

## Desert Camp Grand Reopening Celebration

It's time to celebrate and welcome residents to the renovated Desert Camp Community Center! Save the date for Saturday, Dec. 7 with a special dedication ceremony at 9 a.m. followed by fun activities until Noon. View details and [RSVP](#). The facility and amenities officially open at 1 p.m.

Limited parking is available at Desert Camp. Residents are encouraged to carpool, walk or bike. A complimentary shuttle to Desert Camp will be available from The Homestead starting at 8:30 a.m. The last shuttle back to The Homestead will depart Desert Camp at 12:30 p.m. No pets, please.

## Share your Desert Camp memories!

The Historic Committee seeks photos and memories of residents at Desert Camp Community Center for a special display at the reopening. Please email [history@dcranchinc.com](mailto:history@dcranchinc.com).

## Neighborhood Voting Member ballots sent

Ballots for the Neighborhood Voting Member (NVM) election were sent via email from [invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com](mailto:invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com) on Nov. 13. Visit [DCRanch.com/NVMElection](https://DCRanch.com/NVMElection) to see the candidates who are running. Residents should quickly return their selection (one vote per household) for a neighborhood representative in 2025. If you did not receive a ballot or need one to be resent, please email [elections@dcranchinc.com](mailto:elections@dcranchinc.com). Ballots must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6.

## Update on Desert Camp court projects

Work to refresh the basketball and tennis courts is on schedule to reopen on Monday, Nov. 18. Pickleball play will be unavailable until the site fully reopens on Dec. 8. [Learn more](#).

## Get ready for the holidays

Residents hosting holiday 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. Holiday displays are allowed now through Jan. 15, 2025. Please ensure the vibrancy of the neighborhood and preserve dark skies at night by avoiding excessive lighting and noise pollution.

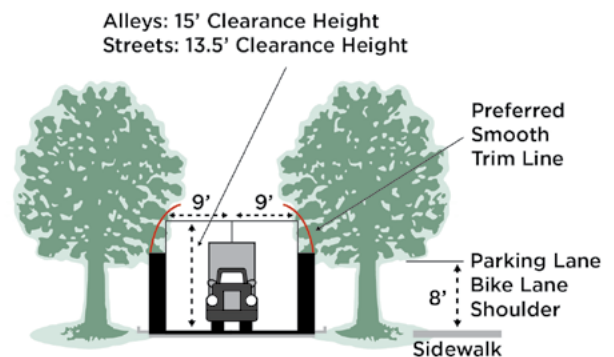
## Planning any last-minute modifications?

Please keep in mind that all home and landscape modifications require approval from the Ranch Association's Director of Modifications and Community Standards and the Modification Committee. Appointed by the Board of Directors, the committee includes Chair David Young, Board member Dave Underwood, and residents Pam Anzelone, Dean Gerstein, and Pam Den Draak.

The committee meets twice a month to review proposals for landscape revisions/refresh, architectural modifications, addition of a new pool, converting to or adding artificial turf, upgrading a patio or even a built-in barbecue or firepit. After reviewing each proposal, the committee will make a decision, and a final inspection ensures the work is completed as approved.

## Trim trees for trash service

Trash collection is an essential service for the community and the City of Scottsdale is asking for assistance to avoid interruption of waste and recycling collections. Please inspect your alleyway trees for any low-hanging limbs or overgrowth and trim as illustrated. There is a 13.5 feet minimum clearance requirement above the street and 15 feet in an alleyway. The Ranch Association does maintain the streetscape trees along the sidewalks for clearance and safety up to 8 feet from the sidewalk. If the tree requires trimming or structural pruning above 8 feet, it is the homeowners' responsibility to meet the necessary clearance standards. When city code enforcement reports a violation, the homeowner will be contacted and provided ten days to meet compliance. The city may also suspend collection service if appropriate clearance is not provided and any damage to the city's trucks caused by a low-hanging limb will be the homeowner's responsibility. For questions or additional assistance, please call The Ranch Office at 480.513.1500.



## Holiday hours

The Ranch Office will be closed for Thanksgiving weekend starting at Noon on Wednesday, Nov. 27 and reopens Monday, Dec. 2. The Homestead Community Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27 and closed on Thursday, Nov. 28. Regular lobby hours resume on Friday, Nov. 29.

## *Living Connected*

The new DC Ranch Hiking Club, led by residents Gary and Richard, set off on their first hike to trek Marcus Landslide Trail in the southern portion of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. The 3.9 mile trail features unique rock formations, including mushroom-like rocks and Submarine Rock. Join the club for a different hike each month.



## *In case you missed it!*



Almost 400 residents gathered to enjoy Spooky Carnival: Alien Invasion on Saturday, Oct. 26. The Homestead welcomed residents with giant aliens, a spaceship, extra-terrestrial entertainment, laser tag and a cosmic buffet. Inside the Grand Hall young residents played games to earn tickets for king-sized candy bars!

### Community meetings

- Nov. 21 Community Patrol and Gate Access Committee
- Dec. 2 Ranch Association Board of Directors
- Dec. 3 Modification Committee
- Dec. 13 Policy Committee
- Dec. 17 Modification Committee

## EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

### Gives: Holiday Toy Drive

Nov. 25 through Dec. 6

Drop off at The Homestead

Help DC Ranch Gives collect toys for Ronald McDonald House Charities to make the holidays brighter for children facing medical challenges. Suggested new, unwrapped gifts include: board and card games, books for all ages, toy cars, dolls, science kits, craft sets, puzzles, small makeup sets and hair accessories.

### Phoenix Art Museum Fashion Tour

Wednesday, Dec. 4 | 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Departs from The Homestead

Ages 16+ | [\\$18](#)

Enjoy a private tour of Phoenix Art Museum and discover the evolution of fashion. Greatest Fits (Vol. 1) traces over 80 iconic garments and accessories from the museum's collection since its founding in 1966. Explore captivating moments in fashion history and notable designers. Ticket includes museum admission, tour and transportation.

### Merry & Bright Trail of Lights

Dec. 7-31 | 6 to 10 p.m. nightly

Desert Camp Community Center

All ages | Free

Enjoy a leisurely evening stroll along the beautifully illuminated quarter-mile trail around Desert Camp. Stop along the path for photo ops and tag @dcranch on Instagram to share your holiday memories with the community.

### Self-Defense Class

Monday, Dec. 9 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Desert Camp Community Center

Ages 16+ | [\\$28](#)

Gain confidence, enhance personal safety and develop practical skills through this comprehensive class. Residents will learn essential techniques and strategies to help protect oneself in various situations.

### Cookies with Mrs. Claus

Tuesday, Dec. 10 | 4 to 5 p.m. or 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The Homestead Community Center

Ages 0-12 | [\\$15](#)

Mrs. Claus is visiting the Ranch to spread holiday cheer. Bring your little one for a fun holiday celebration that includes cookie decorating, holiday crafts, songs and games with Mrs. Claus, as well as photo opportunities. Children (ages 0-12) must be accompanied by an adult.

### Yappy Hour

Wednesday, Dec. 11 | 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Desert Camp Community Center

All ages | [RSVP](#)

Enjoy festive fun with furry friends! Stroll your pup along the Desert Camp quarter-mile loop aglow with twinkling lights for an evening of holiday cheer, treats and sweets.

### Women's Club: Gift Exchange

Thursday, Dec. 12 | 5 to 7 p.m.

Desert Camp Community Center

Ages 21+ | [RSVP](#)

Celebrate the spirit of giving with a merry-making gift exchange. All ladies are asked to bring a wrapped gift (limit \$25 value). A delicious assortment of light bites and beverages provided.



### Cocoa & Caroling

Saturday, Dec. 14 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Desert Camp Community Center

All ages | [RSVP](#)

Join neighbors for a festive celebration while strolling the Desert Camp 1/4-mile loop decorated with holiday lights. Indulge in hot chocolate and desserts, meet Santa, and embrace the season with classic holiday tunes sung by cheerful carolers.

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 Office  
18867 N. Thompson Peak Pkwy., Suite 100 | 480.513.1500

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