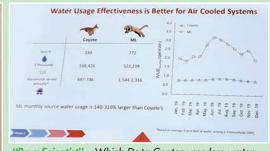
#DobsonConservation







Above Photos - Left: AHS Symposium welcome sign Right: Trade Show Floor at AHS Symposium



"Be a Scientist" - Which Data Center uses less water...
Coyote or Mountain Lion (ML)? See answer below.



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Answer: Coyote



At Our Lakes

Fall Overseeding on the Ranch

By Joseph Trickett, Water and Lake Management Committee Chairman



As we happily watch the average highs subside, we look forward to fall. More and more of us can be seen venturing out and around the Ranch, enjoying a jog, walk or bike ride around the lakes, parks and green spaces throughout our community. Neighbors, when passing by each other, have a kind of silent, or sometime said, notion to exclaim... "We made it! We survived

another summer!"

Just another notch in the belt for many of us who have lived in the Valley for years, not to say it gets any easier. We just know from experience that it won't last forever, September can fool us sometimes when temperatures drop early on only to shoot back up to triple digits as it did this year as summer tried to hold on for just a little longer.

With fall comes the planting of our winter grass in the process known as **overseeding**. With water cutbacks, shortages and drought conditions being more and more common, water conservation is on many of our minds. Dobson Ranch utilizes a **Reverse Season Irrigation Plan** along with smart irrigation controls and sensors to help reduce our water usage. Our reverse season irrigation plan cuts back on watering turf areas

starting in mid-September. This allows the summer grass to die back and make way for the winter rye grass blend. This method saves approximately two million gallons of water each season which offsets the frequent watering needed to establish the winter grass. The smart irrigation controllers also help conserve water by canceling watering schedules after rain events during the monsoon season and throughout the year.



Dobson Ranch must abide its water usage by a water management plan from ADWR (The Arizona Department of Water Resources). To date, the Ranch has done fairly well at conserving water where possible.

Generally, we only consume about 80 percent of our water allotment each year. The Water and Lake Management Committee, along with the Master Planning Committee, continue to look for more ways to conserve water while maintaining our beautiful community. Joint Committee meetings are planned to develop a long-term plan to address water use and conservation.



Real Estate on the Ranch

Home Sales & Market Trends Comparison

By Nicole Lynam, Board President



Homes Sold

 August 2022:
 58 Homes Sold

 August 2021:
 100 Homes Sold

 July 2022:
 66 Homes Sold

 July 2021:
 99 Homes Sold

Median Home Sale Price

Dobson Ranch:

 August 2022:
 \$500,000

 August 2021:
 \$374,000

 (33.7% Growth Year-Over-Year)

July 2022: \$489,000 July 2021: \$363,000 (35.8% Growth Year-Over-Year)

Zip Code 85202:

 August 2022:
 \$400,000

 August 2021:
 \$320,000

 (25.0% Growth Year-Over-Year)

July 2022: \$391,000 July 2021: \$338,500 (13.1% Growth Year-Over-Year)

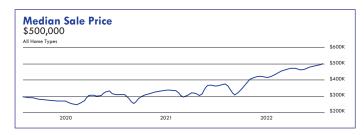
All data as reported by Redfin.com

What is the housing market like in Dobson Ranch today?

The Dobson Ranch housing market is somewhat competitive. The average sale price per square foot in Dobson Ranch is \$254, up 13.4% since last year.

In August 2022, Dobson Ranch home prices were up 33.7% compared to last year, selling for a median price of \$500K. On average, homes in Dobson Ranch sell after 29 days on the market compared to 15 days last year. There were 58 homes sold in August this year, down from 100 last year.

Number of homes sold in Dobson Ranch in September 2022 (as of 9/23): 20. Final figures for September 2022 will be reported in the next issue of Ranchers' RoundUp.





Movers and Shakers

Dobson Ranch: A Community Built Upon Diversity

By Skye Riss, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



Dennis Kavanaugh moved to Dobson Ranch in 1982 and has been supporting and collaborating with the local community and association ever since. Since retiring from his law practice in September of 2021, Dennis has joined the Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club and the Dobson Ranch Men's Club. Due to his long history with Dobson Ranch, our beloved dog park

is named Dennis Kavanaugh Dog Park to commemorate Dennis' splendid work in our beautiful community. Dennis is also a member of the Dobson Ranch 50th Anniversary Planning Committee.

Dennis grew up in St. Louis, Missouri, and graduated in 1975 from St. Louis University. He eventually received a scholarship to attend the Arizona State University (ASU) Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. After graduating from ASU and passing the bar exam in 1978, Dennis was hired to work as a Staff Attorney at the Arizona Legislative Council.

"I worked there for about six years. I enjoyed learning about the governance process and learning how to work in a nonpartisan way," Dennis reminisced.

In 1990, Dennis, along with three partners, started their own law firm and continued over the next 31 years to represent clients in workers compensation cases and Social Security disability claims.

Dennis continued working in the East Valley and participated in local events and activities, including Dobson Ranch. After running for the Dobson Ranch HOA Board in 1983, Dennis was elected and served three terms on the Board and twice as Association President.

Dennis commented that "serving on the Dobson Ranch HOA Board was similar to serving on a local town or city council. I dealt with policy, financial, and homeowner issues on a governing board of equals. It was an invaluable experience which later served me well in elected public office and on other governmental and nongovernmental boards and commissions."

Outside of the Dobson Ranch Board, Dennis has served on numerous local, regional, state, and national boards throughout the years. Currently, he is a member of the Mesa Rotary Club and is also on the boards of the Mesa Preservation Foundation, Visit Mesa, Mesa Sister Cities, Mesa Arts Center Foundation, Arizona Museum of Natural History Foundation, and the Arizona Sons of the American Revolution.

Dennis served on the Mesa City Council for four terms from 1996-2004 and 2008-2017, and served as Vice Mayor from 2002-2004 and 2014-2017. His council district included all of Dobson Ranch and he advocated for community members and projects while helping to encourage pilot programs and partnerships between the City departments and the police and fire branches.

Because Dennis did so much work with the City of Mesa on behalf of Dobson Ranch, our beloved dog park in Dobson Ranch is named Dennis Kavanaugh Dog Park.

"It is funny that our Dog Park is named after me because I am a cat person! But I was happily surprised," Dennis laughed.

Dennis advocated for several projects in Dobson Ranch such as installing speed humps, the Blue Barrel Recycling Program, bike lanes, neighborhood watch groups, enhanced landscaping on major streets in Dobson Ranch, and the Rhodes Aquatic Complex.

"What makes Dobson Ranch such a wonderful place to live, work, play and enjoy, is the diversity of our residents and staff. Because most residents have come from different places, they often are willing to try new things. Dobson Ranch is diverse in housing, residents and staff, employment, transportation, and supportive services. I enjoy seeing so many people who grew up in Dobson Ranch years ago, come back to live here with their families," Dennis proudly exclaims.

Dobson Ranch is one of a kind and Dennis has seen it go through a massive transformation over the years. Dennis sees the biggest transformation being the level of community engagement growing because of our residents, which helps to leverage the positive relationship Dobson Ranch has with the City of Mesa. Dobson Ranch happens to be the only neighborhood in Mesa that has an Annual Breakfast with the Mayor and City Council!

Our 50th Anniversary celebration in 2023 will celebrate the decades of love and support the Dobson Ranch community has for each other, the local businesses, the schools, and local assets such as the Dobson Ranch Library, the police, and fire departments, and so much more.







esa Public Schools College Fairs on Oct. 24 & 26 **Open Doors to Post-Secondary Opportunities**

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

An important resource for students considering their next step is the Greater Arizona College Fair. Students and families from across the Valley have the opportunity to become more familiar with post-secondary career opportunities that include college, trade school and military service. This year, Mesa Public Schools will host the event at Skyline High School, in partnership with StriveScan, for students in grades 7-12. The in-person event will be held 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Monday, October 24th. A virtual opportunity via StriveScan will be available 5:00 pm to 7:45 pm, Wednesday, October 26th.

Support at the college fair is one opportunity, but it doesn't end there. All year long, Mesa Public Schools assists students and families in pursuit of their post-secondary hopes and dreams.

The MPS Opportunity & Achievement department provides resources and works with school counselors, teachers and administrators in a variety of ways to guide students through career choices. School teams create individual student plans, pathways to success, engage families in the process, help navigate college admissions and secure financial assistance to ensure students are ready for their future.

Cynthia Catledge is the Mesa Public Schools career specialist in the district's Opportunity & Achievement department. Catledge shares that the upcoming college fair provides a great platform for students to start thinking ahead.

"The career fair opens doors for students to have important conversations with families, counselors and favorite teachers about post-secondary opportunities," Catledge says.

Catledge says students should prepare for the college fair by visiting and researching school websites and making a list of questions to ask, as students will have the opportunity to interact with representatives. Once students better understand their options, their high school counselors will assist them with the next steps in their post-secondary education quest.

Need help paying for college - FAFSA

Dr. Michael Garcia, director of Opportunity & Achievement, wants parents to know that there will be a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) booth, specifically to help students fill out their FAFSA form. The FAFSA is the free application used by all schools in awarding federal student aid. Most students receive some type of financial aid, and it's highly recommended that students fill the form out even if they are unsure if they will qualify so they are prepared when they start the application process.

"It's one of the most important steps students and families can take to pay for college," Dr. Garcia shares. "The earlier a student applies, the more sources of aid may be available."

Students must pre-register for the Greater Arizona College Fair. They can use a QR code or register via Snapchat. StriveScan will be able to scan the student's barcode at registration, making it easier and more efficient to share student contact information with exhibitors.

Learn more or to register online, visit: mpsaz.org/collegefair/.





From the Recreation Director's Desk



By Jesse Wright Recreation Manager

Thank you to all who participated in our recent Bark in the Park, Fall Clean Up and Fall Break Camp! But, that's not all for fall!

We're looking forward to our Halloween Spooktacular coming up on Friday, October 14th from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Laguna Park. This family-friendly event will be fun for everyone with carnival games, a pumpkin parade, costume contests, and an animated movie (*The Addams Family 2*). Two food trucks will be serving up all your Thai and Mexican favorites. Come enjoy all that we have to offer and be a part of our "Howlin' Good Halloween Night!" (See ad on page 20 for more info.)

Next up is our Fall Festival & Beer Garden on Saturday, November 19th. (NOTE: We're still looking for vendors for the Festival.) There'll be delicious food from The CheeseSteak Joint and Nicastro Wood-Fired Pizza food trucks. Plus, you'll also enjoy our bounce houses, carnival games, beer tasting (21+), vendors, and live music featuring People Who Could Fly. Bring the whole family and join us from noon to 3:00 pm at Laguna Park. (For additional information, please see the ad on page 21.)

Hope to see you all at our upcoming fall events!

Please note our Recreation Center Holiday Hours below: Thanksgiving 11/24 and 11/25 CLOSED.

Will reopen on Saturday 11/26.

Christmas Eve 12/24 and Christmas Day 12/25 CLOSED.

Will reopen on 12/26 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.



Tennis Tip for October 2022



By Kwong YoungDobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Paying My Respects to Rafael Nadal

Many people like him, and many don't care for him. **Rafael Nadal**, the current #3 ATP singles

player who recently lost in the 16th round at the US Open to **Frances Tiafoe**, is a great player in his own right. I have a lot of respect for Nadal who turned pro at age 15 and is now 36. For most athletes, they are retired at this age from their chosen profession. Rafael was coached by his uncle Antonio from 2005-2017, showing dedication and respect. Nadal lived with his parents and younger sister in a five-story apartment building in his hometown of Mallorca, Spain.



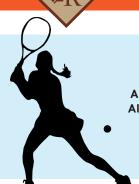
Nadal has three tennis academy wins, 22 Grand Slam titles, 63 clay titles, with 81 consecutive wins on clay. (Wow!) Sure, he has his crazy quirks before he serves, and has to place his drinking bottles in a certain

position, but that's who he is!

What impresses me most is not all his winning titles and that he is one of three dominating players in the modern era, but has won the **Stefan Sportsmanship Award** five times! Certainly players retire due to age, performance, or no longer have the hunger to compete due to health issues, married life or starting a family. I applaud Nadal for being a well grounded individual who made millions at a young age, but chose to remain in the same hometown where he grew up to be close with his family when he could certainly live anywhere in the world!



OCTOBER 2022



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, November 7, 14, 21, 28 **6200 \$40 R/\$60 NR** Wednesday, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **6201 \$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 I Sessions: Monthly Monday, November 7, 14, 21, 28 6202 \$40 R/\$60 NR Wednesday, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 6204 \$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.

9:00 am - 10:30 am I Sessions: Monthly Saturday, November 5, 12, 19, 26 **6203 \$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 I Sessions: Monthly Monday, November 7, 14, 21, 28 **6199 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Monthly Round Robin Social*

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

Saturday | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
*November Social | 11/19

*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.



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RECREATION CLASSES

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

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
6:00 pm
10:00 pm
11:00 pm
10:00 pm
11:00 pm
10:00 pm
10:0

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

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 reggaton. 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.

HEALING YOGA

Instructor: Samantha

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 8:15 am - 9:15 am

Cost: \$8 drop in, \$42 resident only

for a 7-use punch card.

Hard to get up off the floor? Body having a hard time moving? Feeling every ache and pain? Come join us for gentle, therapeutic body movement. We gently move and stretch different parts of the body to help bring new life to tired parts! Learn



how to relax the mind, discovering how to relieve anxiety, bring better sleep, not letting your worries take control over your mind. If you think your body has had it and can't do anything anymore – think again. Come join us for gentle recovery. You can try it lying on the floor, or even in a chair. Bring a yoga mat. You can attend either yoga class offered with your punch card. Punch card expires two months from your purchase date.



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

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CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Class Code: 6115

When: Thursdays (November 3rd - December 8th)

Where: Saratoga Recreation Center

Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Cost: Reg. fee due at time of enrollment:

Residents \$5. Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$35 check or cash only.

Children will be introduced to dance through their favorite fairytales during this positive and encouraging class. Dance can build self-esteem and improve motor skills. Watch your prince or princess shine in this fun and creative program.

Children need soft-soled shoes and comfortable clothes. Ballet shoes, leotard and tights are recommended. There will be a performance on the last day of class. Children must be able to work in a group setting and follow directions. For more info on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.



DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Class Code: 6109

When: Tuesdays (November 1st - December 6th)

Where: Saratoga Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: Reg. fee due at time of enrollment:

Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$35 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: 6121

When: Thursdays (November 3rd - December 8th)

Where: Saratoga Recreation Center Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: Reg. fee due at time of enrollment:

Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$35 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 to improve motor skills and creative expression. Soft-soled shoes or bare feet are recommended. Children must be able to work in a group setting. There will



be a recital at the end of the session. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

ACTIVITIES



Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Style Poker

(Must be 18 or older)
When: Friday, October 28

Where: La Casita Rec. Center (Grande Room)

Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)
Cost: Free to residents, \$5 non-residents

Poker night is a free monthly program for Dobson Ranch residents. Meet your neighbors for a friendly game.

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Bunco When: Friday, October 21

Where: La Casita Rec. Center (Chica Room)
Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)
Cost: Free to residents, \$5 non-residents

This fast-paced, yet easy game is played with dice. It's a fun social hour with other residents.



Bridge

When: Mondays

Where: La Casita Rec. Center (Chica Room)

Time: 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm 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 on joining.

RECREATION CLASS INFORMATION

- REGISTRATION for classes can be done on the Association website at www.dobsonranch.com or at the La Casita Recreation Center, 2719 S. Reyes, Mesa, AZ. Class fees are due during the registration process unless otherwise noted.
- 2. **QUESTIONS** on any recreation class or activity, you may contact La Casita Recreation desk at 480-831-7464.
- 3. REFUNDS The Dobson Association reserves the right to establish fees and cost minimums for all programs and to cancel those programs for not having sufficient enrollment. Program refunds will be issued for:
 - a. Cancellation of class by instructor or the Dobson Association will result in a full refund.
 - b. Participants may cancel after first class or initial start date of class for a full refund.
 - c. Notification by participant prior to start date of illness or injury preventing participation during session time frame.
 - d. Discontinuance of participation due to injury or illness will be reviewed for consideration of prorated refund.
 - e. No other refunds will be given. No exceptions. Refund requests must be promptly submitted to Recreation.



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Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Susan Toevs, Retirees' Club President

The Retirees have a very busy October. With cooler temperatures and the return of our snowbirds, our outdoor activities will get started. Hiking, biking and walking programs are favorites for many of our members.

We will enjoy participating in the Ranch Halloween Spooktacular, handing out candies to the children and enjoying all the wonderful activities that the Ranch has to offer.

We are honoring and thanking our members for returning post COVID, and once again making our Club vital and active by holding our **Senior Spooktacular** on October 22nd. We will enjoy dining and dancing the night away to the music of *The Riff Raff Band* playing music from the '60s and '70s. There will also be abundant heavy appetizers.

Karen Magnan and her committee have been hard at work planning this party, and it sounds like it will be a blast!

Costumes are encouraged, but optional, for this Halloween-themed party. For those who are hesitant to drive after dark, we are soliciting member volunteers to provide an "Uber" ride. Please contact Karen Magnan if you are able to provide a ride or need a ride.

Our monthly meetings, on the first Monday of the month, start at 9:30 am for gathering, and at 10:00 am for a short business meeting, and then a program to help keep us connected with our community. In September, **Lynelle Glysson**, Dobson Ranch Executive Director, gave us an update on all the HOA plans and projects for the Ranch. We are so fortunate to live in this active community.



Susan Toevs, Retirees' Club President, welcomes **Lynelle Glysson**, Executive Director, to the podium at the September General Meeting.

At our meeting on October 3rd, we heard from the **Paz De Cristo** organization and all they do to help the homeless and needy families in our area.

Our November meeting will bring us a solar cooking demonstration by **Merry Bevill**, and December will be filled with holiday activities and a gift exchange. We are open to new members and invite you to come visit us at any of our activities.

Give us a try and you'll want to join!

The Retirees' Club held their General Meeting on September 12th with guest speaker Lynelle Glysson. Photos by Skye Riss.



















Dobson Ranch Clubs

Women's Club

By Patty Smith, Women's Club President

October finds the weather changing with cooler mornings and evenings. Our Bunco Hostess this month was **Miss Mike**. A combination of Columbus Day and Halloween. Lots of laughter and good food. Miss Mike has decided to step up and replace **Laurie** as our Bunco Chair. Thank you so much. It means so much.

Laurie, we applaud your constant efforts to keep Bunco continuing over these last seven years! Who would have guessed you would have been Chair for so long? Just saying "thank you" seems so meager. We appreciated all your emails, phone calls and work with the Bunco Hosts. What are you going to do with your free time???

October **Out to Lunch** was hosted at *The Badlands Grill*. It was delicious. On November 4th, our Out to Lunch group will be heading to *Wildberries*. Chris will be sending out an email. For December, we are thinking of a restaurant in Downtown Mesa.

We're looking forward to the HOA **Halloween Spooktacular**. The **DR Witches Club** will be handing out candy. Thank you, Joey, for carving a pumpkin. Thank you to Diana, Tanya, Peggy, Barb S., Laurie and Patty for participating.

Special thanks go out to **Nancy Roggio** for working tirelessly as our Communications Manager and Editor of *Ranchers' RoundUp* for over three-and-a-half years. She will remain the Managing Editor and Graphic Designer of the publication. You are (and will continue to be) wonderful to work with. A job well done. Welcome to the "Hood," **Skye Riss**. We look forward to working with you, too!

Now onto our Executive Director, **Lynelle Glysson**, who is moving to another HOA. We will miss you. You have always had an open door for me. Regarding any thoughts or suggestions for our Club, you have always been there for us. Thank you for caring about Dobson Ranch and helping to make it "The Best Place to Live!"

Happy Halloween and Fall, Patty

Pickleball: Winter Hours Start in October

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Dobson Ranch Pickleball has survived a very interesting summer, with some unusual rains and wind, some searing heat here and there... OK, sometimes it was way too hot at 7:00 in the morning, but folks persevered!

Good news is winter (as we know it) will soon be here and spring follows that, so let's start at least six months of great play outdoors at our eight Los Altos pickleball courts! Our wonderful winter visitors will be streaming in soon, so let's play!!

Until it gets too hot again, we will be playing "drop-in" pickleball at 8:00 am Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and Monday and Thursday nights at 6:30 pm. Also, please remember, our eight new dedicated pickleball courts at Los Altos are available to residents and their guests every day between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm.

New resident players for our "drop-in" times are always welcome to come out and get an orientation, but we do advise

Retirees' Hiking Club

By Barbara Stout, Retirees' Hiking Club Chairperson

Hello Hikers,

Here is the new hiking schedule for early fall. I look forward to seeing you on our first hike on October 26th.

The <i>Clippers</i> are trying for 100 miles in 100 days beginning November 1st. Clippers hikes are in blue on Wednesdays and Fridays.			
October 26	McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Balance Rock Trail		
November 2	McDowell Mountains/Fountain Hills - Shallomo Dr. staging area - Pemberton Trail in and out 3 miles. Pacers Pemberton to Scenic Trail. Clippers 7.6 miles		
November 4	McDowell Mountains/Fountain Hills - Shallomo Dr. staging area - Pemberton to Tonto Tank to Pemberton		
November 9	Salt River Wild Horse Trail - Pacers 3 miles Clippers 6.1 miles in and out		
November 11	McDowell Mountains/Fountain Hills - Shallomo Dr. staging area Escondido Trail 9 miles		
November 16	Usery Park - West Pass Mountain Pacers Pass Mountain Clippers 7.5 miles (separate cars)		
November 18	Estrella Mountains Cold Water to Gadsden to Butterfield 9.1 miles		
November 23	Cave Creek Overton Trail Pacers 3 miles Go John Clippers 5.8 miles		
November 25	White Tank Mountains - Mesquite Canyon to Ford Canyon to Willow Canyon to Mesquite Canyon. Trailhead staging area. 8.4 miles		
November 30	Usery Park - Lost Sheep Trail from Visitor Center to Moon Rock to Chain Fruit Pacers 3.6 miles Lost Sheep Trail from Visitor Center to Moon Rock Clippers 5.5 miles		

December's hiking schedule will be listed in the November issue of Ranchers' RoundUp.

checking with us before you come out to make sure our schedule has not changed. We provide balls for drop-in play through the generous donations of our players, and can provide loaned paddles, but please wear appropriate court shoes and make sure you are hydrating and bring plenty of water.

Contact Rich Bitner (rebitner@cs.com) or Frank Mizner (planner 1948@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 (donna 85202@gmail.com) to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.



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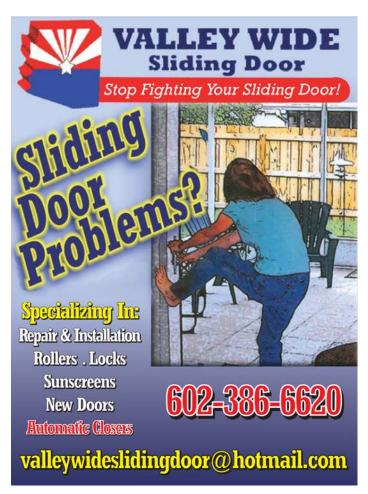
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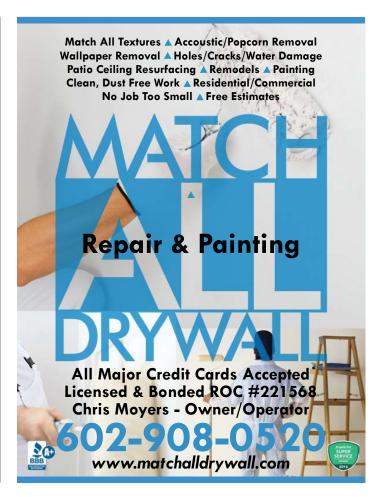
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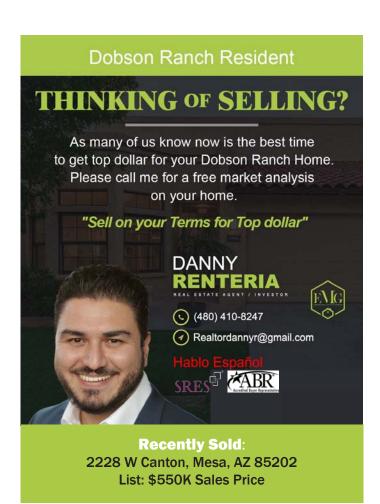








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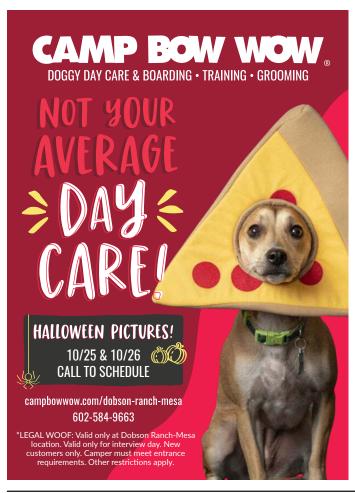




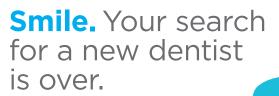
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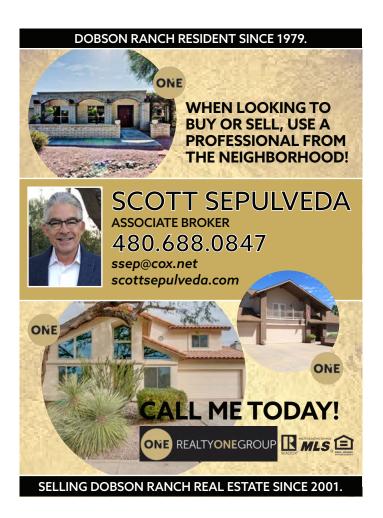
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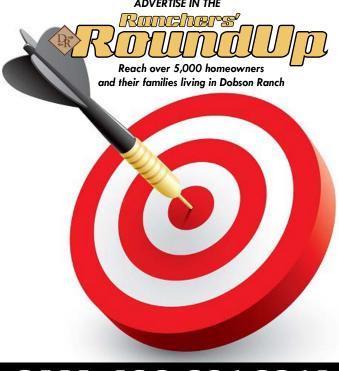






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Water and Lake Mgmt. Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm Chica Room	Dance Sampler 5:30 pm Saratoga Room Zumba	7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.	Intro to Ballet & Jazz 5:30 pm Saratoga Room Board of Directors Meeting	Bunco 6:30 pm Chica Room	12:00 - 3:00 pm Laguna Par Sunday 20
Budget and Finance Meeting 6:30 pm Grande Room	6:30 pm Chica Room		7:00 pm Grande Room		