

Community Council Board of Directors call for candidates

Applications are now being accepted for the Council Board; there are two seats open for three-year terms. This is a great opportunity to get involved and give back to your community. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31. [Learn more.](#)

Neighborhood Voting Member election results

The Neighborhood Voting Member election results will be announced this coming week. Thanks to all of the candidates who took the time to complete an application. New terms begin Jan. 1, 2025.

Welcome new team members



Kim Visser is the new Director of Modifications and Standards. Kim has extensive experience in the HOA industry in areas such as operations management, design review, governing document oversight and compliance enforcement with significant contributions to several large-scale communities across the country. She holds the professional credentials of Certified Manager of Community Association (CMCA) and Association Management Specialist (AMS).



Cheri Maki supports the Executive Director as Executive Assistant, and also supports the Deputy Executive Directors, Director of Finance and Administration, and the Community Council and Ranch Association boards. She brings extensive experience in complex administrative roles.



Jeopardy La Rue joined the Communications Team as the Graphic Design Coordinator. She supports the entire DC Ranch team with graphic design and assists with coordination to ensure that all projects are successfully completed. She brings extensive graphic design experience in print, digital and social media production.

2025 budgets and assessments

All residents were emailed information regarding the 2025 budget and assessment increases for the Community Council and Ranch Association. Be sure to update your bill pay or ZEGO account to reflect the new rate. If you are currently signed up on ACH/AutoPay, the new rate amount will be automatically debited. For questions about assessment payment, contact [Monika Truax](#) at 480.419.5313.

Traveling for the holidays? DC Ranch can help keep watch

Please fill out a [Vacation Notification form](#). This will notify Community Patrol to keep an extra eye on your home while you're away. They will conduct regular perimeter checks and look for anything suspicious.

Holiday reminders

Residents hosting 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. Any overnight parking for guests must be pre-approved and permitted by DC Ranch. Fill out the [Parking Exemption form](#) on DCRanch.com.

Community Standard DCR-19 permits residents to display holiday decorations until Jan. 15.

Holiday hours

Desert Camp Community Center will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Lobby hours will be 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 24, and 31. The fitness center and outdoor amenities will be accessible via the smartphone app.

The Homestead Community Center will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.

The Ranch Office will be closed Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 31 beginning at Noon and Jan. 1.

Fitness class drop-ins notice

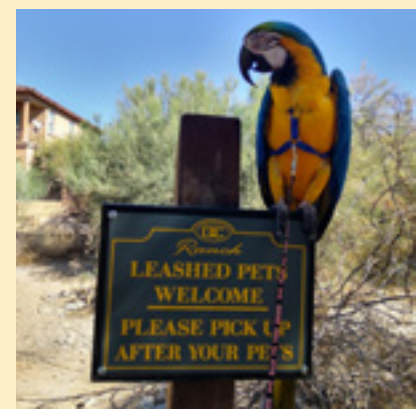
Indoor fitness class capacity will increase in January and continue to be monitored while classes settle in at the Desert Camp Fitness Studio. Classes that are sold out will not have drop-in spots available. To check drop-in availability for a specific class, visit [DCRanch.com/calendar](#).

Artificial turf installed by the pool

The installation of artificial turf at Desert Camp Community Center was approved by the Community Council Board of Directors in partnership with the Sustainability Committee. Unlike natural grass which requires preparation, seeding, and ongoing maintenance, artificial grass can be installed quickly and provides a beautiful, low-maintenance surface. The anticipated cost savings in reduced water bills, landscaping maintenance and upkeep will pay for itself within three to five years.

Living Connected

Resident Debbie Hunter enjoys walking around the community with her 21-year-old blue and gold Macaw parrot. Odie has been a part of the family since he was 12 weeks old and perches on a stroller for longer walks in the nice weather. He wears a leash to keep him safe and loves to greet neighbors with a "Hi", "Hello" and "Bye Bye."



In case you missed it!



The Grand Reopening of Desert Camp was a success with over 400 residents in attendance. The opening ceremony included remarks and a ribbon cutting. Residents stayed to visit the renovated facility, participate in a community art piece and various activities while enjoying refreshments.

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Community Walk: Reata Wash

Tuesday, Dec. 17 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Meet at The Homestead

All ages | [RSVP](#)

Learn how to navigate the DC Ranch Path and Trail System. Residents will be led on a leisurely walk (about 3 miles) along a designated route to become comfortable with using the paths and trails on their own. Please wear appropriate shoes and bring a water bottle.



Family Yoga

Saturday Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 9 to 10 a.m.

Desert Camp Community Center

All ages | [\\$23](#)

Bring the family together for a month of interactive yoga classes (4 total) designed to accommodate all ages and skill levels. Through playful poses, breath work and partner exercises, residents will strengthen their bodies, enhance flexibility and promote mindfulness while fostering connection. Please bring a yoga mat, towel and water bottle.

Sound Meditation Class

Tuesday, Jan. 7 | 4 to 5 p.m.

Desert Camp Community Center

Ages 14+ | [\\$15](#)

Embark on a guided exploration of sound frequencies designed to promote relaxation, self-awareness and healing. Residents will be immersed in a transformative auditory experience featuring crystal singing bowls, gongs, chimes and tuning forks.

Tasting Table: Wines of Italy

Wednesday, Jan. 8 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The Homestead Community Center

Ages 21+ | [\\$18](#)

Taste a variety of fine Italian wines, from bold reds to crisp whites, while learning about the history, regions and winemaking techniques that make Italy a world-renowned destination for wine lovers. Beverages and light bites included.

Community Walk: Desert Camp Village

Meet at Desert Camp Community Center

Thursday, Jan. 9 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.

All ages | [RSVP](#)

Learn how to use the DC Ranch Path and Trail System. Residents will be lead on a leisurely walk (about 3 miles) along a designated route to become comfortable with using the paths and trails on their own. Please wear appropriate shoes and bring a water bottle.



DC Ranch Day

Saturday, Jan. 11 | 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Desert Camp Community Center

All ages | [RSVP](#)

Join the annual community-wide celebration of DC Ranch history! Residents are invited to wear their cowboy best for this Western-themed event that includes live music, special guests, crafts, games and a delicious BBQ dinner.

Please visit [DCRanch.com/calendar](https://www.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 Office
18867 N. Thompson Peak Pkwy., Suite 100 | 480.513.1500

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