



Adis Cajic

## Welcome new team members

Adis Cajic is the Community Council Graphic Design & Website Coordinator working out of The Ranch Offices. Adis brings experience in designing websites, digital and print media, promotional materials and brand management to the team. Adis graduated from the Art Institute with a bachelors in multimedia arts and enjoys the outdoors.



Kathren Coleman

Kathren Coleman is the Ranch Association Communications Coordinator at The Ranch Offices. She has a background in public communications and policy analysis in government and non-profits throughout the country. Kathren oversees messaging for resident communications and assists with board meetings, special events and management of the Neighborhood Voting Member program. She is a graduate of ASU and an avid hiker.

## Community Council Board of Directors call for candidates

Applications are open to fill two positions on the Board in 2023. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved and give back to your community. [Learn more and apply](#) by Feb. 1.

## Ranch Association Board of Directors election opens

The 2023 election kicks off Feb. 3. The candidate application and qualifications will be available on [DCRanch.com](#). There are two open seats, each a three-year term. Residents are urged to consider applying. A Meet the Candidates Night is scheduled for March 13.

## 2023 Community Patrol & Gate Access Resident Survey

Residents are asked to participate in the 2023 Community Patrol & Gate Access Resident Survey which will be emailed Jan. 17. Please share feedback about Community Patrol, Gate Access and third-party provider Anderson Security in this important survey.

## Short-term rental policy

Scottsdale will be busy over the next few months. The Standards of Conduct for Short-Term Rentals (DCR-18) disallows rentals less than 6 months, with only two rentals permitted during a calendar year. Rental and lease terms lasting fewer than 6 months are strictly prohibited; no valley events permit the use of DC Ranch property for short-term rentals. The Ranch Association actively monitors property rental websites to ensure compliance with these requirements. Fines for infractions of short-term rentals may be imposed.

## 2022 Landscape & Maintenance Employees of the Year

Congratulations to Jose Aguilar, Landscape Employee of the Year, and Jose "Chechas" Hernandez Garcia, Maintenance Employee of the Year. Jose is a 14-year veteran landscaper and crew supervisor in the Country Club Village, and Chechas is a 13-year veteran with DC Ranch's maintenance staff. Jose and Chechas exemplify DC Ranch community values and go above and beyond to maintain the beauty and serenity of Ranch life.



Jose Aguilar



Jose Garcia

## Modification submission changes

The Ranch Association Board of Directors has elected to revise the Modifications Committee process to require a clear covenant and Transfer/Disclosure infraction report on a parcel before accepting any new modification applications submitted by residents. In practice, this will restrict owners with outstanding covenant or Transfer/Disclosure infractions from being eligible to submit modification applications unless the modification is to make the parcel compliant or address outstanding violations. While the Committee will have authority to make exceptions for "good and valid reason," the change is being made to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Community Standards and Modifications Team.

## *Living Connected*



## Resident Leadership Academy Class III

Eight residents representing all four DC Ranch Villages were selected for Leadership Academy Class III. Over the course of three months, they completed 8 sessions covering a variety of topics and concluded the program with a graduation celebration at Vito's Italian Ristorante in DC Ranch Crossing in early December. One participant said, "I think the overall understanding that we all obtained from the program was outstanding."

# *In case you missed it!*



On Dec. 28, young residents took a field trip to the Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary. During their visit, youth were educated on native and non-native species, how to identify them, their natural habitats, and what to do should they ever come across them in the wild. Some of the animals they saw included the desert tortoise, capybara, multiple species of snakes, as well as the Chinese water dragon.

## Mixed-use project to have open house

After a lack of support for its large industrial warehouse project, Mack Company has responded to public requests for a more compatible use on the north portion of land they own near DC Ranch. Residents are encouraged to attend an open house on Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Windgate Ranch clubhouse to learn more and provide feedback to the developer. If the mixed-use project receives public support, and the city grants a zoning change, it will eliminate the large industrial warehouses planned on the land nearest to DC Ranch and reduce future semi-truck traffic.



## Passing of long-time resident

With a heavy heart, DC Ranch reports the passing of long-time resident Barbara Ruff. She and her husband Don were the first residents to move into DC Ranch in 1997. Barbara was very active in the community and with local charities until she was diagnosed in 2013 with Parkinson's Disease. Her one request was to always remain at home in DC Ranch, where she kept an upbeat spirit while battling her disease with the loving care and support of Don. Barbara will be greatly missed.

## The Homestead Community Center reopens

The Homestead lobby is now open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to Noon. Please note that the outdoor amenities will close at Noon on Saturday, Jan. 21 in preparation for DC Ranch Day.

## Community meetings

- Jan. 26 Community Council Board of Directors
- Jan. 30 Ranch Association Finance Committee
- Feb. 6 Ranch Association Board of Directors
- Feb. 7 Modification Committee
- Feb. 21 Modification Committee

Please visit [DCRanch.com/calendar](https://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

**The Ranch Offices on Market Street**  
20551 N. Pima Rd., Suite 180 | 480.513.1500  
Visit [DCRanch.com](https://dcranch.com) for more community updates, news and information.

## EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



### Food Truck Night 🌳

Thursday, Jan. 19  
5 to 7 p.m. | The Homestead

Dinner plans? Start the new year on the lighter side with healthful bowls from Nurish or Mediterranean cuisine from StrEAT Gyro.

### DC Ranch Day 🌳

Saturday, Jan. 21  
3:30 to 5:30 p.m. | The Homestead  
All ages | [RSVP](#)

Kick off DC Ranch's 25th Anniversary with a spectacular celebration! Residents are invited to wear their cowboy best for this Western-themed community event that includes live music, entertainment and a delicious cowboy cookout. Enter your best biscuit in the "biscuit bake-off" contest. Guinness World Record holder Adam "Crack" Winrich will wow the crowd with whip tricks and lassos.

### The Homestead Playhouse Spring Production Auditions: Frozen JR. 🎭

Tuesday, Jan. 24 and Wednesday, Jan. 25  
4 to 7 p.m. | The Homestead  
Ages 8-18 | [Register](#)

Residents, neighbors and friends are invited to audition for a role in this enchanting modern classic from Disney. *Frozen JR.* is based on the 2018 Broadway musical, bringing Elsa, Anna and the magical land of Arendelle to life onstage. The show features all of the memorable songs from the animated film, plus five new songs written for the Broadway production.



### Making Scents: Aromatherapy Class 🎭

Monday, Jan. 30  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m. | The Homestead  
Ages 18+ | [\\$18](#)

Enjoy a delightful-smelling workshop to learn about the benefits of essential oils and how to use them properly. Incorporating the healing properties of essential oils at work and around the home can stimulate creativity, induce energy, increase productivity and reduce stress. Participants will make products to take home.

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