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The beautiful young ladies you see on the cover includes mom Sabrina Le, and her two daughters Priscilla and Penelope. They enjoyed a perfect day out in the sunshine at our Easter Eggstravaganza event at Laguna Park. They sported only the best fashion with chic hats, sunglasses and glamerous dresses. Priscilla and Penelope collected many easter eggs, during the egg hunt!

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Transit - 480-644-5541

Volunteer - 480-644-5432

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Crime Prevention/Neighborhood Watch - 480-644-2539

AZ Blue Stake - 602-263-1100

Salt River Project - 602-236-8888

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May Calendar

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



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
Retirees' General Mtg. 9:00 am Grande Rm. Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Rm. Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Chica Rm. Water Mgmt & Lake Habitat Mtg. 5:30 pm Grande Rm.	Line Dancing 9:45 am Grande Rm. Rec. Committee Mtg. 4:00 pm Grande Rm. Dance Sampler 5:30 pm Chica Rm. Zumba 6:30 pm Chica Rm.	Tai Chi 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.	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. Master Planning Meeting 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	Table Tennis 5 4:00 pm Grande Rm.	6 Sunday 7
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Retirees' Board Mtg. 9:00 am Grande Rm. Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Rm. Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Chica Rm.	Line Dancing 16 9:45 am Grande Rm. Dance Sampler 5:30 pm Chica Rm. Laguna Village BOD Mtg. 6:00 pm Grande Rm. Zumba 6:30 pm Chica Rm.	Tai Chi 17 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.	Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Rm. Fairytale Dancers 4:30 pm Chica Rm. Intro to Ballet & Jazz 5:30 pm Chica Rm.	Retirees' Game Day 1:00 pm Chica Rm. Table Tennis 4:00 pm Chica Rm. Bunco 6:30 pm Chica Rm.	20 Sunday 21
Bridge 22 12:30 pm Chica Rm. Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Chica Rm. Budget & Finance Mtg. 6:30 pm Grande Rm.	Line Dancing 23 9:45 am Grande Rm. DRAC Mtg. 5:30 pm Grande Rm. Zumba 6:30 pm Chica Rm.	Tai Chi 24 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.	Healing Yoga 25 8:15 am Grande Rm. BOD Executive Mtg. (Closed) 5:30 pm Grande Rm. Legante Paseo BOD Mtg. 6:00 pm Chica Rm. BOD Meeting (Open) 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	Table Tennis 26 4:00 pm Grande Rm. Poker 6:30 pm Chica Room	27 Sunday 28
Bridge 12:30 pm Chica Rm. Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Chica Rm.	Line Dancing 9:45 am Grande Rm. Dance Sampler 5:30 pm Chica Rm. Zumba 6:30 pm Chica Rm.	Tai Chi 31 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.			



June Calendar

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Bridge 12 12:30 pm La Casita Chica Rm. Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Chica Rm.	Line Dancing 9:45 am Grande Rm. Dance Sampler 5:30 pm Chica Rm. DRAC Mtg. 5:30 pm Grande Rm. Zumba 6:30 pm Chica Rm.	Tai Chi 14 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.	Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Rm. Fairtytale Dancers 4:30 pm Chica Rm. BOD Working Session 5:00 pm Grande Rm. Intro to Ballet & Jazz 5:30 pm Chica Rm.	Retirees' Game Day 1:00 pm Chica Rm. Table Tennis 4:00 pm Chica Rm. Bunco 6:30 pm Chica Rm.	Feature Coco 7:00 pm Los Altos Pool Sunday 18
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Bridge 26 12:30 pm Chica Rm. Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Chica Rm.	Line Dancing 9:45 am Grande Rm. Dance Sampler 5:30 pm Chica Rm. DRAC Mtg. 5:30 pm Grande Rm. Zumba 6:30 pm Chica Rm.	Tai Chi 28 10:00 am Inter. Grande Rm. 11:00 am Begin. Grande Rm. 6:00 pm Inter. Grande Rm. 7:00 pm Begin. Grande Rm.	Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Rm. Fairytale Dancers 4:30 pm Chica Rm. Intro to Ballet & Jazz 5:30 pm Chica Rm. Leganto Paseo Mtg. 6:30 pm Chica Rm.	Table Tennis 30 4:00 pm Grande Rm.	



HOA News & Updates

Board of Directors' Meeting Report - March 23 Summary of Board Action Items and Motions

2023-03-101 - A motion was unanimously carried to approve a continued moratorium on Reserve Projects until August 1, 2023.

2023-02-102 - A motion was unanimously carried to appoint Meredith Soto and Raya San Agustin to the Kids Camps Ad Hoc Committee.

2023-02-103 - A motion was carried (Director Diamond recused) to approve a \$2000 Scholarship Award to the Dobson Dolphins as requested by Kathrine Blomquist.

2023-02-104 - A motion was unanimously carried to approve the Paylocity Payroll system proposal at a cost of \$12,100 per year replacing the obsolete Greenlink Payroll System.

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THE DOBSON ASSOCIATION, INC.

2023 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING BALLOT VERIFICATION TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2023, 6:30 PM

QUORUM REQUIREMENT: 10% of the Association's 4,955 Memberships

BALLOTS RECEIVED:

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS:

BY MAIL/IN PERSON PRIOR TO MEETING IN-PERSON/DROPPED OFF/ANNUAL MEETING ELECTRONIC VOTES/WEIGHTED

TOTAL

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Ballots Received	MURRAY	MICHAEL SNEDEKER	KATHLEE	
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The above results have been independently tabulated by Butlet Hansen, PLC. The results represent a summary of online voting up to April 11, 2023, at 6:30 pm as well as the residential ballots received to the Firm's business address at close of business on April 11, 2023. In Addition to any in-person ballots received during the Association's April 11, 2023, Annual Meeting of the membership received by 6:30 pm.

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- Cut out the calendars and important contacts pages and place in an important location so you never miss a thing!
- This is also your new homeowner guide!

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- Scan the QR code with the camera on your smart phone to download the App from the App Store or Google Play Store - Our App is FREE!
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Thank you!

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HOA News & Updates

Message From the Association President



By Nicole Lynam Association President

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our Annual Meeting on April 11, 2023. Mayor John Giles, Vice-Mayor Francisco Heredia, and other City of Mesa officials attended and graciously presented Dobson Ranch with a Proclamation to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Congratulations to Sandy Murray, Michael Snedeker, and Kathleen Tolar on being re-elected to the Board of Directors for another term. The Car

Show, the food, the historical panel, and the resident Q&A were a great way to commemorate this milestone event.

A huge thank you to all of our Dobson Ranch staff for their hard work on the Annual Meeting and all the events that our community enjoys. Every staff member plays a part in the planning and execution of each event. Many events also depend on assistance from community volunteers. We can always use more volunteers so please reach out to the Recreation office at 480-831-7464 if you are available to help at future events.

Thank you to everyone who helps make Dobson Ranch "The Best Place to Live" and I hope to see you at upcoming events. Make sure to check the website, phone app, and weekly emails for event and HOA updates.

April 2023 Red Cross Blood Drive Results













Donate Blood. Save a life.

American
Red Cross

18 units were collected
with 8 first time donors!!

Thank you everyone!



Your Neighborhood



Monthly Update from Vice Mayor Heredia

Share your knowledge and Experience with Mesa!

Do you or does someone you know have the desire to share your unique knowledge and experience with your community? One of the most effective ways to provide input to local government is through service on

one of the City's citizen advisory boards and committees. I encourage you to participate in the process of local government by serving on one of these boards. The City of Mesa seeks the knowledge and experience of its residents to advise, inform, and make recommendations to City

leadership and City Council on policies and services.

We have several openings! If you're interested in learning more about these opportunities, head over to **www.mesaaz.gov/boards** or scan the QR code to your right. There, you'll find plenty of information, FAQs, application process overview, and current openings. If you have any trouble accessing this information or have any questions, the City Clerk's Office is always here to help. Give them a call at 480-644-2099 or send an email to **clerk.info@mesaaz.gov**.

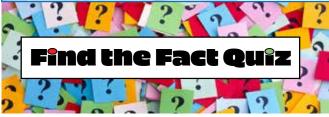
480-644-3003 or District3@MesaAZ.gov. ~Vice Mayor Heredia





Thank you for not feeding the ducks!

Bread and other foods can make ducks ill and do not contain the right nutrition or calories they need to keep warm in the winter. Rotting food pollutes their water and causes surface algae, which also kills fish and gives ducks diseases. It also makes the water smell. Feeling or disturbing wildlife is not permitted in Dobson Ranch.



We received 5 entries from our **Find the Fact Quiz** in April. A random drawing was held on 4/20 to select the winner of a \$20.00 Amazon Gift Card. The gift card for March goes to George Sawko. Thanks for taking the time to find all the facts, George!

To enter the May Find the Fact Quiz, simply email all of the answers to questions 1-20 below to sriss@dobsonranch.com by no later than May 21st. 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. May's winner will be announced in the June Ranchers' RoundUp.

Ready, Set, GO!

- 1. How many units of blood were collected in April?
- 2. What movie is playing at our first Float N' Feature?
- 3. What new advertiser is offering \$500 off?
- 4. What plants do Spider Mites like?
- 5. What are among the oldest living plants on earth?
- 6. What is one thing you can do to save water?
- 7. How many rose bushes are located in the Memorial

Rose Garden in Dobson Ranch?

- 8. Who is the new Water Resource Manager for the Dobson Ranch Association?
- List all the pages in the RoundUp you can cut out along the dashed lines.
- 10. Who received top honors for his design that is now being used on Intel's engineering floor?
- 11. Where can you attend free guided bird walks?
- 12. What new recreation software will be launched?
- 13. When is the last "Get To Know Your Neighbors Food Truck Wednesday" of the season?
- 14. What is one way you can register for Mesa Parks and Recreation Summer Programs?
- 15. Who is listed on the cover of this issue?
- 16. What is the next event on May 12th?
- 17. What animals should you not feed in Dobson Ranch?
- 18. What new advertiser is asking for volunteers?
- 19. How many ballots were received in the 2023 Annual Meeting?
- 20. Who was re-elected to the Dobson Ranch Board of Directors?

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



Compliance & Architectural

Code Compliance Specialist's Message

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Jonathan Lefler
Code Compliance Specialist

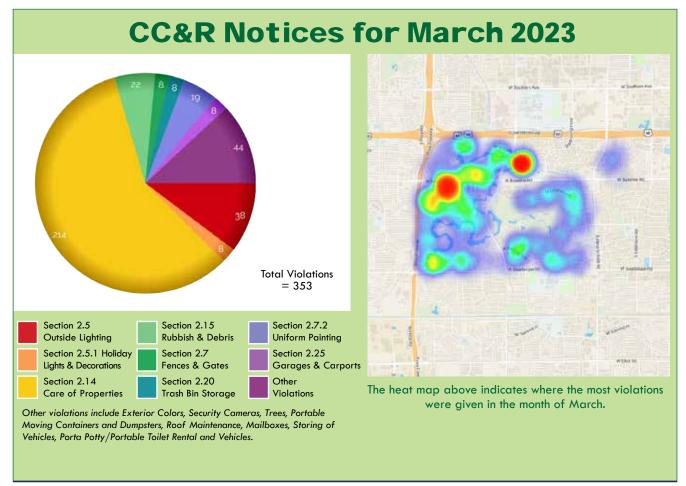
Summer is sneaking up quickly and it's a great time to be working on those projects. It's been great meeting you while I'm out driving around and please continue to stop me when you see me around to ask questions. A lot of residents have been asking about rule changes. The architectural guidelines were changed in June of 2022 so I would encourage you to look those over and a lot of your questions can be answered. You can log in to the

HOA Life portal and receive the copy that was emailed to you.

Please do not feed any animals that are not yours. Many people have been feeding cats along Milagro. These cats are not strays and are people's pets. Many have been hit and killed due to crossing the streets for food. This also causes damage to people's yards, attracting other animals that produce waste. Please be considerate and help keep our neighborhood clean.

We have also been more relaxed on trash bin violations and have been more focused on bigger issues. However, please continue to put out the bins the day or night before the trash is picked up. If bins are left out after being picked up, violations will be issued. This will help the streets stay clear and look presentable. Also, please make sure trash bins are not visible on your property from the street. They need to be put behind fences or walls that have been approved by the architectural board.

Thank you to those who have taken care of your violations very quickly! As always, if you have any questions about a violation or need to address something please feel free to contact me anytime at **ilefler@dobsonranch.com**!







DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

SEGO PALM

Sego palms (Cycas revoluta) are not palms but rather cycads, a gymnosperm. They are among the first plants in the world to produce seed and are more closely related to pine trees than palms.

Cycads are among the oldest living plants on earth, dating back to the time of the dinosaurs, nearly 325 million years ago. There about 300 different kinds. They grow in tropical and subtropical environments and are native to southern Japan. Sego palms can grow here in the low desert with extra water and some afternoon filtered shade. In winter months, they can suffer from a prolonged freeze. Segos can provide a lush landscape focal point in your yard.

Their leaves are palm like in appearance but are

tough feeling. They are also extremely toxic to pets that might chew on them or their seeds and are also toxic to humans. It's important to wear gloves when handling or trimming them, and wash your hands after touching them.

I've been growing sego palms on the north side of my patio for decades. They get a slow deep watering once a month, in the warm months, with an oozer hose and just rain in the cool months. In extreme temperatures of over 110 Fahrenheit, I put on 50% shade cloth so that they don't sunburn in the afternoon. If they do burn, the leaves turn yellow and will never recover.

This year, for the first time, a female plant bloomed. The female plant has a "fluffy" looking flower, although it feels very tough. The male plant flower looks like a cone. In the picture of the female plant, you can see some round reddish spheres, those are the seeds.

If you plant a sego palm in your landscape, know that it can take decades for them to get big and to flower. Females can reach 15' tall and 8' wide, while males can reach 8' tall and wide. Each will put out "pups" at the base as they age, and each pup can become just as big as the parent. So be sure to give them some growing space.

As the plants grow, older leaves will turn brown and die. If you don't want them on your plant, put on heavy gloves and eye protection. Using a sharp pruner, clip them off even with the trunk for a neat appearance.





LURKING CRITTERS

Have you ever strolled by plants and noticed something's been munching on the leaves? Or maybe there's a mysterious brown spot in a tree that seemed to develop overnight? Sometimes plant pests come and go in a matter of days, but their damage may linger for months after they've moved to a new green 'residence'. Fortunately, our dry desert conditions don't make for an overly welcoming environment for arthropod 'friends' to reside. However, during mild times of the year, a few critters may be lurking in our landscape. Here are a few to watch out for in the coming months:

The Agave Weevil begins feeding on desert succulents in the spring, but damage may not be seen until late summer. The insect doesn't kill the plant, but transmits a bacteria, causing a wilt and the collapse of the plant. The best way to ward off this snouted pest is to make sure plants are planted correctly (not too deep, with good drainage) and watered the appropriate amounts. Discuss springtime insecticidal treatment options with your pest management professional, which can help reduce weevils feeding on the plant that year.

Spider mites love our dry dusty conditions and are commonly found April-May, and again in September-October. Like many insects, they pierce and suck the plant juices, leaving behind brown foliage. Spider mites love cypress, rosemary and sages. Test a plant by shaking a limb on a white piece of paper and look very closely for these microscopic arachnids. Hosing off dusty foliage before the sun comes up can help keep populations in check during their 'busy' season. If extensive damage is seen, miticide applications can be applied by a licensed pesticide applicator to prevent further plant damage.

The Sesame Leafroller (or leaf tier) surfaces a few times a year, damaging tender new growth on Tecoma species and bougainvillea. Small green caterpillars create a protected space by tying or rolling the leaf, then munching away on it. No damage on a Tuesday? They may invade on a Wednesday, enjoy the fine dining, and disappear on Thursday. Insecticidal treatments can be made but often times they are gone before spraying can be scheduled. Damage is minor most of the time, and with the growth rate of their favorite food source, these plants usually grow out within a few weeks.

If you discover any of these or other critters in your landscape, discuss with your landscape or pest management professional if treatment is an option. Remember that in Arizona, insecticides including organic or even soapy water must be applied by a licensed applicator (unless you live and reside on the property and spray them yourself). Please use all pesticides responsibly, and always follow the label closely. The label is the law.

Landscaping tips brought to you by:





Conservation Corner

Keep Calm and Save Water - Happy 50th Dobson Ranch!

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water and Lake Management Committee Member



Keep Calm and Save Water - Happy 50th Dobson Ranch! April was such a great month in Dobson Ranch - the Easter Eggstravaganza at Laguna Park, the 50th Anniversry-themed Annual Meeting, and of course, the Spring Expo on Earth Day! (Due to publication dates, the recap of the 5th Annual Spring Expo will be in June's edition of

the Ranchers' RoundUp.)

April was also Water Awareness Month, but residents of Dobson Ranch know that conserving water is a year-round endeavor. The City of Mesa has asked us to take voluntary measures to save water. According to the Arizona Dept. of Water Resources, each Arizona resident uses on average about 146 gallons of water per day. To help us "keep calm and save water," here is a reminder of 50 easy ways to save water inside and outside your home. More information, tips, and financial incentive options can be found at ArizonaWaterFacts.com, WaterUseltWisely.com, and MesaAZ.gov. #DobsonConservation

Inside your home:

- Monitor your water bill because unusually high ones can signal a leak.
- 2. Install water-saving aerators on all your faucets.
- 3. Only wash full loads of laundry.
- 4. When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather.
- 5. Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth.
- 6. Scrape dishes rather than rinsing them before washing.
- 7. Only run the dishwasher with a full load.
- 8. Make sure any new appliances are ENERGY STAR® rated.
- 9. Install low flow showerheads.
- Use bar soap instead of shower gel, as gel takes extra water to rinse off.
- 11. Take shorter showers.
- 12. Check your toilet for leaks.
- 13. Take a shower instead of a bath.
- 14. Turn off the water in the shower while washing and turn it back on to rinse.
- Make sure new toilets, faucets, showerheads have the Water Sense® label.
- 16. When waiting for hot water, collect the running water and use on plants.
- 17. When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to non-edible plants.
- 18. Repair or replace leaky faucets.
- 19. Install an instant water heater near your kitchen sink so you don't have to run the water while it heats up.
- Reuse leftover water from cooked or steamed foods to start a soup.
- Use leftover ice cubes and drinking water on plants or in the pet's water bowl.

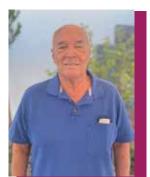
22. Cut down on the number of water glasses to wash each day by designating one glass for your drinking water or, my personal favorite, use a refillable water bottle. Volunteer at an event this year and get your very own Dobson Ranch refillable water bottle!

Outside your home:

- 23. Use a Smart Irrigation Controller.
- 24. Remove turf and replace it with desert landscaping.
- 25. Catch water in an empty tuna can to measure sprinkler output and aim for 3/4 to 1 inch of water each time you irrigate.
- 26. If you have a lawn, adjust the mower to the height of 1.5 to 2 inches because taller grass shades roots and holds soil moisture better than short grass.
- Leave lawn clippings on the grass to cool the ground and hold in moisture.
- Water summer lawns once every 3 days and winter lawns every 5 days.
- 29. Use sprinklers that deliver big drops of water close to the ground - smaller drops can evaporate before hitting the ground.
- Reach out to neighbors if you see an irrigation leak in their front yards.
- 31. Minimize evaporation by watering in the early morning.
- 32. Use 2 to 4 inches of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation.
- 33. Monsoons are coming, so collect water from your roof by installing gutters and downspouts and use the runoff to water plants and trees.
- 34. Turn off sprinklers after it rains.
- 35. Direct water from HVAC systems to water plants.
- 36. Plant in spring or fall, when watering requirements are lower.
- Group plants together with the same watering needs to avoid overwatering and underwatering.
- 38. Use a nozzle on your garden hose to control the output.
- 39. Set a timer when using the hose as a reminder to turn it off.
- 40. Check outdoor faucets, pipes and hoses for leaks.
- 41. If you have a pool, use a cover to help prevent water loss through evaporation.
- Lower the water levels in your pool to reduce water loss due to splashing.
- 43. If you have an automatic refilling device, check your pool periodically for leaks.
- 44. Minimize or turn off waterfalls and sprays in your pool since aeration increases evaporation.
- 45. Make sure your swimming pool, fountain and/or pond is equipped with a recirculating pump.
- 46. Put decorative fountains on timers and use them only during daylight or evening hours.
- 47. Wash pets outdoors, in an area of your lawn that needs water.
- 48. When giving pets fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain use it to water plants.
- 49. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, sidewalks and driveways.
- 50. Turn off the sprinkler when the kids or fur-babies (or you) are done running through it.



Movers & Shakers



Roses Are Timeless

By Skye Riss, Communications Manager & Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Mike Jepsen is a well-known name in the world of rose cultivation, having dedicated his life to the cultivation of roses. He has worked at a number of different locations throughout his career, including a notable position at Dobson Ranch in Mesa, Arizona.

Growing up in Phoenix, Arizona, Mike's love for nature and gardening was instilled in him from an early age by his grandparents. Spending a significant amount of time with them on their ranch, he learned about farming and gardening and the value of hard work and responsibility. Mike's grandmother gave him a rosebush and with her guidance, he began experimenting with growing roses, which sparked his lifelong passion for roses and rose cultivation.

Mike decided to pursue his passion for roses full-time. His expertise and reputation grew, and he quickly gained a reputation as one of the foremost experts on rose cultivation in the Southwest. Mike started working for Dobson Ranch as their Master Rosarian in 2001. The Board of the Directors at that time gave Mike some land on South of 2525 S Dobson Road (north of the Dobson Ranch Professional Center) which Mike has transformed into the beautiful Memorial Rose Garden with over 175 rose bushes.

Mike shared some of his key tips on how to keep rosebushes lasting a while. "Give roses tender love and care, add good fertilizer and plenty of water. Make sure to also know how much moisture there is in the soil just by feeling it through your fingers." Mike used his expertise in rose cultivation to transform the garden into a showpiece that drew visitors from all over the region. He gave regular tours of the garden and provided educational live workshops and seminars for residents of the community, sharing his knowledge and passion for roses with anyone who was interested. Mike is an active member of the Rose society and frequently gives demonstrations to members.

Mike's time with his grandparents on their Ranch played a significant role in shaping his passion for gardening and roses. Their guidance and love set him on a path that has led to a successful career in horticulture and a lifelong love of the natural world. Their influence on his life can still be seen today in his work as a Rosarian.

In conclusion, Mike has left a lasting legacy in the world of horticulture. His work continues to inspire and educate gardeners across the Southwest, and his love for roses will undoubtedly continue to shape his life and others lives for years to come.



Cindy and Mike Jepsen's backyard with the most beautiful rose garden.



The Lakes

Lakes & Fish Report

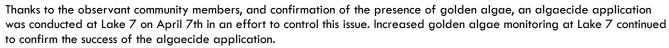
By Zach Hache, Water Resource Manager

As the new Water Resource Manager for the Dobson Ranch Association, I am at the lakes weekly in this role, but I have also been on staff for the past 15 years at Aquatics Counseling & Testing where we monitor and test the lakes on a monthly and bi-monthly basis.

That said, I also rely heavily on the observations of residents and concerned community members to be notified of rapidly changing lake and fishery conditions. Some of our residents noted unusual fish activity on Lake 7 around the end of March and reported this to the Dobson Ranch Administration office. Water samples and readings were collected to determine the potential cause of this activity. Prymnesium parvum (golden algae) was found to be present in these samples. This alga releases a toxin to compete with other algae for nutrients in the lakes; however, this toxin can also cause damage to fish gills resulting in fish mortality.

Golden algae are commonly found around the valley with numerous lakes suffering from large scale fish die-off events each year from September through May. Routine monitoring for the presence of golden algae at all the Dobson Ranch lakes is completed monthly along

with other water quality parameters. Residents should look for abnormal fish behavior including large numbers of fish gathering at either the water surface or where water is entering the lake, or an abnormal number of deceased fish.





Any abnormal behavior should be reported to the Dobson Ranch Administration offices (480-831-8314) or hoa.admin@dobsonranch.com. Updates on lake activity can be found on the Dobson Ranch App. Please download today and set the alert notification.

Real Estate

Mesa Market Trends



Homes Sold in Dobson Ranch

March 2023: 64 Homes Sold March 2022: 87 Homes Sold February 2023: 45 Homes Sold February 2022: 70 Homes Sold

Median Home Sale Price in **Dobson Ranch: \$430,000** March 2022: \$464,000 (-7.3% Growth Year-Over-Year)

Median Home Sale Price in 85202: \$384,000

March 2022: \$407,500

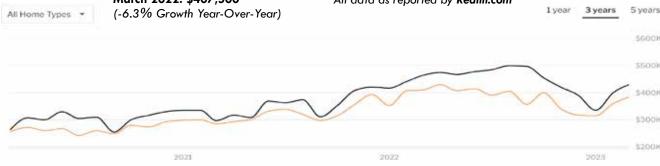
What is the housing market like in Dobson Ranch?

In March 2023, Dobson Ranch home prices were down 7.3% compared to last year, selling for a median price of \$430K. On average, homes in Dobson Ranch sell after 39 days on the market compared to 20 days last year. There were 64 homes sold in March this year, down from 87 last year.

How hot is the Dobson Ranch housing market?

The Dobson Ranch housing market is somewhat competitive. Some homes get multiple offers. The average homes sell for about 2% below list price and go pending in around 37 days.

All data as reported by Redfin.com



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In The Community



Through Community Partnerships Mesa Public Schools Transforms Learning

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

Mesa Public Schools is partnering with industry and community partners to enhance and strengthen the connection between industry and classroom experiences.

Most children understand that when they grow up, they can be a doctor, teacher or even a firefighter. When industry professionals step into classrooms, a student's entire world opens to limitless possibilities and career paths.

Renee Parker, director of community partnerships at Mesa Public Schools, shares that students enjoy connecting with individuals who have industry expertise and knowledge.

"Our industry partners like Honeywell and Intel become true community educators, by delivering content, sparking excitement, making learning more meaningful and providing real world experiences. They make it easier for students to understand a subject's relevance in the world," Parker shares. "And it truly is activating our community to inspire our students to do better, be better and do more."

One exciting partnership with Intel illustrates the connection between industry, school and the future workforce. The multinational corporation hosted a contest to create a flashlight holder prototype. Students were charged with solving a real problem by using their learning experiences to create the model. Brandon King is a sophomore at Red Mountain High School who received top honors for his design which is now being used on Intel's engineering floor and featured in their employee catalog. King and many other classmates are on Intel's radar so they can provide mentoring and support to other students.

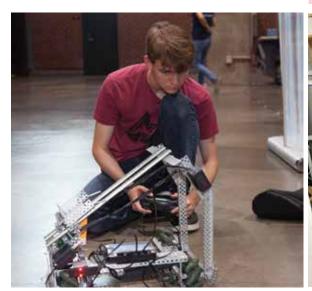
Building a pipeline of community partners

Mesa is joining forces with the City of Mesa and its Community Collaboration Challenge to get more community stakeholders involved in determining best practices for students. They are using platforms like Community Share and AARP Foundation Experience Corps to connect educators with volunteers who want to help make a difference in Mesa schools. On a national level, Mesa is working with the U.S. Department of Education, AmeriCorps and the Johns Hopkins Everyone Graduates Center through the National Partnership for Student Success. The goal is to implement support that includes high-impact tutoring, mentoring and programs that boost pandemic learning and recovery efforts. The NPSS is a nationwide three-year effort that brings together experienced organizations to recruit, screen, train, support and engage caring adults, who will work in close coordination with educators serving in roles such as tutors, mentors and student success coaches.

Parker shares that it's inspiring to see the community come together to support education. The district has volunteer opportunities from grandparents who read to children at their local school to industry partners who enhance learning experience in the classroom.

"We can tailor an experience based on interests," Parker says. "We have volunteer opportunities that might include a regular weekly occurrence, a semester-long project, or even a singular event.

For more information regarding volunteer and community partnership opportunities, please visit mpsaz.org/cte.





Photos Left to Right: By Tim Hacker: Honeywell supports students STEM education to strengthen classroom experiences. By MPS: Brandon King receives top honors for his design.



Fun & Family

Take a Local Outdoor Adventure - Part 2

By Dr. Andrea Hogan, Resident Guest Writer

My husband Josh and I have lived in Dobson Ranch for seven years. We have a daughter Ella (8) and son, Emmett (6). We love exploring Arizona and enjoying our beautiful spring weather. Last month I outlined some of our favorite stables, zoos and hikes in the area. There are so many more outdoor adventure opportunities – I had to write a part 2!

Walking Paths – Obviously, the lake paths in Dobson Ranch are amazing, and the family go-to. However, sometimes it's nice to switch it up! Luckily, there are several beautiful options close by. The **Desert Breeze Park Loop** in Chandler includes a story walk around the lake and a park and splash pad for the kids. The Gilbert Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch boosts over 300 species of birds and even offers free guided bird walks! The preserve has over 4.5 miles of trails in the park, a play area with a paleontology dig site, water observatory, and hummingbird garden. The vegetation throughout the preserve makes this a very well shaded adventure! A bit further away (but worth the drive) is Fountain Park, located in Fountain Hills. The walking trail around the world-famous fountain offers gorgeous mountain views, a public art collection on the trail, a disc golf course, a fantastic children's play area and has super cute cafes and restaurants nearby.

Biking Paths — You can bike all of the above paths, but if you are looking for a longer ride there are other options nearby. The paved trail at Rio Salado Beach Park is 18 miles and located in the heart of Tempe, starting under the old Mill Avenue Bridge. The Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt is an 11 mile path located in the heart of Scottsdale. Like most Scottsdale Golf Courses, this path keeps the most prestigious green lawn (thus the name)! The path winds through golf courses, ball field, lakes and parks. There are plenty of trees and vegetation and entrances that are located frequently along the trail.

Gardens – The Desert Botanical Garden has always been a favorite of mine. The garden has multiple nature trails through brightly colored blooms and desert ecosystems. I personally prefer the Cohn Family Butterfly Pavilion in this garden over the popular Butterfly Wonderland (it's also cheaper!). The DBG also has a Cactus Clubhouse for children, with nature play activities. Also in Phoenix is the Japanese Friendship Garden located downtown, this 3.5 acre garden offers tranquil views, streams, waterfalls and koi fish ponds as you stroll through the

The Salt River – May is the perfect month for a Salt River adventure! You can tub down the river via a float trip with Salt River Tubing, or rent paddle boards or kayaks nearby. Personally, I have enjoyed the wild horse river encounter with King Bee Adventures many times! This guided kayaking tour includes getting up close with the wild horses of the Tonto National Forest. Visit Kingbeeadventure.com for details!

Lake Explorations – Saguaro Lake is about 45 minutes from the Ranch. The Lake has 22 miles of shoreline within the Tonto National Forest. The Saguaro Lake Marina has rentals for jet skis, power boats, wakeboards, water skis and pontoon and fishing boats. If you are looking for a more relaxing experience, I highly recommend the Desert Belle Tour Boat. The narration cruise details the history, geology and wildlife of the area during an 80 minute ride around the lake. The also offer music cruises with live bands and happy hour cruises.

Lake Pleasant is about an hour away from the Ranch and has similar offerings. Pleasant Harbor provides rentals for pontoon boats, sail boats, jet skis, paddle boards and kayaks. There is even a lake water slide! Lake Pleasant is the biggest lake in the Phoenix area with 116 miles of shoreline. Lake Pleasant Cruises also have public cruises — with a narration cruise, brunch cruise, a sunset music cruise and dinner cruises. We recently had a wonderful experience at the brunch cruise and have had fantastic experiences with pontoon rentals at the harbor there in the past!

Other lakes about an hour away include **Canyon Lake**, **Bartlett Lake** and **Roosevelt Lake**. Each offers fishing, boating, camping, hiking trails and gorgeous areas for a family picnic or day trip on the shoreline! If you are looking to stay a bit closer to home. Tempe Town Lake has pedal boats, kayaks, bikes, and the famous **Donut Boat** for rent.

With the weather heating up, now is the perfect time to get outside and explore locally!



Photos from Left to Right: Josh and Ella at Lake Pleasent; Ella at the Fountain; Hiking at Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch; Kayaking the Salt River.



From the Recreation & Lifestyle Manager's Desk



By Amanda Jensen Recreation & Lifestyle Manager

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Tween Glow in the Dark and Easter Eggstravaganza events! We had a blast. We are going to continue to work on the events and make

them better than ever for everyone. Our next event will be Casino Night on May 12th. We will have craps, roulette, poker games, beer, finger foods, raffle prizes and a DJ this year!

Our first Float N' Feature is coming up on June 3, 2023. The first move we will feature on June 3rd will be **Emperor's New Groove**, and the second movie we will feature is **Coco** on June 17th. Our Float N' Features will be at the Los Altos Pool starting at 7:00 pm!

Due to the summer heat, May 3rd will be the last "Get to Know Your Neighbors Food Truck Wednesday" until the Fall. Just a reminder that we are in the process of switching from ActiveNet to RecDesk. We are getting closer to launching the new recreation site and are working hard to make sure that everything is up and running so the transition with be smooth.

I would like to say thank you to our Board Director Randy Harvey and his group of volunteers from the Mesa Baptist Church. Without them, we would not be able to put on such large events, like the Easter Eggstravaganza. Volunteers are what makes our events so successful. If you would like to volunteer and be part of an amazing team, please email recreationdobson@dobsonranch.com or call the recreation office at (480) 831-7464.









































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: MonthlyMonday, May 1, 8, 15, 22 | 6256 | \$40 R/\$60 NR
Wednesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 6257 | \$55 R/\$75 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, May 1, 8, 15, 22 | 6259 | \$40 R/\$60 NR Wednesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 6258 | \$55 R/\$75 NR

> 9:00 am - 10:30 am | Monthly Saturday, May 6, 13, 20, 27 6255 \$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 racquet size during the first class.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly Monday, May 1, 8, 15, 22 | 6251 | \$40 R/\$60 NR 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,

Saturday, May 13, 2023 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm FREE! Adults 16+ (Register in advance, space is limited.)

come out and meet other tennis players in

a fun, relaxed setting.

Tennis Tip for May 2023



By Kwong Young

Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Professional tennis players are undoubtedly the cream of the crop, possessing incredible skills such as footwork, endurance, and mad skills. One important aspect of their

game that often goes unnoticed is their keen eyesight. The ability to return a rocket serve or a groundstroke back to a specific area on the court requires exceptional vision, especially when playing outdoors under the bright Arizona sun. This is why you will see many players on the court wearing hats and sunglasses.

Interestingly, only a handful of professional tennis players actually wear sunglasses while playing, such as Sam Stosur, Janko Tipsarevic, Denis Istomin, and Hyeon Chung. The majority of players do not wear them and still manage to look up into the sun during their high toss during serving. It's amazing to see how they can do this without losing focus or getting distracted by the sun's glare. In the past, players like Martina Navratilova and Billie Jean King had to wear their prescription glasses, or they wouldn't have performed as well.

When a top-flight player returns a rocket serve, which can reach speeds of 120 mph or more, from a distance of 78 feet away, it requires hawk-like vision, as well as cognitive skills and quick reaction times, just like soccer or hockey goalies preventing their opponents from scoring.

It's important to note that when playing tennis, it's advised to stare at the ball instead of merely watching it. This advice is often given to students to help improve their game, and it's a testament to the importance of sharp and focused vision in this sport.

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.









































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 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!

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.





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.



MAY 2023

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Class Code: 6178

When: Thursdays May 25th – June 29th 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: \$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 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.



ACTIVITIES



Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Style Poker (Must be 18 or older) When: (May 26th, 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: (May 19th, 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

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

To join the group, please call Bette Parrish at 480-206-3514.

DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Class Code: 6171

When: Tuesdays May 23rd – June 27th 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: \$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.

RECREATION CLASS INFORMATION 1. REGISTRATION for classes can be be

- 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.

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- 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.

INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)

Class Code: 6185

When: Thursdays May 25th – June 27th 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: \$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



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Dobson Ranch Clubs

Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Susan Davis, Retirees' Club Member

At our April 3rd Dobson Ranch Retirees Club (DRRC) general meeting and luncheon, we were honored to have Fran Pawlak, the new Executive Director of the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association. She shared a detailed and upbeat summary of the challenges and opportunities facing our community as well as the plans for the Ranch's 50th anniversary celebration. The celebration is very special to the DRRC, as a number of our members have been living here since the early days of the Ranch. Fran also introduced the hardworking staff members of the HOA's staff. It was great to meet her and the rest of the behind-the-scenes folks who work to make DR "The Best Place To Live". After the presentation, we enjoyed hot dogs with all the fixings, potato and bean salads, and, as always, yummy desserts. Thank you



to everyone who made the meeting possible, especially Donna Fox, our Vice President, who chaired the meeting and the committee chairs who updated us on the coming month's many activities. Our May general meeting and luncheon is scheduled for Monday, May 1st. Coffee begins at 9:30 am with the meeting beginning at 10:00 am followed by the program and luncheon.

On April 22nd, Dobson Ranch Retirees cooked delicious pancakes and sausages at the Spring Expo. Thank you to the members who helped with this annual event. During April and May, DRRC members continued to enjoy our many activities such as hikes, walks, bike rides, picnics, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, happy hour, and special events. As it heats up, some of our outdoor activities will be winding down for Arizona's summer season and many of our snowbird members leave us for cooler places. June 5th and July 3rd meetings will be casual evening get togethers with hors d'oeuvres and lots of good conversation.

Dobson Ranch Retirees membership is open to any "young at heart" Ranch resident over the age of 55. Dues are only \$20 per year. To take a peek at the monthly calendar of events enjoyed by DRRC Members, visit **dobsonranchretirees.org**. DRRC events and activities are open only to DRRC members, but non-members are welcome to attend up to three times prior to joining.

LADIES - ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FREE LINE DANCING?

We meet every Tuesday at 9:30 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.





Dobson Ranch Clubs

Women's Club

By Patty Smith, Women's Club President

Mother Nature showed us one of her Best Wild Flower Shows this year. Did you get a chance to drive around and take in the beautiful views? Out to Lunch was celebrated at Cinco de Mayo at Macayo's.

This has been a tradition for many years. Bunco was hosted by Pauline and Miss Truffles. Good food and lots of laughs. Thank you, Pauline and



DRWC Out to Lunch at Opa's Greek Cafe

Truffles for an enjoyable evening. May's Bunco to be announced. Thank you to our Outstanding member, Kathrine, for her work on the Spring Expo + Earth Day...Good Job! The Dobson Ranch staff, the 50th Anniversary Committee and all the volunteers are working hard on The Ranch's 50th Anniversary festivities, so please take time to participate! Let the Good Times Roll. Take Care and thank you to those of you that opened you homes to Bunco. We will not be meeting for June and July. Memorial Day is a very special time to **remember** those that gave the Ultimate Sacrifice. If you have never taken the opportunity to go to the Memorial Service at the National Cemetery, think about going. You and your family will **remember** and be moved at the ceremonies. Thank them for their service. May they rest in peace. Amen. Blessings, Patty

We Regretfully Say Goodbye To Our Winter Visitors As The Heat Of Summer Is Building Up...

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

The heat has come back in providing relief to many cold morning starts this winter. So the sunscreen has come out, along with bucket hats, and more hydration on the courts. Most of our winter visitors will be gone by the time you read this, and many are already departed as of April 15th. We will miss them until the temps cool and they make their way back for Halloween!

We are into summer hours for Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings starting at 7:00 am. While we have had a lot of cool mornings this winter, turnouts have been good and the temperatures are finally back to Valley of the Sun spring standards. Drop-In Night play continues Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

As the courts continue to become more congested with the increasing popularity of this sport, particularly in the evenings, please remember that Drop-In Play means everyone takes turns and should be ready to play with any others on the court who are waiting with you to be next. This is a social sport, so let's keep it friendly!! We are also asking residents not to bring too many non-resident guests at one time during drop in play to



Retirees' Hiking Club

By Barbara Stout, Retirees' Hiking Club Chairperson Come Hike with the Dobson Ranch Retirees'. The Pacers hike three miles on Wednesdays and Clipper hike between five to eight miles. Fridays are for Clippers only, and we hike longer and harder hikes. If you are interested in hiking with us please send me your email at (stoutgeo@gmail.com). I send out emails about the hikes on Saturday for the Wednesday hikes and Thursday for the Friday hikes. We meet at La Casita parking lot at 8:00 am and carpool for all hikes. Please come and join us.

May 3	Beautiful Prescott Del Rail to Trail Path, Prescott - Easy to Difficult			
May 5	To be announced on Wednesday			

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



Pickett Post Mountain

Our 8 new dedicated pickleball courts at Los Altos are available to residents and their guests every day between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm, so if you plan to bring guests and don't wish to observe drop-in ground rules, please choose a different time slot when all courts are on a first-come basis.

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.

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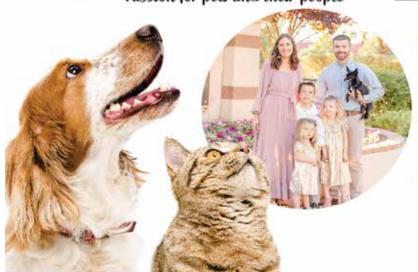






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There are prizes for all ages when they log 250, 500, 750 and 1000 points. Based on point levels, prizes include restaurant coupons, Arizona State Parks passes, Phoenix Mercury tickets and free books. All prizes and coupons are subject to availability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

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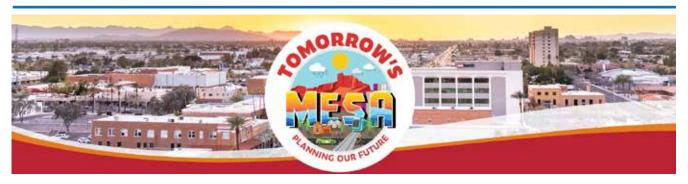
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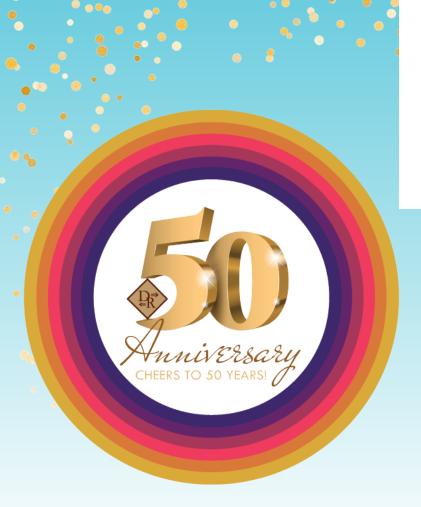
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