Ranch Roundup

A monthly highlight of news and events in DC Ranch

One Community, Four Villages: Country Club | Desert Camp | Desert Parks | Silverleaf

City Council Candidates Forum

Residents can hear from Scottsdale City Council candidates on Monday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. at The Homestead Community Center. The candidates will be asked questions by a moderated panel. Tammy Caputi, Tom Durham, Adam Kwasman and Maryann McAllen are in the running for two open positions in the Nov. election. Scottsdale Progress and the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce are partnering with DC Ranch for the event, which is open to the public.

The Ranch Offices are moving

The Ranch Offices will be moving from its current location on Market Street to Canyon Village in mid-October. The building is located on the northeast corner of Thompson Peak Pkwy. and Legacy Blvd. More information will be shared with residents closer to the move date. The phone number will remain 480.513.1500.

Apply to become an NVM

Each year, Neighborhood Voting Members (NVMs) are elected by their neighbors to serve as liaisons between neighborhood residents and the Ranch Association Board of Directors. The Ranch Association holds elections each November to elect resident representatives for one-year terms. With 44 positions in total, one for each neighborhood in DC Ranch, NVMs are responsible for disseminating important information to neighbors and for casting the sole vote for the neighborhood they represent during Ranch Association Board elections. Applications are available on DCRanch.com starting Oct. 1.

DC Ranch supports Prop 490 and 491

The City of Scottsdale will have two propositions on the November ballot. The initiatives enable the City to take care of its most prized assets, the Preserve, the Greenbelt and city parks; and the ability to spend the revenue it generates. Due to positive impacts to property values, the DC Ranch Community Council Board of Directors voted to publicly support both propositions. Learn more.

Dark skies and landscape lighting

DC Ranch follows a lighting philosophy that preserves the night sky ambiance. All light fixtures must be shielded so the light source, or bulb, is obscured from view. A maximum of three shielded lights are permitted per large tree or cacti, and only one for smaller shrubs. Bulbs should emit a soft yellow glow, ranging from 2700 to 3500 Kelvin, LED lighting may not exceed 3 Watts. Lighting used along paths, walkways or driveways should not be symmetrically placed, and should not be placed near the street.

Overseeding season begins

Late September and early October is an ideal time for winter turf transition. DC Ranch landscape crews will be busy overseeding and watering neighborhood parks and common areas in the coming weeks. Please observe posted signage and keep off the grass areas to allow for successful germination.



Desert Camp Community Center update

The Desert Camp Site Improvement Project is both on schedule and within budget. The project is progressing well and still aiming for a late 2024 re-opening as planned. This timeline includes the outdoor amenities, such as the new pickleball courts and pools. Residents will continue to be updated regularly on the project and more information, including re-opening dates, will be shared as construction nears completion. Visit DCRanch.com/DCSIP to learn more.

Resources available online

Ever wondered what services Community Patrol & Gate Access provide? <u>Click here</u> for a full listing and other important information.

2025 annual budget meetings

Residents are encouraged to attend and provide input at the upcoming budget meetings at The Homestead Community Center. The Ranch Association and Community Council boards will approve annual budgets for the 2025 calendar year in November.

Community Council

Thursday, Oct. 17 | 5:30 p.m.

Ranch Association Monday, Oct. 21 | 6 p.m.

Living Connected

Resident Jim McLeish took on an impressive challenge during the Desert Camp Site Improvement Project, setting a goal to cycle 2,000 miles on the Path & Trail System throughout the community. He exceeded this goal and continues to log miles daily, but still makes time to stop by The Homestead Community Center for a break and to catch up with friends and neighbors.



In case you missed it!

The Homestead turned up the music for Line Dancing Lessons with a group of residents eager to learn and have fun! The instructor delivered an outstanding session to set the stage for what's to come during each class in September. Yeehaw!



Save the date: Community Safety Forum

Residents are invited to attend the annual Community Safety Forum at The Homestead on Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. Residents will have the opportunity to engage with the Scottsdale Fire Department, Scottsdale Police Department and DC Ranch team members. Come learn what you can do to protect your home, what DC Ranch does to protect the community, and how outside organizations collaborate with the Ranch Association to create a safer environment.

Path and trail safety

The community's path and trail system is a favorite among residents. For safety reasons, per Community Standard DCR-09, motorized vehicles such as ebikes, golf carts, ATVs and skateboards are not permitted on sidewalks or the paths and trails. 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.

Health and Wellness Fair nearby

Revel McDowell Mountain invites the community to explore a variety of health and wellness vendors and participate in an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donors will be entered to win two tickets to an Arizona Cardinals game.

Community meetings

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Sept. 30	Ranch Association Budget and Finance Committee
Oct. 1	Modification Committee
Oct. 7	Ranch Association Board of Directors
Oct. 11	Policy Committee
Oct. 15	Modification Committee
Oct. 17	Community Council Annual Budget Workshop

Community Council Board of Directors

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Trivia Night

Friday, Sept. 20 | 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Homestead Community Center Ages 21+ | \$23

Gather with neighbors to put your knowledge to the ultimate test! Sit at a table to make your team and compete for prizes. Light bites and beverages provided.

Fall Cookie Decorating Class

Tuesday, Oct. 1 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Homestead Community Center Ages 21+ | \$34

Welcome fall by decorating your own set of fall themed cookies! Join Stencil Studio's cookie decorator to learn the basics of decorating, including how to outline and flood your cookies. All supplies, beverages and light bites included.

Gives: Fill the Trucks Donation Drive

Saturday, Oct. 5 | 9 a.m. to Noon The Homestead Community Center

The Salvation Army will collect new or gently used items for their boutiques, stores, bulk auction and/or recycle. Items that are worn, stained, ripped or broken cannot be accepted. Easy drive up and drop off with on-site volunteers.



Speaker Series: Blue Zones

Wednesday, Oct. 9 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Homestead Community Center Ages 21+ | RSVP

What's the secret to living longer? Blue Zones Project Scottsdale Executive Director, Sarah Kearney, will share information about this exciting community well-being initiative and nine insights on how you can start adding more good years to your life! Light bites and beverages included. Doors open at 6 p.m. Speaker begins at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Club: Bingo Night

Thursday, Oct. 10 | 5 to 7 p.m. The Homestead Community Center

Ages 21+ | \$12

Join other ladies in the community to play Bingo and win prizes while enjoying light bites and beverages. Limited seating.

Please visit DCRanch.com/calendar for a full listing of events.





The Ranch Offices