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THINKING ABOUT STARTING YOUR OWN CLUB?

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Transit - 480-644-5541

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August Calendar

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August 5th • Paw Patrol

August 19th • Hook

7:00 pm at La Casita Pool

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Line Dancing 9:00 am Grande Rm. BLOOD DRIVE 1:00 pm Grande Rm. Dance Sampler 5:30 pm Saratoga CC&R Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm Chica Rm. Zumba 6:30 pm Chica Rm.	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool Tai Chi 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm. NEW YoYo Club! 6:00 pm Chica Rm.	Water Aerobics 7:30 am La Casita Pool 50th Anniversary Mtg. 11:00 am Grande Rm. Retirees' Game Day 1:00 pm Chica Rm. Fairytale Dancers 4:30 pm Saratoga Intro to Ballet & Jazz 4:30 pm Saratoga Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool Master Planning Mtg. 7:00 pm Grande Rm.		 7:00 pm La Casita Pool Sunday 6
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Dobson Ranch
Back To School Parlee
5:00 - 9:00 pm • September 16th
Dobson Ranch Golf Course

50th Anniversary • Clean Fall Up •
September 23rd • 7:00 am to 1:00 pm
Ranchwide Garage Sales
Dump at Los Altos

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Board of Directors Meeting Report - June 22, 2023 Summary of Board Action Items and Motions

2023-06-100 – A motion was unanimously carried to approve the sale of the old pontoon boat for \$3,250.00.

2023-06-101 – A motion was unanimously carried to approve the new Dobson Ranch YoYo Club.

2023-06-102 – A motion was unanimously carried to approve the Back to School ParTee event to be held on September 16th at the Dobson Ranch Golf Club from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

2023-06-103 – A motion was unanimously carried to approve the \$1,500 matching water contribution funds for the Hydration Donation Campaign.

2023-06-104 – A motion was unanimously carried to approve the Arizona Department of Water Resources Annual Report Summary dated June 5, 2023.

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Executive Summary for the Period May 2023

Current Actual	Current Budget	Current Variance		YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Annual Budget
Income							
254,553	254,592	(39)	Assessments	1,272,766	1,272,960	(194)	3,055,104
51,268	60,110	(8,842)	Other Income	216,765	241,950	(25,185)	524,750
305,821	314,702	(8,881)	Total Income	1,489,531	1,514,910	(25,379)	3,579,854
Expenses							
138,583	92,033	(46,550)	Administrative Expenses	544,834	492,080	(52,754)	1,160,173
721	700	(21)	Board Expenses	48,239	47,626	(613)	54,776
6,618	6,045	(573)	Lakes Expenses	36,970	40,225	3,255	96,340
34,646	43,016	8,371	Landscape Expenses	199,857	264,722	64,865	581,363
37,920	46,928	9,009	Maintenance	175,905	234,156	58,251	557,669
7,088	5,301	(1,788)	Preschool Expenses	27,377	30,803	3,426	69,606
33,278	49,739	16,461	Recreation Expenses	157,470	238,935	81,465	610,013
17,215	20,934	3,719	Utilities	75,915	101,670	25,755	273,208
159	2,200	2,041	Watercraft	853	2,600	1,747	3,300
276,229	266,896	(9,333)	Total Expenses	1,267,419	1,452,816	185,398	3,406,448
29,593	47,806	(18,214)	Operating Net Income Before Depreciation	222,112	62,094	160,019	173,406
21,819	22,500	681	Depreciation Expense	108,595	112,500	3,905	270,000
188	0	(188)	Total Non-Operating Expenses	188	0	(188)	0
7,585	25,306	(17,722)	Operating Net Income After Depreciation	113,329	(50,406)	163,735	(96,594)
0	(22,500)	(22,500)	Fund Transfer	309,799	197,000	(112,799)	349,000
7,585	47,806	(40,222)	Net Income After Fund Transfers	(196,470)	(247,406)	50,936	(445,594)

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Board of Directors Meetings

Working Session • Thursday, August 17 at 6:30 pm - Grande Rm.

**General Board Mtg. • Thursday, August 24 at 7:00 pm - Grande Rm.
Please attend!**



Message From the Association President



By Nicole Lynam, Association President

As previously mentioned, earlier this year our Executive Director discovered and made us aware of some serious concerns regarding the financial health of Dobson Ranch. A combination of financial errors, inflation, increasing costs associated with maintaining an aging community, and failing to increase assessments consistently to account for these factors has accumulated into a significant financial operating deficit. We have been working with a great team of experienced financial professionals to help clarify the extent of the deficit and help guide us forward.

Our financial team is still working through their process, but we want to make sure all owner members are aware of the current situation. These numbers are preliminary and subject to change. Currently we anticipate approximately a **\$600,000 DEFICIT** to our Operating budget for 2023. We are looking at several options, both to increase revenue and cut expenses, but this will not be an easy fix.

Overcoming this will require your help. Our community documents limit assessment increases to **5%** annually, unless a larger amount is approved by a vote of owner members. However, an increase of 5% will still leave us with a large deficit for 2024. A balanced budget would likely include closing amenities, eliminating events, and reducing the upkeep of our community. We will be reaching out to ask you to vote and approve an assessment increase of **20% for 2024**, which would equate to an increase of just **\$10.14** per month. It would provide the additional **\$600,000** needed to break even in 2024. The Association has already made several budget cuts and, even if the increase is approved, more will be needed to allow Dobson Ranch to operate effectively and maintain our community to the level we all expect and deserve. We understand that this is a big request of our owner members, but it is one that is necessary to ensure the health of our community and for Dobson Ranch to continue as "The Best Place to Live".

As we move forward, the Board will provide regular updates on our progress and further actions taken via monthly Board meetings, the weekly Executive Director's E-Blast, and the website. We're determined to learn more and educate the community to ensure a better future for Dobson Ranch. We appreciate your support. Should you have any questions, please email BOD@dobsonranch.com.

Executive Director's Message



By Fran Pawlak, Executive Director

When we are part of a thriving community, we feel a sense of joy, belonging, connection, and familiarity. Within a strong community, residents feel valued. Community gives meaning to our lives so that the needs of each member and the needs of the whole community are fully met. Communities take care of their members and each other because they are invested in collective long-term success. Without a doubt, we can achieve more and go further together, thanks to getting to know one another.

To help collaborate in this effort, our Recreation and Lifestyle Department has scheduled some amazing events to bring community members together. We've moved the full calendars to [pages 2 and 3](#) for easy access. To name a few monthly events, meet up with members for Line Dancing, Poker, Bunco, Bridge the Retiree's Game Day and many other fun activities - view on [pages 19 and 20](#)! Grab a floaty and make new friends at the next Float N' Features on [August 5th and 19th](#); and be sure to attend our newest event on [September 16th](#) with the Back to School ParTee at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course - see [page 18](#) for more details! Surely this will be a smash hit!

Dobson Ranch offers an array of social clubs and committees. [Page 1](#) provides you with contact information for each. Take your time and check out several of these activities as they fit with your schedule and interests. Our newest club, the YoYo Club, is a sensation for all ages!

Over the next several months, the Board of Directors will be making decisions on the financial impact affecting the community. Please join us on [August 17th at 6:00 pm](#) for the Board Workshop and again on [August 24th](#) for the monthly Board Meeting at the La Casita Recreation Center.

Strong communities are always evolving and progressing. They embrace tough circumstances, adapt, and become stronger as they manage together. Effective communities try new things and are proactive to create, innovate, and learn while appreciating multiple points of view.

Until next time!

As always, feel free to contact me or our great Administrative team at hoa.admin@dobsonranch.com!

Have you watched our special 50th Anniversary Video yet?

If not, go to our website dobsonranchhoa.com and it is right there on the front page! P.s. The sound works! Just click the unmute button! 😊

In honor of Dobson Ranch's 50th Anniversary, the City of Mesa put together this beautiful video commemorating our wonderful community! Thank you to our residents and friends who participated in the interviews including Dennis Kavanaugh, Frank Mizner, Kathrine Blomquist, Nicki Wolfe, and a big thank you to the City of Mesa and their Multimedia and Public Communications team for creating this video! Also a big thank you to Ross Silverman of Straightforward Drone for filming the overhead shots!



Monthly Update from Vice Mayor Heredia

Discover Valuable Resources for Mesa Residents and Small Business Owners



Greetings, neighbors! In this month's update, I am excited to share some incredible resources and programs offered by the city of Mesa. Whether you're looking for tools, household items, or support for your small business, we have you covered. Read on to learn more about these valuable offerings:

• **The Tool Lending Program:** We understand the importance of having the right tools for various projects. That's why we provide a Tool Lending Program, offering free tool loans to Mesa residents and property owners. Whether you need tools for volunteer efforts, home improvement, or gardening and landscaping, we're here for you. For additional information, please visit: mesaaz.gov/things-to-do/volunteer/tool-lending-program.

• **Swap Shop at the Mesa Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) facility:** When usable items are dropped off at the HHM facility, we make them available to Mesa residents at no charge through our Swap Shop. This sustainable initiative reduces waste and provides an opportunity for community members to find useful items. The Swap Shop, located within the Household Hazardous Materials Facility, is open during normal facility hours. For more information, please visit: mesaaz.gov/residents/trash-recycling/trash-recycling-for-single-family-homes/household-hazardous-materials-program.

• **Mesa Now App:** Stay connected with the city through our Mesa Now App. This convenient mobile application allows you to pay your utility bill, check balances and due dates, report issues, read City News, view road restrictions, check the City calendar for upcoming events, and much more! To download the app, simply visit your app store and type in **Mesa Now**.

For Small Business Owners:

• **Mesa Business Builder:** We believe in the power of small businesses and are committed to supporting their growth. Our Mesa Business Builder program provides education, training, and one-on-one consulting support to Mesa-based businesses. From webinars and in-person events to classes and professional business consulting services, we offer a wide range of resources - all free of charge to participating businesses. For additional information, please visit: selectmesa.com/business-environment/small-business-technical-assistance-program.

• **Small Business Assistant:** Our Development Services Department is dedicated to guiding small business owners through various City requirements. We offer support with planning, construction plan review and permitting, inspections, obtaining a certificate of occupancy, signage permits, business licensing, and assistance with fire safety operational permit applications. Reach out to our Small Business Assistant at 480-644-5600 or smbz@mesaaz.gov, available Monday to Thursday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

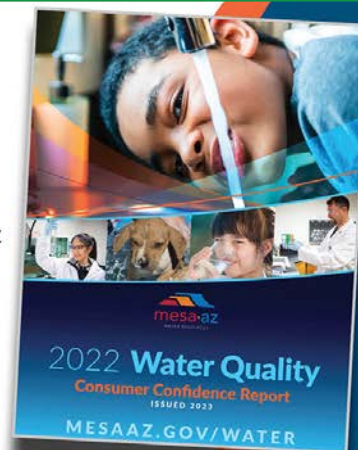
If you have any questions or would like more information about any of these programs, please contact my office at 480-644-3003 or District3@MesaAZ.gov. ~ Vice Mayor Heredia



How well do you Know Your H2O? *Water Quality report now available.*

The new Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report is now available and highlights 2022 water quality, sources, treatment, testing, and monitoring efforts to protect public health. Your Mesa water is safe, clean, reliable and meets over 100 state and federal drinking water standards.

mesaaz.gov/residents/water/water-quality



2022



Code Compliance Specialist's Message



Jonathan Lefler, Code Compliance Specialist

I appreciate the opportunity to address some common concerns that have arisen since I started this job. It has been a pleasure meeting many of you and providing answers to your questions. One particular topic that has been frequently brought up is the violation order, and I would like to provide some clarity on this matter. Here is the sequence in which you will receive violations:

First Notice: Consider this a friendly reminder rather than an actual violation. We have noticed something that requires your attention, and we want to ensure you are aware of it. You have a grace period of 15 days to rectify the issue.

First Violation: If you receive this violation, it means the issue highlighted in the first notice has not been addressed within the given timeframe. We will notify you for the first time that this is now considered a violation. You still have 15 days to resolve the matter.

Second Violation: This notice indicates that you have disregarded the previous two letters or emails. Failure to address the issue within the next 15 days will result in a \$75 fine.

Third Violation: A fine of \$75 will be levied on your account. If the matter is not resolved within 15 days, the fine will increase to \$125.

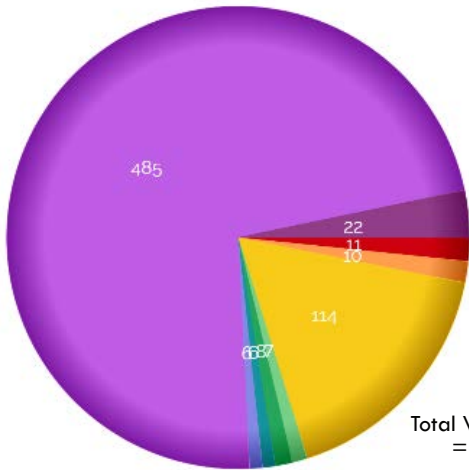
Please note that the above listed process allows for 45 days to cure the violation.

For additional information regarding the violation/compliance process, please see the approved Residential Architectural Guidelines approved on June 14, 2022 posted on dobsonranchhoa.com under **Governing Documents**.

Regarding palm trees, we would like to clarify that reminders to have them trimmed were intended as proactive prompts to encourage you to arrange for trimming. However, if by September the trimming has not been completed, it will be considered a violation. This approach was chosen as the most effective means of ensuring the message reaches everyone.

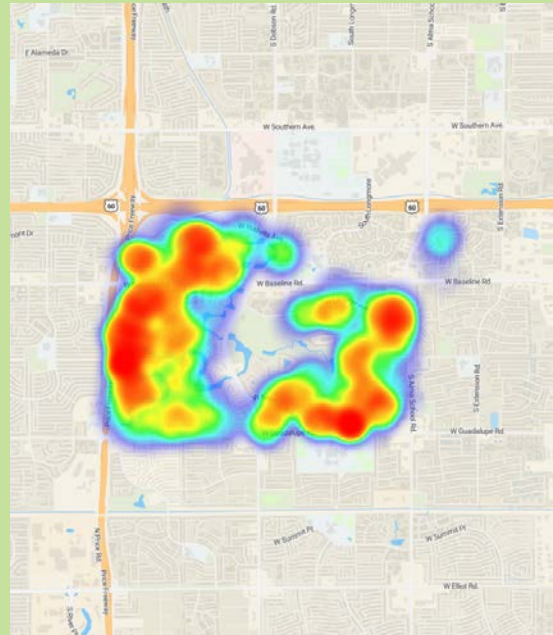
If you would like to appeal a violation fine, you must file via email to hoa.admin@dobsonranch.com. Once filed, you will be notified when the next Board of Directors meeting is and you must attend in person and address the Board for the fine to be considered for removal. Thank you to everyone who is taking care of their properties and addressing violations on time!

CC&R Notices for June 2023



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| Section 2.5
Outside Lighting | Section 2.15
Rubbish & Debris | Section 2.4
Exterior Colors |
| Section 2.16
Visible Yard Areas | Section 2.26.1
Vehicles | Section 2.17
Trees |
| Section 2.14
Care of Properties | Section 2.26.3
Storing of Vehicles | Other
Violations |

Other violations include Holiday Lights and Decorations, Fences and Gates, Uniform Painting, Lake Front Walls and Fences, Signs, Play Structures, Play Equipment, Grass and Landscaping, Trash Bin Storage, and Roof Maintenance.



The heat map above indicates where the most violations were given in the month of June 2023.





DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

Crested Saguaros

What is a crested saguaro (*Carnegie gigantea*)? The explanation below comes from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Saguaro National Park Resource Management Division website. "Cristate or crested saguaros, or other cactus, form when the cells in the growing stem begin to divide outward rather than in the circular pattern of a normal cactus. This is an unusual mutation which results in the growth of a large fan-shaped crest at the growing tip of a saguaro's main stem or arms."

Saguaro "crests" generally measure between 3-5 feet in diameter. The largest crest in reported history was said to be nine feet across; though never confirmed. Cristate saguaros commonly grow in the shape of a fan or semi-circle. They tend to exhibit convoluted patterns and folds and have even been said to resemble broccoli.



Crested Saguaro by Joe Orman.

The cause for this mutation is unknown. However, there has been some speculation about the presence of a "trigger" which may initiate the process. One heavily implicated trigger is frost, as crested saguaros tend to be more common in the northernmost parts of their range. Unfortunately, there is not enough evidence to confirm this theory.

While saguaro crests do tend to be larger and more elaborate, other species of cacti are more than capable of developing similar mutations (see below). Crests have been noted in a variety of succulent plants, from agave, to cholla, to prickly pear, and they occur in all different shapes and sizes. I've seen some in yards on Dobson Ranch.

To see a variety of crested saguaros, go to Facebook and search for the **Crested Saguaro Society**. Or search their website, crestedsaguarosociety.org. It has LOTS of photographs of crested plants organized by Arizona county, California, Nevada, and Mexico. The Society is comprised of naturalists who volunteer their time to locate and photograph crested saguaros. They have documented over 2,200 crested plants. The crests are zany, incredible, artistic, and just plain fabulous! Do spend time looking at these incredible plants. With the Society's permission, the photos are from their website.



L-R: Crested Saguaro by Steve Ford; Crested Ferocactus acanthodes by Sue Hakala.

WORKING OUTDOORS IN WARM CLIMATES

Sunlight contains ultraviolet (UV) radiation, which causes premature aging of the skin, wrinkles, cataracts, and skin cancer. There are no safe UV rays or safe suntans. Be especially careful in the sun if you burn easily, spend a lot of time outdoors, or have any of the following physical features: numerous, irregular, or large moles; freckles; fair skin; blond, red, or light brown hair.

Here's how to block those harmful rays:

- Cover up. Wear loose-fitting, long sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30. Be sure to follow application directions on the bottle or tube.
- Wear a hat. A wide brim hat, not a baseball cap, works best because it protects the neck, ears, eyes, forehead, nose, and scalp.
- Wear UV-absorbent sunglasses (eye protection). Sunglasses don't have to be expensive, but they should block 99 to 100% of UVA and UVB radiation. Before you buy sunglasses, read the product tag or label.
- Limit exposure. UV rays are most intense between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Heat

The combination of heat and humidity can be a serious health threat during the summer months. If you work outside (for example, at a beach resort, on a farm, at a construction site) or in a kitchen, laundry, or bakery you may be at increased risk for heat-related illness. Here's how to take precautions.

- Drink small amounts of water frequently.
- Wear light-colored, loose-fitting, breathable clothing—cotton is good.
- Take frequent short breaks in cool shade.
- Eat smaller meals before work activity.
- Avoid caffeine and alcohol or large amounts of sugar.
- Work in the shade.
- Find out from your health care provider if your medications and heat don't mix.
- Know that equipment such as respirators or work suits can increase heat stress. There are three kinds of major heat related disorders—heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. You need to know how to recognize each one and what first aid treatment is necessary

Safety Tips developed by OSHA - U.S. Department of Labor
www.osha.gov - (800) 321-OSHA

Brought to you by:





Help Mesa Plant 1,000,000 Trees (Yes, One Million!)

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water and Lake Management Committee Member



Last month's Conservation Corner covered SRP's Shade Tree Program, the program where customers can receive two free desert-adapted shade trees for one hour of time. Did you make it to the Zoom workshop in July? If not, don't fret because there is another one in August! The next online workshop is Saturday, August 26 at 10:00 am. Simply spend one hour learning about desert-adapted shade trees, how to plant, best places to plant, etc., and then choose your trees. The free 4'-6' saplings will be ready for your pick-up at Mesa Community College on Saturday, November 18. Don't miss out on your chance to get free trees for your yard - sign up today at srp.net/shadetrees.

In honor of Dobson Ranch's 50th Anniversary, how about we aim for at least 50 residents participating in this fall's Shade Tree Program? This way there would be 100 new trees in the community. Do you know the City of Mesa also has a goal for new trees planted in the city? One million* by the year 2050! (*said in your best Austin Powers accent). The great news is that your new shade trees count towards the city's goal. Here is more information on how to participate from our friends with the Environmental and Sustainability Department:

Trees are environmental superheroes – they fight climate change in multiple ways and play a crucial role in creating healthier and more livable cities. They remove carbon dioxide from our atmosphere, absorb and clean our air of other pollutants and help reduce and clean stormwater runoff. Besides cooling our neighborhoods and making our streets more walkable, they also reduce energy consumption by shading our homes and even save water when the tree of choice is a desert-adapted variety.

That is why Mesa Mayor John Giles recently announced a new initiative called **Trees Are Cool** with a goal of increasing the City's tree canopy coverage to 15 percent and planting 1,000,000 new trees in Mesa by 2050. But the City can't achieve this goal alone – residents and businesses are encouraged to get involved in this effort.

"We need to work together to ensure that our community can withstand the changing weather patterns caused by climate change, both in terms of extreme temperatures and ongoing drought," said Scott Bouchie, director of the Environmental and Sustainability Department. "It is especially important to reduce temperatures in our most vulnerable neighborhoods. And planting trees can help us do this."

As part of the Trees Are Cool initiative, Mesa launched an online tool for residents and businesses to record newly planted trees that includes a map that shows tree coverage in the city. Additionally, the page features helpful information on choosing, planting and caring for trees.

The Trees are Cool initiative supports Mesa's Climate Action Plan and responds to feedback from community members about the City's environmental goals. Trees offer one solution for cooling our communities by shading surfaces and providing a cooling effect when water vapor evaporates from the leaves.

For additional information about the tree project and to record your new tree, visit www.mesalistsens.com/trees-are-cool.



(Left to Right): Thank you SRP & Trees Matter for the free trees in 2021 - we love the shade! Photo taken July 7, 2023 & 110 degrees by Kathrine Blomquist; More than 35 volunteers planted 20 trees at Skyline Park on April 25 in honor of Arbor Day and the city's new Trees Are Cool initiative. The City of Mesa partnered with The Boeing Company, Shutterfly, Skyline High School, West Coast Arborists and Arizona Sustainability Alliance for this tree-planting project. (image courtesy of City of Mesa - Environmental and Sustainability Department)



The Bountiful World of Natural Medicine

By *Skye Riss, Communications Manager & Ranchers' RoundUp Editor*



Before there were hospitals, psychologists, nurses and advanced medical technology, there were herbs. Natural medicine has been around for centuries, and each part of the world has its own special holistic remedies to help heal certain ailments. Today, herbs are still beneficial and one Dobson Ranch resident practices as a Clinical Herbalist. Juliana Bishop with her company, Herbal Jules specializes in Chinese, Western & Ayurvedic medicine.

Juliana grew up in New York State and was introduced to the beauty of the natural world from a young age. Her mother would often take Juliana around in the woods and show her different plants that were growing and teach her about what they could be used for. Juliana explained, "My upbringing helped me to always gravitate towards nature's beauty, and my mother always encouraged us to first try using herbs for medical reasons, unless it was an emergency. My father also used natural remedies, so I grew up with a great support system that I believe inspired me to become an herbalist. Because my dad was sensitive to over the counter medication he would use natural whenever possible and it wasn't until after I became an Herbalist that he really learned more about herbs and supplements. When I was little, I

was also very close to my Grandmother who had cancer and I was determined to learn about alternative medicines as a result of losing her when I was seven."

Juliana first received her bachelor's in psychology from Goucher College and eventually made it out to Arizona, when she was admitted to the Southwest Institute of Healing Arts because she was very interested in studying western plants. Juliana explained how plants in the West differ from plants in the East Coast due to the climate. "In the East Coast, there are many mushrooms, berries such as Elderberry and wildflowers such as Dandelions or Red Clover Blossoms. And in the West grows Jojoba, Creosote, and agave. What's amazing is that many of these plants will show you what they may be good for. For example, yellow Dandelion flowers have been traditionally used for Jaundice, and Red Clover Blossoms may be good for the blood. Jojoba leaves looks like small praying hands and is great for the skin. There is a world of benefits out there and many plants can have many meanings, so it's always good to do research."



In her free time from experimenting with different herbs in her herbal clinic, Juliana also gives back by teaching others about herbs. Juliana taught several classes at Sunflowers (now Sprouts) and also taught students enrolled at the Southwest Institute of Healing Arts. "A lot of my classes included talks about certain supplements and vitamins that we all take because there are actually a lot of different herbs in those supplements that people might not be aware of." Juliana gave her thoughts on some helpful tips for those who may want to become herbalists as well. She explained, "I would encourage people who want to practice herbalism, to do a lot of research online and get some books and references about different herbs. A good place to begin is with tea. There is so much to learn about tea leaves and what else can be paired in tea such as chamomile, peppermint, and citrus fruits. It is important to know about the plant first before experimenting with it because it could still be potentially harmful if taken in large doses, like anything. It's also very important to find a good source for purchasing organic herbs such as from Mountain Rose Herbs. There are many great resources out there."



Juliana also explained the types of tools and materials she has within her herbal clinic. "It's important to have scales to measure materials precisely, some mason jars to place dried or wet herbs and plants within, some alcohol to help draw out the medicinal properties, a.k.a. constituents from the plants, as well as cheesecloth and a sausage press to press out the liquid. It's a process that takes time to master, but is fun!"

Herbalists are usually incorporated within a client's full self-care plan along with seeing their doctor to help with more advanced medical issues. Herbs have been traditionally used for anxiety, stress and pain, and herbalists can only recommend certain herbs and not diagnose, treat or cure health issues.

Juliana has built a great business here in Arizona and she loves living in Dobson Ranch. She has lived in the community for seven years, is newly married, and has a 15-year-old daughter, Ariana, who also loves practicing herbalism. "We absolutely love living in Dobson Ranch and we feel right at home here," finalized Juliana.

Juliana's Daughter, Ariana, when she was younger, mixing herbal solutions.



Lakes & Fish Report

By Zach Hache, Water Resource Manager

Waterfowl: Why not feed them?

Ducks and geese are a beautiful sight on a small urban pond or lake. They make our lakes look more natural lakes, and not many things around a lake are more fun than watching a group of ducklings paddling along behind their mother. However, when ducks and geese become too numerous, several lake management and aesthetic problems can develop.

Bird droppings can be a nuisance and aesthetic detraction along the shoreline. The droppings can create slippery conditions along the shoreline. Some waterfowl, such as geese, can become aggressive to humans, especially after they have become accustomed to being fed human food. Foraging for vegetation on land can provide a source of nitrogen and phosphorus; nutrients that stimulate algae growth in a lake and cause the water to turn green. They convert it to water-soluble forms of nitrogen and phosphorus during digestion. The wastes are then deposited in the lake while the waterfowl swim or along the shoreline as they rest. Bird wastes contain fecal bacteria which can pose a human health risk.

The most effective way to discourage long term inhabitant populations is to limit non-natural food sources. Residents who set out food or actively feed them may be supporting unnaturally high waterfowl populations. When food becomes limited, ducks will leave to find a new source of food. If you continually feed them, the ducks will never leave; even migratory waterfowl may take up permanent residence. Feeding ducks items such as bread and popcorn is also very harmful to the animals. Uneaten bread and popcorn are decomposed by bacteria; a process that is accelerated with high summer temperatures. One common bacterium that grows on the food (*Clostridium botulinum*) is responsible for botulism. If a duck eats the contaminated food directly or inadvertently eats an organism that consumed the contaminated food, the duck can become very ill and slowly die.

If you see anything abnormal in the Dobson Ranch Lakes, please report it to the Dobson Ranch Administration office by calling 480-831-8314 or emailing hoa.admin@dobsonranch.com. Updates on lake activity can be found on the Dobson Ranch App. Please download today by scanning the QR code with your smart phone's camera and set the alert notification.



NOTE: It is highly recommended to use single barbless hooks when catching and releasing fish. Doing so, will reduce the trauma afflicted to the fish and keep the habitat and fish population healthy! Thank you!

Real Estate

Mesa Market Trends



Homes Sold in Dobson Ranch

June 2023 : 55 Homes Sold
June 2022 : 72 Homes Sold
May 2023 : 68 Homes Sold
May 2022 : 88 Homes Sold

Median Home Sale Price in

Dobson Ranch June 2023: \$430,000
June 2022: \$478,000
(-10.0% Growth Year-Over-Year)

Median Home Sale Price in
85202 June 2023: \$339,500

June 2022: \$415,000
(-18.2% Growth Year-Over-Year)

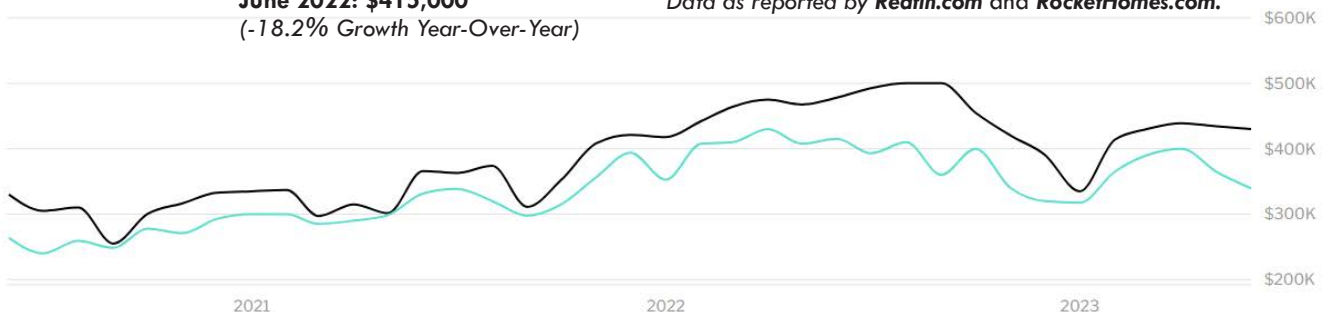
What is the housing market like in Dobson Ranch?

In June 2023, Dobson Ranch home prices were down 10.0% compared to last year, selling for a median price of \$430K. On average, homes in Dobson Ranch sell after 31 days on the market compared to 15 days last year. There were 55 homes sold in June this year, down from 72 last year.

How hot is the Dobson Ranch housing market?

The Dobson Ranch housing market is somewhat competitive. The average homes sell for about 1% below list price and go pending in around 31 days. Hot homes can sell for around 1% above list price and go pending in around 10 days.

Data as reported by **Redfin.com** and **RocketHomes.com**.





Defining the Future at Mesa Public Schools

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

In 2018, the Mesa Public Schools community approved a \$300 million bond for capital projects that provided much-needed improvements to schools across the district. The community has generously kept an override in place since 1995, to support salaries and employee-related expenses.

Mesa Public Schools is aligning district facilities to support the needs of students. Projects completed include reinforced school safety and security systems, in-classroom technology, and renovations at Mountain View and Mesa High featuring new athletic fields, a performing arts center, and sci-tech and student services buildings.

Allen Moore, MPS school safety and security director, shares that the district used bond money to establish very secure schools. Mesa created strong perimeter fencing, designed secure lobbies with one point of entry and video surveillance, installed riot film on all glass windows that have students behind them, and added blue strobe lights to signal danger in conjunction with a mobile app that allows any staff member who sees a threat, to put their facility into lockdown. Currently, **37** schools have been fully renovated to the district's current standards in school safety, and **2,400** video cameras have been installed throughout the district.

"Without the bond dollars, we couldn't do any of this important work, keeping our students safe," Moore says.

Scott Thompson, Assistant Superintendent, shares the bond money supports student learning and helping students understand their career pathways. A great example is the new scitech building at Mesa High School.

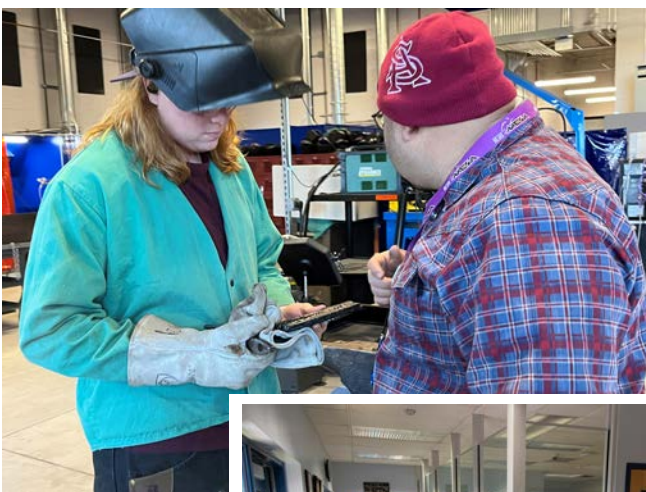
"I visited the new welding area at Mesa High, and students were incredibly excited. They just finished working on a two day project that would have taken them two weeks in their old facility," Thompson shares. "The bond money provided the ability to create a proper environment where students can learn and create."

Mesa Public Schools is asking the community for a continuation of the bond and override to carry on the work being done. During the **November 7th** special election, voters will have the opportunity to authorize the sale of up to **\$500 million** in bonds for capital improvements and a 15% budget override continuation.

Mesa is the largest school district in Arizona, and there is more work to be done. Along with continued school safety renovations, the district would like to continue upgrading HVAC systems to newer, more efficient units, replace portable classrooms with permanent buildings, and continue to remodel and update aging schools. The override is used for staffing, funding 13.9% of employees' paychecks, as well as supporting workforce and college development, and lower class sizes.

"The override is a tax that is already in place," Thompson shares. "We are asking the community to keep the tax in place so that we can continue to be competitive attracting qualified teachers and staff."

For more information regarding volunteer and community partnership opportunities or careers at Mesa Public Schools, please visit mpsaz.org/volunteer or mpsaz.org/careers.



(Top Left) Mesa High: Photo by Tania Ritko - Mesa High's new Sci-Tech building features a Career and Technical Education space for welding, auto repair and construction; (Bottom Left) Washington: Photo by Tim Hacker/MPS - Washington Elementary is 1 out of 37 district schools that have fully renovated front offices; (Bottom Right) Dobson: Photo by Tim Hacker/MPS - Dobson High School stadium features new turf.



The Great Indoors

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 (8) and son, Emmett (6). I love living in AZ but I admit this time of year is my least favorite due to the extreme heat. We've reached the time of year when (for me) even the pool fails to provide relief. So, to escape the heat and release some of my kid's energy, below are my favorite local indoor adventure spots.

Located in downtown Mesa is the **Arizona Natural History Museum** featuring the Dinosaur Mountain, a three story look at the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous periods, featuring a flash flood on the mountain. Nearby is Dinosaur Hall and 75,000,000 B.C displaying what Arizona looked like 75 million years ago. My kids love the Origins gallery and the exploration station. Located right around the corner is the **IDEA Museum** with art exhibitions and STEAM activities. The Hub has a gallery of interactive artwork you can partake in and Artville is a play space geared for smaller children.

In downtown Phoenix is the **Arizona Science Center**. The shows in the Planetarium are always great and my kids love the All About Me section, where they walk through a giant stomach and learn about the human body. There are hands on science opportunities, interactive exhibits like the science of bubbles, the skycycle and the Forces of Nature, an immersion theater where you feel what it is like to be in the middle of a hurricane, tornado, and volcanic eruption. Additionally, there are various traveling exhibits throughout the year. Across the street is the Children's Museum of Phoenix with exhibits and experiences geared toward little kids.

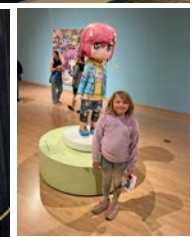
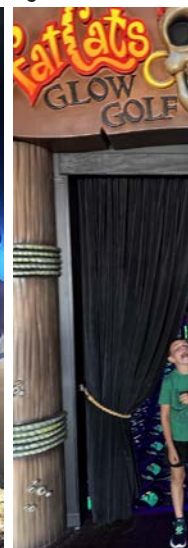
Also in downtown Phoenix is the **Phoenix Art Museum** and the **Heard Museum**. The Phoenix Art Museum has a hall of the miniatures and the museum scavenger hunt was my daughter's favorite. The Heard Museum celebrates art and culture of indigenous communities and is a great place to explore the history and beauty of Arizona's tribal communities.

Arizona Mills has the **SeaLife Aquarium** and **Legoland Discovery Center**. Legoland has a 4D cinema, many Lego play zones and indoor rides. SeaLife has many sea creatures including turtles, stingrays, sharks and even an interactive touch pool. Chandler Fashion Mall has the **Crayola Experience**, an indoor family attraction with hands on activities such as wrapping your own crayon, making personalized coloring pages and melted wax souvenirs.

The **Arizona Boardwalk** has nine indoor attractions in one location; Butterfly Wonderland, OdySea Aquarium, UFO Experience, Ripley's Believe it or Not, Laser and Mirror Maze, Museum of Illusions, Pangea Land of the Dinosaurs, Cyber Quest and Johnny's Playground in addition to stores and dining options. Personally, our family likes the **Four Peaks Mining Co.** store, where you can take a free in-store mine tour.

In addition, we have SO many local jump parks! Uptown Jungle, Big Air, Altitude, KTR, AZ Extreme, Urban Air, Jump Street, and Sky Zon, each have their own attractions and opportunities for kids to bounce away their energy. There are also so many indoor Arcades and fun centers, like Main Event, Fat Cats and Dave & Busters. Personally, my favorite time to Ice Skate is in the summer. Public skate options at the **Ice Den** or **AZ Ice** are great places to be when temperatures rise. Plus, **Skate Land** offers fun indoor rollerblading and skating nights, like Glow Skate.

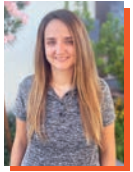
With so many options for indoor fun it can be hard not to go broke while exploring. Our family looks for deals via Groupon or Living Social and purchases a **Pogo Pass** every year, which offers admission to many local venues for one low price. Plus, free admission for many museums is available via the **Culture Pass** program at the Mesa Library. There are many budget-friendly ways to explore the great indoors!



Left to Right: Dinos at the History Museum; Fun with Friends at the Aquarium; Kids at Fat Cats; Playing at the AZ Science Center; Ella Exploring the PHX Art Museum.



From the Recreation & Lifestyle Manager's Desk



By **Amanda Jensen**, Recreation & Lifestyle Manager

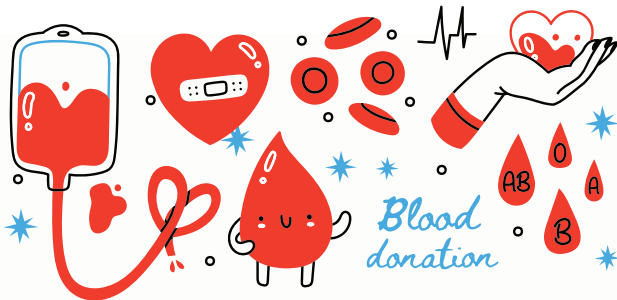
I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer so far and is staying cool in our Arizona heat! We have had our first four Float N' Feature events for the summer, and I hope everyone enjoyed our resident's picked movies! Our last two **Float N' Features** will be on **August 5th**, and we will be watching **Paw Patrol** and **August 19th** and we will be watching **Hook**.

On July 1st, we stopped taking cash and checks as payments. We will now only be accepting Visa and Mastercard payments. We are getting close to launching RecDesk. When we do launch, you will have to create a new account for you and anyone in your family that will be registering for classes. This will be a much more user-friendly system and you will be able to submit requests for approval, make payments, and submit required paperwork for room rentals from the comfort of your home.

A survey was put out on social media to ask residents what kind of recreation classes they would like to have so we can start adding and making improvements to what we offer. Here are some of the benefits of recreation and why it is so important and valuable to our community.

- 1. Improved Physical Health:** Recreational activities like swimming, hiking, or playing sports can improve physical health by increasing strength, endurance, and cardiovascular health.
- 2. Reduced Stress:** Engaging in recreational activities can relieve stress and promote relaxation, helping to reduce the risk of stress-related illnesses like anxiety and depression.
- 3. Social Engagement:** Participating in recreational activities can provide opportunities for social engagement and the development of new relationships with others.
- 4. Enhanced Creativity:** Engaging in creative recreational activities like writing, painting, or playing music can stimulate creativity and promote a sense of accomplishment.
- 5. Educational Opportunities:** Visiting museums or historical sites can provide valuable educational opportunities for children and adults alike.
- 6. Increased Quality of Life:** Participating in enjoyable recreational activities can improve overall quality of life, encouraging a more positive and optimistic outlook on life.

Save the date for our next blood drive at La Casita!



October 17th!

LA CASITA PRESCHOOL OPENINGS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

There are spaces still available for the 4 - 5 age range class which goes Monday to Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm! Register at the La Casita Rec. Front Desk!



For further questions or if you would like to meet the teacher Jessi Feltmann, call 480-831-7464

or email jfeltmann@dobsonranch.com

Thank you!

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Thanks to the generosity of two very special Dobson Ranch anonymous residents who have offered to match up to **600** cases of water, The Dobson Association will match the first **300** cases of water! We would appreciate the help of our residents to donate the remaining **300** cases to provide the most benefit to our community! Join us by dropping of your donated cases of water at the La Casita office between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday - Friday!

June 5 - September 29

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Dobson Ranch Tennis Academy

Tennis Tip for August 2023



By Kwong Young
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Are you a resilient or fragile player? If you possess fragility, you may struggle to handle constructive criticism or feedback and lack openness to improvement. Feedback and criticism

serve as valuable reality checks, prompting necessary changes for personal growth and overcoming obstacles. Continuously making the same mistakes or unforced errors despite playing for an extended period suggests a lack of progress, as one may inadvertently engage in repetitive and unproductive practice. Taking accountability for one's actions and learning from mistakes is crucial, preventing the repetition of errors in an endless loop. Consider the journeys of top sports athletes or individuals leading Fortune 500 companies; their paths to success weren't immediate but filled with lessons learned and opportunities seized. Accepting and growing from those opportunities while never ceasing to learn is vital.

Personally, I've made my fair share of mistakes throughout my time on the court, and I hold only myself responsible. I remind myself to let go, refocus, and prevent those mistakes from happening again. It's a form of self-discipline and positivity that empowers me to perform to the best of my abilities without engaging in the blame game. My eldest son, Kim, resides in Upstate Vestal, NY, and he's a certified pool/billiard coach. He once shared a valuable insight with me: "Mental toughness is finding fuel in an empty tank." This philosophy ensures that I never run out of motivation and determination to keep going.

NOTE: There will be no classes for August, as I will be out of town and will resume back in September!



All lessons and 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 La Casita for more information at 480.831.7464 or visit dobsonranchhoa.com.

rec desk PREVIEW You will be able to register for classes and programs, reserve tennis courts, pickleball courts and room rentals, view and save the dates for upcoming events and so much more!

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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.dobsonranchhoa.com.

ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES

TAI CHI

Instructor: Linda
When: Wednesdays
Where: AM & PM Classes - La Casita Recreation Center
Time: 10:00 am Intermediate Tai Chi
11:00 am Beginner Tai Chi
6:00 pm Intermediate Tai Chi
7:00 pm Beginner Tai Chi
Cost: \$3 drop in residents, \$6 drop in non-residents
\$12 resident only for a 6-use punch card.

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



ZUMBA

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



Zumba is a fusion of Latin and international music that incorporates a variety of dance styles such as salsa, cumbia, belly-dance and reggaeton. This class combines high energy and uplifting music to help you burn fat and tone your body. Even if you have never danced before, you will have a blast, because the routines are fun and easy to do. So what are you waiting for? Join the party and try Zumba today!

WATER AEROBICS

Instructor: Becky

When: Monday thru Thursday

Time: 7:30 am to 8:20 am

Where: La Casita Pool

Cost: \$4 drop in rate

\$12 resident only for a 4-use punch card

AQUA ZUMBA!

Instructor: Karen

When: Thursdays

Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Where: La Casita Pool

Cost: \$7 drop in rate

\$30 resident only for a

5-use punch card

The La Casita Recreation Center now ONLY takes credit/debit cards as forms of payment!

To clarify, this is not in reference to the CIT portal for assessment payments. ONLY recreation activities, programs and rentals!

Thank you!



CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Class Code: 6182

When: Thursdays, August 31st - October 5th

Where: Saratoga Recreation Center

Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Cost: **Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5.**

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

Children will be introduced to dance through their favorite fairytales during this positive and encouraging class. Dance can build self-esteem and improve motor skills. Watch your prince and princesses shine in this fun and creative program. Children need soft soled shoes and comfortable clothes. Ballet shoes, leotard and tights recommended. There will be a performance last day of class.

Children must be able to work in a group setting and follow directions. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.



DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Class Code: 6175

When: Tuesdays, August 29th - October 3rd

Where: Saratoga Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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

This upbeat and fun class is perfect to sample different dance styles 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: 6254

When: Thursdays, August 31st - October 5th

Where: Saratoga Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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

In a fun, encouraging and high energy atmosphere, your child will be shown the fundamentals of ballet and jazz, which can help 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: August 25th

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

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.*



Bunco

When: August 18th

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

To join the group, please email Susan Toevs at suzila@aol.com

- 1. REGISTRATION** for classes can be booked on the Association website at www.dobsonranchhoa.com or at 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 Center 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 not having sufficient enrollment. Program refunds will be issued for:
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Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Susan Toevs, Retirees' Club President

The Retirees Club has met the last few months in a very casual and informal style. We have had luncheon in a pot luck style with members bringing in their choice of dishes. We have some very accomplished cooks in our group! We may need to compile a cookbook! There was a great variety of dishes and plenty to share. We had no program other than to share stories and fellowship together.

August brings back our normal meeting style. We will gather together in the Grande room at La Casita at 9:30 am and the meeting will commence at 10:00 am. We meet every first Monday of the month. The August program will be a travelogue of Bali and Malaysia. Followed by lunch prepared by our hospitality crew. Remember to bring those used summer reads and puzzles for our exchange table.

Our Program Chairmen are hard at work lining up our speakers for the next several months. We will once again provide a happy Christmas for some needy families in December. Due to the heat our activities have been indoors and mostly involve good eating in air conditioned comfort including Men's breakfast, Ladies Lunch, Dinner Night Out, and Happy Hours. Game days are popular indoor activities on the first Thursday and third Friday in the Chica Room of La Casita. Members enjoy popular games and look forward to learning new ones!

Dobson Ranch Residents are always welcome to visit the club to see if you might enjoy becoming a member. If you have questions or want more information, contact Susan Toevs, Club President at suzila@aol.com.



Dinner Night Out at Badlands Bar and Grill.

The Retirees' Club held their General Meeting on July 3rd at La Casita Recreation Center. Photos by Susan Davis.





For the complete list of clubs, please see **Page 1** in this issue or visit dobsonranchhoa.com/clubs.

BRIDGE CLUB



Meets every Monday at 12:30 pm in the Chica Room at La Casita. Interested in joining? Email Susan Toevs at suzila@aol.com.

LINE DANCING



Ladies, are you interested in FREE Line Dancing! We meet Tuesdays at 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the Grande Room at La Casita. We dance to various music, not just Country Western. It is mostly an exercise class. Bring your own water for our break! Please email Barbara Stout (stoutgeo@gmail.com) to get on the email list!

The courts are available for play morning until evening every day of the week, unless closed periodically for cleaning or maintenance. Please remember Saratoga also has four courts available!

Please contact Rich Bitner (rebitner@cs.com) or Frank Mizner (planner1948@gmail.com) for further information, to get referrals for professional instruction, and to get on our email list for announcements regarding pickleball schedules and activities. Please contact Donna Ransom (donna85202@gmail.com) to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play. As always, wear appropriate court shoes, hydrate, protect your skin from the sun, stretch and warm up as needed.

Let's stay safe out there!!

NEW YOYO CLUB!



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The NEW Dobson Ranch YoYo Club is here bringing a swing into our 50th Anniversary year! **Chad Robinson** is the club's President and encourages Dobson Residents of all ages and skills to join! For children ages 10 or under, a parent or guardian is required.

The club meets in the Chica Room at La Casita the **first Wednesday of every month** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. For more info, email dryoyoclub@gmail.com! You can also follow them on Instagram @dryoyoclub.

PICKLEBALL CLUB

Pickleball Is Heating Up...Like Everything Else!
By Rich Bitner - Recreation Committee Pickleball Rep.

Due to the onset of some fierce summer heat, play begins by 6:30 am Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and does not tend to last more than 2 hours. Evening play continues to thrive starting at 6:30 pm Monday and Thursdays, but watch out for evening cancellations due to monsoon season approaching.

During these "drop-in" play times residents and their guests will be playing four-on and four-off, with games to 11 points as long as people are waiting to play. Experienced players help inexperienced players improve by working with them. This is one the reasons why pickleball is the most popular and fastest growing sport in America!



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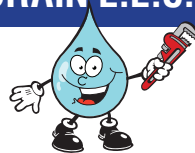
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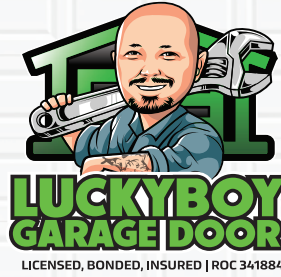
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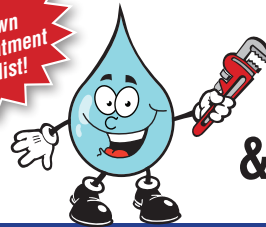
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