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Parke Shepherd (15) and his stepfather Joseph Martinez competed in our Parent/Junior Golf Tournament. Though Parke has been golfing for only six months and Joseph has been golfing since high school, they still made a great team.

"Playing through the elements (lightning, light rain, wind and dust) at the tournament added an extra special touch to an already super fun day," Parke commented.

"We had a great time playing in this family-friendly event! I would highly encourage you to join us next year and make this a yearly tradition," Joseph emphatically stated.

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Your Neighborhood

Message From the Association President



By Nicole Lynam
Association President

Keeping Our Community Financially Healthy and Aesthetically Appealing

Hello, neighbors!

Fall is a busy time of year around Dobson Ranch. As we approach the end of the year, our Staff, Board of Directors, and Committees are working hard to plan for 2023. This includes reviewing and discussing our Reserve Study, which assesses maintenance costs on existing amenities, and our Annual Budget for next year, which includes Operating Expenses, Reserve Spending (for existing amenities), and Capital Spending (for new amenities). This is a big task every year and even more difficult when you have to take inflation and increased costs into account. Dobson Ranch has always been good at being financially efficient so that we can provide great services to residents while keeping assessments low. We are very lucky to have amazing volunteers on the Budget & Finance Committee who work very hard with Staff to make sure that the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association remains financially healthy.

Maintaining our community aesthetics is a high priority for Dobson Ranch. You should now be aware of the new **HOA Life** software which is used to manage architectural applications and code enforcement. It allows more transparency, better communication, and creates more efficiency for code compliance staff. One of the favorite features for many is the ability to comment and communicate with staff directly in the HOA Life App. Combined with the updated Architectural Guidelines, we hope to see continued success and an easier process to improve our community.

With the weather cooling down, expect enforcement to heat up on landscaping compliance. This includes making sure that yards are clean and that all homes have at least one tree and two shrubs. Many local municipalities have been encouraging new trees and plants because of environmental concerns. Phoenix and Tempe are two examples of cities that have said they want to have 25% tree canopy coverage by 2030. This could reduce the temperature in those cities by over 4 degrees! Planting native trees and plants can help reduce temperatures, improve air quality, beautify your yard, improve mental health, and even raise home values. If you need suggestions for native plants, check out 'Appendix D: Desert Adapted Landscape Plants' in the Dobson Ranch Architectural Guidelines. There are also local incentive programs, like the SRP Shade Tree Program or Mesa's Grass-To-Xeriscape Program, to help reduce costs of these improvements.

We always see an increase in outdoor projects when the weather cools down. Now that we can again explore the neighborhood without melting, I look forward to seeing the ways that our residents continue to beautify our community.

Thanks, everyone!

Executive Director's Message



By Lynelle Glysson Executive Director

Constantly Improving Communication For Our Residents

I would like to announce that **Nancy Roggio** will be semi-retiring this month. Nancy joined the Dobson Ranch team in early 2019. Since then, she's turned *Ranchers' RoundUp* around to make it the classy periodical that you're reading today. She has improved the Dobson Ranch Communications Department in every way imaginable. Nancy was instrumental in implementing and improving the Dobson Ranch App during the pandemic



when communication was at its most critical time. I cannot say enough about how much I appreciate all she has done here at Dobson Ranch. Thankfully, she will continue to be the Managing Editor and Graphic Designer for the magazine. On page 3 of this issue, you will be introduced to our new Communications Manager, **Skye Riss**.

As we continue to improve our communications with Dobson Ranch residents, Skye will be producing instructional videos that will be posted on our website through YouTube and the Dobson Ranch App. These videos will cover topics such as how to make an Online Assessment Payment, how to submit an Architectural Application, and much more. She has been a welcome member of the team and we are super happy to have her.

A new feature that is now available on **HOA Life** is reporting an Asset Deficiency. This will allow residents who happen to see an issue in the common areas such as parks, walking paths, pools, and sports courts to report if something is wrong. This notification will go directly to our Maintenance Staff who can then address the issue. Please look for Skye's "How To" video on the website and App shortly.

Dobson Ranch residents have been especially generous with their giving this year. Collectively, Dobson Ranch has donated nearly 650 cases of water to the Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign. Dobson Ranch has also donated several hundreds of dollars in school supplies to Mesa's 2022 Back to School Drive for The Mesa Foundation. Our quarterly Blood Drives, in partnership with the American Red Cross, consistently exceed our goals in donated blood. And, finally, there have been 19 stray cats that have been neutered with the help of Dobson Ranch residents in partnership with the Animal Defense League of Arizona. Residents must first collect the cats and take them to get neutered, and then Dobson Ranch pays the fee. With residents looking out for each other, it is easy to see why Dobson Ranch is... "The Best Place to Live!"

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



Your Neighborhood

Message From the Managing Editor



By Nancy Roggio Ranchers' RoundUp Managing Editor

Your Community App Has a Fresh New Look!

To coincide with the **Second Anniversary** of our exclusive Dobson Ranch App, we've made several exciting updates and have released our new and improved 2022 version this month. If you've already downloaded the 2020 version of the Dobson Ranch App, it is time for you to update your App for free from

the App Store (for iPhones) or Google Play (for Android phones) to unlock new features such as:

- A new Log In screen.
- Announcements and requests have moved!
- Check out the new interactive Community Map to explore your neighborhood.
- Open the camera to look around in Augmented Reality (the integration of digital information with the user's environment in real time).
- Filter the Calendar by specific dates.
- Use the Community Search tool to help you find places and
- And more!

Watch for more info about your new App features in future issues of the magazine and a video demonstration coming soon!





CAN'T LOG IN?

Try the last four digits of the phone number as your temporary password. Forgot your password? Navigate to the Log In Menu, and select "Reset Password"

You will receive an email

FINDING THE MENU:





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Discover all your

Reserve time at various community locations, join a club, view your communnity events calendar, and much

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The Map will display different key locations around your community.
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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR RESIDENTS WHO HELPED SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES EACH BY DONATING BLOOD!

















"Thank you for another outstanding blood drive! The Dobson Ranch community is made up of fantastic blood donors! Our team, and the blood recipients, remain incredibly grateful for your efforts and that of your Association."

Colin Williams, Blood Drive Account Manager, AZ/NM





A Warm Welcome to Skye Riss

The Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association proudly welcomes **Skye Riss**, our new Communications Manager, who will be working with Managing Editor, **Nancy Roggio**, on the *Ranchers' RoundUp*, as well as managing the website, new Dobson Ranch App, email blasts, and social media.

Skye was born with a passion for the fine arts and design. She attended the University of Hartford in Connecticut and graduated with a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree. Throughout her marketing/communications career, Skye has been a leading member for community organizations helping to coordinate events, promote local businesses and programs and be a founding voice for many initiatives. Her "claim to fame" was being an integral part of the Taste of East Norwalk, a food tasting and music festival for the local community in East Norwalk, CT.

Skye continues to paint and draw each day and attends several art events in the Metro Phoenix area, doing her well known "Soul Paintings" for people. She also loves exploring her new home, the great state of Arizona!

Welcome aboard, Skye!



Shown above (L. to R.): Lynelle Glysson, Skye Riss and Camille Gonzales.

Dobson Ranch partnered with the City of Mesa City Council for the 2022 Back To School Drive for The Mesa Foundation, by donating a box full of "be ready for school" items, such as backpacks, pens, pencils, and notebooks. The grand total raised by the City in donations and supplies was \$11,500.00 to benefit Elementary schools in West Mesa!



By Skye Riss, Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Congratulations to Mark and Denise Schleter, the homeowners of 2220 W. Javelina Ave, for being selected for this month's Green Thumb Award.

Their landscape is a prime example of a Xeriscape approach that is easy to maintain due to incorporating desert plants that do well in the Arizona heat.

"Our landscaping has some Palo Verde trees, Aloe Vera, and cacti. When we moved to the home in 2015, we planted Bougainvillea and Mexican Firebush. We enjoy the ease of our yard and the shade it brings in the hot summer!"

- Mark and Denise Schleter

Our homeowners love living in Dobson Ranch, and that love shows through the care they give to their landscaping.







Congrats to the schleters!

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





HOGAN 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). One of the things we love the most about the Ranch is how it is conveniently located close to lively downtown areas and fantastic dining spots. Below are a few of our family favorites to celebrate special occasions, have date nights or even grab take out!

Recommended by Ella and Emmett:

THE RUSTLER'S ROOSTE

This popular steakhouse is located on a butte in the foothills of South Mountain, It's hailed as "Beef and brew with a view" of downtown Phoenix and Tempe, especially at sunset. There's live music every night, and our kids love dancing to the country classics on the dance floor! But, their favorite part is the slide! You can either use the stairs or the giant slide to get down from the two-story building to the main dining room. There is also a balloon artist walking around entertaining the kids at the tables. Fresh cotton candy is a must and makes the perfect ending to your meal. Be sure to try the cowboy platter, ribs or brisket. Or, if you're feeling adventurous... try the fried rattlesnake! 8383 S. 48th Street, Phoenix

ORGAN STOP PIZZA (OSP)

OSP is the "Home of the Mighty Wurlitzer," the world's largest pipe organ, with the wind system and pipes located all over the restaurant. The musical staff members at OSP perform on the organ nightly, taking requests from the audience and providing an interactive live show. While watching these impressive musicians, you can dine on the delicious pizza, pasta and salad bar options. Gluten free pizza is also available!

1149 E. Southern Avenue, Mesa

RAINFOREST CAFÉ

Located in the Arizona Mills Mall, the Rainforest Café is a decorative jungle with animatronic animals and talking trees. The menu features American and tropical fare and the bar has fun fusion drinks for both adults and kids!

5000 S. Arizona Mills Circle, Tempe

Josh and Andrea's Date Night Favorites:

DIERKS BENTLEY'S WHISKEY ROW

This modern country bar and restaurant is located in the heart of Downtown Gilbert. There's great food, drink specials, and even better entertainment (live country music, country dancing, line dancing, or outdoor games like corn hole or ping pong). It is also

fun to walk around downtown Gilbert while you are there! 323 N. Gilbert Road, Gilbert

THE PERCH PUB & BREWERY

Located in historic downtown Chandler, this brewery offers entrainment and food from its rooftop bar featuring gardens and over 50 brightly colored tropical birds. There are over 30 beers on tap, changing seasonally. There's also live music with local AZ artists Wednesday through Sunday.

232 S. Wall Street, Chandler

12 WEST BREWING

This family-friendly brewery and taproom is located in downtown Mesa. There's 12 craft beer taps, a full list of spirits and wine, and a large food menu. This establishment has an amazing bi-level patio and features live music and trivia weekly! 12 West Main Street, Mesa

THE FARM AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN

Quiessence at the Farm is a farm-to-table fine dining experience. It is located at the base of an ancient riverbed that left the ground with naturally-rich soil. The farm is self-sustainable and the menu changes weekly, based on the season and local produce, meat and wine available. Additionally, the Farm offers Morning Glory, an outdoor breakfast and brunch café. Dining here is truly a unique experience!

6101 S. 32nd Street, Phoenix

For Your Sweet Tooth:

SUGARLIPS CAKERY

Known for their specialty cakes for every occasion, this bakery also has amazing cupcakes for sale in a variety of fun flavors weekly. While purchasing a cupcake, you can watch their artistic staff members decorate their specialty cakes.

1837 W. Guadalupe Road, Suite #101, Mesa

ZOYO FROZEN YOGURT

This is our favorite make your own FroYo place, with flavors changing weekly and an endless array of toppings, you won't be disappointed!

1958 E. Brown Road, Suite #102, Mesa

With all these great places, it's easy to be a "foodie" in Dobson Ranch. If you find a place you love, make sure to recommend it to your neighbors via the new **Dobson Ranch** App (Tried It and Liked It?) or on our Facebook page!





L. to R.: Emmett & Grandma at Organ Stop Pizza; Ella at Rainforest Café; Family at Zoyo; Ella at Sugarlips Cakery; and Andrea at The Farm at South Mtn.





Monthly Update from Councilmember Heredia

City of Mesa Water Shortage Update The City of Mesa maintains its Stage One Water Shortage status following an announcement by the United States Bureau

of Reclamation (BOR) that Lake Mead will be at a Tier 2a shortage by January 2023.

The City of Mesa declared a Stage One Water Shortage in May of this year. Even though mandatory conservation measures are not required of customers in this stage, the City of Mesa pledged to reduce its municipal water use. Just in the first three months since the Stage One declaration, our Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities Department cut its water usage by 14 percent by using modern park design methods that incorporate more desert landscape and low-water-use plants, smart landscape watering technology and increased staff training.

Residents and businesses can also do their part to use water more efficiently by making simple lifestyle changes that make a big impact on the City's ability to meet water demands. We offer 100+ tips, landscape videos, plant-of-the month features and more at www.mesaaz.gov/ conservation. Visit www.mesaaz.gov/water for more information about water shortage and stewardship.

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

~ Councilmember Francisco Heredia

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Care of Properties



CCER Notices Get a New Look. Too!

By now you have been introduced to our new Code Compliance and Architectural software called **HOA Life**. In the September RoundUp and going forward, there will be a different

look to the CC&R Notices graphs. The pie chart shown below will look familiar showing the total number of violations for the month, and the types of violations that have been issued to homeowners. The second picture (below right) is a cool new feature from HOA Life that is a heat map that shows Dobson Ranch and the areas where the most violations are given. This image will give an overview of where violations are for that month on the Ranch.

You can find the HOA Life link on the Dobson Ranch App and on our website. If at any time you need assistance with HOA Life regarding violations or HOA Life in general, please call our Code Compliance team or front desk and they would be happy to assist you.

If you haven't done so, please look at our revised Residential Architectural Guidelines that were approved June 14th, 2022. You can find the new Residential Architectural Guidelines on the Dobson Ranch website, the Dobson Ranch App, and there are hard copies in the office as well, if needed. If you have questions regarding the new guidelines or HOA Life, I will be happy to speak with you. I can be reached at 480-831-8314 in the Administration Office.

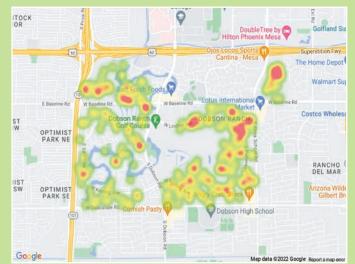
Thank you,

Camille Gonzales, Operations Manager

CCER Notices for August 2022 11 21 62 112 Total Violations: 75 317 SECTION 2.15 SECTION 2.5 SECTION 2.20 Rubbish and Debris Outside Lighting Trash Bin Storage SECTION 2.16 SECTION 2.7 **SECTION 2.26.1** Fences and Gates Visible Yard Areas Vehicles

SECTION 2.17

Trees



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

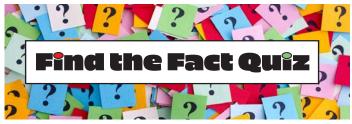
* Other violations include Holiday Lights and Decorations, Permanent Structures, Sunshades and Umbrellas, Roof Maintenance, Temporary Parking, and Storing of Vehicles. Sections can be found in our Residential Architectural Guidelines.

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Your Neighborhood



We received 12 entries from our third Find the Fact Quiz in August. A random drawing was held on August 22nd to select the winner of the second \$20.00 Amazon Gift Card. The gift card for August goes to Marisa Canova. Thanks for taking the time to find all the facts, Marisa!

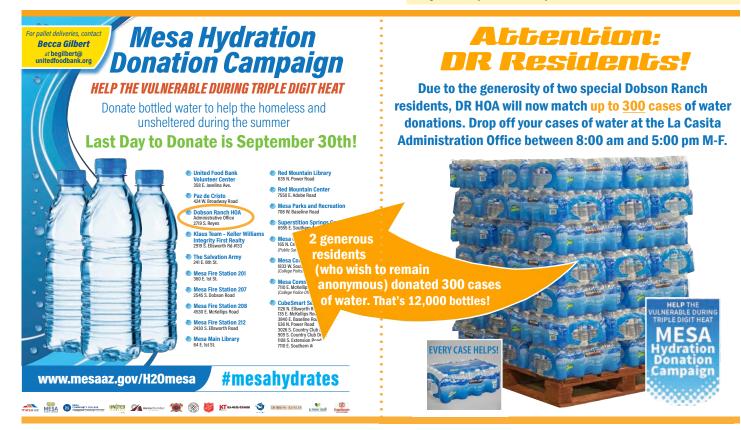
To enter the September Find the Fact Quiz, simply email all of the answers to questions 1-20 below to nroggio@dobson-ranch.com by no later than September 18, 2022. All residents (of any age) with all 20 correct answers will be put into a drawing. One winner will be randomly selected to receive a \$20.00 Amazon Gift Card. September's winner will be announced in the October Ranchers' RoundUp.

Ready, Set, GO!

- 1. What new monthly column was added to RoundUp this month?
- 2. What type of map is now being used to indicate where most CC&R violations are occuring on the Ranch?
- 3. What movie will be shown at our Halloween Spooktacular?
- 4. What month will the new 2022 version of the App be released?
- 5. Where can you get tickets for our Breakfast with Santa event on December 10th?
- 6. Who is our new Communications Manager?

- 7. How many pints of blood were donated at the Red Cross Blood Drive on August 2nd?
- 8. Phoenix and Tempe want to have 25% tree canopy coverage by what year?
- 9. How much does it cost per tennis lesson for residents of Dobson Ranch?
- 10. How many two-person teams competed in our Parent-Junior 9-Hole Golf Tournament?
- 11. What is the address of the home selected for the September Green Thumb Award?.
- 12. What is Dennis Melgreen's work title?
- 13. On what date in October will the next Red Cross Blood Drive take place at La Casita?
- 14. What can you use to post and find garage sales on the Ranch?
- 15. What Mesa restaurant is known as the Home of the Mightly Wurlitzer?
- 16. What is the last date to donate water for the Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign?
- 17. What is the name of the group playing live music at our Fall Festival?
- 18. What is the most effective way to get rid of ants?
- 19. What should you do before, during and after pickleball play?
- 20. Which advertiser will give you the first exam free if you bring in their ad?

Hope you had fun fact finding! We'll be back in October with another **Find the Fact Quiz** and another \$20 gift card to give away to one lucky resident!







DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

ANTS

"The ants are everywhere!" you've probably exclaimed at some point. Where do they come from? Most ants build their nest outdoors in soil. Workers (the majority of an ant nest) search for food. They eat a variety of things like flower nectar (pollinating plants), seeds, living and dead insects, your pet's food, your open pantry items, and crumbs on your counter. When a worker finds food, it lays a pheromone trail back to the nest alerting others to the bonanza. The ant conga line is quickly formed. Ants eat the food themselves, feed it to their larvae young and egg-laying queen in the nest, and store it for consumption during hot and cold days when they stay nest bound.

A note in their defense: Ants can carry up to 2,400 insects a day to the nest, and they aerate the soil allowing rain and air to move easily to roots.

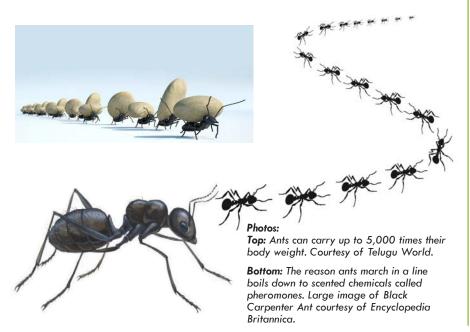
Most ant nests in hot desert climates can be several feet deep in the soil where it's cooler. The "ant hill" or mound serves to maintain the temperature of the nest. The higher the mound, the more heat is brought into the nest. In very hot weather, other holes are opened in the mound to let some of the heat out. In cool or cold weather, the ants sunbathe at the entrance, returning deep within the nest to give out the heat stored in their bodies. Stones and flowerpots hold heat, with a nest often found under them for that reason.

How do I get rid of them?

1) **Remove the food source** - hold off on that spray. Be patient. They will go away using their foraging energy elsewhere. If ants are in a pet dish, create a mote of at least three inches around the dish.

2) Block or plug any entrances.

Using insecticidal spray only kills the ants actually contacted with it. It may make you feel like you are doing something to conquer them, but sprays don't solve the problem. If necessary, use tidy plastic ant baits not sprays, as you want the ants to carry the poison back to the unseen nest. Baits can be found at Ace, Home Depot, Lowe's, etc. But it will still take some time. The best prevention is to remove potential food sources.



STOP FERTILIZING IN DROUGHT? NO!

Water restrictions do not have to be a death sentence to turf. Drought conditions are the time when turf and soil should be kept healthy through the season. Here are four myths about turf maintenance during drought and how to combat them.

MYTH #1

"I cannot fertilize because the fertilizer will not get watered in properly and I will burn my turf."

- Scheduling fertilizer applications just prior to watering periods ensures rapid movement of fertilizer into the soil and off the foliage.
- Using high quality organic fertilizer will direct most nutrient activity to the roots and crowns, avoiding the 'burn' that sometimes occurs with water soluble nitrogen.
- Improving the soil will help the turf stay healthy enough to survive drought.
- The time and effort put in today will save time and effort in future repairs and replacements.

MYTH #2

"I should just scalp my turf through the summer."

- While scalping may seem more manageable, it puts more stress on the turf.
- Mowing heights should be raised through summer, creating a deeper and more extensive root system, enabling plants to withstand summer stress.
- Taller grass will allow soil temperatures to remain cooler at the surface.

MYTH #3

"Water restrictions mean my grass will die anyway."

- Using good water management practices, turf will not just survive but thrive on as little as two days of watering per week.
- Using controller settings such as cycle and soak will achieve the same or better impact as watering more often without creating runoff from long run times.

MYTH #4

"If my grass is green, I'm not saving water."

- Products such as wetting agents and soil surfactants improve the performance of water applications and fertilizers, reducing water usage up to 30% while resulting in green turf.
- Turf can reduce temperatures in surrounding areas by five or six degrees, so think about how hot days can get before removing all the turf.



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Conservation Corner

Rack to School! 1+2=3 A+B=Conservation

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water and Lake Management Committee Member



My family and I traveled to the Pacific Northwest in July for vacation (and it didn't rain once!). A special place we visited was the **Cedar River Watershed Education Center** (CRWEC) near North Bend, WA.* The center is located next to Rattlesnake Lake and the Cascade foothills. This area is a gateway to the **Cedar River Municipal Watershed**, which provides drinking water for 70% of the 1.5 million people residing in greater Seattle. The

center has excellent hands-on exhibits for all ages to learn about the area's watershed and the water cycle.

Since school is back in session, let's go with the flow in this month's Conservation Corner to learn, or have a refresher on, the water cycle as well as watersheds and our water sources.

To begin, if all the water in the world was in a gallon container, just over a tablespoon would be available to drink. For those that learn by numbers, all the water on earth breaks down to: 97% salt water; 2% locked-up in glaciers and ice caps; 0.997% too deep in the earth to reach; leaving 0.003% available for drinking (CRWEC). Just 0.003%!

So, where does new freshwater come from? Well, it isn't really "new," it is part of the water cycle. Here is an elementary school song, sung to the tune of "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain," to help you remember the water cycle:

Water travels in a cycle, yes it does.
Water travels in a cycle, yes it does.
It goes up as evaporation, it forms clouds as condensation.
It comes down as precipitation, yes it does.

If the water cycle goes 'round and 'round, where does our household water come from? Here in Dobson Ranch, the Salt River Project (SRP) supplies the water that the City of Mesa treats and pumps to our homes. SRP delivers 244 billion gallons of water annually and serves 1.6 million homes in greater Phoenix.

In the forested mountains in northern and eastern Arizona, there are 8.3 million acres of protected forestland that make up SRP's watershed. A watershed is an area of land that drains all streams and rainfall into a common outlet. Melted snow flows down the mountains and into the Salt and Verde Rivers and is carried to seven lakes in the SRP system. The lakes act as reservoirs, which hold the water that SRP delivers to cities and irrigation customers using a 131-mile canal system. According to SRPnet.com, water from the reservoirs can also be combined with water from the Colorado River. As you may have seen in the news, the Bureau of Reclamation is imposing cuts on Arizona's allotment of Colorado River water. (More on that in the coming months.)

Although this was a bit of schooling, don't worry, there isn't going to be a test. However, it's been said that knowledge is power, so the more you know about your own water, where it comes from, how far it travels, drought conditions, etc., the better conservation choices you can make. To make it easy for you, July's Conservation Corner listed 50 ways to save water. Let's all be top of the class when it comes to conservation! #DobsonConservation

*To all the Twin Peaks fans out there, we spent so much time at the CRWEC, we missed out on a slice of Special Agent Cooper's favorite cherry pie.



Photos: L. Top: Playing the water drums at CRWEC L. Bottom: Enjoying Rattlesnake Lake R. Top: Atop the Space Needle R. Bottom: No rain in Seattle



At Our Lakes

2022 Monsoon Season

By Joseph Trickett, Water and Lake Management Committee Chairman



For Arizona, the monsoon season officially kicks off June 15th and ends September 30th. This means that as of August 18th (when this article was written), the state is just over halfway through 2022's monsoon season, and for our zip code the current rainfall gauge total is reading 3.3 inches with more rain forecasted to come our way.

What is the Monsoon? According to

officials with the National Weather Service's Flagstaff office, the term "monsoon" describes large-scale wind shifts that transport moist tropical air to dry desert locations, such as the southwestern United States. Intense heating of the land over Mexico and the southwestern United States in the early summer months creates the wind shifts in the low levels. Moisture begins to be carried from the Gulf of California and eastern Pacific Ocean (the two main sources for monsoonal moisture in northern Arizona). These winds transport moisture northward into Mexico and the American Southwest. In May 2022, experts predicted above-normal rainfall for the southern half of Arizona.

How are we doing so far? 2020 was a very dry season, while 2021 was much wetter, being the 9th wettest since 1895. As for this year, for the State of Arizona as a whole, there are many areas well above normal for the precipitation to date for the

season, with more rain in the forecast. So far, areas in the north and east of Arizona, along with Flagstaff, have been hit the hardest by storms, with some areas receiving as much as 400% more precipitation. In the Phoenix area, the average rainfall at Sky Harbor Airport measures at 1.25 inches, which is right where it should be, and it does not look like the storms will let up soon, with forecasts for the rest of August seeing a good chance for rain.

How about all the lightning? According to data provided by the National Weather Service, Arizona has had about 300,000 lightning strikes so far during the monsoon season. The lightning count for an average monsoon season is about 280,000. For the Phoenix area, there's been 4,505 lightning strikes this monsoon season, compared to the average count of 3,122 per year.

What this means for Dobson Ranch. Though most of us can appreciate a spectacular storm with a heavy downpour, that is aside from the yard clean up! We get the most benefit from more light rain days than a few heavy ones. Anything over .25 inches is, for lack of a better word, "lost." Our green spaces can only absorb so much at any given time. Rainfall totals are just half of the picture this season. In terms of rainfall days, the Ranch is above average. Our smart water irrigation systems help reduce our water foot print, delaying or eliminating watering after a rain event.

Resource used for this article: Fox10phoenix.com/news/monsoon-2022-parts-of-arizona-seeing-more-rain-this-season-according-to-meteorologist



Real Estate on the Ranch



Mesa Market Trends

By Jesse Brown, Board Member and Real Estate Professional



Hey, Ranchers! As one of your newly-elected Board members for Dobson Ranch, I made a suggestion to add some additional value to our monthly Ranchers' RoundUp magazine. I wanted to give feedback to our residents regarding real estate trends in our area, tips on home improvements that provide the best value vs. cost investment, neighborhood statistics — all things real estate!

So, let's start with some market trends! If you haven't already noticed, the overall market is finally starting to balance itself out. New home listings in Mesa are up nearly 13% just in the last 30 days! This is creating some desperately needed balance for all the home buyers that have been pressured out of the market over the last two or three years.

We're seeing significant sell pressure throughout the entire Phoenix market as well, so many of the sellers that were holding out are now flooding the market and trying to cash in before the balance continues to shift back to a buyers' market. Many of those cash investors or hedge funds helped create unaffordable home prices. Zillow and Open Door have either put the brakes on buying new inventory, or curbed purchasing dramati-

cally. Now we're seeing a trend of selling off their inventory below their purchase price to cut their losses.

Here's the rub – inventory is up over 100% from this time last year, but interest rates are following that same trend upward. While home prices may be slowly falling, many buyers are still priced out of the market. The good news is these high interest rates cannot sustain for very long in my opinion. Hopefully that should help open the door to a more affordable cost of living in the next 6-12 months.



Difference Since July 2021
Since last year Mesa has remain.

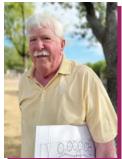
Since last year, Mesa has remained a Seller's Market Homes Sold in Dobson Ranch in August 2022: 28



Movers and Shakers

The Art of Growing & Maintaining Dobson Ranch

By Skye Riss, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



Dennis Melgreen has been working in the Dobson Ranch Community for 11 years, playing a key role in the way the community operates, is maintained, and how it stays beautiful for our residents to enjoy. His current role with the HOA is Associate Director of Facilities and he manages a crew of 12 skilled staff members who keep all the amenities of Dobson Ranch clean and accessible.

Dennis was happily raised in a small farming community claiming to be the soybean capital of Illinois. He moved to Phoenix, Arizona in time to start high school at Brophy Prep, and before he graduated from ASU, Dennis started a landscape irrigation company with his father. Within a few months, however, his father unexpectedly passed away.

With the unfortunate passing of his father, Dennis passed the contractor's test and continued to run the business as the youngest contractor in the state of Arizona. Dennis' work in the Valley included building city parks in Phoenix and Mesa, some well-known spaces including the original Cubs spring training facility at Hohokam Park and Carriage Lane Park just south of Dobson Ranch.

His landscape master plan and installation at the Scottsdale Fairmont Princess Resort led to living with his family and working on the Island of Aruba for seven years, where Dennis designed, installed, and maintained landscaping for three island resorts, the government's central park, and several resorts in the Bahamas. Dennis has so many fascinating stories to share about his time in Aruba, and one of his favorites is about New Year's Eve on the island.

"On New Year's Eve, almost every single home, resort and business on the island shot fireworks and the entire island was illuminated. There were so many fireworks launched at midnight, that the ground shook. All that was left was smoke in the air. It was one of the most amazing things I have ever seen."

Aruba, located within sight of Columbia, provided the Melgreen family with the opportunity to visit many of the Caribbean Islands and to plan numerous adventures across South America. Trips included visits to Ecuador, and the Galapagos Islands, paddling dugout canoes to the base of Angel Falls in Venezuela, exploring the Amazon rainforest on a flotel in the river, and spending a night in the clouds surrounding Machu Picchu.

The Melgreens returned to the states and the Bay area of Sausalito for their children, Justin and Linzie, to attend high school, and where Dennis continued as a General Manager for the area's premier landscape contracting and maintenance company.

When the housing market crashed in California, the Melgreens moved for work to Puerto Rico. As Director of Landscaping for the Wyndham Rio Mar resort, Dennis also became a certified Golf Course Superintendent for their two golf courses.

"I love playing golf, and I played a lot of it. I have some remarkable stories from playing golf," Dennis boasted.

Returning home to Arizona in 2011 to care for their parents, Dennis and his wife, Claire, settled in to enjoy desert life and Dennis began his work for Dobson Ranch. As Associate Director of Facilities, he is in charge of maintaining and improving the Ranch's common areas and all of the facilities from the pools to the pickleball courts, from the lakes and the fish the Ranch stocks, to the recreation centers, parks, and playgrounds.

After 40 years, the Ranch's irrigation systems and landscaped areas needed upgrades. Dennis and his team have done a lot to improve the Dobson Ranch community over the years. Dennis enjoys designing and installing projects for the Ranch, such as his teams' work on 65 acres of computer-controlled irrigation systems, walkway lighting, pouring miles of curbing, installing trees and shrubs, building public spaces, and so much more.

Dennis' proudest projects at the Ranch include the Dog Park and the Sunset Plaza at La Casita. But Dennis is most proud of the staff that has grown from nine to 12 members who focus on resort-type maintenance. And this is not the end, there are many more great projects on the horizon for Dobson Ranch. These projects, when completed, will forever enhance the community, and continue to keep the Ranch a great place to live, work, play, and enjoy!









In the Community



Mesa Public Schools Is Igniting a Culture of Learning and Well-Being

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

Designing schools to be places of belonging where students feel safe and supported is a top priority for Mesa Public Schools.

During the summer, school leaders focused on enhancing the district's teaching and learning programs, and ensuring that the physical, social and emotional well-being of students are met when they returned back to school this year. Campus technology upgrades, school modernization and collaborative spaces for learning are just a few of the new elements that will be seen throughout the district to improve the learning environment.

Mental health support for students is an integral part of school design since it has a significant impact on students which goes far beyond academic performance only. Campus support systems offer practical or emotional support to help students manage stress and anxiety.

Mental health resources



Students experiencing a mental health crisis have a new way to reach out for help through the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. By calling or texting 988, the line routes callers across the United States to trained crisis counselors who can help 24 hours a day. They provide support to anyone experiencing suicidal thoughts, substance use, a mental health crisis or any other kind of emotional distress.

Dr. Melissa Valenzuela Settle, a social-emotional learning department specialist at Mesa Public Schools, shares that the district follows best practices governed by the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) National Model to foster personal growth.

"We want our students to be able to manage their emotions and ensure that we are modeling these behaviors for our children and students," says Settle.

Settle shares that mental health is really the overall health of a student and incorporates things like making sure that students are sleeping well and eating nutritious meals, along with learning how to manage their emotions.

"Mental health is about regulating emotions," says Settle. "It's about seeing and looking at something and understanding why one is getting upset and if they can get to the real core of the issue and have the bandwidth to recognize it so they can regulate their feelings. Students need to be able to question if they are acting on emotions or facts."

School counselors address needs

Dr. Maria Ramirez is a behavior intervention counselor at Rhodes Junior High School and serves as a district coach for other counselors and shares that they support student needs in a variety of ways.

"Providing avenues for students to develop a sense of belonging and addressing the barriers that prevent students from being successful are the number one things that we are doing to help our students," Ramirez says.

Along with addressing students' hierarchy of needs, counselors engage with the community, parents, business owners and the Mesa Police Department as part of an advisory council to ensure all stakeholders are kept abreast of school dynamics and needs. Student lessons are aligned with the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) framework and its five components which include self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, relationship skills and social awareness. Mesa partners with the Arizona Adverse Childhood Experiences Consortium (AZ ACEs Consortium) to provide staff members the education they need to address the barriers and challenges that many of our students experience and work to bridge gaps that may exist.

Students may be faced with issues that can affect their social and emotional wellness. Mesa Public Schools is dedicated to providing comprehensive support for students and their families, so that they may be successful academically, socially and emotionally.

In a culture of learning and well-being, students and families need to understand that it's always okay to reach out and ask for help.



IMAGES (Left): MPS graphic for the new 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. (Above): Students at Rhodes Junior High School take a moment to support each other. Photo courtesy of Summit Learning.

THE DOBSON ASSOCIATION



Recreation Happenings

SEPTEMBER 2022

From the Recreation Director's Desk



By Jesse Wright Recreation Manager

Let's make this a September to remember! If you love dogs, you won't want to miss our Bark in the Park event taking place this Saturday, September 10th at Laguna Park! See details below.

Our 18th Annual Golf Tournament will be following soon after on Saturday, September 24th at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course. Registration for the tournament at La Casita Recreation Center closes on September 16th or when all the spots are filled. Please sign up if you are interested in playing. You can sign up individually or as a foursome.

Our October line up also rocks! Our Community Clean Up on Saturday, October 1st includes ranch-wide garage sales, large item dumping at Los Altos and shredding at La Casita and Saratoga Rec Center parking lots. Details about using the Dobson Ranch App to help find garage sales are on page 19.

School may have just started, but your children and grandchildren are sure to be looking for things to do during Fall Break. We're offering a Fall Break Camp for ages 6 to 12 Monday through Friday, October 3-7 at the La Casita Recreation Center. More info can be found on page 18. We also have our annual Halloween Spooktacular on Friday, October 14th. This family-friendly event will have carnival games, a pumpkin parade, a movie (The Addams Family 2) in the park, and costume contests. Two food trucks will be serving up Mexican and Thai specialties. We hope to see you all at Laguna Park for a "Howlin' Good Time!"

Tennis Tip for September 2022



By Kwong Young Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Two Shots to Outplay Your Opponents

How do you control a baseliner with good groundstrokes and lobs? Don't send the ball comfortably back to your opponents is how.

There are two specialty shots that will take care of that matter and they are: #1, the Drop Shot; and #2, the Drop Volley.

You will perform the **Drop Shot** when you hit the ball softly in the service box to either win the point outright or force the opponent to have to run up to the net, leaving the backcourt where they were comfortably positioned.

You will perform the **Drop Volley** as a net player when you simply soften your grip and just faintly make the ball land close to the net, instead of doing a firm aggressive volley. Perfecting these two shots requires skill and timing, and one must practice shot making to control the ball to "outplay" your opponents.

When you begin to practice, develop, add, and execute these two shots, you won't ever have to worry about your opponent's skills, as they hang out on the backcourt where the ball doesn't reach them (check-mate)... well played!

Saturday, September 10th



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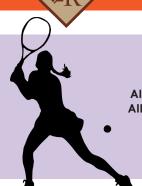
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DOBSON RANCH TENNIS ACADEMY

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, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **6193 \$50 R/\$75 NR** Wednesday, October 5, 12, 19, 26 **6194 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Adult Weekday Doubles Play

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

8:30 pm - 10:00 pm I Sessions: Monthly Monday, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 6195 \$50 R/\$75 NR Wednesday, October 5, 12, 19, 26 6196 \$40 R/\$60 NR

Adult Saturday Doubles

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

8:00 am - 9:30 am | Sessions: Monthly Saturday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6197 \$50 R/\$75 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, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **6192 \$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 and relaxed setting.

Saturday | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm *October Social 10/15

*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 Happenings

SEPTEMBER 2022

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
11:00 pm

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

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



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

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

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

CANCELLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12TH

Instructor: Jeanne

When: Mondays (beginning Sept. 12)
Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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



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

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

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

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. f you think your body has had it and can't do anything anymore – think again. Come join us for gentle recovery. Bring a yoga mat!

ZUMBA

Instructor: Karen When: Tuesdays

Where: La Casita Rec. 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.

COMMUNITY TABLE TENNIS DROP IN

When: Fridays

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm



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



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

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SEPTEMBER 2022

AQUA ZUMBA

Instructor: Karen

When: Thursdays (June 2 – October 6)
Where: La Casita Recreation Center Pool

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Cost: \$7 drop in rate, \$30 resident only for a

5-use punch card.



Aqua Zumba keeps the Zumba Fitness workout party going in the pool. Aqua Zumba is classic aqua aerobics with Latin flavor added to regular Zumba routines. The typical land-based Zumba dance steps, such as cha-cha,

merengue, salsa, reggaeton, and mambo, are exaggerated and slower in water, so the water tempo is half the land tempo, creating a low-impact work out for all fitness levels. There is less impact on your joints during an Aqua Zumba class so you can really let loose. Water creates natural resistance, which means every step is more challenging and helps tone your muscles.

WATER AEROBICS

Instructor: Becky

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

Where: La Casita Recreation Center Pool

Time: 7:30 am - 8:20 am

Cost: \$4 drop in rate, \$12 resident only for a

4-use punch card

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



CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Class Code: 6114

When: Thursdays (September 15 - October 20)

Where: La Casita Recreation Center Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Cost: Reg. fee due at time of enrollment:

Residents \$5. Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.

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

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

DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Class Code: 6108

When: Tuesdays (September 13 - October 18)

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: Reg. fee due at time of enrollment:

Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.

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

INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)

Class Code: 6120

When: Thursdays (September 15 - October 20)

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: Reg. fee due at time of enrollment:

Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.

In a fun, encouraging and high energy atmosphere, your child will be shown the fundamentals of ballet and jazz, which can help to 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.

ACTIVITIES



Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Style Poker

(Must be 18 or older)

When: Friday, September 23

Where: La Casita Rec. Center (Grande Room)

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

Poker night is a free monthly program for

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



Bunco

When: Friday, September 16

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

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





PARENT-JUNIOR 9-HOLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fifteen two-person teams competed at Dobson Ranch Golf Course on July 30th to win great prizes!





















FIRST PRIZE: \$75 Gift Card SECOND PRIZE: \$50 Gift Card THIRD PRIZE: \$25 Gift Card RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDED: Case of Golf Balls, Putting Green, and FREE Twosome Round of Golf at DRGC.

All players received a golf towel and FREE bucket of balls at the Driving Range.



Recreation Happenings

18TH **ANNUAL DOBSON RANCH**





OURNAMENT

SAT., SEPTEMBER 24, 2022 DOBSON RANCH GOLF COURSE

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THE DOBSON ASSOCIATION





Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm OCTOBER 3-7

La Casita Recreation Center 2719 S. Reyes

DAILY THEMES:

Monday: An Apple a Day Tuesday: Changing of the Leaves Wednesday: The Great Pumpkin Thursday: Phase of the Moon Friday: Hibernation & Migration

PRICING:

Early Bird Special - Register by 9/16: \$35* per day/\$160* for the week Late Registration:

\$40* per day/\$185* for the week

*Prices are for Dobson Ranch Residents
Non-residents: \$45/day or \$210/week

Register online via ActiveNet. Call 480-831-7464 with questions.





Grab your friends and join your neighbors for a Ranchwide spruce up!

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Ranchwide Garage Sale: 7 am - 1 pm

Dump It!

Ranch Clean Up: 7 am - 1 pm Los Altos Parking Lot

Shred It!

Paper Shredding: 8 am - 11 am La Casita & Saratoga **Parking Lots**



Garage Sales will be going on all through the Ranch. Use the Dobson Ranch App to see maps, addresses and lists of items on sale to help make your garage sale experience easier.

Residents are responsible for loading and unloading their own material. Unacceptable items include: appliances, rock, block, concrete, tile, carpet, food, animal waste, engines, all hazardous waste, pressurized tanks and gas powered vehicles.

Get rid of your personal documents safely with a professional mobile shredding service. Drop off your boxes of paper to be shredded at La Casita or Saratoga Parking lots. Paper clips and staples are permissable. No plastic bags.

USE THE NEW DOBSON RANCH APP TO POST & FIND GARAGE SALES!

Follow Steps 1-4 below for posting your garage sale information on the new App. Follow Steps 5-8 for viewing garage sale information and locations.

POST A GARAGE SALE















- 1. Navigate to the Events Menu in the **Dobson Ranch** App
- 2. Scroll and tap into the Community Clean Up event on October 1
- 3. Tap the "Sign Up for Garage Sale" button at bottom of page
- 4. Respond to each prompt completely to help neighbors find your sale
- 5. Navigate back to the events and tap "View Garage Sales"
- 6. Tap into the 7. Easily see sale to view the items this more info resident is selling and get directions
- 8. Map of residence with garage sale will pop up





FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

- **♦ Food Trucks** 5:30 7:00 pm
- **◆ Games & DJ Ron** 5:30 7:00 pm
- **♦ Inflatables** 5:30 7:00 pm
- ◆ Pumpkin Parade 5:30 - 6:30 pm
- **◆ Costume Contest**6:00 pm, 0-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 & Group
- ◆ MOVIG = Addams Family 2 Starting at 7:00 pm

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Recreation Happenings







Can you believe it? Dobson Ranch will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2023. We will kickoff the celebration at our Sunday in the Park event at Laguna Park on February 5, 2023. All of your favorite annual events will be back next year, but each one will have something extra special added to it to help commemorate our major milestone, so get excited about all the fun that's in store for you and your family!

Our 50th Anniversary Committee is looking into activities and special surprises, and here are just a few events to look forward to in 2023:

- Sunday in the Park 50th Anniversary Kickoff
- BYOB with 70s Dance Party & Costume Contest
- Annual Meeting 50 Years in the Making
- Fall Festival 50th Anniversary Celebration
- And More to Come!



Dobson Ranch Clubs

Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Susan Toevs, Retirees' Club President

The Dobson Ranch Retirees have had a very good summer continuing many of our activities. **Barbara Stout** has continued to lead line dancing in the air conditioned comfort of La Casita.

We are looking forward to cooler temperatures so that our outdoor activities such as hiking, biking and walking can resume. Our new walking group will have an organizational meeting led by Vice President **Donna Fox** on September 22nd at her home. Please come with ideas for places to walk that are at an easy pace and without severe inclines, we will leave that for the hikers!

There continues to be an active interest in our book and puzzle exchange table. We keep books for three months, then donate them to a hospital. Remember to bring in those summer reads so that other club members can enjoy them.

Many of our members have been traveling this summer, and we look forward to hearing all about the many trips and adventures they have had. Many opportunities are ahead to socialize including Ladies Lunch, Men's Breakfast, our monthly meeting, Dinner Night Out, and, of course, Happy Hour.

We are looking forward to several opportunities to make a difference in our community with our annual **Breakfast with Santa** and charity gifting to deserving children and families in our community.

Club Members receive a weekly email detailing our activities. Membership is open to all retirees living on the Ranch. Come to any meeting on the first Monday of the month at La Casita at 9:30 am. We would love to meet you and enhance your daily life on the Ranch!







Photos above taken at the August 11th Ladies Lunch at RigaTony's Authentic Italian Restaurant in Tempe.

The Retirees' Club held their General Meeting on August 1st at La Casita Recreation Center. Photos by Nancy Roggio & Skye Riss.





Dobson Ranch Clubs

Interesting Monsoon Season Continues... Bringing Some Occasionally Cooler Mornings Beneficial to PB Players!

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Dobson Pickleball continues to adjust to our changing weather this summer. Lots of monsoon action at times, but not always very predictable. Get on our email list for weather cancellations and other adjustments that may become necessary as we wait for fall to arrive.

I can report great play and weather (mostly) at Bushmaster Park in Flagstaff, where I will be hanging out with a few exceptions until early October. There are six courts reserved for pickleball every day of the week until noon! There are lots of other reasons to be in Flagstaff as well, at least until the snow begins to fall in November.

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

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

New resident players for our "drop-in" times are always welcome to come out, but we do advise checking with us before you do so 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 further information, to get referrals for professional instruction, and to get on our email list for announcements regarding pickleball schedules and activities.

Please contact **Donna Ransom** at donna85202@gmail.com to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.

Simple Pickleball Tips for Beginners:

- Always stretch before your first match.
- When in between games, keep loose by stretching or jumping rope.
- · Wear proper shoes to eliminate injuries.
- Hit your serve deep.
- No need for fancy serves. No spin, just good placement.
- Faulting on serves is a controllable mistake. Simple, deep serves eliminates unnecessary errors.
- Don't attempt to skim your serve over the net. Accurate and consistent serves are best, even if they are high.
- When returning a serve, hit it deep back to the server.
- Hit to your opponent's backhand whenever possible.
 - Pickleball Tips Courtesy of The Volley Llama



Pickleball players in Flagstaff by Rich Bitner.

PICKLE-ON!

Women's Club

By Patty Smith, Women's Club President

Thought of the month... only four months 'til CHRISTMAS!

Did you have a good Labor Day? Time sure flies as you head into the holiday season.

Our hostess for August **Bunco** was **Patricia**. She has opened our Bunco season for many, many years. We all look forward to her special "Hawaiian" Bunco. Patricia always has a fabulous Aloha Dinner. You are an amazing hostess and friend. Mahalo nui loa $i\bar{a}$ 'oe! ("Thank you very much!" in Hawaiian.) We're looking for club members to host Bunco in September and October.

August's **Out to Lunch** was held at *IF Café and Market (Intentional Foods)*. Their menu is delicious. We are so lucky to have them in our neighborhood. If you have any special allergies to food, this is the place to go. Plus, the family that owns the restaurant grew up on the Ranch!

October's **Out to Lunch** on October 7th will be held at *The Badlands Bar & Grill*.

Chris is very appreciative for all your good thoughts and prayers. Please continue to send them her way. Thanks.

One last note...

We also need volunteers for the **Halloween Spooktacular** on October 14th at Laguna Park to hand out candy to all the ghosts, ghouls and goblins. This is always a fun time! Please let me know if you're interested.



A Blast from the Past! Women's Club table at the October 2019 Halloween Spooktacular.

Blessings, Patty



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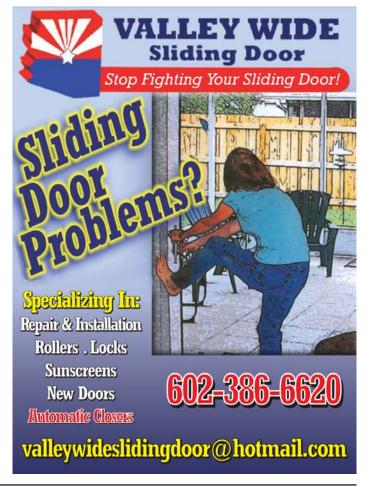


















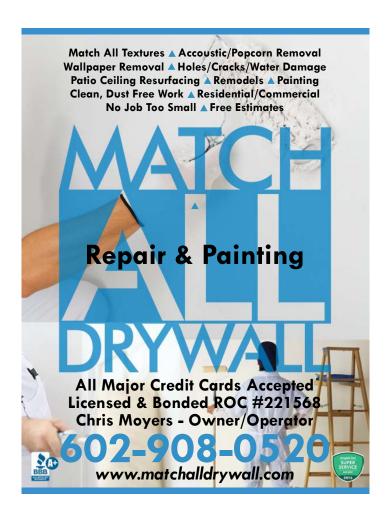


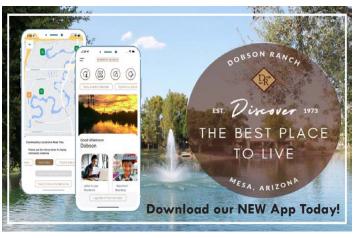
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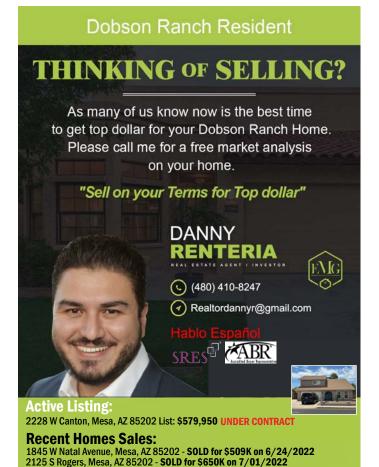
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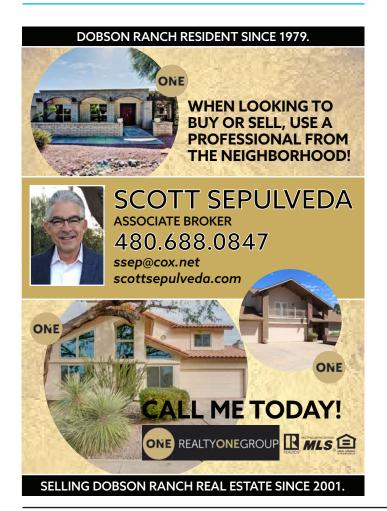


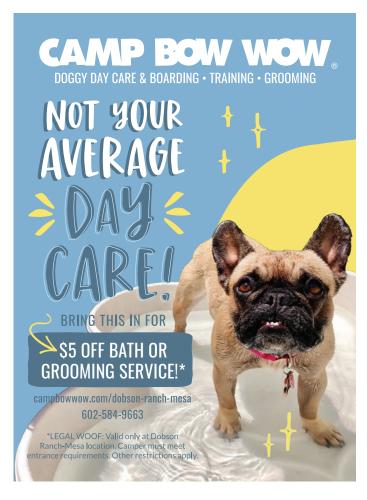






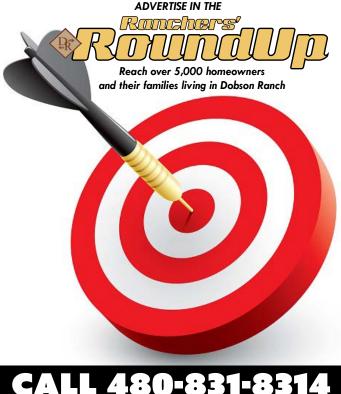
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Ms. Jessi welcomes a new class to La Casita Preschool Photo: Skye Riss

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