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Patrick and Brigette Drake celebrated together at Casino Night with some fun casino games, good food, refreshments and even better company! They both loved the Blackjack table and Patrick happily raised his fist in the air for excitement about winning some faux casino chips. They danced to 70s music and had a blast like everyone else who attended this great event! Thanks for playing!!

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Transit - 480-644-5541

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June Calendar

JUNE 2023

All events are subject to change. Visit the Events Calendar at dobsonranchhoa.com for updated info.

Float N' Feature

June 3rd
Emperor's New Groove

June 17th
Coco

7:00 pm • Los Altos Pool

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
			Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Rm. Retirees' Game Day 1:00 pm Chica Rm. Fairytale Dancers 4:30 pm Chica Rm. Intro to Ballet & Jazz 5:30 pm Chica Rm. Summer Camp Ad Hoc Meeting 6:00 pm Grande Rm. Master Planning Meeting 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	Table Tennis 4:00 pm Grande Rm.	 Emperor's New Groove 7:00 pm Los Altos Pool Sunday 4
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Board of Directors' Meeting Report - April 27, 2023 Summary of Board Action Items and Motions

2023-04-103 - A motion was unanimously carried to approve the B. Scott Daily, Financial Consultant Agreement NTE \$8000.

2023-04-104 - A motion was unanimously carried to approve by acclamation to appoint the following Members as Officers of the Board of Directors for the 2023-2024: Nicole Lynam – President; Kathleen Tolar – Vice President; Michael Snedeker – Secretary; and Stephanie Fee – Treasurer.

NOTICE: The Dobson Dolphins started swim practice on **May 30th** using the Jr. Olympic pool at Los Altos which will be closed to residents until 1:00 pm Tuesday through Friday each week. Please visit the Saratoga and La Casita pools to swim before 1:00 pm Tuesday through Friday!

For homeowners looking to make exterior home improvements this summer, please refer to the Dobson Ranch Residential Architectural Guidelines, which can be found on the Dobson Ranch website. Please note, improvements not pre-approved by DRAC, could be subject to a violation and possible corrections at the homeowners expense.

The Dobson Ranch Compliance Department is in the field on a weekly basis inspecting properties that either meet or do not meet Dobson Ranch standards. Jonathan has sent out over 800 new and follow-up compliance violations over the past six weeks! Please know that if you have received a compliance notice, do not delay in making improvements to your property. We have received positive feedback from homeowners addressing their violations and from those who thank us for improving the community. Thank you to the homeowners who keep their properties looking fantastic!

Assessment Payments

Please note that all assessment payments dropped off at the HOA office are mailed weekly to the bank lock box each Monday and Friday morning. Assessment payments are considered paid when your check has cleared your bank and the payment is accepted by the association bank and entered on your account ledger. Ensure that you write your account number on your check!

The \$15.00 late fee on assessment payments is a hard cost paid by the association and can not be waived. To ensure your payment is received on time, please mail your payment directly to the bank's lock box using the envelope included with the quarterly statements.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR ASSESSMENT PAYMENT!

Assessment payments can be made by using one of the following:



- 1) Online at dobsonranchhoa.com, then click on Make a Payment.
- 2) Using Bill Pay services from your bank.
- 3) Mail payment directly to the association lockbox using the envelope and coupon provided to you quarterly to PO Box 98148, Phoenix, AZ 85038. This goes to the bank.

For additional information, please see the updated Assessment page at dobsonranchhoa.com under Community Information, then click the Assessments tab.

Not receiving quarterly statements? Please email us; hoa.admin@dobsonranch.com your new mailing address.

The Revised Policy Document by the Board of Directors of the Association on January 20, 2022 SECTION 2 BUDGET AND FINANCE 2.1 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT states:

..... "The annual assessment will be collected on a quarterly basis, with one quarter of the total amount becoming due and payable on the FIRST of every quarter (January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year). An assessment payment is considered past due if not received within 30 days of the date on which it is due, and a late fee of \$15.00 will be levied at that time." The Policy document is posted at www.dobsonranchhoa.com under Governing Documents.

The curbside payment box will be discontinued effective August 1, 2023, a notice is posted on the box. Should you choose to drop your check at the office; we will send checks to the lockbox on Monday and Friday mornings but cannot guarantee that your payment will be received by the bank in time.

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Message From the Association President



By Nicole Lynam
Association President

In May I had the opportunity to take an amazing vacation around Greece, Italy, and France. I got to see ancient treasures, like the Parthenon and the Vatican, and I got to see more modern areas of Santorini, Greece and Cannes. As much I loved this trip and will forever cherish the memories made, it also made me appreciate home. I missed my family. I missed my neighbors. I missed my community. There are some breathtaking places in this world but we have a lot to be thankful for in our own backyards. This month I encourage everyone to slow down and look around you. Enjoy the lush grass and gorgeous lakes within Dobson Ranch. Play a round of golf at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course. Take a drive to the scenery of Sedona or Flagstaff. Or just sit down and enjoy a meal or cup of coffee with valued family and friends at a local restaurant.

Thank you to everyone who helps keep Dobson Ranch "The Best Place to Live" and for making it a community that I can miss from across the world. I hope to see you at upcoming events. Make sure to check the website, phone app, social media and weekly emails for updates.

Executive Director's Message



By Fran Pawlak
Executive Director

I cannot believe that it has already been six months! I absolutely love it here at Dobson Ranch! It has truly been an amazing experience and I am so grateful for all your support. Please know that the staff and I are committed to doing everything possible to keep your community strong, safe, healthy, and well maintained. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or suggestions. We are here to help!

We work hard to communicate relevant news and information through mail, weekly email blasts, social media, the app, the website and of course, Ranchers' RoundUp! It is important to us that you are well informed of all things regarding your community! We appreciate you taking time in your busy schedule to read this valuable information. To stay up to date, please register to receive the weekly email blast by emailing hoa.admin@dobsonranch.com or by visiting dobsonranchhoa.com under the **News** tab.

Regarding Ranchers' RoundUp, over the past few months, there have been several updates to our magazine. Moving forward, we will remove the Find the Fact Quiz to make room for more news! **The winner for the Last Find the Fact is Sherrie Quillen!** Congratulations Sherri on Finding all the Facts! Until next time...


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Mandy Hodges
at mhodes@unitedfoodbank.org

Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign

HELP THE VULNERABLE DURING TRIPLE DIGIT HEAT

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unsheltered during the summer

June 5 - September 29



DOBSON RANCH is a Drop-Off Location!
2719 S Reyes, Mesa, AZ 85202!

For the complete list of Drop-Off locations, please visit:
MesaAZ.gov/H2Omesa

#mesahydrates



Monthly Update from Vice Mayor Heredia

Don't miss out on the many camps, activities, and events this summer!

The City of Mesa offers a wide variety of camps and activities for all ages. Here's a list featuring several exciting opportunities. There is plenty of fun for everyone – see below!

Arizona Museum of Natural History: Registration for Prehistoric Preschool, our drop-off summer camp program for kids ages 4-5, is now open! This fun-filled dinosaur morning program includes creative movement, crafts and a special interactive learning circle based on several different themes.

Session 1 • 8:00 - 10:00 am • Tuesday, June 13th through Thursday, June 22nd

Session 2 • 8:00 - 10:00 am • Wednesday, June 14th through Friday, June 23rd

Teen and Youth Camps at Mesa Arts Center: Kids looking to immerse themselves into the magical world of art will find an exciting array of activities at our Mesa Arts Center Youth and Teen Summer Camps. Summer break art camps will vary from week to week through June and July. Offering topics in Jewelry, Photography, Theater, Ceramics, Printmaking, Drawing, Painting and more!

Summer Reading at the Mesa Library: Summer Reading is for all ages including Pre-readers, Kids, Teens & Adults! Create your account online. Log your reading June 1st through August 1st. Read to earn points and prizes. Attend events all summer long to collect secret codes!

Level Up Summer Camp: An immersive summer camp for neurodiverse teens to develop professional-level skills in game design. June 26th through July 19th.

Mesa Parks and Recreation: Our Mesa Parks and Recreation Department is currently offering a variety of camps and activities including summer camp, summer escape take and make activity bags, aquatics classes, teen leadership training and more!

480-644-3003 or District3@MesaAZ.gov. ~Vice Mayor Heredia

City of Mesa Summer Camps

mesa-az PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

YOUR PLACE TO PLAY

Map Locations:

- Lehi** (Star icon): 2555 N. Stapley Dr.
- Stapley** (Heart icon): 3250 E. Hermosa Vista Dr.
- Bush** (Triangle icon): 4925 E. Ingram St.
- Zaharis** (Circle icon): 9400 E. McKellips Rd.
- Webster** (Square icon): 202 N. Sycamore
- Emerson** (Hexagon icon): 415 N. Westwood
- Eagles** (Star icon): 828 E. Broadway Rd.
- Irving** (Circle icon): 3220 E. Pueblo Ave.
- Franklin** (Star icon): 4949 E. Southern Ave.
- Jefferson** (Square icon): 120 S. Jefferson Ave.
- Rhodes** (Star icon): 1860 S. Longmore
- Meridian** (Circle icon): 3800 S. Mountain Rd.

Legend:

- ★ SUMMER ADVENTURE
- BOREDOM BUSTERS
- △ OLYMPIC CAMP
- ♥ CAMP FIESTA
- SUMMER ESCAPE
- ⬡ ALL SPORTS
- ◇ WIGGLES & GIGGLES

REGISTRATION

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Code Compliance Specialist's Message



Jonathan Lefler
Code Compliance Specialist

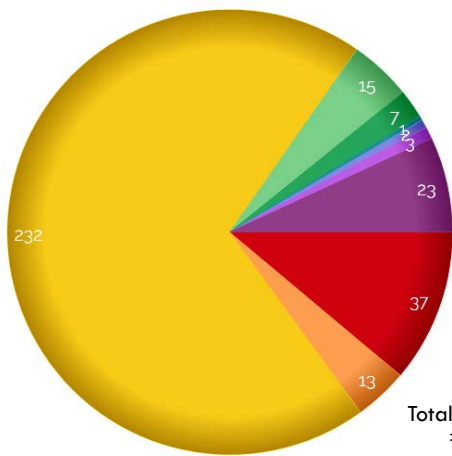
The heat is here, and the time of swimming and vacations are upon us. Please continue with maintaining your properties by clearing weeds, lawns, and trees. Please also remember that the side of your home on the street is your responsibility to maintain. By now, weeds and wildflowers should be cleaned up. If you have not done that already, please do so.

String lights have also been a hot topic. According to the guidelines updated on **June 14, 2022, Section 2.5** string lights are not allowed on the front of your home, on fences or around trees and cacti. If you have string lights hung in those areas, please remove to prevent a violation. String lights are allowed in your backyard attached to your house or to the wall but please know if they are attached to a pole of any kind, you face the chance of receiving a violation. As always, if you feel like you may get a violation for something but are unsure, please have the Board of Directors review your item of concern by filling out an architectural application through the HOA Life portal.

Please remember to not feed the ducks! Please respect them and the other animals around Dobson Ranch by not feeding any animals that are not yours.

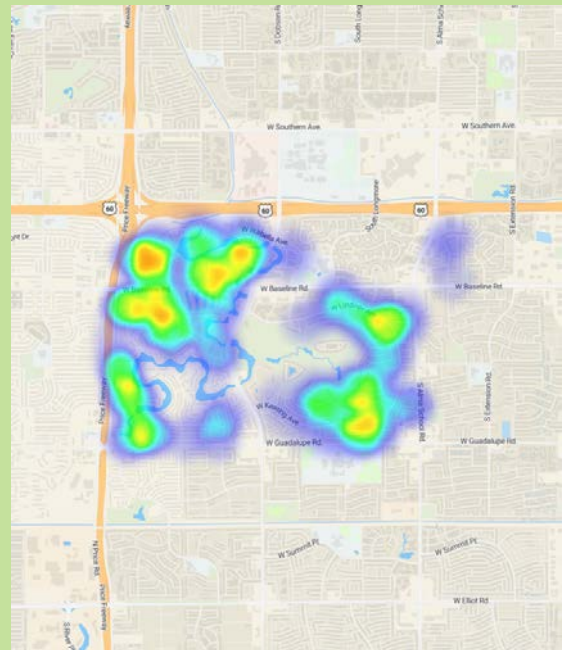
Once again thank you to those that are taking care of your properties. If you do have a violation, please correct the issue right away. If you complete a violation, send me an email with a picture and I will close it. If you ever have any questions, please reach out to me by email at jlefler@dobsonranch.com or by calling the office.

CC&R Notices for April 2023



- Section 2.5 Outside Lighting
- Section 2.5.1 Holiday Lights & Decorations
- Section 2.14 Care of Properties
- Section 2.15 Rubbish & Debris
- Section 2.7 Fences & Gates
- Section 2.20 Trash Bin Storage
- Section 2.7.2 Uniform Painting
- Section 2.25 Garages & Carports
- Other Violations

Other violations include Exterior Colors, Lake Front Walls and Fences, Sunshades, Fabric Shadesm Umbrellas, Windows and Awnings, Visible Yard Areas, Trees, Roof Maintenance, Mailboxes, Vehicles, Storing of Vehicles and Watercraft.



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



Data from:



DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

Aphids: Amazons of the Insect World

Aphids are the Amazons of the insect world! The virgin females give birth to about seven live young a day all summer long. In autumn males are born without mouths solely to service the females, sort of like the ultimate Stepford male. Eggs laid at this time will over winter to emerge in the spring.

Hungry these drill-mouthed little beings are. They aren't particularly picky, happy to suck up thousands of plant species' proteins and sugars. Aphids are defenseless against predation, and enlist ants as their security guards. If you see ants running up and down your plants, suspect aphids and take a good look at the base of the plant, in the soil and on the undersides of leaves. The ants stroke the backs of their small friends encouraging them to excrete a drop of honeydew from their teeny, tiny butts. Honeydew, mostly made up of water, contains nutrients: amino acids (the building blocks of proteins) and sugars. In delighted return, the ants keep them safe from parasites and predators. When need be, ants will sometimes even build little shelters over them. Herded together by the ants as a shepherd does his sheep, the aphids thrive.

Unfortunately, your plants won't. The best defense is to strike when the aphid population is small. Check your plants carefully for natural enemies of aphids such as green lacewings, aphid predator midges, lady beetles (ladybugs), and parasitic wasps. If present, these predators will keep the population in check with no action on your part needed. If not, then blast the aphids off with a hose every 2-3 days, and get under the leaves. Once blasted off, they can't find their way back on. Some people swear by insecticidal soaps, others by spraying on water with a few drops of dishwashing soap in it. Systemics work too. Check with your nursery for the best one to use on your plant as different ones work on different aphids. I usually just turn on the hose and squish away with my fingers and follow up with a blast from the hose.



By Gardener's Supply
Pictures of aphids are deceptive as aphids are so tiny you won't see them without magnification. Sometimes you'll see a haze on the plant. They can feel "rough" when you run a finger over them.



From istockphoto.

SOIL, THE NATURAL IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Most, if not all, landscaping plants in arid environments require supplemental water to survive and thrive. So, making sure that drip emitters or bubblers are properly located near plants and that the irrigation system functions properly are essential tasks for landscape managers. But there's more to it than that.

Delivering water to the area where plants are located is only part of the job. A complete and properly functioning irrigation program must ensure that the water actually arrives at the root zone and is available for uptake by the plant's roots. This is not as simple as we might think.

Soil is nature's own unique irrigation system designed to deliver water from the soil surface to the root zone. It does so via large and small pore spaces that, connected together, form networks of tiny "pipes" through the soil matrix. At least that's how it's supposed to work. There are certain factors that determine whether the soil can fulfill its role as a natural irrigation system. Primary among these are soil type and compaction. Soil type refers to the sizes of the solid particles that make up the soil: sand, silt, and clay. The larger the particle sizes, the larger the spaces—pores—between them. The smaller the particles, the smaller the pore spaces between them.

Compaction is a soil physical condition found in almost all residential, commercial, and municipal properties.

Surface traffic of all kinds (construction equipment, vehicles, maintenance equipment, and pedestrian foot traffic) crush the soil particles together, squeezing the spaces between them until the tiny "pipes" collapse and become blocked. When this happens, water dripped onto the soil's surface infiltrates very slowly or not at all, resulting in ponding, evaporation, or erosion. In some cases, the water we drip on the soil never reaches the roots in sufficient amounts, resulting in wasted water and struggling plants.

Landscape managers responsible for ensuring the effectiveness of irrigation programs must keep in mind that the soil is the second half of every irrigation system. Knowing the soil type and its compacted condition, and hence its capacity to distribute water to the root zone, is vital in order to properly manage this interconnected system.

Article provided by Roger Hartzog of Tree Theory.

Landscaping tips brought to you by:





Earth Day - Going Strong in Dobson Ranch after 53 Years!

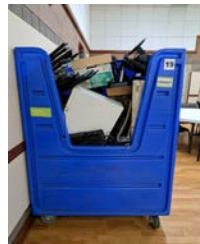
By Kathrine Blomquist, Water and Lake Management Committee Member



For the first time, the Dobson Ranch Spring Expo was held on Earth Day, April 22, and the morning did not disappoint. The weather was perfect, a wide variety of conservation products and services were showcased, and thousands of ladybugs found new homes in the community. Brought to you by the Water and Lake Management

Committee, the annual event helps all residents explore different options to incorporate on their conservation journey, such as reducing outdoor and indoor water use and recycling.

Included in this year's Expo was a collection bin for Electronic Waste, thanks to a partnership with **AZStRUT (Arizona Students Recycling Used Technology)**. Way to go, residents! You dropped off a total of 1,694 pounds of e-waste, an amount "above average" for a three-hour timeframe. If you were unable to drop off your e-waste, you can take it to the AZStRUT facility between 9:00 am - 1:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays (1720 W. Broadway Road, Mesa 85202) or to a local **Batteries Plus** location. Please check out azstrut.org or call 480-222-4066 for up-to-date information.



Were you able to visit Dobson Ranch's Xeriscape Demonstration Garden and Memorial Rose Garden on Earth Day? If not, good news - these gardens are available year-round so stop by and enjoy these often overlooked amenities.

What do Adrienne A., Alicia G., and Cyd R. have in common? They were this year's raffle prize winners. Their completed "bingo cards," along with 14 other lucky winners, were randomly selected at the end of the event. Thanks to all the vendors for donating the generous prizes!

The Water and Lake Management Committee thanks all the residents that attended the 5th Annual Spring Expo and celebrated Earth Day's 53rd Anniversary.



(Left to Right): Young residents enjoy a dance party sponsored by Dance 101; Rosarian Steve S. at the Memorial Rose Garden; Trees Matter volunteers at the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden

Thank you to the Dobson Ranch Recreation staff for helping to set up the event stage and many thanks are also extended to the event sponsors and vendors. The ongoing community support and partnerships ensure the success of the Spring Expo! [#DobsonConservation](https://twitter.com/DobsonConservation)

2023 Spring Expo Vendors and Sponsors

- A&P Nursery
- City of Mesa - Environmental Mgmt & Sustainability Dept. Dance 101
- Deep Drip Watering Stakes
- Dobson Ranch Administration
- Dobson Ranch Library
- Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club
- DR Water & Lake Mgmt. Committee
- GraPHXsignz
- Herbal Jules
- La Casita Preschool - Ms. Jessi
- Mesa Recycles
- Rosarians Mike Jepsen and Steve Sheard
- Solar Safe Pool Covers
- SRP
- SummerWinds Nursery
- Trees Matter
- University of AZ Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners
- Vice Mayor Heredia's Office



Gardens in the Ranch

Xeriscape Demonstration Garden

2451 W. Kiowa Avenue
What was once a tennis court and then a community garden, Dobson Ranch's Xeriscape Demonstration Garden showcases a variety of low-water-use plants, trees and shrubs.

Memorial Rose Garden

South of 2025 S. Dobson Road (north of the Dobson Ranch Professional Center). The rose garden is home to approximately 175 rose bushes.



Water Aerobics is here for the Summer!

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



What's more fun than jumping in the pool on a hot summer day? Jumping in a pool to practice water aerobics with Becky Hasler! Becky has been the Dobson Ranch's Water Aerobics Instructor for over 20 years, and she loves it more each year, and so do her students!

Becky moved to Dobson Ranch in 1992 and worked for quite some time as a public-school teacher in Mesa who taught basic arithmetic. Eventually, she retired with her husband and to keep busy, she asked the La Casita Recreation Department at the time if she could teach a water aerobics class. They accepted and for some time Becky explained that it took some time for the class to become popular. Becky said "At first there were not too many people attending the class, but the Recreation Department said to give it some time and I did. And now I have an average of 28 students in each class! The recent pandemic also did not stop us from practicing! We were making sure to stay safe, but we still got out and enjoyed the water and seeing one another. Now

the water aerobics class is stronger than ever."

The water aerobics class is open to men and women of all shapes, abilities and ages! At first, the class was more geared toward women, but Becky explained how that all changed. "One morning, we were practicing at the Saratoga pool and a gentleman named Scott Sepulveda was running by. He came into the pool area and asked if we would allow guys to join. So, I talked to my gals, and they were fine with it, so now we have male students attending! My husband also got involved and he loves to put together our music playlists."

Becky's water aerobics classes are the best of both worlds. One, they are a morning class that help to prepare you for the day and start with a great workout. Two, it keeps you cool, especially in the dry Arizona summer heat, it keeps you cool! There are several items that Becky incorporates into the workout such as light, floatable dumbbells, pool noodles, and typically a fun theme to up dress to! "Something new I am going to implement this upcoming summer is Tabata in the pool! Tabata is an exercise program where you work fast and hard to the music for 20 seconds and then you rest for 10 seconds, and I come up with different movements. It's just very good for our joints, hearts, and especially having fun with our friends."

Becky reminisced on a very special memory in her time as the water aerobics instructor. "I have made so many amazing friends over the years through this class and living in Dobson Ranch, and one of my friends and students was an older gal who unfortunately passed away from medical complications. So, I contacted her daughter who was stricken with sadness, and I told her that we would put together a beautiful memorial for her mother. My friends and I rented the La Casita Grande room, everyone helped by making food and making the space look beautiful, and her daughter just cried, so we gave her mother a wonderful memorial. And all of this happened due to the friendships I had made with water aerobics."

Becky's work in Dobson Ranch speaks volumes about her character and commitment to making a positive impact in her community. Her contributions as a swim instructor and community leader have enriched the lives of many, and she continues to be a respected and admired figure in Dobson Ranch.

Check out the Recreation & Lifestyle classes on page 18 for more details of Becky's water aerobics classes and for more summer activities including Aqua Zumba with Karen!



The Dobson Ranch Water Aerobics Family.



Lakes & Fish Report

By Zach Hache, Water Resource Manager

Did you ever have the opportunity to stay at a lake-side cottage back home? Remember those pesky gnats that came out at dusk? Those pesky gnats are actually midge flies. Although some resemble mosquitoes, most midge species are non-biting insects and are not known vectors of human disease. They are nonetheless a nuisance---buzzing in your ears, flying in your face, swarming under the eaves of your home, and leaving a mess of dead little bodies or stains on your patio and window sills.

Midge flies are found near water because they are aquatic in their larval (immature) stages. The larvae are best suited to habitats with organic sediments and lots of algae. Midges are biological components of almost every lake or pond. Midges have relatively short flight patterns, but are distributed easily over long distances by wind. Adult midge flies appear to seek shelter in trees and under eaves of buildings during the warmer daylight hours.

Control of midge flies can be successful when using a multifaceted approach. Stocking with biological predators, such as gold fish or common carp, that prey on midge larvae at the lake bottom. Natural predators include dragonfly larvae, juvenile waterbugs, water boatman, backswimmers, and predacious diving beetles and their larvae (tiggers). If necessary, chemical pesticides may also be used including biologicals or growth regulators. Biological larvicides do not have negative impacts on other aquatic organisms and degrade quickly in the environment. The bio-larvicides are produced from bacteria that contain crystals containing an endotoxin. When the midge larvae consume the crystals, the toxin causes a change in the larvae's blood chemistry, paralysis, and death. Growth regulators are chemicals that interfere with the normal development of the larvae into an adult fly. They are relatively non-toxic to most other aquatic organisms.

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 and set the alert notification.

Download the Dobson Ranch App!



GET IT ON **Google Play** | Download on the **App Store**

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
April 2023 : 67 Homes Sold
 April 2022 : 89 Homes Sold
 March 2023 : 35 Homes Sold
 March 2022 : 87 Homes Sold

Median Home Sale Price in Dobson Ranch April 2023: \$439,000
April 2022: \$474,900
 (-7.6% Growth Year-Over-Year)

Median Home Sale Price in 85202 April 2023: \$399,950
April 2022: \$430,000
 (-7.0% Growth Year-Over-Year)

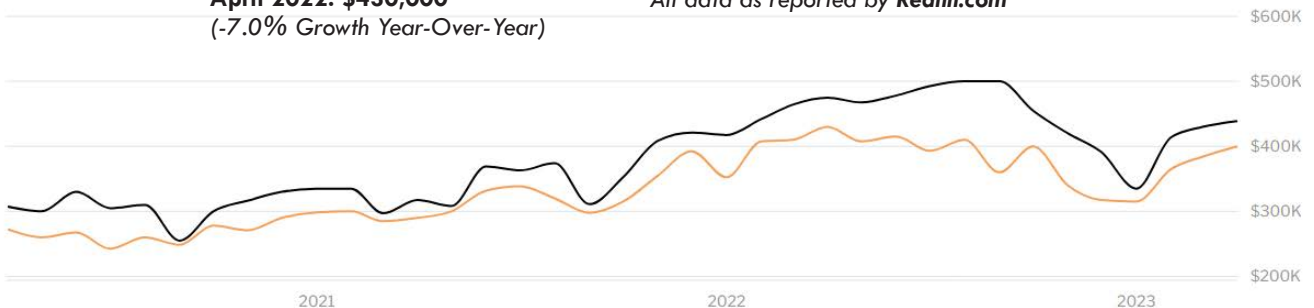
What is the housing market like in Dobson Ranch?

In April 2023, Dobson Ranch home prices were down 7.6% compared to last year, selling for a median price of \$439K. On average, homes in Dobson Ranch sell after 37 days on the market compared to 15 days last year. There were 67 homes sold in April this year, down from 89 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 35 days. Hot homes can sell for around list price and go pending in around 21 days.

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





Dad's Make a Difference at Mesa Public Schools

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

Mesa Public Schools provides quality educational choices for students from pre-K through high school. With a long tradition of excellence in academics, athletics, service and the arts, Mesa's schools are the heart of the community.

When families and communities donate their time and resources, it makes students' educational experiences richer and schools stronger. Motivated by a desire to make a difference in our schools, meet two exceptional dads who are making a difference one substitute assignment at a time.

Modeling a new level of partnership with schools

Oscar White is a former Marine, father of a Mesa Public Schools alumni, and member of Mayor Giles Human Relations Advisory Board. He volunteers with veterans organizations and has a successful management career at Amazon. With a full schedule, one would wonder why he also devotes his time to being a substitute teacher at Mesa Public Schools.

White shares that our children are the future of our community, and it's too important not to get involved. Schools need the community to engage with them.

"Yes, my schedule is busy, but I believe that it's imperative to make the commitment to give back to our youth," White says. "I remember all of the special angels in my educational career that helped me along my way and as a positive male role model, I want to pay it forward."

MPS attracts and employs good people with big hearts

Mark Pond retired from the aerospace industry, and in his family's best interest, became a stay-at-home dad. Pond celebrates eight years of substitute teaching and shares that his daughter's counselor at Mesa Academy for Advanced Studies originally talked him into it. He completed his paperwork on a Wednesday and the next day was subbing for the Mandarin Chinese teacher. Pond shares that he enjoys being a substitute teacher because it's fun, and the students keep him young at heart.

"When my daughter was a fourth grader, she figured out dad early on in life," Pond says. "She knew that if she asked me to join the PTO, I would probably do what most dads do and say I don't have the time, but instead she joined the robotics team and asked me to build a table for her team."

Pond built the table, became a robotics team coach, mentored other coaches and for the past three years has worked just about every day as a substitute.

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



Photos Left to Right: Mark Pond retired from the aerospace industry and now gives back to youth as a substitute teacher and robotics coach; Oscar White enjoys making a difference in the lives of students as a substitute teacher and mentor.

Story by Laurie Struna

Photos by Tim Hacker



How the Hogans do Theme Parks

By Dr. Andrea Hogan, Resident Guest Writer

A popular summer vacation spot for ranchers is southern California, with the premier destination for kids being theme parks. We vacationed there every summer and have visited most parks. As a college professor, I tell my students “If you fail to plan, plan to fail”. This advice is as good personally as it is academically. I’ve heard horror stories from friends who’ve gone to the most magical place on earth with no planning – to experience nothing magical. As a super planner and former OC resident, here are some tips to make your park experience extra magical!

Tip 1 – Pick a day you want to go, research the crowds, then adjust accordingly. Isitpacked.com is my go-to when planning. It tracks crowds at all major parks. The levels are “1. Ghost Town, 2. Hey, It’s Aight, 3. Yup, It’s Packed and 4. Forget About it”. As someone who struggles with anxiety, I take the “forget about it” advice to heart and have never braved a park those days. However, I have gone on the “Yup, It’s Packed” days, and with the right amount of planning and realistic expectations, those experiences have been magical.

Tip 2 - Download the app for the park you are visiting ahead. All apps have maps to their parks, wait times, entertainment times, dining options and tips. Play around with it and familiarize yourself with the contents and how to navigate it. Make sure you have a fully charged phone and refer to the app often. Have a general plan of the rides and attractions your family wants to do and map it out beforehand. Once you are at the park, be okay adjusting it when needed.

Tip 3 –The more people, the merrier, especially with younger kids! All parks have rider swaps for parents of kids in strollers. When my kids were too young to ride big rollercoasters, one of us would wait in line with the stroller while the kids went with the other parent/family member to smaller rides or character greets. At the front of the line, we got a “rider swap” pass. Two adults got to ride first without the kids and then immediately after, take the pass to the other adults with kids, who could skip the line with the pass. This allowed us to tackle multiple rides and attractions with kids.

Tip 4 – Pack ahead and take strollers. Most parks allow for outside food with children. A stroller comes in handy because you can use the storage for food and pre-purchased swag. Lunch and water at parks are expensive! I packed lunches

and stored frozen water bottles in the stroller. I always keep with themes, purchasing Mickey Mouse crackers for Disneyland, Minion snacks for Universal, and Lego characters for Legoland. At home I keep sugary snacks to a minimum, but theme parks are the perfect time to splurge at the grocery store, knowing it’s cheaper and healthier than park options. I also stocked up on play packs from the dollar tree and gave to the kids in lines.

Tip 5 – Buy souvenirs before and give to kids there. My daughter was two the first time we took her to Disneyland. Princess dresses at the famous Bibbidi, Bobbidi Boutique started at \$70. A Princess dress at Target was \$17, so I bought one there and brought to Disney. When she inevitably asked for a princess dress, I took out the Target dress from the stroller. It was her favorite dress until the second time we took her to Disney. She was five and we went with her cousin (also five). My sister bought them Princess dresses (and accessories) via Amazon for \$20, at line in Royal Hall (where you meet princesses at Disney), she snuck ahead and handed Princess Cinderella’s handler the dresses. Cinderella called our girls by name and told them her fairy god mother made them special dresses. The girls were floored! My son was three and into Star Wars. I purchased a \$10 lightsaber via Amazon and at the park had a stormtrooper present it to him. You know what your kid likes, so buy it before and then give it there. In my experience - the character handlers are happy to accommodate!

Tip 5 - Hunt for deals. We’ve gone to SeaWorld, Disneyland, California Adventure, Legoland and Universal Studios. Each park offered a unique experience and discounts. SeaWorld has great discounts for active military and veterans, discounts for Legoland are available via the Valpak mailers and Universal has been on Groupon. For Disneyland, you can purchase gift cards at grocery stores or Target to use at the park entrance, which allow you to earn cash back or rewards at each store.

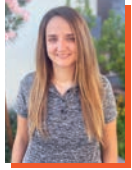
Remember - a little preparation goes a long way! Hopefully these tips help you plan your next theme park experience!



Left to Right: Disneyland with Emmett and Ella; Ella in her new princess dress; Hogans at Legoland; Hogans at SeaWorld.



From the Recreation & Lifestyle Manager's Desk



By Amanda Jensen
Recreation & Lifestyle Manager

Thank you to everyone that came out for Casino Night. It was a great event!

It's time to dust off your floaties and hit the pool for our first Float N' Feature of the summer on June 3rd starting at 7:00 pm at the Los Altos pool. The voting is in, and we will be watching The Emperor's New Groove!

Just a couple of friendly reminders:

- We are in the process of switching from ActiveNet to RecDesk. We are getting closer to launching the new recreation site. We are working hard to make sure that everything is up and running so the transition will be smoother for all of you.
- Pickleball Courts are no longer reservable. The courts will now follow the standard game format and will only be closed during the Dobson Ranch Pickleball Club times (found on the pickleball page # 22) and during any leagues or tournaments scheduled by the Recreation & Lifestyle's department. Here are the rules for the Pickleball Courts to make sure every resident has a chance to enjoy the game! Standard Format is as follows:

- 1) The first side to score 11 points or lead by two (2) wins the match.
- 2) Once a match is completed, players must exit the courts to allow new players to enter and play.

We thank you all for helping to keep our community strong!

Strength Training Class

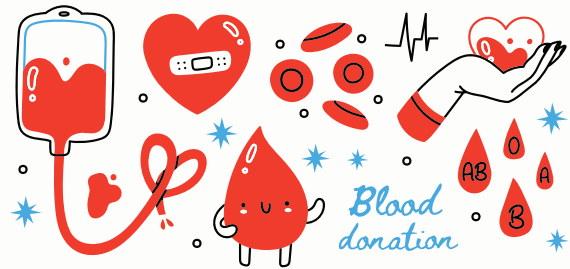
Next dates: June 10th and July 8th
10:00 - 11:00 am with Megan Martin
at La Casita!

For residents only.

No equipment needed!

A Strength training and cardio class,
good for any fitness level,
beginner - advanced. 18 years and older.
Can make modifications for
elderly or disabled.

Save the dates for our next blood drives!



August 1st & October 17th!



VOLUNTEER WITH US AT OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT THE FALL FESTIVAL ON NOV. 4th!!
YOU WILL GET A COOL T-SHIRT, A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE & YOU WILL HAVE A BLAST!
Volunteer forms are located in the La Casita Recreation Center so come see us to sign up!



CASINO NIGHT







Dobson Ranch Tennis Academy

ADULTS

Dobson Ranch offers a full range of programs and playing opportunities for ages 16+ and various ability levels. We focus on developing the complete player who can perform in any match situation at any level. Our tennis pro combines technical, mental and physical elements of the game to help build confidence and conditioning to ensure a positive, successful and fun experience.

Adult Skills & Drills

Geared for advanced beginners/intermediate players, this class focuses on technique and spin production on shots, as well as basic match strategies. Through structured drills, players will improve their playing consistency, build confidence, and learn how to generate more speed and power.

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm | Sessions: Monthly

Monday, June 5, 12, 19, 26 | 6260 | \$40 R/\$60 NR

Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21, 28 | 6261 | \$40 R/\$60 NR

Adult Weekday & Weekend 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.

Weekdays: 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly

Monday, June 5, 12, 19, 26 | 6263 | \$40 R/\$60 NR

Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21, 28 | 6262 | \$40 R/\$60 NR

8:00 am - 9:30 am | Monthly

Saturday, June 3, 10, 17, 24

6264 \$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 junior's program from the youngest beginners to sanctioned tournament players. Each tennis student's placement is based on age, experience and a challenge ladder. Classes combine energized drills, fun games, match play and conditioning. Our goal is for tennis students to reach a higher level of play and learn to love a sport they will play for a lifetime. Sharing the experience can make it more enjoyable, so invite a friend to join you on the courts and learn tennis together!

Junior Clinic

This class is for junior tennis players 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 racket, our tennis pro will fit your child for the proper racket size during the first class.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly

Monday, June 5, 12, 19, 26 | 6265 | \$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, relaxed setting.

Saturday, June 17, 2023

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

FREE! Adults 16+

(Register in advance, space is limited.)

Tennis Tip for June 2023



By Kwong Young

Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Summer is upon us, and with it comes the scorching "dry" heat of Arizona and as active players, we must be careful and wise when facing the extreme weather

conditions that Mother Nature will throw our way, including the Monsoons. While in the colder months we may wish for hotter temperatures and use our heaters, we now need to remember some important considerations for staying safe and healthy during the triple-digit heat.

First and foremost, stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Wear loose, light-colored clothing to stay cool and protect your skin from the sun's harmful rays by applying and reapplying sunscreen. To make the game more enjoyable, consider serving twice as a team and switching sides every even-numbered game to avoid facing the sun. No-Add scoring can also speed up play, eliminating the long deuce points.

It's important to listen to your body and communicate how you're feeling with your teammates. Bring a small cooler with icy water to refresh your face and neck with a washcloth. Consider playing for a shorter duration of time, perhaps just one hour instead of the typical 1.5 hours, or even playing tiebreakers to lessen the amount of time spent in the heat.

Remember these tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable game, even in the hottest months of the year.

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.



Splash into summer with these classes!

WATER AEROBICS

Instructor: Becky

When: June 5th Start, Monday through 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: June 8th start, 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

To register, visit the La Casita Recreation center at 2719 S Reyes, Mesa, AZ 85202!

LA CASITA PRESCHOOL CLASS OF 2023!



Congratulations!



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.



YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Jeanne
When: Mondays
Where: La Casita Recreation Center
Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Cost: \$8 drop in, \$42 resident only for a 7-use punch card.



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

calmness using breathing techniques, balancing postures and stretching/floor work. Modifications available to meet all levels. Bring a yoga mat. Yoga blocks, strap and blanket/towel are very helpful.

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 intl. 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!

HEALING YOGA

Instructor: Samantha
When: Thursdays ONLY now
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 also 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.



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CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Class Code: 6112

When: Thursdays, June 6th - July 11th

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

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

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

Children will be introduced to dance through their favorite fairytales during this positive and encouraging class. Dance can build self-esteem and improve motor skills. Watch your prince 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: 6106

When: Tuesdays, June 9th - July 14th

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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

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INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)

Class Code: 6118

When: Thursdays, June 9th - July 14th

Where: La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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

In a fun, encouraging and high energy atmosphere, your child will be shown the fundamentals of ballet and jazz, which can help to improve motor skills and creative expression. Soft-soled shoes or bare feet are recommended. 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: June 23rd

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: June 16th

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.



Community Table Tennis (Drop-In)

When: Fridays, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Where: La Casita Rec. Center

Available for DR Residents, First come first serve must be 13 or over to participate or with an adult.

Paddles & ball free to rent with license or school ID.

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:

- 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.
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Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Susan Toevs, Retirees' Club President

The Dobson Ranch Retirees will continue to meet throughout the summer at our regular time of 9:30 am, on the first Monday of the month for "Fun, Food, and Fellowship!"

Members will be asked to contribute pot luck food and bring their own beverages for the meetings. This gives our hospitality team a much needed break from the food preparation and clean up that each meeting requires.

Our summertime activities have been reduced due to the heat and we will not be hiking, biking, walking or picnicking until cooler temperatures return. We will continue to enjoy our other events including Men's Breakfasts, Ladies Luncheons, Happy Hour and Dinner Night Out. Line Dancing and Games will continue indoors at La Casita. [See page 22 for Line Dancing information!](#)

In June, The Day Trippers planned an outing to the Arizona Museum of Natural History which included an immersive walk through prehistoric Arizona with full size dinosaurs and panning for gold. Thanks to Betsy Hertzler for organizing this outing.

Future programs will include a video trip of Indonesia, Bali, Bangkok and beyond recently visited by one of our members. In the fall we will have a Waymo demonstration and explanation.

I want to recognize and thank Susie and Gerry Payne who have been chairpersons for the monthly picnics for the last five years. They are stepping down as leaders of this group and Elaine and Mike Nester are stepping into leadership. We are happy that this popular event will continue once weather permits.

I personally want to thank my Vice President, Donna Fox, for stepping up to fill in for me these last months as I recovered from surgery and enjoyed vacation time away from Presidential duties. She and the Board kept the Retirees' Club running smoothly. An additional Thank you to Susan Davis who wrote the Retirees' articles for me these last months as well!

Our club is full of wonderful people who have many gifts and talents. Come join us for the fun, food and fellowship!

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





Women's Club

By **Patty Smith**, Women's Club President

Happy Flag Day! Fly your Flag high! Dobson Ranch is 50 years Young! In honor of Memorial Day I am highlighting an original/longtime member of the DRWC. We celebrate Sameera Abou-Haidar for her accomplishments and talents. She and her husband, Adib of 57 years, moved to Dobson Ranch from Lebanon 39 years ago. She is blessed with four children, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Sameera joined the DRWC and has held many positions on our DRWC Board, including two terms as President.

Sameera has a passion for Tennis and Bridge and has the title of Master Bridge Player. It is not easy to get all those game points!

Along with Bridge and Tennis, she is an accomplished Concert Pianist. She has been accompanied by her dear friend and Opera singer, for many concerts. Lynda and Sameera were the "dynamic dual" tennis partners for many years. They brought so much joy and laughter to the tennis group. **HAPPY 92nd BIRTHDAY SAMEERA!** We celebrated Sameera's birthday with Lynda being our host for our Salad Supper and Bunco. Thank you, Lynda for all the fun. We are so Blessed and Proud of you. Thank you for your friendship and love.



Celebrating Cinco de Mayo at Macayo's.

Affectionately, **Patty**

Summer Hours In Effect, And New Signage Is On The Way....

By **Rich Bitner**, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Dobson Ranch Pickleball at Los Altos continues to boom...While morning attendance at pickleball continues to wane a bit with increasing heat and most of our retired winter visitors leaving Arizona, we are still seeing 3-5 courts in use at various times.

The Recreation Committee, Pickleball Club and Recreation and Lifestyles Department leaders are working with the Board of Directors to address overcrowding issues.

New temporary signage is already posted at the Los Altos courts concerning scheduling, that includes the Pickleball Club schedule for open play in the mornings and evenings, and periodically there will be temporary signs for any reservations approved by the Recreation & Lifestyles Department. As of now the Los Altos courts can only be reserved by contacting the Recreation Department at 480-831-7464 or visiting the La Casita office at 2719 S Reyes, Mesa, AZ 85202.

Under the new postings for Los Altos court scheduling, the courts are available from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm, for "open play", i.e., "no reservations, unless approved by the Recreation Department for special events." However, six of the eight courts are designated for Pickleball Club play Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 7:00 - 9:00 am, and evenings on Monday and Thursday from 6:00 pm -10:00 pm.

Pickleball Club play simply means those residents and their guests will be playing four on and four off, with up to 11 games, as long as people are not waiting on the sidelines. Everyone takes turns waiting and playing with whoever shows up to participate. And, experienced players help inexperienced

Retirees' Hiking Club

By **Barbara Stout**, Retirees' Hiking Club Chairperson

Due to the summer heat, this is our schedule until October and we will see you again in the fall! Happy trails! ~ Barb



DRR Hikers in Payson, AZ.

LADIES - ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FREE LINE DANCING?

We meet every Tuesday 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), so she can add you to her email list.

players improve by working with them. Let's get fit, get social and have a great time together!!

We provide balls for drop-in play through the generous donations of our players, and can provide loaned paddles, but please wear appropriate court shoes and make sure you are hydrating, stretching and warming up as needed. 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 at donna85202@gmail.com to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.



Rich, Diane and Deb, who won the final game.

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Summer Reading Program



Registering for summer reading is a fun and smart way to start the summer. Mesa Public Library is participating in the countywide Summer Reading Program, June 1st through August 1st, encouraging people of all ages to read at least 20 minutes a day. This year's theme is **All Together Now** – focusing on friendship and unity.

Participants can earn online badges to keep a healthy competition with family and friends. A link to register and get information on prizes is available at www.mesalibrary.org/summerreading. You can also log your reading hours. Every minute spent reading equals one point.

There are prizes for all ages when they log 250, 500, 750 and 1000 points. Based on point levels, prizes include restaurant coupons, Arizona State Parks passes, Phoenix Mercury tickets and free books. All prizes and coupons are subject to availability while supplies last. Readers who finish the program with 1000 points will be entered for numerous raffle prizes.

The program plays a vital role in helping to reduce the “Summer Slide” or the learning loss experienced while transitioning between school years. Reading just five books over the summer can prevent summer reading loss.

SUMMER REGISTRATION FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS



Registration is underway for Mesa Parks and Recreation summer programs. Aquatics opportunities include swim lessons, aquatic sports teams, private swim lessons, Dive In Movies and more! Other programs include day camps and sports camps for youth and recreation events for teens like a FlowRider field trip. This summer, Adult Sports programs include cornhole, Mesa Hikes, softball, flag football, kickball, volleyball and Recess for Adults, which offers a new sport or game each week. Tennis, pickleball, adaptive sports and special interest classes are available for adults and youth.

Browse through the latest edition of the Jump In Guide to get a glimpse of all the activities going on with Mesa Parks and Recreation this summer! Also, see if you qualify for the MRS Discount! You could get 50% off youth and adaptive programs.

There are three ways to register:

- 1) Online at www.mesaparks.com
- 2) Email a completed registration form to parksresreq@mesaaz.gov
- 3) Mail a completed registration form to: **Mesa Parks and Recreation - P.O. Box 1466, Mail Stop 7010, Mesa, AZ 8522**

Registration forms are available in English and Spanish. For questions, call **(480) 644-PLAY (7529)**.





The AT&T Fiber Arizona Celebration of Freedom, the “coolest” independence festival in Arizona, returns to downtown Mesa on Tuesday, July 4 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. This free festival includes live music, patriotic displays, Revolutionary War reenactments, BMX stunt show, laser light show, family fun, fireworks and much more! The Arizona Celebration of Freedom is held at the Mesa Amphitheatre and Mesa Convention Center, 263 N. Center St., and along Center Street between Second Street and University Drive. For more information, visit www.azcelebrationoffreedom.com.



Downtown Mesa Farmers Market is a year-round market! The market runs every Saturday from 8:00 am-12:30 pm fall/winter/spring and 8:00 am-11:00 am summer. DMFM is unique in that it hosts farmers and makers, including a component that incorporates some of the best makers and crafted goods in the area.



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