

## 2023 Budget Workshops

Both the Community Council and Ranch Association boards will formally vote to approve next year's budgets following the upcoming Annual Budget Workshops. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend at The Homestead Community Center:

### Ranch Association Annual Budget Workshop

Monday, Oct. 10 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

### Community Council Annual Budget Workshop

Thursday, Oct. 20 | 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

## Participate in the Ranchwide Resident Survey

Every three years, the Community Council conducts a demographic and interest survey to gather resident feedback and help plan for the future. WestGroup Research will be conducting the confidential online questionnaire including hosting the survey, managing all data collection, processing the results and reporting the findings on behalf of DC Ranch. When you see information about the survey later this month, please take a few minutes to fill out the survey on behalf of your household. Enter to win a gift card from a local business. Your input is greatly appreciated!

## Toxic toads are a potential danger to dogs

Every year during monsoon season, Sonoran Desert toads emerge in search of water. While these creatures aren't harmful to humans, they can be dangerous to dogs. These toads exude toxins from glands in their skin and if your dog picks one up in its mouth, it can be deadly. Symptoms may include foaming at the mouth, pawing at the mouth or eyes, seizures, high temperature and difficulty breathing. If you think your dog has come in contact with the toxin, act quickly. Take a garden hose and flush the dog's mouth out for at least five minutes. Immediately call your vet or the Pet Poison Helpline at 1.855.764.7661.



## Get up to date information via text

Based on resident feedback, DC Ranch launched a text messaging service in 2021 to provide timely community information to residents. Residents can opt in to the following categories: Emergency, Neighborhood Alerts (road work, broken gates, incident reports), Community Centers, Events and Programs, and Community Meetings. Register for timely notifications at [DCRanch.com/text](https://DCRanch.com/text).

## Become a Neighborhood Voting Member

The campaign to elect Neighborhood Voting Members (NVMs) kicks off Oct. 3; this is a perfect time to consider volunteering for this vital community service position. DC Ranch is served by a total of 44 NVMs, each representing the neighborhood in which they live. The goal is to have all neighborhoods represented by an NVM as the designated voice on any Ranch Association matters requiring a community vote, such as the election of the Ranch Association Board of Directors. Help the community reach 100% participation. Residents can apply on [DCRanch.com](https://DCRanch.com) from Oct. 3 - Nov. 4.

## Safety on the paths & trails

The path and trail system offers a pleasant break to enjoy the outdoors. Per the Community Standards DCR-09, vehicles such as golf carts, ATVs and motorized skateboards are not permitted on sidewalks or the path and trail system, except for DC Ranch maintenance, security staff and the Country Club maintenance staff. The only exception is battery-operated toy vehicles for children seven or younger that may be driven on paved sidewalks under supervision of a responsible adult. As always, slow passing speed and communicating your presence is key to keeping everyone safe and enjoying these amenities.



## *In case you missed it!*

Residents experienced a VIP Behind the Scenes Tour of the Musical Instrument Museum. The Lifelong Learning program gave participants the opportunity to explore backstage areas of the museum, speak with museum specialists, and discover little known facts about some of the exhibits, including details about the guitar Elvis used in his very last concert.



# Living Connected

Did you know Saguaros are protected by the Native Plant Protection Act? If you've headed north on Saguaro Canyon Trail in Silverleaf, you may have seen what is believed to be the oldest Saguaro in DC Ranch (approx. 150 years). Unfortunately, this beloved cactus was struck by lightning during a recent monsoon storm. Though its grandeur will be missed, the cactus will remain, providing habitat and food for many creatures as it decomposes.



## Community Safety Forum

Join residents for the fourth annual Community Safety Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. at The Homestead Community Center. The free event will include an overview of DC Ranch Security Services with an opportunity to ask questions. Guest speakers from the Scottsdale Police Department and the City of Scottsdale will discuss the topic of homelessness, available community services and how residents can get involved. Beverages and snacks provided. Space is limited; [RSVP](#) by Oct. 5.

## Neighborhood park parties coming soon

The Community Council is bringing intimate neighborhood celebrations to each of the four Villages this fall. Connect with neighbors outdoors while enjoying music, games, beverages and light bites – all close to home! Residents can expect an email invitation with details about their neighborhood custom park party in the coming weeks.

## Community meetings

Visit [DCRanch.com/calendar](http://DCRanch.com/calendar) for details.

- Sept. 22 Community Council Board of Directors
- Sept. 27 Modification Committee
- Oct. 3 Ranch Association Budget and Finance
- Oct. 3 Ranch Association Board of Directors
- Oct. 10 Ranch Association Annual Budget Workshop
- Oct. 11 Modification Committee
- Oct. 20 Community Council Annual Budget Workshop

## Events and programs

Please visit [DCRanch.com/calendar](http://DCRanch.com/calendar) for a full listing of events and the most up to date information.



### Women's Self Defense Class

Saturday, Sept. 24 | 9 to 11 a.m.

Ages 16+ | [\\$20](#)

Peaceful Warrior Martial Arts

Join a second-degree black belt and nationally sought-after self-defense expert at her studio located in Scottsdale Airpark for a powerful self-defense workshop.

### Game Night: Cornhole Tournament

Saturday, Sept. 24 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The Homestead Community Center

Ages 21+ | [\\$45](#) team, [\\$23](#) individual

Bring a partner or register as an individual and join neighbors for some friendly fun. Prizes include a custom cornhole board set and gift cards from local businesses.



### Paint Your Pet

Thursday, Sept. 29 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Desert Camp Community Center

Ages 21+ | [\\$60](#)

Painting instructor Carrie Curran will create a hand-drawn version of your pet and lead participants through the painting techniques to make it frame worthy.



### Gives Blood Drive

Saturday, Oct. 1 | 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Homestead Community Center

Ages 16+ | [Register](#)

Make a lifesaving appointment for a convenient donation on site.



### Homecoming Dance: Through the Decades

Saturday, Oct. 15 | 6 to 8 p.m.

The Homestead Community Center

Ages 21+ | [\\$23](#)

Dress from your favorite decade and join other residents for a night of music, dancing, light bites and beverages.



Desert Camp Community Center  
9260 E. Desert Camp Dr. | 480.342.7178

The Homestead Community Center  
18600 N. 98th St. | 480.585.1641

The Ranch Offices on Market Street  
20551 N. Pima Rd., Suite 180 | 480.513.1500

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