

RanchRoundup

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#### Neighborhood Voting Member e-voting

Ballots for the Neighborhood Voting Member (NVM) election will arrive via email only on Nov. 20. Residents must submit their vote by Friday, Dec. 8. If you do not receive the email ballot, please check your spam folder or contact The Ranch Offices at 480.513.1500.

# Desert Camp Site Improvement Project update

Pending final City approvals, demolition to portions of Desert Camp Community Center is slated to begin Monday, Dec. 4. The parking lot will remain open, and residents will continue to have key fob access to the fitness center and pool through Dec. 3. Please use the west ("pool") gate and the south ("playground") gate. Dates are subject to change. Learn more about the project and latest updates.

# Court reservations resume at Desert Camp

Tennis and pickleball players may resume making court reservations <u>online</u> or by contacting The Homestead front desk at 480.585.1641. Tennis Court 1 has been modified to Pickleball Court 1 and 2 with temporary lines and portable pickleball nets. Tennis Court 2 remains tennis only. Please read the updated <u>reservation and usage guidelines</u>.

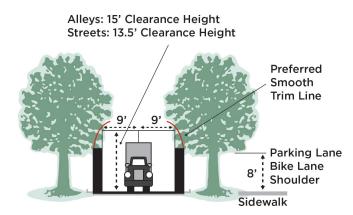


# The Homestead is a hub for residents

While Desert Camp Community Center is closed for construction, The Homestead lobby welcomes residents for clubs, card play, board games and socializing. Stop in for a cup of coffee, refill your water bottle or take a seat on the veranda. Outdoor amenities include a basketball court and covered playground. The splash pad feature operates March through November.

# Assessment changes in 2024

Monthly assessment amounts will adjust Jan. 1, 2024. Your new 2024 assessment rate will be in the budget letter mailed to all residents later this month. Be sure to update your bill pay or ZEGO account to reflect the new rate. If you are currently signed up on ACH/AutoPay, the new rate amount will be automatically debited. For questions about assessment payment, contact <u>Monika Truax</u> at 480.419.5313.



# Trim trees for trash service

Trash collection is an essential service for the community and the City of Scottsdale is asking for assistance to avoid interruption of waste and recycling collections. Please inspect your alleyway trees for any low-hanging limbs or overgrowth and trim as illustrated. There is a 13.5 feet minimum clearance requirement above the street and 15 feet in an alleyway. The Ranch Association does maintain the streetscape trees along the sidewalks for clearance and safety up to 8 feet from the sidewalk. If the tree requires trimming or structural pruning above 8 feet, it is the homeowners' responsibility to meet the necessary clearance standards. When city code enforcement reports a violation, the homeowner will be contacted and provided ten days to meet compliance. The city may also suspend collection service if appropriate clearance is not provided and any damage to the city's trucks caused by a low-hanging limb will be the homeowner's responsibility. For questions or additional assistance, please call The Ranch Offices at 480.513.1500.



If you've ever walked through the lobby of Desert Camp, you've likely seen the western photo of a father holding his toddler son. This photo was taken at DC Ranch Day in 2009. Although this family no longer lives on the Ranch, the father still works on Market Street. And the little boy is now a sophomore in high school. This keepsake photo will be safely stored and rehung at Desert Camp when it reopens.



# In case you missed it!



To celebrate the spooky season, 350 residents gathered to enjoy Spooky Carnival: Hometown Halloween on Saturday, Oct. 28. The Homestead welcomed residents with giant skeletons, stilt walking performers, a flash mob, live music and carnival-

themed food. Inside the Grand Hall young residents played carnival games to earn tickets for king-sized candy bars!

#### Resident gate access transponder update

The Ranch Association Board of Directors has elected to modernize the community's gate access technology and will implement the use of vehicle headlight tags in conjunction with the current windshield tags. The new tags will improve access at resident gate entry for both manned and unmanned gates and replace all hard card transponders that are currently in use. Headlight tags are non-transferrable and will require residents to register each vehicle they wish to have access to the neighborhood via the resident entry lane. Headlight tags will roll out by neighborhood beginning in January. Gate Access is defined and outlined in DCR-29: Gate Access.

#### Holiday hours

The Ranch Offices on Market Street will be closed for Thanksgiving weekend starting at Noon on Wednesday, Nov. 22 and reopen Monday, Nov. 27. The Homestead Community Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23.

#### **Community meetings**

- Nov. 28 **Modification Committee**
- Dec. 4 Ranch Association Board of Directors
- Dec. 12 **Modification Committee**
- Dec. 14 **Community Patrol and Gate Access Committee**

# EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



# DC Ranch Gives: Holiday Toy Drive

Now through Dec. 15 Drop off at The Homestead

Help DC Ranch Gives collect toys for Childhelp to brighten a child's holiday season. Suggested new gifts for children and teens include: board and card games, books for all ages, toy cars, dolls, science kits, craft sets, puzzles, small makeup sets and hair accessories.

# Personal Safety for Hikers 📼

Thursday, Nov. 30 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ages 18+ | \$20 The Homestead

The skills learned during this workshop could save a life. Tools and topics include how to recognize red flags, create boundaries, communicate and defend yourself, if necessary.

#### Nights of Lights 🕝

Dec. 1-31 | 6 to 10 p.m. nightly The Homestead

Every night during the month of December, residents are invited to experience the enchanting lights that adorn the perimeter of The Homestead. Be sure to capture a memorable photo in front of the stunning 18' color-changing tree.

# Winter Celebration: Rockefeller Ranch 🕐

Saturday, Dec. 2 | 6 to 8 p.m. All ages | <u>\$12</u>, <u>\$15</u> after Nov. 23 The Homestead

Residents will have a jolly time ice skating under the stars, watching a Rockette-style performance, sipping on hot chocolate, enjoying holiday crafts and basking in the glorious lights - like they do in New York's famous landmark!



# Women's Club: Gift Exchange 📼

Friday, Dec. 8 | 5 to 7 p.m. Ages 21+ | RSVP The Homestead

Celebrate the spirit of giving with a merry-making gift exchange. All ladies are asked to bring a wrapped gift (limit \$25 value). A delicious assortment of snacks and refreshments will be provided.

# Cookies with Mrs. Claus 📼

Tuesday, Dec. 12 Session I: 4 to 5 p.m. (<u>\$15</u>) | Session II: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (<u>\$15</u>) Ages 0-10 | The Homestead

Bring your little one for a fun holiday celebration that includes cookie decorating, holiday crafts, songs and games with Mrs. Claus and photo opportunities. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

# Speaker Series: Arizona Winemaker 📼

Wednesday, Dec. 13 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ages 21+ | RSVP The Homestead

Owner of Vino Stache Winery and DC Ranch resident, Brooke Lowry Ide, will discuss her career path to vinology in the Sonoita-Elgin region of Arizona, where she produces Arizona-grown and cellared wine. Beverages and light bites provided. Doors open at 6 p.m., speaker begins at 6:30 p.m.

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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