



Appreciation for long-term team members

DC Ranch is honored to recognize three employees who have served the community for nearly two decades. Join us in thanking them for their tireless service.



Scott Dennerline | Senior Landscape Review Specialist | 19 years

As a member of the Covenant Commission, Scott reviews and oversees residential and commercial construction projects to maintain community standards and property values.



Ramiro Rodriguez | Landscaper | 19 years

Ramiro beautifully maintains common areas in each Village and trains new landscaping team members as part of the Ranch Association.



Rafael Lopez | Custodian | 17 years

Rafael is an expert at cleaning both community centers and the gate houses each week, while also helping set up meetings and events for the Community Council.

Dark skies and landscape lighting

The Ranch Association maintains strict standards for lighting in DC Ranch due to its location near the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and efforts to conserve dark skies. **DCRL-07 Landscape Lighting** helps to minimize light pollution:

Landscape lighting shall be shielded to accent planting areas or tree trunks. A maximum of three shielded light fixtures may be used to up light larger trees or cacti, and only one for smaller cacti or shrubs. Bulbs should not exceed the equivalent of 20 watts and 3000 Kelvin (warm). Lights used on pathways and driveways shall not be symmetrical in placement. Landscape lighting should not be placed near the street (approximately 15 feet back from curb).

Altering a landscape lighting plan requires prior approval through the modification process. Modification forms can be found on DCRanch.com. Contact The Ranch Offices at 480.513.1500 for the unique lighting requirements in Silverleaf.

Volunteer for the Modification Committee

The Ranch Association seeks applicants for the Modification Committee. This position is ideal for residents interested in upholding DC Ranch community standards while reviewing submissions for home and landscape modifications on an objective and case-by-case basis. [Learn more and apply](#) by July 21.

DC Ranch residents report high satisfaction

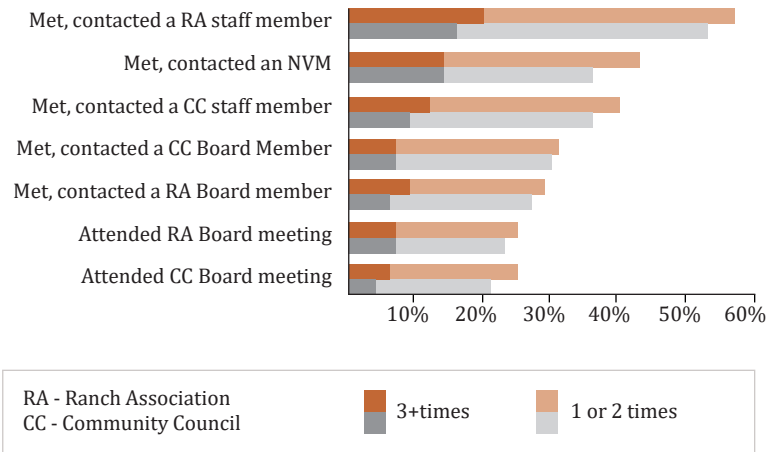
One section of the 2022 Resident Survey provides insight into how residents feel about community-wide services including community infrastructure, operations and governance.

A strong majority of DC Ranch residents were satisfied with the timely and accurate billing (92% "3" + "4 - High"), the maintenance of roads and paths (88%) and the maintenance of gates and guard houses (87%). Eight-in-ten residents were also satisfied with the gate entry system (83%).

Residents were much more satisfied with the Neighborhood Voting Member (NVM) program this year (71% vs. 65% in 2019).

Resident Interactions

Comparison of 2023 and 2019



As shown in the graph above, residents reported a notably higher percentage of interaction for all methods of governance as compared to 2019.

Additionally, a significantly higher amount reported participation by contacting an NVM compared to 2019 (43% vs. 36%).

Living Connected

Resident Jim McLeish (far left) escaped the summer heat for a European vacation where he met up with DC Ranch neighbors Sean, Carmen and Tamera Palacio in Germany. Here they are visiting Neuschwanstein Castle outside Munich.



In case you missed it!



Over 60 residents came out for Summer Saturday in June to make their own tie-dye item and enjoy root beer floats! Brothers Michael and Ryan Novak show off the shirts they made during the fun event.

Beware of Sonoran Desert Toads

Monsoon moisture brings out the Sonoran Desert Toad (*Bufo alvarius*), a species with potent toxins on their skin. If touched or licked, it can cause harmful effects to humans and animals. Symptoms of an animal with toxic poisoning include foaming at the mouth, pawing at the mouth or eyes, seizures, high temperature and difficulty breathing. If you think your pet has been exposed to a toad toxin, act quickly. Flush the animal's mouth with water for five minutes and immediately call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 1.888.426.4435 and your veterinarian.

Community meetings

- July 31 Ranch Association Budget & Finance Committee
- Aug. 7 Ranch Association Board of Directors Meeting
- Aug. 8 Modification Committee Meeting

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Gives: School Supply Drive

Through July 31
Desert Camp and The Homestead

Last call! 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 🌿

July 19 & 26 | 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Desert Camp Pool
All ages | Free

Splash into fun 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.

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.

Dive-in Movie: The Sandlot 🌿

Friday, July 21 | 7:30 to 10 p.m.
Desert Camp Pool
All ages | [RSVP](#)

Chill out poolside with a family movie on the big screen. Bring a towel, chair or a favorite pool float. Light snacks provided. Residents are welcome to bring additional meals or snacks to enjoy during the evening. Movie begins at 8 p.m. Free RSVP encouraged to ensure ample seating space and safety.



Mocktail Mixology 🍹

Sunday, July 23 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.
The Homestead
Ages 18+ | [\\$34](#)

Join a local chef and mixologist for an exciting way to expand your entertaining repertoire with drinks that are alcohol free. Learn how to make three delicious, summer-inspired mocktails and a seasonal snack during this hands-on class. Space is limited.

Fun Kit: Weather Week

July 24-28 | Desert Camp
All ages | [\\$25](#)

Looking for a way to ease summer boredom, or disconnect kids from the screen? Pick up a specially themed basket full of kid-centered activities and fun for the family. Each kit includes enough materials for one child to complete 5-7 activities and the directions to follow for each.



Back to School Bounce 🌿

Saturday, Aug. 12 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Desert Camp
Ages 4+ | [\\$12](#)

Kids are invited to escape the heat and join neighbors for some indoor fun with multiple bounce houses, an obstacle course, games, crafts and snacks. Children must attend with a parent or guardian. No fee for adults.

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