



Welcome new team member

Taylor Kershner has joined the Community Council Finance Department as Accounting Assistant. Taylor is responsible for handling accounts payable and providing support with other daily accounting functions. She is an Arizona native who graduated from Arizona State University. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and spending time with friends, family and her dog Marly.

Amenity closure at Desert Camp Community Center

In conjunction with the Desert Camp Site Improvement Project, the Community Council identified reserve projects to complete while the center is closed for construction to minimize the time residents will have limited or no access to certain outdoor amenities and take advantage of the summer months when usage of these amenities is reduced. The first of two closures is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 5 through Friday, Aug. 23. The playground, tennis, pickleball and basketball courts, and the path on the south side of Desert Camp will be closed during this time. [Learn more.](#)

Market Street Park closures

The pedestrian bridge at Market Street Park are is closed through July 31 while it undergoes maintenance and a paint refresh. The playground and splash pad will be closed for maintenance and repairs July 29-Aug. 3. Residents may enjoy the playground and splash pad at [The Homestead Community Center.](#)

Community Standard DCRH-27: Temporary Storage/Moving Containers

Temporary moving containers and portable storage are permitted for no more than 14 days; prior approval is required. Containers should be placed in the driveway. If street placement is necessary, a [parking exemption form](#) must be submitted. The containers should not be placed on any portion of the landscaping.

Community pest management

Much of DC Ranch falls within Natural Area Open Space zones. Due to these designations, there is a limitation on the types of pest control measures that can be used, specifically avoiding chemicals or bait traps that could harm wildlife or the environment. DC Ranch typically contracts third-party vendors for pest control services (rats, bees, termites, etc.). Whenever bait traps are necessary, vendors use products that do not have a secondary poisoning effect. Residents who use pest control measures should also ensure they are safe and do not pose a risk of secondary poisoning to other wildlife or pets. [Read tips](#) on keeping rats away from your home.

Dark skies and landscape lighting

The Ranch Association maintains strict standards for lighting in DC Ranch due to its location near the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and efforts to conserve dark skies. [DCRL-07 Landscape Lighting](#) helps to minimize light pollution. Landscape lighting shall be shielded to accent planting areas or tree trunks. A maximum of three shielded light fixtures may be used to up light larger trees or cacti, and only one for smaller cacti or shrubs. Bulbs should not exceed the equivalent of 20 watts and 2700-3500 Kelvin, LED lighting may not exceed 3 watts (warm) based on the lighting specifications of your neighborhood. Lights used on pathways and driveways shall not be symmetrical in placement. Landscape lighting should not be placed near the street (approximately 15 feet back from curb).

Altering a landscape lighting plan requires prior approval through the modification process. Modification forms can be found on [DCRanch.com](#). Contact The Ranch Offices at 480.513.1500 for the unique lighting requirements in Silverleaf.

Property modification process

Homeowners contemplating exterior modifications are reminded that all exterior changes and alterations (or that affect the exterior of your home) must be approved by the DC Ranch Modification Committee. To assist residents in their efforts to add security enhancements to their homes and to ensure adherence to community standards, temporary updates to the submittal process have been instituted. [Learn more.](#)

Please note that the Modification Committee convenes currently on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month to review submitted proposals. Beginning in September, the committee will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Timely adherence to these procedures ensures compliance with community standards and facilitates a seamless modification process. More information about modifications can be found on [DCRanch.com](#) under "[Home and Landscape Changes.](#)"

Living Connected

DC Ranch Resident Group members donned safety gear for a behind-the-scenes look of ongoing construction at Desert Camp Community Center. The exclusive tour by DC Ranch team members provided a preview of the renovations and exciting enhancements to come.



In case you missed it!



Family Float Night welcomed 100 residents and family members for a private night of aquatic fun at McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center. Residents got to switch between a high-dive diving board, water slide, lazy river, lap pool, and other aquatic features as they escaped the summer heat. Pizza, sodas, water, and shaved ice were served as refreshments to refuel residents for continued water activities.

Beware of Sonoran Desert Toads

Monsoon moisture brings out the Sonoran Desert Toad (*Bufo alvarius*), a species with potent toxins on their skin. If touched or licked, it can cause harmful effects to humans and animals. Symptoms of an animal with toxic poisoning include foaming at the mouth, pawing at the mouth or eyes, seizures, high temperature and difficulty breathing. If you think your pet has been exposed to a toad toxin, act quickly. Flush the animal's mouth with water for five minutes and immediately call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 1.888.426.4435 and your veterinarian.

Keep pets on leash for safety

Both Arizona law and the DC Ranch Standards require dogs be always kept on leash and under physical control by their caretaker when not enclosed in an area on the owner's property. Community Patrol and Community Standards teams are authorized to enforce this standard and impose a \$300 fine to the responsible party. [Learn more.](#)

Community meetings

July 18	Community Patrol and Gate Access Committee
July 23	Modification Committee
July 25	Community Council Board of Directors
July 29	Ranch Association Budget and Finance Committee
Aug. 5	Ranch Association Board of Directors
Aug. 9	Policy Committee
Aug. 13	Modification Committee

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Summer Saturday

Saturday, July 20 | 10 to 11 a.m.
The Homestead Veranda
All ages | [Free](#)

Celebrate summer with fun free activities on the veranda! Residents are invited to create their own tie dye item and make a decadent ice cream sundae. Please bring a T-shirt, pillowcase, bag, socks or anything white; all other supplies are provided. The splash pad will be on to cool off. No RSVP required. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Bubbles & Boards

Sunday, July 28 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
The Homestead
Ages 21+ | [\\$34](#)

Take your entertaining up a notch with this culinary class. Residents will have the opportunity to explore different sparkling wines, create their own charcuterie board and learn what pairings elevate the art of a meal. All materials provided.

Women's Club: Qigong

Thursday, Aug. 8 | 5 to 6 p.m.
The Homestead
Ages 18+ | [\\$12](#)

Learn how to optimize the energies of body, mind and spirit through powerful ancient sequences of movement, meditation and breath. This class is for all levels; no previous experience needed.

Back to School Bounce

Saturday, Aug. 10 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.
The Homestead
Ages 4-12 | [\\$12](#)

Kids are invited to escape the heat and join neighbors for some indoor fun, games, crafts and snacks. There will be multiple bounce houses and an obstacle course. Children must be 4+ and must attend with a parent or guardian. No fee for adults.

Please visit [DCRanch.com/calendar](https://www.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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