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This precious photo of 14-month-old Adalynn Paige Ulrich, daughter of Rachel and Jason Ulrich, was unanimously selected as the Editor's Choice Winner in our Holiday Photo Contest. It almost makes you believe in Santa all over again!

The criteria for the Cover Photo was a high quality, cute or creative vertical shot that expressed the magic of the holiday season, and this photo has it all!

There were 39 heart-warming photos (a new record!) submitted for consideration in our 2022 Holiday Photo Contest. Turn to page 21 to see this year's lucky winners!

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Message From the Association President



By Nicole Lynam Association President

Exciting News to Share!

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. As we begin the new year, we have some exciting news to share. First, we are pleased to welcome **Fran Pawlak** as the new Executive Director of Dobson Ranch. Fran brings 18 years of experience in community association management to the position, and will oversee the day-to-day operations, manage staff, and implement policies and procedures. She is also committed to building strong relationships with homeowners and working closely with the community to ensure that all members' needs are met. We are confident that Fran will be a valuable asset to our community and look forward to the positive impact she will have on Dobson Ranch.

Additionally, **Amanda Jensen** has been promoted to the role of Recreation Manager at Dobson Ranch. With her existing experience on our team and a commitment to providing a wide range of recreational activities and events, we are confident that Amanda will excel in her new position. We encourage all homeowners to take advantage of the opportunities that our Recreation Department will be organizing and to provide feedback on what they would like to see in terms of recreational offerings.

We also want to remind you that 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of Dobson Ranch. All year long, you can expect to see bigger and better events to celebrate this milestone. Keep an eye out for more details and we hope you will join us in the festivities.

Finally, in 2023, we will begin the process of updating and simplifying the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) for our 31 subdivisions. Since the adoption of CC&Rs requires voting and approval from homeowners, expect to see a lot of information coming your way in early 2023. We encourage all homeowners to familiarize themselves with the updated CC&Rs and to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

We are grateful to have such a wonderful community of homeowners in Dobson Ranch and look forward to working together to make the coming year even better. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to a year of celebration and progress in 2023.

Stay safe, stay kind, and stay Dobson Ranch Strong!

Interim Executive Director's Message



By Michael Fee Interim Executive Director

Ranch Resolutions for 2023!

Happy New Year!

With the beginning of a new year, many of us will make resolutions for the upcoming year. If you are like me, some will fall by the wayside before the end of January. Hopefully, the more important and meaningful resolutions will not only make it through 2023, but for many years in the future.

The thought of New Year's resolutions got me thinking of resolutions that you, as homeowners, might want to consider for 2023 as members of The Dobson Association. Here are a few of the resolutions I came up with for Dobson Ranch homeowners in 2023:

- Take an active role in your Association by volunteering to serve on a committee, attending or participating in the many social events/activities offered by the Association, or running for election to the Board of Directors.
- Be considerate of your neighbors and your community by abiding by the restrictive covenants and community regulations that you agreed to when you purchased your home.
- Get to know your neighbors!
- Keep your homeowner information up-to-date with the Association office (i.e., billing address, phone number, email address).
- Invoke the "Golden Rule" (treating others as you would like to be treated) when dealing with the Association's Administrative Staff members and our Maintenance team.

These are just a few suggested resolutions for you to consider as a member of The Dobson Association. Many of you already subscribe to most or all of these recommended resolutions and the Association thanks you for being a good neighbor and Association member.

Let's make 2023 the year that you make the **MOST** out of being a member of The Dobson Association!



Email sriss@dobsonranch.com for more information.



Meet Fran Pawlak, Our New Executive Director



The Dobson Association's Board of Directors would like to extend a very warm welcome to **Fran Pawlak**, our new Executive Director! Fran joined our team on January 3rd, and she is looking forward to working with the Association Staff, Board of Directors, and the residents of our wonderful community.

Hello! My name is **Fran Pawlak**, and I'm excited to join the administrative team at The Dobson Association as the new Executive Director! What a magnificent way to start the New Year!

I was thrilled to learn about the 50th Anniversary Celebrations planned throughout the year, and eager to assist our Dobson Ranch community in reaching the goals you and the Board have envisioned for the future. I aim to continue providing the superior service you are accustomed to, while encouraging a creative and fun workplace for staff and visitors.

I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Organizational Leadership from the University of New Mexico, and hold several certifications and licenses including, Certified Manager of Community Associations (CMCA), Association Management Specialist (AMS) and Professional Community Association Manager (PCAM).

I've worked in community association management for 18 years, after many years in the hospitality and property management fields. I have found that open communication and providing frequent educational opportunities builds robust, honest and trustworthy relationships for ongoing success.

I'm originally from Chicago and have called many places home, from Washington, DC, to San Francisco, CA – though my love for the southwest prevails as I lived in Taos, NM, for 21 years. My son graduated from NMSU in 2022 and currently manages his family ranch in Taos. Cooper Moon, 10, and Bella Star, 8, – are my adorable Shih Tzu co-pilots – and they love kids! We are ecstatic that Mesa is now home and that we are closer to family and friends!

I enjoy the outdoors, hiking, golfing, riding motorcycles, music, gardening, the local scene, exploring, dining out with friends, and road trips! I also love a good audiobook - frequently. I hope to meet you soon! I look forward to learning about this beautiful community and providing top-notch support to homeowners, staff, the greater community, and guests of Dobson Ranch. Here's to a very happy New Year!

Message From the Editor



By Skye Riss Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

A New Year... A New Anniversary to Celebrate!

It is finally January 2023, and you know what that means! We can officially start celebrating the **50th Anniversary of Dobson Ranch!** We have many exciting surprises in store for you this new year, and we can't wait to celebrate this milestone with you. Our events are going to be bigger and better than ever, and there'll be many new treats coming your way!

Our **Special Edition** of *Ranchers' RoundUp* will be in your mailbox in September 2023, and that will be a keepsake for you to cherish. The Special Edition will feature the history of Dobson Ranch over the last 50 years, and you'll learn a lot about "the best place to live!". I have been working with **Nancy Roggio** and the **50th Anniversary Committee** to start putting together that Special Edition full of interesting articles, photos, puzzles, and plenty of trivia from the '70s.

Here are a few fun facts about Dobson Ranch, the Dobson Family and Mesa history:

- The Dobson Family originally came from Ontario, Canada and Matthew Dobson (1805-1879) had 10 siblings.
- · Dobson Ranch was originally a cattle ranch.
- The canals were first built by the Hohokam native tribe and were then completed by Mormon settlers 400 years later.
- Founded in 1878 by Mormon pioneers, Mesa used to be named Zenos after a prophet in the Book of Mormon. It was renamed Mesa in 1888 when the small town of Mesaville withered away, and the name was claimed.
- Mesa is a Spanish word meaning "table land". The city was given its name because of the fine location overlooking the beautiful Salt River Valley.
- Mesa won the All-America City Award in 1979.

I would also like to thank the sponsors of our 50th Anniversary:

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That's all for now, until the next issue!



Project Updates Around the Ranch



By Dennis Melgreen
Associate Director of Facilities

Our maintenance crew has been busy updating our facilities and amenities around the Ranch. Here's a list of the latest projects and their anticipated completion dates:

1. Saratoga Restrooms and Facility

- Restrooms were completed in mid-December.
- The delivery of the doors to the meeting room is delaying completion of the project.

2. Laguna Park Restrooms

- Utility plans are waiting for City of Mesa approval.
- Expected completion date is February 2023.

3. Perimeter Walls

- When homeowners complete waterproofing, damaged block repairs and trimming back shrubs along Guadalupe Road from Alma School to Price Road and walls on Dobson Road, the block will be painted and the project will be completed.
- The interior block wall project for block fences that back up to common areas will begin in March of 2023.

4. La Casita Pool Area

 A new shade structure over the entire splash pad, new splash pad water features, new soft splash pad surface, new pool equipment and electrical wiring, and acid washing pool, making tile repairs, and replacing the artificial turf around the play area was completed in December.

5. Corner of Dobson Road and Isabella Avenue

- Sidewalk, boat dock, trees, drip irrigation, and low voltage lighting were installed in December.
- The remaining plants and granite will be installed in the spring of 2023 when the weather is warmer and will incorporate any approved additions made by the 50th Anniversary Committee to the overall plan.

6. Saratoga Walkway Bollard Lighting

- Electrical plans are awaiting City of Mesa approval.
- Installation will begin upon approval.

7. La Casita Preschool

 The classroom cabinets were replaced and the children's bathroom was updated during Christmas break.

Thank you all for your patience during these projects! They will make our Ranch an even better place to live, work and play!



By Skye Riss, Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

This month for our Green Thumb Award, we are changing it up a bit to show off some of our resident's beautiful holiday decorations! For those who have submitted photos of your neighbors' home, or your own home, we greatly appreciate your contributions. Thank you for a great 2022, and we look forward to featuring more amazing properties on the Ranch in 2023.



Above: The **Kearns' Family** home at 2361 W. Impala Avenue shown from the back. Submitted by neighbor **Bryan James**.



Above: Home of Dave & Cathy Kossler at 2253 S. Gaucho.



Nativity display at the home of Jack & Nineva Salley at 2318 W. Monterey Circle.





Above: Home of Richard & Mary Ann Shadle, 2339 W. Nido Avenue.

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

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Parenting & Time Management

By Dr. Andrea Hogan, Resident Guest Writer



Ever hear the saying, "If you want something done, give it to someone busy"? Most of the time – that's me, the over-achiever. I teach full time, volunteer for various charitable and professional organizations, host a local Airbnb, manage my household and the busy schedules of my two children. I'm active in their school PTO, scouts and the loudest cheerleader at every game or performance. I'm the neighbor that makes and shares homemade baked goods and I'm the one you see frequently running the lake

path, because I seem to always be training for some race, and I somehow find the time to squeeze in appointments for lash fills and manicures.

Before you sigh and accuse me of bragging - let me also share that I struggle with mental health issues. While most of the time I can achieve the high-flying balancing act of "Supermom", there are also times I fall short on achieving society's (and my own) expectations of motherhood. I fall apart and cocoon at home, letting my nails chip, lashes fall, and I trade daily runs for nightly Netflix binges with wine. If the latter sounds familiar to you after ending the most wonderful stressful time of the year - this article is for you (and me).

As a psychology professor, I lecture on important concepts to achieve optimal wellness such as Stress Management, SMART goals, Mindfulness and Operant Conditioning. These learning objectives are important, but actually applying these concepts takes effort. I've worked in higher education helping busy adult learners earn their degrees for the past 15 years, and for the past 8 years I've been a busy working mom. Below are my personal tips to help you better manage your time and be the best version of yourself in 2023.

Set Goals

Sit down and think about your priorities. What is the most important to you? What do you want to achieve in the next five years? In the next year? Prioritize what you want and what is important, then set a plan to achieve your goals and make it happen. Without doing so, you may get stuck drifting and working in a disjointed way, spending time on activities that do not align with your priorities.

Set a Schedule

Find a system that works for you, it can be a digital or paper calendar (or both). Home command centers are aesthetically pleasing home décor items that are functional and helpful. Make it a point to spend time planning your schedules weekly. It can be planning meals, shopping lists, kids sports and activities, family events, or whatever else your busy schedule entails. Knowing what's coming up and planning accordingly will help you stay organized and on track.

Develop a Routine

After setting a schedule – put it to use! Try to complete tasks at the same time every day so they become habits. There will be

some days you need flexibility, and that is okay, adjust accordingly, and then jump back into your set routine. This will make your day flow easier and allow you to remain focused on the tasks during their designated times.

Be Mindful

Focus not only on what is important to you, but also on your time. Fully focusing on a task for 30 minutes is much better than a distracted 60 minutes. Staying in the moment is a best practice with loved ones as well. Think quality over quantity. Being present and intentional will make sure you get the most out of every situation and relationship.

Use Your Support System

I went back to school for my PhD when my daughter was one, and graduated when she was seven. During those six years my sister, mom, in-laws, friends, aunts and neighbors all helped me by watching my kids when I was working on my dissertation. When people say, "let me know if there is anything I can do to help"... Take them up on it!

Limit Distractions

I love *TikTok*, and found so many useful videos there, but I can also get stuck in the black hole of endlessly scrolling. Whether it's *Netflix*, *TikTok*, video games, *Facebook*, etc., etc., etc. – stay off the Internet if there is no real purpose for using it. Without intentional use, it is just wasted time you could be using to focus on what is important (your goals!).

Learn to Say "No"

As someone who struggles with FOMO – this is always hard for me. But, when in school, I passed on, arrived late, or left early to many events and celebrations. Sometimes doing too much is just... too much. Prioritize what is important to you, and say no to the events or commitments that do not align with your goals.

Stay Positive

Attitude plays a huge part in motivation. Your attitude towards succeeding can directly affect your overall life experience. Building your personal self-esteem is key to finding and keeping your motivation. For many, people think motivation describes something missing in their lives. They use it to describe another person's success, or their own faults: "If I were more motivated, I'd go back to school", or "If I had more willpower, I'd lose weight." For these people, it seems like only certain people are born with motivation. Motivation is not determined at birth. Everyone already possess it, it just takes practice (and positivity) to develop it.

If implementation of any of the above sounds daunting, try a little at a time. Small steps can help make big changes. Most importantly, do not be too hard on yourself if you slip. We are in the middle of cold and flu season and my kids seem to bring back new germs every week, so getting off track is bound to happen. The most important thing is to get back on track afterward.





Monthly Update from Councilmember Heredia

The Annual District 3 Toy Drive Was a Major Success!

Thanks to all the residents, business partners and staff for making this event possible. We collected over \$15,000 worth of donations and toys combined, including a \$10,000 check donation from AT&T! Special thanks to East Valley Firefighter Charities for their continued support each year. Most importantly, I would like to thank YOU, our Dobson Ranch community members, for your contributions. The partnership between the City of Mesa and the Dobson Ranch Community has always made a positive impact and I hope we continue to support each other. Here are some photos of this year's toy drive. (Also see photo on back cover.) Let's do this again next year!



As always, please contact my office if you have any questions or comments: 480-644-3003 or District3@MesaAZ.gov.

~Councilmember Heredia



Looking Ahead in 2023!

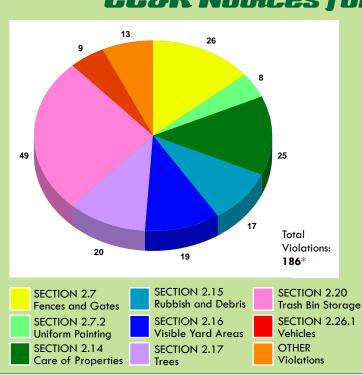
As we welcome in the new year, it's a good time to reflect on the past year and look ahead to what's in store for our community. Code enforcement will continue to maintain the Residential Architectural Guidelines that

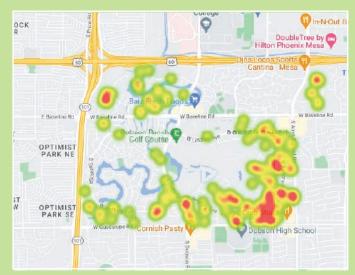
were revised back in June 2022. In January 2023, yard maintenance in Arizona may involve tasks such as pruning and trimming plants, removing dead or dying foliage, and cleaning up any fallen leaves and debris. It is also a good time to apply pre-emergent weed control products to prevent weeds from growing in the spring. Because the weather in Arizona can vary, be sure to check the forecast before starting any outdoor tasks. It's also important to water your plants regularly, especially if the weather is dry, to help them stay healthy and thrive. If you are looking for what type of tree or shrub to plant, please refer to the Residential Architectural Guidelines in Appendix D for Desert Adapted Landscape Plants. You can also look at the Maricopa County Urban Tree Selection Guide where you will find information on why it's important to plant trees and additional information on desert friendly ones.

You can find the new Residential Architectural Guidelines on the Dobson Ranch website, the Dobson Ranch App, and there are hard copies in the Aministration Office as well. If, at any time, you have questions or concerns regarding code enforcement, please contact the office at 480-831-8314.

Thank you,
Camille Gonzales
Operations Manager

CCER Notices for December 2022





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

*Total number of violations includes 13 "Other" Violations: Architectural Alterations and Improvements, Exterior Colors, Outside Lighting, Security Cameras, Permanent Structures, Windows and Awnings, Grass and Landscaping, Roof Maintenance, Garages and Carports, and Storing of Vehicles.





We received several entries from our sixth Find the Fact Quiz in December. A random drawing was held on December 19th to select the winner of the \$20.00 Amazon Gift Card. The gift card for December goes to Betty Paul. Thanks for taking the time to find all the facts, Betty!

To enter the January Find the Fact Quiz, simply email all of the answers to questions 1-20 below to nroggio@dobsonranch.com by no later than January 23, 2023. 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. January's winner will be announced in the February Ranchers' RoundUp.

Ready, Set, GO!

- 1. What date is the February Round Robin Tennis Social?
- 2. What is the name of the AZ Career and Technical Student Organization which encourages friendly competition and community service among future educators?
- 3. Who is the master painter on the Dobson Ranch Maintenance team?
- 4. In what year did Mesa win the All-America City Award?
- 5. Which musical group will be performing at our upcoming Sunday in the Park event?
- 6. At what 2023 event will there be a '70s Costume Contest?

- 7. Whose boat won the Griswold Award in the 2022 Lighted Boat Parade?
- 8. When do Punch Cards for our Recreation Classes expire?
- Which advertiser has a limited time offer for your First Month Free?
- 10. When is the next American Red Cross Blood Drive at Dobson Ranch?
- Who should you contact if you wish to join the Retirees'
 Club?
- Name one of the eight Parenting & Time Management tips
 Dr. Hogan mentions in her article.
- 13. On what date will our Spring Expo & Pancake Breakfast be held in 2023?
- 14. Who is the "Rosarian" on the Ranch?
- 15. Who stepped up when the Retirees' Club President and V.P. could not attend the December 5th Holiday Meeting?
- 16. What movie will be featured at our Movie in the Park event on March 10th?
- 17. How many CC&R notices were given to residents for Fences and Gates violations in December 2022?
- 18. Mesa District 3 collected over \$_____ worth of donations and toys for their annual Toy Drive in 2022?
- 19. What is the date for La Casita Preschool registration for non-residents?
- 20. What is the name of our new Executive Director?

That's it for January! Hope you have fun fact finding! We'll be back in February with another **Find the Fact Quiz** and gift card giveaway.







DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

THOSE PESICY TERMITES!

There are approximately 1,000 pounds of termites for every man, woman and child on earth. In Africa, termites eat more grass than all mammals put together. They are among the most formidable builders in the animal kingdom and are the quintessential recyclers. Up to 30% of the gases implicated in global warming may actually come from termite flatulence. Termites have been around for over 140 million years.

Termites are sometimes called "white ants", but are in fact more closely related to cockroaches. Termites have a broad waist with antennae that look like chains of beads. Ants have a narrow middle, with antennae that have a distinct bend or elbow. Termites are light to a dark tannish in color and live in large groups. They have the ability to digest cellulose. There are over 2,000 species worldwide, with 17 occurring in Arizona: subterranean, dry-wood and damp-wood. They do not bite or spread disease.

A large queen lays eggs that hatch into nymphs. These develop into specialized individuals; soldiers with large jaws to defend the nest, wingless adult workers and winged reproductives that fly out to start new colonies, typically the ones most usually seen. Lighting, temperature, humidity, and barometric pressure can determine when the "fly out" takes place.

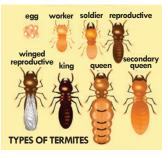
Inspect your home annually for holes in wood, pellets or sawdust, piles of wings, and swarming insects. Or, tap to check for the hollow sounds made by tunnels in wood. Different termites make their presence known in different ways. I had some making little tubes hanging from the ceiling in my house and along an inside garage wall.

The control method will depend on the type of termite involved and its location. It is difficult to do yourself, as a chemical barrier must be applied to the soil beneath and next to the foundation to prevent termites from gaining access. Simply spraying will not kill the termites. You must kill the queen in her nest to kill them. The nest is well underground, so you won't find it. Don't panic, it takes a long time for termites to do serious damage. Your best bet is to call a licensed professional. In the meantime, keep wood away from the house, including wood chips and fire wood, screen all vents, and repair water leaks and foundation cracks.

My friend, Amy Anderson, found termites on her saguaro (see photos below). They are eating any dead wood. Just spray them off with a blast of the hose. This won't kill them, but will encourage them to move on. Remember that they are part of the natural desert ecosystem, working at cleaning up the earth.







Both photos at left taken by Amy Anderson showing termite tunnels on a saguaro.

FOR THE LOVE OF ALOES



Aloes make beautiful additions to gardens due to their bold architectural forms, vibrantly colored flowers, and ability to attract hummingbirds. They offer some of the best colors for Arizona gardens with their impressive and long-lasting flowers shown during late winter and early spring.

Aloes are popular plants with over 500 species identified and four species known for medicinal properties. Unlike agaves which are New World plants, aloes are Old World plants originating in Africa. The center of diversity for aloes is South Africa, which hosts more than 120 species. The range of sizes of the species varies widely from small grass-like aloes to large tree-like aloes. In Africa, aloes are pollinated by sunbirds, while in the Americas, they are pollinated by hummingbirds.

Aloes have fleshy spiny leaves arranged in rosettes and flowers clustered in groups on candle-like or cone-shaped stalks. The flowers are tubular and come in many colors. Fruits are dry capsules containing black seeds.

Aloes require little care but do best with good drainage and afternoon filtered shade in the summer. Fertilize only lightly in mid-spring and late summer. Pests are rarely a problem. Propagate aloes by using seeds or offsets produced at the base of the plants. They are long-lived plants, especially larger species.

Some recommended aloes for Arizona landscapes include:

- Aloe barbadensis Medicinal Aloe dawei – Dawe's Aloe
- Aloe ferox Cape Aloe or Tree Aloe
- Aloe maculata (A. saponaria) Soap Aloe, Zebra Aloe
- Aloe marlothii Flat-Flowered Aloe
- Aloe striata Coral Aloe
- Aloe variegata Partridge Breast Aloe
- Aloe x hybrid Blue Elf Aloe

Written by **Cindy Odgers**, 📑





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Conservation Corner

Cheers to 2023!

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water and Lake Management Committee Member

Conservation



Happy New Year! My family, friends and I share the same sentiment that 2022 flew by quickly. Do you feel that way, too? In the vein of Charles Dickens' classic A Christmas Carol, let's look at The Past, The Present, and The Future, and maybe slow down the start of the new year just a bit.

The Past

Thanks to everyone that visited the Water and Lake Management Committee table at November's Fall Festival. It was a fun-filled afternoon, complemented by beautiful fall weather. Kids made Water Cycle bracelets (see photo below) by using different colored beads to represent the sun (evaporation), clouds (condensation), and rain (precipitation). Adults completed the "Our Water - Our Home" quiz, which tested their knowledge on our lakes and

community water sources. Congratulations are in order for Jessica E., a 10-year Ranch resident with a witty sense of humor. Jessica's name was randomly selected from the correct quiz entries and she won a Smart Thermostat and great SWAG, compliments of SRP.

The Present

Still have a Christmas tree kicking around? If you participate in the City of Mesa's **Green Yard Waste Program**, you can put your tree in the green barrel. Just make sure the lid can close. The collected trees go to the Salt River Landfill and are chipped into nutrient rich mulch and composting products.

Speaking of compost, do you know that the City of Mesa offers backyard compost containers to residents for just a \$5 delivery fee? Compost is the result of the natural decomposition of plant material and other once-living materials. By adding compost to houseplants and/or garden soil, the soil is conditioned so you use less water. Compost also promotes healthy root growth by improving the soil structure. You can turn your yard and kitchen waste (think of all the holiday leftovers that are taking up room in the freezer, never to see a dinner plate again) into a perfect soil add-in. Check out the **Backyard Compost Program** at Mesaaz.gov or call customer service at 480-644-2221.

The Fubure

Happy 50th Anniversary Dobson Ranch! This 5-word phrase will be familiar to everyone that entered last month's **Word**

Search contest. (Due to copy deadline dates, the prize winner's name and answer key will be in February's article.)

In addition to the Association having great events planned for the 50th Anniversary all year long, Dobson Ranch will continue to be a community leader in conservation in 2023. The partnership with SRP's Shade Tree Program will return in the Fall, and our Spring Expo will be held on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd. Yes, the 5th Annual Dobson Ranch Spring Expo

will be held on Earth Day for the first time! Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event. Thank you for continuing on your conservation journey. Reflect on the past year, carpe diem, and cheers to 2023!

and Retirees' Club Pancake Breakfast



Kids making Water Cycle bracelets at the Fall Festival.



Recycling your plastic bottles and aluminum cans is easy - extra bins are provided at all events.

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At Our Lakes

Cruisin' With the Dobson Ranch Yacht Club

By Wes VerWoert, Chairman of the Dobson Ranch Yacht Club



The **Dobson Ranch Yacht Club** is designed to allow
the residents of Dobson
Ranch to meet on a
semi-regular basis to be
neighborly and socialize.
Members of the Yacht Club
are not required to be boat
owners, and guests of Yacht
Club members are welcome

to attend all events.

Membership is **free**, although members may be asked to pay to participate in special events, classes or bring a dish to share at a party.

We also strive to be inclusive, so many events are family-oriented (boat floats, parades and picnics), while others are evening events, designed to be a fun night out for adults.

We encourage all Yacht Club members to become involved in the planning and hosting of all Yacht Club events. Special events include our Backyard Pizza Party, Game Night, Paint & Wine Party, Poker Run, Scavenger Hunt, Wine Tasting, Progressive Dinner, Graduation Boat Parade, the After Parade Party, and the Annual Holiday Lighted Boat Parades held the first and second Saturdays of December.

We strive to help keep our lakes clean and safe. Members are asked to volunteer to clean the lakes for a month by removing debris and garbage (especially plastic bags) from the water. Please visit our Facebook page for more information.

Check the **Yacht Club Calendar** for scheduled Yacht Club events on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/DRYachtClub or on the web at https://www.DRYC.us.

The calendar can also be found online at the following locations: Dobsonranchhoa.com/clubs or on the Dobson Ranch App.

Forward questions to any of the following Social Committee Members:

- Wes VerWoert at wesv56@gmail.com
- Chris Diamond at imchrisd@gmail.com
- Sheila Powell at powellpeople4@gmail.com
- Jim and Kathleen Tolar at kathleen.tolar@gmail.com
- John and Kris Waxman at Johnwaxman@cox.net.

To become a Yacht Club member, please send an email to any of the above Yacht Club Social Committee Members and provide the following information: Name(s), Home Address, Email Address, Phone Number, and if you have a boat on any of the Dobson Ranch Lakes. If you are on Facebook, please provide us with your name as it appears on Facebook.



Real Estate on the Ranch

Home Sales & Mesa Market Trends

By Nicole Lynam, Board President



Homes Sold in Dobson Ranch November 2022: 43 Homes Sold November 2021: 76 Homes Sold October 2022: 47 Homes Sold October 2021: 82 Homes Sold

Median Home Sale Price in Dobson Ranch: November 2022: \$420,000 (2.8% Growth Year-Over-Year)

October 2022: \$455,000 (29.1% Growth Year-Over-Year)

Average Sale Price Per Square Foot in Dobson Ranch:

November 2022: \$228 (-2.1% Year-Over-Year)

Median Home Sale Price in 85202:

November 2022: \$340,000 (-4.8% Year-Over-Year)

October 2022: \$391,000 (24.1% Growth Year-Over-Year)

All data as reported by **Redfin.com**

What is the housing market like in 85202?

In November 2022, Dobson Ranch home prices were up 2.8% compared to last year, selling for a median price of \$420K. On average, homes in Dobson Ranch sell after 48 days on the market compared to 28 days last year. There were 43 homes sold in November this year, down from 76 last year.

How hot is the Dobson Ranch housing market?

The average homes sell for about 2% below list price and go pending in around 48 days. "Hot homes" can sell for around list price and go pending in around 30 days.

Number of homes sold in Dobson Ranch in December 2022 (as of 12/28): 19. Final figures for December 2022 will be reported in the next issue of Ranchers' RoundUp.





Movers and Shakers

Taking Pride in Their Work... and It Shows!

By Skye Riss, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



Marc Diaz, who began with us back in 2016, is our Maintenance Supervisor on the Ranch. Marc attended trade school for a degree in heating, cooling, mechanical, maintenance and electrical operations. He has a lot of experience working with master planned communities and has created a great working relationship with the rest of the Dobson Ranch Maintenance team.

Most of our Maintenance team members have been working on the Ranch for over 15 years. The entire Maintenance team goes above and beyond each and every day to make Dobson Ranch "the best place to live" for all residents and guests, and they do a phenomenal job.

Marc explained, "We build almost everything on the Ranch in house, and, nowadays, that is not as common because most communities hire outside contractors. Some of the projects that **Dennis Melgreen**, the Facilities and Maintenance Director, has designed and that we have built in house include the Dog Park, La Casita's Sunset Plaza, new irrigation systems and landscaping all common areas, trenching and installing miles of conduit for bollards, besides growing, planting and pruning trees, building docks and fences, and so much more. Our team is extremely dedicated to Dobson Ranch and they take pride in their work and it shows."

There are 10 Maintenance team members who are responsible for providing maintenance services to about 2,000 acres of Dobson Ranch land and it is amazing how they can get everything done! Each team member has their own responsibilities and they also jump in to work together on some of the larger projects.

Marc introduced his team. "Felipe Gutierrez is our "hotshot" guy who manages the common areas along Lake 8, Lake 7 walkways and Laguna Park. He cleans and empties the trash cans, the doggie bag stations, power washes the benches and walkways, blows the sidewalks and granite areas, trims the plants and fixes the lights. He looks for any maintenance issues and works to resolve them quickly when he can. Felipe is also a fantastic cook!"

Marc noted, "Gonzalo Garcia handles the preventive and repair issues with our equipment and Ranch vehicles. He also does all of the welding for our custom projects and wrought iron fences, installs our concrete, block and brick work, and when he gets a break, he cleans all of our lake fountains. Gonzalo is our handlest of handy men."

Marc went on to say, "Rodrigo Verdugo and Chauncey Hoach work together most of the time, planting seasonal flowers and maintaining the irrigation and landscaping. In fact, Rodrigo is an Irrigation Technician who has installed over a million dollars of the irrigation systems on the Ranch. He is also a fantastic tree trimmer and a master gardener. Chuck Robertson cleans all of

our lakes and tennis courts and waters all the plants on the many corners that do not have an automatic irrigation system.

Fausto Olivias Fabela heads up our lawn mowing crew that walk an average of 15 miles a week keeping the property looking great. Gustavo Aguilera cleans and weeds all of the common areas that do not have grass and blows clean all the streets and common areas of leaves and pine needles. Gustavo also keeps our street drainage systems clear of debris. Martin Coria helps maintain our common areas, trim the plants and fix the lights along Lake 1, Lake 3 and the Dog Park. John Jenkins is our master painter who has painted almost six miles of our perimeter walls this past year. And last, but by no means least, Mike Jepsen is our Rosarian. He is an expert at cultivating roses and keeps our prize-winning rose garden looking awesome."

"Because we design, manage and build most of our projects in house, we have our own shop and yard with a lot of specialized equipment. We have a cement mixer, a machine that lays down concrete for the curbs, a CS plasma cutting table, CAD design software, paint sprayers, welding tools, as well as landscaping and maintenance equipment," Marc adds.

"The projects we are most proud of include the Lake 1 lighting project, the Laguna Park light pole project (which we completed in triple-digit heat!) and the Los Altos lighting project. I believe a lot of people are unaware that we built all of the light boxes in the Los Altos parking lot in house, and the metal work for those is simply beautiful. We also built the metal gates to the boat dock by the Saratoga Recreation Center and the sign and gates to the Dog Park using our CAD design computer and plasma cutting table," Marc boasts.

"One time a resident came up to us while we were working and asked us what company we worked for. I said, 'Dobson Ranch.' He said, 'This is amazing! I've never seen staff do this type of work in house.' That's the type of positive feedback Dennis and I love to hear, and our team members really appreciate it as well," Marc concludes.

Marc and his team currently have a lot of projects in the works that will enhance the community for years to come. We want to send out a special thank you to Dennis, Marc and the entire Maintenance team for continuing to keep Dobson Ranch "the best place to live!"



L. to R.: Rodrigo Verdugo, Martin Coria, Fausto Olivias Fabela, Gustavo Aguilera, Marc Diaz, John Jenkins, Chuck Robertson, Dennis Melgreen, Chauncey Hoach, Felipe Gutierrez, and Gonzalo Garcia.





Pesa Dobson's Educators Rising Students **Embrace a Call to Teach**

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

Alexis Hastert is the education professions teacher, Career and Technical Education (CTE) department chair and **Educators** Rising advisor at Dobson High School. Hastert's Dobson roots run deep. She was a former Mini Mustang herself, attending preschool at Dobson High School, and today, she inspires the next generation of educators in a classroom that once belonged to her mother.

The education professions program is a 3-year CTE program that helps students develop teaching skills and provides opportunities for students to take what they learn and put it into action by working with teachers in the classroom. First-year students learn about early childhood and work in the preschool on campus. During the second year, students take teacher training, and in the third year, they student teach. Students build future-ready skills that employers are seeking. Through their coursework, they learn the important roles teachers play in students' lives and that instruction is one aspect of the job that includes preparing lesson plans, grading assignments and sharing a love of learning.

Hastert shares that providing hands-on experiences for students is an important part of the education professions class. Experiences are driven by student interest, so some will work at the preschool level, others at elementary, and some in secondary.

"Twice a week, students get to try on taking a teacher role and build important relationships, helping teachers in the classroom," Hastert shares. "Students can be grading, working in groups, leading the lunchroom, or whatever assistance a teacher is needing."

Hastert shares that she was a junior in college before she experienced being in the classroom. Her students are having these experiences at the age of 16.

Students also participate in Educators Rising, a Career and Technical Student Organization through the state, which encourages friendly competition and community service among future educators. Last year, Hastert's Educators Rising team won the title of National Grand Champion for their overall score amongst all schools - junior high to college level.

"We beat colleges through middle schools, and all my kids who competed were freshmen and sophomores," Hastert shares.

Embracing the call of the teaching profession

Paola Pacheco is a junior at Dobson and shares that as a child she played classroom, dreaming of becoming a teacher. Today, less than two years from graduating high school, she is starting her career as a future teacher. Pacheco says that she is currently spending time at Sirrine Elementary in kindergarten and fifth-grade classrooms, observing and leading small groups and working in one-on-one sessions.

"I love the competitive edge this program provides, the hands-on way we learn and our twice a week fieldwork at Sirrine Elementary," Pacheco says. "Building relationships with students is one of my favorite things about the program."

For more information regarding education professions and other CTE programs, please visit https://www.mpsaz.org/cte.



Teacher Alexis Hastert helps education professions student with coursework.



Paola Pacheco reads a story to preschool students. (Photos by Tim Hacker, MPS)



Recreation Happenings

From the Recreation Manager's Desk



By Amanda Jensen Recreation Manager

Happy New Year! I want to take a moment to introduce myself. I am Amanda and I am the new Recreation Manager here at Dobson Ranch. I am looking forward to being your new Recreation

Manager and working on our events to make them new and exciting for all residents.

I want to thank all of the families in the community that came to **Breakfast with Santa**. We had a great turnout and I hope you enjoyed all the activities. Here's a BIG thank you to the Retirees' Club for preparing the breakfast, it was delicious!

Our new 2023 Magnetic Events Calendar is available at the La Casita Recreation Center. Be sure to pick one up and check out all the upcoming programs. We are starting off the new year with Bark in the Park on Saturday, January 21st from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Bring your dogs out to Laguna Park and meet your neighbors. You can sign up to participate in three in-person dog contests (best trick, pet-owner lookalike and ugly sweater) on the morning of the event. There will also be several vendors that cater exclusively to your canine.

Parents Night Out is Saturday, February 4th. We'll be showing a movie and serving popcorn, hotdogs and refreshments. We'll also be selling candy, playing games and doing fun crafts. Plus, kids can win great raffle prizes! Don't forget your pillow and blanket. Sign up on ActiveNet or at the La Casita Recreation Center.

Sunday in the Park follows on February 5th at Laguna Park. The **Maasman Band** will be on hand to keep us entertained. Come out with your family and friends to enjoy the free live music. In honor of our 50th Anniversary, we'll be having a family parade and giving out free hot dog meals while supplies last.

Tennis Tip for January 2023



By Kwong YoungDobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Court Awareness

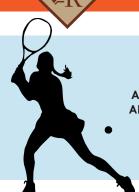
One of the greatest assets a tennis player can have (besides striking the ball) is to have **Court Awareness** or sometimes called "situational awareness". Here are three key factors you and your partner need to have to play your best, so you can outplay your opponent:

- 1) Know where (which zones) you are on the court. These zones can be the backcourt, mid-court or net area.
- 2) Know where the ball is being sent.
- 3) Know where your opponents are.

These three key factors will help you know whether to stay back to defend or move forward to attack. Anticipating things before they happen is the key to playing a better game. Many times, your opponents won't allow you to move much on the court, due to their strong and deep shots. But, when you also strike strong, you can end points quicker, and conserve energy for both you and your partner. So, let's get better by improving our Court Awareness instead of staying stationary and just observing.

Make it happen. Don't wait for things to happen!





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.

Adult Weekday Doubles Play

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

8:30 pm - 10:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, February 6, 13, 20, 27 6227 \$40 R/\$60 NR
Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15, 22 6228 \$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.

9:00 am - 10:30 am 1 Sessions: Monthly Saturday, February 4, 11, 18, 25 **6229 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

JUNIORS

The mission of Dobson Ranch junior tennis is to provide quality instruction in a fun and friendly atmosphere with a multilevel juniors program from the youngest beginners to sanctioned tournament players. Each student's placement is based on age, experience and a challenge ladder. Classes combine energized drills, fun games, match play, and conditioning. Our goal is for students to reach a higher level of play and learn to love a sport they will play for a lifetime. Bring a friend!

Junior Clinic

This class is for junior tennis players ages 7-12 looking for an introduction to tennis. This class will introduce basic technique through fun drills and games. Learn how to serve into the correct service box, how to keep score, how to properly rotate the racquet, and how to sustain a rally. If you don't already have a racquet, our tennis pro will fit your child for the proper racquet size during the first class.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm I Sessions: Monthly Monday, February 6, 13, 20, 27 **6224 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Monthly Round Robin Social*

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

Saturday | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm *February Social 2/18

*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

RECREATION CLASSES

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

ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES

TAI CHI

Instructor: Linda
When: Wednesdays
Where: AM & PM Classes

La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 10:00 am Intermediate Tai Chi

11:00 am
6:00 pm
10:00 pm
11:00 pm
10:00 pm
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Cost: \$3 drop in residents, \$6 drop in non-residents

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



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

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

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Jeanne When: Mondays

Where: Saratoga Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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

punch card.



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

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

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

ZUMBA

Instructor: Karen When: Tuesdays

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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

5-use punch card



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

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

HEALING YOGA

Instructor: Samantha

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 8:15 am - 9:15 am

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

for a 7-use punch card.

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



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



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

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





Recreation Happenings

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Class Code: 6116

When: Thursdays (January 5th - February 9th)

Where: Saratoga Recreation Center

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Time:

Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Cost:

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

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

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



DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Class Code: 6110

When: Tuesdays (January 3rd - February 7th)

Where: Saratoga Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Cost:

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

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

INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)

Class Code: 6122

When: Thursdays (January 5th - February 9th)

Where: Saratoga Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Cost:

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

In a fun, encouraging and high energy atmosphere, your child will be shown the fundamentals of ballet and jazz, which can help to improve motor skills and creative expression. Soft-soled shoes or bare feet are recommended. Children must be able to work in a group setting. There will



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

ACTIVITIES



Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Style Poker

(Must be 18 or older)

When: Friday, January 27th Where: Saratoga 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.

Meet your neighbors for a friendly game.



Friday, January 20th When:

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

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



Bridge

When: Mondays

Where: La Casita Rec. Center (Chica Room)

Time: 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm Cost: \$1.00 per player

We are actively seeking more bridge players. We play party bridge; singles and couples are welcome. Call Susan Toevs at 317-446-8641 for info on joining.

RECREATION CLASS INFORMATION

- 1. REGISTRATION for classes can be booked on the Association. website at www.dobsonranch.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:
 - a. Cancellation of class by instructor or the Dobson Association will result in a full refund.
 - b. Participants may cancel after first class or initial start date of class for a full refund.
 - c. Notification by participant prior to start date of illness or injury preventing participation during session time frame.
 - d. Discontinuance of participation due to injury or illness will be reviewed for consideration of prorated refund.
 - e. No other refunds will be given. No exceptions. Refund requests must be promptly submitted.



Going to the movies? Get your Harkins Theatres discounted tickets at the La Casita Recreation Center and SAVE!





Scenes from our postponed and modified WINTER WONDERLAND evening event and LIG

















The winners of this year's Lighted Boat Parade, presented by the Dobson Ranch Yacht Club, are:







Chris & Margarete Engelsman









Happenings

GHTED BOAT PARADE. To see lots more photos, please visit Facebook/DobsonRanchHOA.



























See you all again next year!



Recreation Happenings

We had a maximum capacity turnout for **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**. To see more photos, visit *Facebook/DobsonRanchHOA*.



























SPECIAL THANKS TO THE RETIREES' CLUB







SANTA CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!





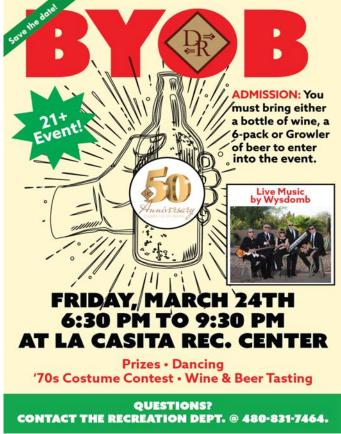
















HADDA HOMALAY PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

1ST 2ND PRIZE



KRISTI MILLER \$45 Gift Card



KAT MACE \$30 Gift Card



LUIS & ALEX ESQUIVAL \$25 Gift Card

We had 27 people enter a total of 39 photos, so we had very stiff competition this year! Several of the photos entered in the contest have been posted on our *Facebook* page.

EDITOR'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER: RACHEL ULRICH

Rachel receives a \$50 GIFT CARD and her photo on the cover of this month's Ranchers' RoundUp!

THE DOBSON ASSOCIATION



Dobson Ranch Clubs

Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Susan Toevs, Retirees' Club President



I am just so proud of our Retirees' Club. We kept calm and carried on at the December 5th General Meeting when the President was away and the Vice President, who was ready to lead the meeting, fell ill. **Carolyn Sedlak**, our Treasurer, did not hesitate and stepped up to the plate! She did a fantastic job chairing our holiday get-together. There were 12 tables full of Retirees' who came out to enjoy the comaraderie, a delicious pot luck lunch and fun holiday festivities. Special thanks to **Bill Tekien**

and **Chuck Weitzel** for providing the merriment during the Holiday Gift Exchange.

What a generous and outstanding outpouring of gifts for our three deserving families. **Pauline Cetti**, Chairman, and her crew wrapped and delivered the gifts, toys and stockings, along with gift cards for food. Every wish was granted! Pauline reports that the families "were stunned by the generosity of the Club." A Merry Christmas was provided for each and every member of the three families.

Once again, **Diana Middleton** chaired the **Breakfast with Santa** crew. Many thanks to all of the retirees who cooked and served the pancakes. It is always fun for us to see the children enjoy the activities and meet Santa. It is one of the highlights of our year.

We ring in the New Year with outstanding activities planned for our 147 members. (There's always room for more new ideas and activities.) We currently enjoy Hiking, Biking, Line Dancing, Walking, Game Days, Ladies Luncheons, Men's Breakfasts, Dinner Night Out, Happy Hour, Community Engagement, and monthly meetings including lunch and interesting programs. Come out to one of our meetings to find out what we are all about on the first Monday of every month at La Casita in 2023!



There was a sea of smiling faces at the December Holiday Meeting.



The Retirees' Club held their Holiday Meeting on Monday, December 5th in the Grande Room at La Casita. Photos by Skye Riss.





















Dobson Ranch Clubs

Women's Club

By Patty Smith, Women's Club President

Happy New Year! May 2023 bring joy, peace and good health (and no COVID) to you and yours.



Our **Out to Lunch** ladies continued our International restaurants tour. On January 6th, our group of gals went to the *Taste* of *Peru - Urban Kitchen and Pisco Bar* in South Mesa. The owners and staff were very helpful, and the food was very good, too. In February, we will head to Opa Life Greek Café in Tempe.

Unfortunately, December's Christmas **Bunco** and fundraiser unexpectedly had to be cancelled. Thanks, **Lynda**, for almost hosting.

January's **Bunco** will be hosted by either **Donna** or **Tanya**. We will move our Christmas Bunco and fundraiser to January.



We would like to thank **Jesse Wright** for all his years as our Recreation Manager. We appreciate the long hours for all of the different events for our residents and our four-legged friends. We will miss you. We wish you the best of everything in the future.

Congrats to **Amanda Jensen**, our new Recreation Manager. We look forward to working with you!

Blessings to all in 2023, Patty Smith

LADIES - ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FREE LINE DANCING?

We meet every Tuesday at 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Grande Room at the La Casita. We sit and talk after dancing and you are welcome to join us. Bring your own water for our break! Please email to **Barbara Stout** (stoutgeo@gmail.com), so she can add you to her email list.

Another Great Year of Pickleball Wraps Up With Our Annual Christmas Tournament

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative



On Saturday,
December 17th,
our morning
"Drop-In" players
observed the
Holiday Season
with our Annual
Invitational
Round-Robin

Tournament. Eight mixed doubles teams competed throughout the morning, but **Chad** and **Dayna Doyle** (*shown at left*) dominated the court and came out on top with an almost flawless 6-1 record.

There was a three-way tie for Second Place, all with 4-3 records, significantly behind the group leaders! The competition

Retirees' Hiking Club

By Barbara Stout, Retirees' Hiking Club Chairperson

Here's our new hiking schedule for this winter and spring. February 6th is the day to turn in your total mileage.

Happy trails! Barb

January 11	San Tan Mountains - Gretchen will lead the Pacers; and Barbara will lead the Clippers. 5.3 miles.
January 13	White Tank Mts Roadrunners 10.4 miles; Jack Rabbits 9.2 miles
January 18	Spur Cross - Pacers in and out; Clippers 8 miles; Roadrunners will take Elephant Mountain.
January 20	Usery Pass Mountain - Clippers 8 miles.
January 25	White Tank Mtns Pacers 4.5 miles in and out; Clippers 7 miles.
January 27	White Tank Mtns Jackrabbits and Roadrunners 10.3 miles. Take Goat Camp to Mesquite. Leave one car at Mesquite and one at Restroom 1.
February 1	Estrella Mtns Pacers 3 miles; Clippers 8.3 miles. (Alternative Hike Clippers: 10.6 miles)



Usery Regional Park hike (Pass Mountain in background)

was keen, but everyone had a great time and consumed many holiday treats at the snack table between games.

Until "the heat" comes on again, we will continuing playing "drop-in" pickleball at 8:00 am Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and Monday and Thursday nights at 6:30 pm. We are normally wrapped up in about two-and-a-half hours. Also, please remember that our eight new dedicated pickleball courts at Los Altos are available to residents and their guests every day between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm. If you would like a reservation, they can be made using the Dobson Ranch App.

Reservations are not available during "drop-in" hours, because these are the times when all residents and their guests of any skill level are invited to join in the fun and play the fastest growing sport in the country. "Drop-in" play is on a "first come-first served" basis.

Please contact **Rich Bitner** (rebitner@cs.com) or **Frank Mizner** (planner 1948@gmail.com) for further information.

PICKLE-ON!





Interested in joining one (or more) of the many Clubs on the Ranch? Here's who you need to contact.

RETIREES' CLUB

The Retirees' Club gets involved in several fundraising activities throughout the year, and has many activities for members to enjoy such as Dinner Night Out, Happy Hour, Movie Day, Bicycle Riding, Line Dancing, monthly General Meetings, and more.

Contact: Susan Toevs, President at suzilla@aol.com.

RETIREES' HIKING CLUB

Hikes are planned to such places at Salt River, White Tank Mountains, Usery Park, Estrella Mountains, Cave Creek, San Tan Mountains, and more. There are two hiking levels: **The Pacers** (shorter hikes) and **The Clippers** (longer hikes).

Contact: Barbara Stout, Chairperson at stoutgeo@gmail.com.

DOBSON RANCH PICKLEBALL

Dobson's eight courts at Los Altos Recreation Center are available to residents and their guests anytime between 7:00 am to 10:00 pm daily, so come out for some fun with family and friends to enjoy the fastest growing sport in America.

Contact: Rich Bitner at rebitner@cs.com or Frank Mizner,
Pickleball Commissioner at planner 19 48@gmail.com.

DOBSON RANCH WOMEN'S CLUB

There are many activities in which the Women's Club members participate: Bunco, Out to Lunch, Out to Dinner, and more. Fundraising activities have provided scholarships to High School graduates living in Dobson Ranch.

Contact: Patty Smith, President at smiths 1975@cox.net.

DOBSON RANCH MOM'S CLUB

Contact: Andrea Hogan, Chairperson by email at andreabaranyk@yahoo.com. Watch for more details to come.

DOBSON RANCH SMALL BUSINESS CLUB

The Small Business Club will provide a coordinated effort to support our resident-owned businesses, provide networking opportunities for business owners and residents, and help strengthen community bonds and support for our neighbors. **Contact:** Nikki Ausdemore by phone at 480-628-6730 or by email at nikki@orangeblossombookkeepingaz.com.

DOBSON RANCH TENNIS CLUB

The ladies doubles tennis team competes in the Valley of the Sun league, playing home matches on the La Casita Recreation Center tennis courts.

Contact: Lynda Bailey, Chairperson by email at *lbcarpediem13@gmail.com*.

DOBSON RANCH YACHT CLUB

This club is responsible for the annual Lighted Boat Parade and other boat-related activities throughout the year.

Contact: Wes Ver Woert, Chairman at WesV56@gmail.com.

DOBSON RANCH DEMOCRATS & FRIENDS CLUB

The Club meets on the second Wednesday of every month (1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, etc.) from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Grande Room. Come listen to special guest speakers on current issues, City of Mesa government, and learn how to get involved in grassroots organizing. Visit their Facebook page to register for the next meeting at www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchDemocrats.

Contact: George Thihanyi at 480-792-6746 or email Kerry Lengel at kerrylengel@gmail.com.

DOBSON RANCH REPUBLICANS CLUB

Monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at Native Grill (*Dobson & Guadalupe Roads*). Doors open at 6:30 pm and program begins at 7:00 pm. Join the Republicans Club and let your voice be heard.

Contact: Michelle Masters, Chairperson by email at DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com.

DOBSON RANCH INDEPENDENTS CLUB

This Club meets virtually to explore other political options. **Contact: Jack Wagner,** Chairman at golfingjack@msn.com.

THINKING ABOUT STARTING YOUR OWN CLUB?

Contact **Amanda Jensen**, Recreation Manager, for complete details at *ajensen@dobsonranch.com*.



Dobson Ranch will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2023. The **50th Anniversary Special Edition** of **Ranchers' RoundUp** will be published in September 2023 and take the place of our normal September issue. Make sure you reserve your advertising spot early, because space will be limited. The 50th Anniversary Special Edition will include stories and history about what makes Dobson Ranch so special. It will be read by all in the community of over 18,000+ residents and will be a collector's item that will be cherished for years to come. Because of the longevity of this Special Edition, the ad costs for the month of September alone will increase by 20% and the new prices are reflected below in the gold column.

The *Ranchers' RoundUp* is a full COLOR magazine and is the official publication of the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association. It is published on (or before) the 10th of every month and is mailed to approximately 5,000 homes in the community. The deadline to advertise is the 10th of the month prior to publication. For the Special Edition, the deadline to submit your ad and payment is Friday, June 9, 2023. The *Ranchers' RoundUp* magazine may also be viewed online at www.dobsonranchhoa.com. Contact Nancy Roggio at nroggio@dobsonranch.com to place an ad.

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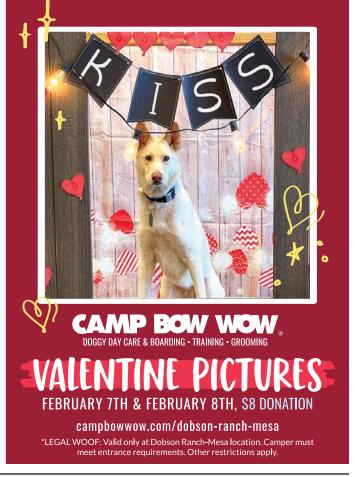
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