



Apply to become an NVM

Residents interested in serving their neighborhood as a Neighborhood Voting Member (NVM) in 2024 are encouraged to complete a candidate application. NVMs are a vital part of the DC Ranch community who facilitate communication between residents and the Ranch Association board, cast neighborhood votes for the Board of Directors election, welcome new residents and serve as Chair of any neighborhood committee. [Learn more and apply](#) by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3.

Desert Camp Site Improvement Project

Beginning Oct. 30, Desert Camp Community Center is set to close its doors temporarily, pending final City approvals. View a list of alternative facilities for swimming, fitness and tennis/pickleball courts during construction. [Details.](#)

Residents are invited to a Groundbreaking Ceremony at Desert Camp on Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For your safety, please wear closed toe shoes. The ceremony will be held outdoors, so dress accordingly. [RSVP.](#)

Join Resident Leadership Academy

DC Ranch is [accepting applications](#) for Class IV of the Resident Leadership Academy. The program is designed for residents interested in learning about the community’s governance and operations and serving in future volunteer roles. The deadline to apply is Dec. 15.



Peccaries prefer pumpkin

Residents decorating for ‘Spooky Season’ should take care to protect residential property from wildlife looking for a snack. Pumpkin and other edible gourds are a preferred treat for Javelina, and they will travel into neighborhoods to find them. It is recommended that pumpkins be placed out of reach or to use decorative gourds instead. Experts advise never to approach a javelina, as peccaries may injure residents or their pets with their tusk-like canine teeth.

Welcome Interim Facilities and Amenities Director

The Community Council welcomes back Beth Overton, who previously served as Facilities and Recreation Director, to serve as Interim Director as the search for a new Director is underway.



Beth not only brings significant community service and facility operations experience; she also intimately knows DC Ranch and exemplifies the DC Ranch values and vision. We are thrilled that she has agreed to join the team to help us through this transition.

Exterior lighting in DC Ranch

DCR-05: Exterior Lighting states outdoor lighting fixtures and photocells shall be in operable condition, and all parts, such as posts and lamp fixtures, be free of damage, oxidation, or other visible defects. Lighting shall be shielded, or glass inserts should obscure the view of bulbs, so they are not visible. A bulb emitting warm light of 2700-3500K should be used, although lighting standards may vary by neighborhood.

DC Ranch follows a “dark skies” philosophy to minimize light pollution and enhance star gazing. As a result, many areas in the community do not have street lighting, and any exterior lighting should not cause a nuisance to a neighboring property. In several neighborhoods, each property is wired so that lights remain on from dusk until dawn for safety and security. If your home is in one of these neighborhoods, you are required to maintain these lights and photocell for normal operation. All other residents are encouraged to leave two outside front or street-facing house lights on for safety and security. Flood lights are not permitted. All string lighting and bistro lighting require prior approval. Holiday lighting is separate from this guideline and only applies Oct. 1 to Jan. 15.

Living Connected

Nineteen residents volunteered their time and energy with DC Ranch Gives to help alleviate hunger at the United Food Bank. The group filled over 850 bags with canned goods, dried fruits and other pantry staples for local families facing food insecurity.



In case you missed it!



In September, 15 residents were led by Color Arts Studio master artist Matty Wolfe in the creation of their very own version of the painting "Chasing the Sun." Instruction included lessons on one point perspective, brush stroke technique and color theory. While residents painted, there was a beautiful sunset reaching the horizon over The Homestead, mirroring their paintings.

Attend the sixth annual Community Safety Forum

The Ranch Association invites residents to attend the sixth annual Community Safety Forum on Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. at The Homestead Community Center. Residents will leave with a Ready, Set, Go! bag for household evacuation preparation along with information and strategies for personal and residential safety in response to a community emergency. Kids will be able to put together a first aid kit to take home and explore City of Scottsdale Fire Department ladder truck. Beverages and light bites provided.

Community meetings

- Oct. 18 Ranch Association Annual Budget Workshop
- Oct. 19 Ranch Association Policy Committee
- Oct. 19 Community Council Annual Budget Workshop
- Oct. 24 Modification Committee
- Oct. 25 Community Patrol & Gate Access Committee
- Oct. 30 Ranch Association Budget & Finance Committee
- Nov. 2 Community Council Board of Directors
- Nov. 6 Ranch Association Board of Directors
- Nov. 14 Modification Committee

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



Speaker Series: Bizarre History of the McDowells

Wednesday, Oct. 18 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The Homestead
Ages 21+ | [RSVP](#)

The McDowell Mountains contain a peculiar past of plane crashes, ghosts, murders and wildfires. Join Len Marcisz, a legacy steward with the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, to learn about the impact of southwestern military, mining, ranching, urbanization and preservation activities on the natural resources of the area. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; Speaker begins at 6 p.m.

Prickly Pumpkin Patch

Tuesday, Oct. 24 | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The Homestead

Ages 0-8 | [\\$12](#)

Visit the annual pumpkin patch! Pick your own pumpkin to take home and decorate, capture a memorable photo and make a seasonal craft. Light snacks and juice provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Food Truck Night

Thursday, Oct. 26 | 5 to 7 p.m.

The Homestead

Enjoy some of the Valley's best food trucks as they roll into DC Ranch. Amazing K's Burgers will serve gourmet burgers and fries.



Spooky Carnival: Hometown Halloween

Saturday, Oct. 28 | 4 to 6 p.m.

The Homestead

All ages | [\\$12](#) through Oct. 19; [\\$15](#), Oct. 20-28

Residents brave enough to dress in their best costume will be greeted with a classic Halloween carnival complete with live entertainment, old school games, tricks and treats. Tickets required for all participants ages 4+, including adults.

Kids Cuisine: Around the World

Friday, Nov. 3 | 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The Homestead

Ages 9-15 | [\\$34](#)

Young foodies will join a professional chef to prepare a tasty meal and enjoy their creations family style. Learn fun, creative recipes from China, Latin America and Italy.

CPR Certification Class

Saturday, Nov. 4 | 8:30 to 12:30 p.m.

The Homestead

Ages 16+ | [\\$34](#)

This CPR course will train individuals to overcome reluctance to act in emergency situations and to recognize and care for life-threatening respiratory or cardiac emergencies in children or adults.

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

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