

## Thank you to Firewise Committee

The Firewise Committee was chartered in 2021 and with their work complete, the committee has been dissolved. Over the past three years the committee collaborated with the Ranch Association and the Scottsdale Fire Department to provide valuable input on clearing 17-miles of ladder fuels within DC Ranch. Special thanks to resident committee members Andrea Brin, Kris James, John Shaw and Paul Staker for their help in this enormous task to protect the community.

## Construction started on dog park

The recently fenced area on the southwest corner of Thompson Peak Pkwy. and Hayden Rd. signaled the start of construction on a much-needed dog park. Approved by voters in the 2019 Scottsdale bond election, the city facility will include three fenced play areas for dogs, shade canopies, benches, water fountains, pet waste disposal stations, restrooms, and public art. A footbridge will connect the off-leash area to existing park amenities. Entrance to the parking area will be from Hayden Rd. The park is anticipated to open at the end of the year. [Learn more.](#)



## Desert Camp Site Improvement Project Update

Over the last two months, significant progress has been made at Desert Camp. Within the existing building, framing is going in for the planned renovations. The land for the expansion was raised and leveled, and the team began construction of the foundations and stem walls. The pickleball site was graded, the ground was prepared with plastic-covered steel cables running in a grid pattern, and concrete was poured over that to create the post-tensioned courts. Throughout May, the pickleball court concrete will cure while work continues going vertical with the walls of the expansion. For more information, photos and video updates, visit [DCRanch.com/DCSIP](http://DCRanch.com/DCSIP).

## Loop 101 construction

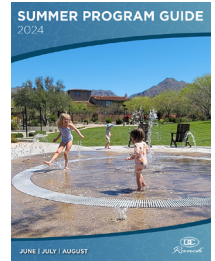
Residents are encouraged to sign up for updates and alerts regarding the Arizona Department of Transportation's two-year project to add lanes and improve interchanges on Loop 101 between Shea Boulevard and Princess Drive/Pima Road. Subscribe and learn more on [ADOT's website.](#)

## Irrigation checkup reminder

Irrigation systems should be tested regularly to ensure efficiency and water conservation. Signs you may have damage or a leak include water runoff into the street, uncommon wet areas in your landscape, low water pressure and bubbling water.

## Summer Program Guide

The Summer Program Guide was delivered to mailboxes last week. There are a variety of programs and events for residents of all ages now open for registration. [View Program Guide.](#)



## Travel preparedness

The end of the school year is here and summer travel season is quickly approaching. Residents are encouraged to complete a [Vacation Notification form](#) to alert Community Patrol of any extended leaves so they can keep an extra eye on your home while you're away. They will conduct regular perimeter checks and look for anything suspicious.

For additional safety tips, consider using these local resources: [Scottsdale Police Department](#), [Scottsdale Fire Department Prevention Services](#) and [DC Ranch Community Patrol & Gate Access.](#)

## Spring cleaning

Community Standard [DCR-02](#) states that activities not normally associated with property restricted to residential use, including operation of a business, garage, yard and estate sales, or other commercial, manufacturing, or industrial use are prohibited. Home-based businesses or hobbies are permissible unless they generate excessive noise or traffic, create unsightly conditions visible to neighboring property or otherwise cause a nuisance pursuant to DCR-10. The Ranch Association, in its sole discretion, shall determine if an activity is in violation of this standard. Property owners shall maintain their property in good, clean, safe, and attractive conditions.

## *Living Connected*

In celebration of 2024 Scottsdale Earth Week, the Ranch Association's Adopt-A-Road Landscape & Maintenance Team performed trash and litter clean-up along Thompson Peak Parkway from Pima Road to Legacy Boulevard and Legacy Boulevard East to The Homestead Community Center, collecting 25 large bags of trash and litter from along the roadways and medians.





# *In case you missed it!*



The annual Gives Shred Day in partnership with the Matheson Real Estate Team was a resounding success. A total of 124 cars rolled into The Homestead parking lot to shred sensitive documents and over \$2,200 was collected to benefit the Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children. This generous contribution will provide vital support to children and families affected by pediatric cancer.



## Weed maintenance

It is typical to see an influx of weeds during rainy months like April and July. The Landscape team is currently underway with the weed reduction program which should be complete by end of May. One of the most common invasive weeds in DC Ranch is globe chamomile, or stinknet (pictured). Residents should remove this plant from their yards before it dries and turns to seed in the early summer.

## Let Us Know

Do you see a maintenance issue that needs attention, or have a question or comment to share? Use the [Let Us Know](#) form to provide feedback and a DC Ranch team member will respond within two business days. If the issue is urgent or after regular business hours, please call the DC Ranch Command Center at 480.397.9659.

## Around the Ranch Photo Contest

Residents are invited to share their favorite photos of life on DC Ranch for a chance to be featured in Ranch News! Capture a beautiful sunset, a hike with your pup, a get together with neighbors, or whatever inspires you about living on the Ranch. Share your photos all year by emailing [communications.team@dcranchinc.com](mailto:communications.team@dcranchinc.com).

## Community meetings

- May 21 Policy Committee
- May 23 Community Patrol and Gate Access Committee
- May 23 Community Council Board of Directors
- May 28 Modification Committee
- June 3 Ranch Association Board of Directors
- June 11 Modification Committee

## EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

### Starlight Concert: Lost Covers

Friday, May 17 | 6 to 8 p.m.  
Market Street Park

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 at the south end of Market Street.

### Summer Saturday

Saturday, June 1 | 10 to 11 a.m.  
The Homestead Veranda  
All ages | Free

Celebrate summer with fun free activities on the veranda! This event includes all things bubbles. Create bubble art, play with big and small bubbles and enjoy a variety of "bubble" snacks. The splash pad will be on to cool off. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



### Tropical Tuesday

Tuesday, June 11 and 25; July 9  
2 to 3 p.m.  
The Homestead Community Center  
All ages | Free

Put on a Hawaiian shirt and join neighbors for a tropical escape indoors! Families are invited to drop-in for an hour filled with games, tasty tropical treats and tropical-themed crafts. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

### Women's Club: Happy Hour at Isabella's Kitchen

Thursday, June 13 | 5 to 7 p.m.  
Meet at Isabella's Kitchen  
Ages 21+ | [RSVP](#)

Mingle with other DC Ranch women and enjoy the beautiful view from the outdoor patio at Isabella's Kitchen. Appetizers provided, drinks are the responsibility of each resident.



### Comedy Night: Mind Games

Friday, June 14 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
The Homestead Community Center  
Ages 21+ | \$23

Experience a night of comedy like no other. An expert mentalist will lead volunteers through a series of hilarious scenarios, all drawn from their subconscious minds. Light bites and beverages included. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. to mingle with the performer.

Please visit [DCRanch.com/calendar](https://dcranch.com/calendar) for a full listing of events.

Desert Camp Community Center  
Closed for construction

The Homestead Community Center  
18600 N. 98th St. | 480.585.1641

The Ranch Offices  
20551 N. Pima Rd., Suite 180 | 480.513.1500

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