



DC Ranch receives National Firewise Certification

The Ranch Association has recently achieved recognition from the National Fire Protection Association and has obtained certification as a Firewise USA® community. The initiative started in 2020 with a community assessment and creation of a Firewise Committee. Clearing began in 2021 to reduce invasive grasses and hazardous fire fuels and create defensible space for fighting urban-wildland fires. To date, the clearing covers 16 acres of the community’s common areas. The Ranch Association collaborated with the Scottsdale Fire Department, Copper Ridge School, The Country Club at DC Ranch, The Silverleaf Club and the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy to ensure success of the program. Learn more about [Firewise](#).

DC Ranch residents report high satisfaction in community survey

One section of the 2022 Resident Survey provides insight into how residents feel about Recreation and Leisure time activities.

Residents were much more likely to report using Desert Camp (64%) than The Homestead (32%) community centers. Among residents who reported utilizing services at Desert Camp, parking, green space, main swimming pool and fitness center were utilized the most.

Satisfaction with Desert Camp was strong among all residents using the center with at least 9 in 10 giving a “3- or 4-High satisfaction” rating. Residents were most likely to give a “4-High satisfaction” rating for the maintenance and cleanliness of the center (71%).



Welcome new team member

Doug Mitchell is a Community Standards Specialist with the Ranch Association and also assists with Transfer and Disclosure documents during the closing process. His areas of responsibility are Desert Camp Village and Country Club Village, as the community is divided into zones of responsibility with other members of the Community Standards team.

Doug is an Arizona native who enjoys spending time with his new miniature schnauzer puppy, Fritz.

City Dog Park design input

On behalf of the DC Ranch community-at-large, the Community Council has submitted [comments](#) to the City of Scottsdale regarding the design of the Off-Leash Dog Park to be built at the southwest corner of Hayden and Thompson Peak. Construction is slated to start in 2024. Residents are encouraged to [learn more](#) and submit their own comments.

Annual audit completed on DC Ranch financial records

Per Arizona State Law, § 33-1243, an audit, review or compilation shall be completed no later than 180 days after the end of the association’s fiscal year and shall be made available on request to the owners within 30 days of its completion.

An audit is an examination of the association’s financial statements, accounting records, internal controls and procedures by an independent certified public accountant. The purpose of an audit is to express an opinion as to whether the financial statements are fairly presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The firm Butler Hansen conducted audits of the [Ranch Association](#) and [Community Council](#) for fiscal year 2022. Both entities have been issued an unqualified opinion (or “clean opinion”) that states the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects. The audit was reviewed by the Association and Council finance committees and presented at each respective Board meeting.

Pickleball and tennis court reservations

In response to resident feedback, the Community Council has recently implemented a court reservation [How-To Guide](#). Email reminders are also being sent to residents with reservations. For assistance with court reservations, please call Desert Camp Community Center at 480.342.7178.

Overseeding approved for 2023

The Ranch Association Board of Directors voted in the May meeting to oversee all common areas this fall and wait for direction on adoptable practices that could be recommended by the Sustainability Committee moving forward. The overseeding process will begin in September and conclude by the end of October.

Summer watering guidance

Scottsdale Water encourages residents to cut back on watering. Desert landscape should be watered no more than twice a week. Landscape should be watered after 7 p.m. and before 10 a.m. to limit evaporation. To learn more, visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#).

Living Connected

Residents of all ages are invited to play a variety of board games like Guess Who?, Scottsdale Monopoly and more at Desert Camp Community Center!



In case you missed it!

A full class of residents participated in the recent CPR/First Aid training. The training covered a wide range of topics related to CPR and First Aid for both infant and adults including cardiac arrest, choking, severe bleeding and fractures. Also covered were important concepts such as assessing the scene, calling for emergency assistance, and performing life-saving interventions. Upon completion, residents were awarded Red Cross certification as testament to their preparedness for helping others in an emergency.



Modification resolution

In order to reduce the number of outstanding modification infractions, the Ranch Association Board of Directors adopted a resolution to encourage compliance before homeowners start another project. The resolution reads: "Owners with outstanding covenant or Transfer/Disclosure infractions are not eligible to submit modification applications to the Modifications Committee unless the application will cause the Owner to be compliant with the outstanding violations or Transfer/Disclosure items. All violations must be cured before additional landscape and architectural improvements are considered by the Modifications Committee." To find out if you have any outstanding violations or transfer and disclosure items, call the Community Standards team at 480.513.1500 to request a free inspection.

Be a DC Ranch Ambassador

Help promote resident involvement in the community! DC Ranch staff will occasionally reach out to ambassadors with information about upcoming events so they can personally encourage neighbors to attend. Please contact [Devin Haggerty](#) to participate or learn more.

Holiday hours

The Ranch Offices on Market Street will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

Community meetings

- June 27 Modification Committee
- June 28 Community Patrol and Gate Access Committee
- July 11 Modification Committee
- July 11 Firewise Committee

There is no Ranch Association board meeting in July.

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

The Ranch Offices on Market Street
20551 N. Pima Rd., Suite 180 | 480.513.1500
Visit DCRanch.com for more community updates, news and information.

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



Gives: School Supply Drive

Through July 31
Desert Camp and The Homestead

Help support local students by donating school supplies to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale. Drop off at Desert Camp or The Homestead during regular hours.

Wet n' Wild Wednesdays 🌿

Wednesdays in June and July | 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Desert Camp Pool
All ages | Free

Splash into fun every Wednesday throughout June and July at the community pool! Enjoy family-friendly tunes and games. Light snacks or frozen treats and select pool toys provided. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. No RSVP required.

Bunco Night 🎲

Saturday, July 8 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.
The Homestead
Ages 21+ | [\\$23](#)

Never played Bunco before? Don't worry. It's fun for everyone -- all you need to know is how to roll dice and count! Light bites, beer and wine provided. Doors open at 6 p.m. followed by a quick lesson to get the fun started promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Self-Massage and Stretching Class 🧘

Tuesday, July 11 | 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Desert Camp
Ages 18+ | [\\$12](#)

Take some time for self-care with practical solutions to reduce common aches and pains. Learn specific stretching methods and targeted massage techniques to eliminate headaches, wrist and arm pain, neck and shoulder pain, and backaches.



Women's Club: MIM Tour 🎵

Thursday, July 13 | 10 a.m. to Noon
Musical Instrument Museum
Ages 21+ | [\\$18](#)

Join the Women's Club for a visit to the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) which features 8,000 instruments from around the world. The newest exhibition *Rediscover Treasures: Legendary Musical Instruments* highlights key moments in music history.

