

DC Ranch wins a 2022 Sterling Award

In November, the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce awarded the DC Ranch Community Council the 36th Annual Sterling Award in the Small Business category. The Sterling awards acknowledge Scottsdale organizations that demonstrate excellence, innovation and community stewardship. [View video.](#)

New Account Manager and Assistant Account Manager named



Thorstad



Sanders

DC Ranch contracts an Account Manager and Assistant Account Manager through Anderson Security to administer daily operations, train all gate staff, troubleshoot technical issues and work with residents on gate access. Leading the group as Account Manager is Michael Thorstad, who has worked at DC Ranch with Anderson Security since Feb. 2020. Matthew Sanders has worked at DC Ranch with Anderson Security for almost 5 years and has been promoted to Assistant Account Manager.

Volunteer for the Sustainability Committee

A joint committee of the Community Council, Ranch Association and Covenant Commission is forming to provide the Boards of Directors better insight on issues relating to environmental sustainability in and around DC Ranch. This advisory committee will be comprised of resident volunteers to research and recommend on sustainability policies for the community. For more information and to apply, visit the Get Involved page on DCRanch.com. The deadline to apply is Jan. 17. Contact The Ranch Offices at 480.513.1500 with questions.

Gate access made easy

The GateAccess.net portal now allows residents to create a QR code for gate access and remove guest passes at the touch of a button. Through the website or smartphone app, residents can manage their account, generate guest lists for specific events, create a limited time pass for a vendor or contractor, and generate a gate access pass, which then can be sent directly to their visitor or guest via email. Along with providing gate access to guests, the QR code gate access pass will also inform visitors about DC Ranch speed limits, parking guidelines and approved gate entry times. Visit GateAccess.net, download the GateAccess app on your smartphone, or contact Community Patrol at 480.397.9659 to set up your account.

DC Ranch celebrates 25 years

In 2023, DC Ranch embarks on its 25th year as a community. The year kicks off with DC Ranch Day on Jan. 21, a celebration of the community's legendary heritage. Look for special anniversary activities and programs all year long.

Proposed development not well received

On Dec. 6 the Mack Company held an Open House to share their plans for an industrial warehouse/distribution center development on land that is adjacent to DC Ranch. The 100+ acres are south of the DC Ranch Crossings shopping center, bordering Trailside View on the north and Bell Road on the south. The west boundary is the 101 freeway and on the east it abuts the DC Ranch Neighborhood Park, DC Ranch Corporate Center and the Bell94 Sports Complex.

The industrial plan, which would create significant semi-truck traffic, was not well received. Many DC Ranch residents and the Community Council have encouraged the developer to pivot to a more compatible use on at least the north portion of the land. The developer said they will bring forward a mixed-use project for consideration. Such a change is challenging as it would require Scottsdale City Council to approve new zoning and a general plan amendment and would likely only happen if there is significant public support for the change. The Community Council will monitor progress on this development and inform residents of opportunities to provide their input to the developer and the city.

Living Connected



New residents attended the 'Round the Ranch Sunset Tour in November guided by local historian, Joan Fudala. Among many interesting facts, residents learned that no two neighborhoods have the same gate design. Everyone learned points of interest and the history of DC Ranch while getting an exclusive view behind the gates in all four Villages. The evening concluded with a sunset toast at the top of Upper Canyon in Silverleaf. Contact [Devin Haggerty](#) to RSVP for an upcoming tour if you have never attended. Must be 21 and older.

In case you missed it!

Festively dressed children and their families came to The Homestead for an evening of fun at Cookies with Mrs. Claus. Little ones enjoyed singing songs, listening to stories, watching cheerful magic and decorating cookies to jump start the holiday season.



Holiday reminders

Community Standard DCR-19 permits residents to display holiday decorations until Jan. 15. Please keep in mind that any overnight parking for guests must be pre-approved and permitted by DC Ranch. To request a parking exemption, complete the form on DCRanch.com.

Traveling for the holidays?

Please fill out a Vacation Notification Form on DCRanch.com. This will notify Community Patrol to keep an extra eye on your home while you're away. They will conduct regular perimeter checks and look for anything suspicious.

Holiday hours

The Desert Camp Community Center lobby will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The pool and fitness center will be accessible via key-fob from 6 a.m. to Noon.

The Ranch Offices on Market Street will be closed Dec. 23, Dec. 26, Dec. 30 at Noon, and Jan. 2.

The Homestead reopens

The Homestead Community Center will reopen on Jan. 9, 2023. The lobby will be open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to Noon.

Community meetings

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| Jan. 9 | Ranch Association Board of Directors |
| Jan. 10 | Modification Committee |
| Jan. 10 | Community Patrol and Gate Access Committee |
| Jan. 11 | Ranch Association Board Meeting with Sub-Associations |

Please visit DCRanch.com/calendar for a full listing of events.



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

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

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



Books & Toys for Babies Drive 🌿

Through Dec. 20

Drop off donations at Desert Camp during regular hours

DC Ranch Gives is supporting March of Dimes by collecting items for families with newborns in the NICU to bring home after their stay. Suggested items include new (in box): rattles, large rings, squeeze toys, teething toys, soft dolls, textured balls, vinyl and board books.

Merry & Bright Trail of Lights 🌿

Dec. 1-31 | 6 to 10 p.m. nightly

Desert Camp Community Center

All ages | Free

Residents are invited to enjoy a festive stroll around the perimeter of Desert Camp for a dazzling display of holiday lights and décor.



Field Trip: Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary 🌿

Wednesday, Dec. 28 | 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Departs from The Homestead Community Center

Ages 6 to 11 | [Youth \\$25, Adults \\$10](#)

Kids will enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at a reptile sanctuary. The hands-on tour provides a chance to meet, touch and interact with as many animals as possible. Parents are welcome to register and chaperone, but not required.

Yappy Hour 🌿

Tuesday, Jan. 10 | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Desert Camp Community Center lawn

All ages | [RSVP](#)

Bring your leashed four-legged friend to enjoy a casual gathering with other residents. Beverages, snacks, and pup treats provided.

Women's Club: Happy Hour 🌿

Thursday, Jan. 12 | 4 to 6 p.m.

Thompson 105

Ages 21+ | [RSVP](#)

Join other women for fabulous views of the McDowell Mountains coupled with local craft beer, hand crafted cocktails and a curated wine list. Appetizers provided; drinks are responsibility of each guest.

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

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