

Water conservation in the community

In response to the City of Scottsdale encouraging water conservation, DC Ranch is taking action to reduce water consumption by overseeding only a portion of common areas. Considerations for locations to overseed include playable space within a neighborhood, selected parks in each Village for residents to enjoy, and gate entry locations. If a neighborhood has more than one common area, the number of areas to overseed will be reduced. This will result in cost savings related to mowing and overseeding expenses such as seed and water. Approximately 8,000 gallons of water is saved for every 1,000 square foot of turf not overseeded. View overseeding maps by Village: [Country Club](#), [Desert Camp](#), [Desert Parks](#), [Silverleaf](#).

Over the years, the Ranch Association has optimized irrigation systems, repaired wasteful leaks, eliminated overwatering, reduced turf areas, conducted water audits and upgraded landscape. In alignment with the DCR2020 strategic plan, the Ranch Association and Community Council are in early stages of forming a Sustainability Committee to strategically address conservation measures.

Neighborhood Voting Member applications available now

Forty-four Neighborhood Voting Members (NVMs) serve each neighborhood within DC Ranch, representing the neighborhood in which they live. NVMs are the voice on any Ranch Association matters requiring a vote and communicate with their neighborhood to keep everyone apprised of information affecting their neighborhood. If interested, please submit an [NVM application](#) by Nov. 4. Neighborhoods without current representation include:

<i>Country Club Village:</i>	<i>Silverleaf:</i>
Longhorn	Arcadia
Craggy Spur/Mule Deer Trail	Horseshoe Canyon
<i>Desert Camp Village:</i>	Rob's Camp
Village at Market Street	Saguaro Canyon
<i>Desert Parks Village:</i>	Upper Canyon
The Villas	Wingspan
Courtyards at Desert Parks	

City road work on Pima continues

Road work continues on Pima Road north of DC Ranch, to include some restrictions into the La Mirada Shopping Center at Pima Road and Pinnacle Peak Road. The improvements will widen Pima Road from Pinnacle Peak Road to just north of Happy Valley Road to three lanes in each direction, and Happy Valley Road from Pima Road to Alma School Road to two lanes in each direction with roundabouts at Golf Club Drive and Alma School Road. Both projects include raised medians or center turn lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, multi-use paths, drainage improvements and utility relocations.



Ranch Association welcomes Jeff Rons as Landscape Manager

A native of Scottsdale, Jeff brings over 35 years of landscape operations, design, and turf management experience to DC Ranch. Prior to joining the team, Jeff was the Director of Landscape Operations at Gainey Ranch Association and most recently the Director of Landscape and

Horticulture at Desert Highlands. Jeff has a passion for landscape design and for all that lives and grows in the Sonoran Desert. Jeff spends his free time enjoying the outdoors, fly fishing and traveling with his wife and daughter.

Protect your plants from javelinas

Javelinas are in the peccary family and travel in groups. They are most active at night and primarily eat plants. Leaving pet food outdoors (or pumpkins this time of year!) can encourage javelina to visit. Javelina can scatter garbage and cause significant damage to landscaping and drip irrigation systems while searching for food.

Wild javelina usually avoid encounters with people. They can be dangerous if cornered and frightened, but attacks on people are rare and are almost always associated with deliberate feeding. Homeowners have a legal right to use reasonable measures to protect their property from damage by wildlife, but those measures shall not include capturing, injuring or unlawful killing of big-game animals. Javelinas are protected by Arizona state law.

Living Connected

Did you know DC Ranch has a philanthropic program that gives back to the greater community year-round? Through DC Ranch Gives, resident volunteers recently traveled to the Arizona Humane Society where they played with dogs, decorated bags for foster medicine kits, filled enrichment treat toys, and cut up hot dogs for shelter animals. In October, 26 residents donated 12 Liters of blood to the American Red Cross at The Homestead which will be used for surgeries, cancer treatments, chronic illnesses and traumatic injuries.

[Learn more](#) about DC Ranch Gives.



In case you missed it!

Residents joined talented artist Carrie Curran for a special Paint Your Pet class at the end of September. Every participant left with a colorful masterpiece of their furry friend ready to frame. "It's a gift for my son, so I'm really happy with how it turned out," said Kelly Cravath who painted Lucky, the family dog.



Community Patrol and Gate Access Committee is appointed

The Ranch Association Board of Directors appointed the new Community Patrol and Gate Access Committee at the October board meeting. The new committee members include: Scott Hartman (*Desert Camp*), John Manning (*Country Club*), Lisa Olsen (*sub association representative*), Dale Tarzia (*Silverleaf*), Paul Lipari (*Silverleaf*), Grant Venable (*Desert Parks*), Jeff Gajda (*Silverleaf*), Morgan Francis (*Desert Parks*), Kay Nadal (*Silverleaf*) and Nadar Kavandi (*Desert Parks*). The Association Board looks forward to working with this committee on the upcoming 2023 survey and improvements to the current scope of services, community speed limits, speed deterrent alternatives and options, reduction of motorized vehicles on paths and trails, emergency preparedness and member accountability on standards.

Historic Committee appointed

The Community Council Board of Directors appointed 14 members (including two youth members) to the new Historic Committee at its September meeting. Special thanks to the following residents who volunteered: Ron Belmont, Gary Frazer, Karen Gallivan, George Hartz, Sophia Lin, Lauren Mackin, Debra McKeighan, Julia Mitchell, Nicole Richard, Don Ruff, Katerina Shukhat, Marina Sominsky, Lisa Stone, Marianne Victor. Stay tuned for their ideas in action during DC Ranch's 25th Anniversary in 2023.

Community meetings

Oct. 20	Community Council Annual Budget Workshop
Oct. 24	Ranch Association Budget & Finance Committee
Oct. 25	Modification Committee
Nov. 3	Community Council Board of Directors
Nov. 7	Ranch Association Board of Directors
Nov. 8	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

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



Speaker Series: Adventures of a Travel Writer

Wednesday, Oct. 19 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.
The Homestead Community Center
All ages | [RSVP](#)

Hear about the fascinating, humorous — and sometimes harrowing — experiences of a travel writer. Dan Fellner is an eight-time Fulbright Fellow who has visited 120 countries, all 50 states and published more than 100 travel articles.

Moonlight Movie Night: Hook

Friday, Oct. 21 | 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Desert Camp North Patio
All ages | [\\$8](#)

Pack a blanket, lawn seating and a picnic dinner to join neighbors for a movie under the stars. The whole family will enjoy this pirate adventure film starring Robin Williams.

The Pirate Life: Rum Tasting

Tuesday, Oct. 25 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Desert Camp North Patio
Ages 21+ | [\\$23](#)

Join a Captain of cocktails to learn about the nuances of rum from different regions. Participants will enjoy a "tropical paradise."

Ahoy! Pumpkin Patch

Thursday, Oct. 27 | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Desert Camp North Patio
Ages 0-8 | [\\$7](#) per child (no fee for accompanying adult)

Calling all young pirates to come pick their favorite pumpkin to take home, carve and decorate. Cookies and juice will be provided.



Spooky Carnival: Pirates Cove

Saturday, Oct. 29 | 5 to 8 p.m.
Desert Camp Community Center
All ages | Ages 0-3 free | Early registration, [\\$12](#); after Oct. 24, [\\$15](#)

A haunted ghost-ship has been marooned in DC Ranch! Those brave enough to visit will join the crew of pirates for a night of grub, games, bounty, shanties and swash-buckling fun. Wear ye best costume or walk the plank.

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

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