

New board directors seated

Community Council: Effective April 1, Heidi Rosner and Kris James were appointed to 3-year terms on the Community Council Board of Directors. Newly appointed directors will join Ron Belmont, Roland Dickson, Dinesh Kakwani, Elizabeth Kepuraitis and Ethan Knowlden. Ethan Knowlden remains president, Elizabeth Kepuraitis will serve as vice president and Dinesh Kakwani as secretary/treasurer. The Council extends deep gratitude to departing directors Natalie Ingram and Alex Townsend.

Ranch Association: Effective April 1, David Young and Dave Underwood were elected to serve 3-year terms on the Ranch Association Board of Directors. Newly elected directors will join Phil Geiger, Don Matheson, John Shaw, Iryna Sukhovolets and Marla Walberg. Don Matheson will serve as president, Iryna Sukhovolets as vice president, Dave Underwood as treasurer and Marla Walberg remains secretary. Special thanks to departing directors Elaine Cottey and Greg Kiraly for their service.

2023 Annual Report

The 2023 DC Ranch Annual Report celebrates milestones from the community's 25th Anniversary, accomplishments across all departments, financials and more. [View the digital publication.](#)

Create defensible space around your home

The City of Scottsdale recommends that homeowners create a well-maintained, live vegetation zone on their property to prevent damage to structures in case of wildland fires. This "defensible space" acts as a fire break, and should contain only small brush and ground cover to prevent a continuous path of flammable materials leading to inhabited structures. Preventative actions include:

- Maintain a 15-foot zone around your home; remove perennial grasses and thin, overgrown bushes; remove dead branches or branches touching the ground.
- Remove dead vegetation that is down on the ground from an additional 15-foot zone for maximum protection (30 feet total).

The Ranch Association is participating in Firewise maintenance to create defensible space in common areas.

Path and trail etiquette

The community's path and trail system is a favorite among residents. For safety reasons, motorized vehicles such as ebikes, golf carts, ATVs and skateboards are not permitted on sidewalks or the paths and trails. Bicyclists should slow down when nearing pedestrians. Only battery-operated toy vehicles for children 7 or younger may be driven on the path system or sidewalks under the supervision of an adult.



Desert Camp Site Improvement Plan Update

At the March 28 meeting, the Community Council Board of Directors decided that new tennis courts will not be constructed in this phase of the master plan and instead will be reevaluated in the future. The current tennis courts will receive a major refresh this year with improvements to include resurfacing, new windscreens and lighting. These repair and replacement projects will be funded through the Reserve. For more information, visit DCRanch.com/DCSIP.

Pets off leash and pick-up reminder

It is a City of Scottsdale statute and a DC Ranch standard that all pets should be kept under the control of their owner at all times. Also, in order to keep the community looking beautiful, it is important to pick up after your pet. Waste stations are located throughout neighborhood parks.

Watch your step!

While enjoying the outdoors, be on the lookout for snakes coming out of hibernation. For assistance with snake removal on your property, call Community Patrol at 480.397.9659.

Living Connected



A talented cast of 35 youth have been gathering twice a week to rehearse The Homestead Playhouse's Spring production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast JR.* During rehearsal, cast members have been learning popular songs from the movie and preparing for performances May 2-5. "I love sharing a passion (for theatre) with everyone here and collaborating with other actors," says Isabel Catalano, who has been participating in The Homestead Playhouse since an early age and is portraying Belle in this year's production.

In case you missed it!



New residents enjoyed a guided tour of all four Villages within DC Ranch to learn about the community's history, fun facts and notable landmarks while meeting other new neighbors. The highlight of the evening was a memorable toast at sunset to conclude the tour. "We now have such a better appreciation of DC Ranch," said one resident. Any residents who have not previously attended may contact [Devin Haggerty](#) to attend a future Sunset Tour.

Added security for auto pay

DC Ranch has implemented an encrypted email process for setting up auto pay/direct debit on monthly assessments. Encryption is used to protect sensitive data from being stolen, changed or compromised and ensures resident information is kept private and secure. If you would like to set up autopay, contact [Monika Truax](#) at 480.419.5313.

Community meetings

- April 23 Modification Committee
- May 6 Ranch Association Board of Directors
- May 14 Modification Committee

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Food Truck Night

Thursday, April 18 | 5 to 7 p.m.
The Homestead

All Cooped Up will serve delicious chicken tenders and homemade sauces while Poky's Cocina dishes out tacos and other Mexican favorites.

Starlight Concert: Rock Lobster

Friday, April 19 | 6 to 8 p.m.
Market Street Park
All ages | Free

Enjoy a night of live music under the stars. Residents are encouraged to walk or ride their bikes to the concert and to bring their own lawn seating, snacks and drinks. Parking is available on the south end of Market Street.

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.

Off the Ranch: Bowling Night

Thursday, April 25 | 6 to 8 p.m.
Meet at Bowlero
Ages 21+ | [\\$23](#)

Strike up some fun with neighbors. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a casual bowler, everyone is welcome. Ticket includes two hours of bowling, appetizers, two drinks and shoe rental.



The Homestead Playhouse presents *Beauty and the Beast JR.*

Enjoy Disney's "tale as old as time" filled with spectacular costumes, music and a cast of 35 talented youth on the following dates:

- Thursday, May 2 | 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 3 | 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 4 | 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 5 | 3 p.m.

[Tickets](#) are \$12 for youth (ages 12 and under), \$18 for adults. Seating is limited.

Group Service Project: Foothills Animal Rescue

Saturday, May 4 | 12:45 to 4 p.m.
Meet at Foothills Animal Rescue Resale Boutique
Ages 14+ | [\\$10](#)

Foothills Animal Rescue provides a safe haven to homeless dogs and cats awaiting their forever home. Come help with spring cleaning. Gives volunteer shirt provided.

Women's Club: Bottle Painting

Thursday, May 9 | 5 to 7 p.m.
The Homestead
Ages 21+ | [\\$45](#)

Pop open some creative flair! A skilled artist and fellow resident will guide this class in hand painting a champagne bottle. Watch as each one transforms into a unique masterpiece worthy of display. All supplies provided. Light bites and bubbles included.

Mat Pilates Class

Saturday, May 11 | 9 to 10 a.m.
The Homestead
Ages 16+ | [\\$12](#)

Discover the intentional method of Pilates to see if it's a good fit for you. This gentle but effective form of exercise is designed to strengthen the core, improve posture and tone muscles.

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