



## Chris Irish is Drinkwater Leadership Award recipient

Each year [Scottsdale Leadership](#) presents two prestigious leadership awards honoring passionate and committed leaders who have made a significant contribution to the Scottsdale community. The Drinkwater Leadership Award, named after former Scottsdale mayor Herb Drinkwater, is based upon contributions in

Community Service and Involvement, Leadership, Consistency of Community Involvement, and Humanitarian Values. Please join us in celebrating Chris Irish, Community Council Public Affairs Director, for her achievement in receiving this prestigious honor.

## Community Council Board call for candidates

Applications are now being accepted for the Council Board Board of Directors; there are two seats open for three-year terms. This is a great opportunity to get involved and give back to your community. The deadline to apply is Feb. 1. [Learn more.](#)

## Neighborhood Voting Member election results

The Neighborhood Voting Member election results will be announced the week of Dec. 18. Thanks to all of the candidates who took the time to complete an application. The 2024 NVM training is scheduled for Jan. 17 at 5 p.m. at The Homestead Community Center.



## Meet Dana Bondon, Modification Specialist

Please welcome Dana Bondon as the newest Modifications team member for the Ranch Association. Dana is responsible for processing and reviewing all paint and landscape modifications. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, traveling, gardening and spending time with her three dogs.

## Fitness center and pool trial options extended

Residents will continue to have key fob access to the fitness center and pool at Desert Camp Community Center until demolition begins. Two nearby alternative facility trial options are being extended. Residents can drop-in for 8 visits at McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic and Fitness Center through Dec. 31. The trial at EoS Fitness has been extended through Feb. 29, 2024. For more information, visit [DCRanch.com/DCSIP](http://DCRanch.com/DCSIP).

## 2024 budget and assessment mailing

All residents were mailed information regarding the 2024 budgets and assessment increases for the [Community Council and Ranch Association](#). Monthly assessment amounts will adjust Jan. 1, 2024. 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 [Monika Truax](#).

## 94th St. residential approved with stipulations

The new residential community to be built at the northeast corner of 94th Street and Bell Road was recently given the green light to proceed by the City of Scottsdale Design Review Board (DRB). At the request of DC Ranch, and stipulated in the DRB approval, trees will be added along the northern portion of the property as a buffer to the Desert Haciendas neighborhood. Also, the pathway along 94th Street from Bell Road north to DC Ranch's property line will be reinstated. When funds are available, the Community Council will add a "connector" to enable residents to walk to Bell Road.

Plans call for the developer to install a crosswalk on 94th Street. It will most likely be placed north of the entrance to the new community and is referred to as a "Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon Crossing" on the site drawings.

This land is not in DC Ranch. The development is single-family homes on significantly larger lots than required by zoning (1/4 to 1/2 acre in size) and will include a community center with an outdoor activity area at Bell Road.

## Get outdoors with RanchCache

Residents are invited to explore DC Ranch while learning about specific locations through this new program! Stop by The Homestead to pick up your RanchCache Passport along with a travel-size first aid kit and custom sticker.

## *Living Connected*



At age 12, resident Ariana Dinu set a new world record by becoming the youngest person ever to complete a 140.6 mile triathlon, the same distance as a full Ironman. She swam 2.4 miles in Lake Pleasant, biked 112 miles in north Phoenix and ran a 26.2 mile marathon at the Bell94 Sports Complex in a record time of 15 hours and 20 minutes. Congratulations, Ariana!



35 residents ventured to Cottonwood for the Walkin' on Main event in November. They enjoyed Arizona wine country with tastings, art, car show, the Main Street shops plus a visit to Merkin Vineyards Hilltop Winery.

## Holiday parking reminder

Residents hosting parties should request that guests park with the flow of traffic and avoid parking in cul-de-sacs. Always allow for at least one lane of traffic in case emergency vehicle access is needed. Please do not park on sidewalks or block driveways or fire hydrants. Any overnight parking for guests must be pre-approved and permitted by DC Ranch. Fill out the [Parking Exemption form](#).

## Home safety recommendations

- If there is a crime in progress, dial 911 immediately. DC Ranch Community Patrol and Gate Access (CPGA) does not respond to or investigate crime.
- If you notice something in your neighborhood that seems unusual, call CPGA at 480.397.9659 immediately.
- Secure all valuables within the confines of your home or garage. Leaving items outside can result in them being stolen and/or calling attention to your home.
- Make sure garage doors are closed when not in use. Open garages are among the leading access points for burglaries.
- If you are out of town or not home, leave random lights on in the house to prevent it from looking vacant.
- If you are on an extended trip, fill out a [Vacation Watch](#) form for CPGA to make occasional perimeter checks of your home while you're away.

## Holiday hours

The Homestead Community Center lobby will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

The pool and fitness center at Desert Camp Community Center will be accessible via key-fob.

The Ranch Offices on Market Street will be closed Dec. 25, Dec. 26, Dec. 29 at Noon and Jan. 1.

## Community meetings

- Jan. 8 Ranch Association Board of Directors
- Jan. 9 Modification Committee

Please visit [DCRanch.com/calendar](http://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](http://DCRanch.com) for more community updates, news and information.

## EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

### Youth Field Trip: Goldfield Ghost Town

Thursday, Dec. 28 | 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Departs from The Homestead

Ages 8-16 | [\\$34](#)

Young wranglers are invited for an exciting trip to the historic Goldfield Ghost Town. Highlights include a tour of the Mammoth Gold Mine, the thrill of panning for gold and riding on Arizona's only narrow gauge train. Please bring a packed lunch to eat on site. Bus departs at 8:30 a.m.

### Gives: Blood Drive

Saturday, Jan. 6 | 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Homestead

Ages 16+ | [RSVP](#)

January is Blood Donation Awareness month. The American Red Cross will be on site to make donating quick and convenient. Every drop of blood donated has the potential to save a life. Schedule your time slot on [DCRanch.com](http://DCRanch.com).

### Ranch Walk: Thompson Peak Pkwy Loop

Monday, Jan. 8 | 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Meet at The Homestead

All ages | [RSVP](#)

Explore the natural beauty of DC Ranch. Meet up with neighbors for a leisurely walk (less than 3 miles) on the path and trail system.

### Movement, Meditation & Sound

Tuesday, Jan. 9 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The Homestead

Ages 18+ | [\\$12](#)

This class is a practice in mindful awareness. Use the power of the breath, sound and movement to increase powerful feelings of peace, stillness and equanimity.



### Women's Club: Line Dancing Lesson

Thursday, Jan. 11 | 5 to 7 p.m.

The Homestead

Ages 21+ | [\\$14](#)

Put some scoot in your boots with a fun-filled evening of country line dancing! No partner required. This instructor-led class is for all levels and promises an enjoyable time. Beverages and light bites provided.