



*The Mission of the Community Council is to facilitate a connected and welcoming community that instills pride and a sense of belonging in each DC Ranch resident. The Council's work includes visioning and facilitating initiatives that enhance residents' quality of life, serve collective interests and promote the DC Ranch brand. These benefits make DC Ranch a very special place to live.*

DC Ranch Community Council  
Board Meeting Agenda  
January 23, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.  
Desert Camp – Trailblazer Room and [Zoom](#)

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I.	Call to Order	Ethan Knowlden
II.	Establish Quorum	Ethan Knowlden
III.	Adopt Agenda	Ethan Knowlden
IV.	President's Report	Ethan Knowlden
	a. Nominating Committee: Board Director Recruitment	
	b. Consider Appointment of Board Liaison to Sustainability Committee	
V.	Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Nov. 7, 2024	Ethan Knowlden
VI.	Staff Reports	
	a. Staff Update	Jona Davis
	b. Habitat for Humanity Program Launch	Lynette Whitener
	c. Reserve Project Update	Jackie Flores
	d. Financial Report	Dee Nortman
VII.	New Business:	
	a. Consider Approval of Cost Sharing Agreement	Dee Nortman
	b. Discuss DCSIP: Parking Lot Project Costs	Jenna Kohl
VIII.	Old Business: None	
IX.	Other Comment*	
X.	Adjourn Meeting	Ethan Knowlden

*\*Residents wishing to speak during the meeting are asked to submit a comment card to Melissa Fuentes prior to the start of the meeting. Residents should note whether they wish to speak on a specific listed agenda item or under Other Comment. Each resident will be acknowledged and invited to speak; comments are generally limited to 3 minutes. All residents should step to the podium to speak in person; if attending virtually, they will be unmuted and invited to speak.*

**COMMUNITY VALUES**

- Sense of Community
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Artistic and Cultural Opportunities
- Diversity and Inclusiveness
- Lifelong Learning
- Family
- Environmental Stewardship
- Relationship with the Larger Community



# Staff Report focusing on Nov. & Dec. 2024

## Presented January 2025

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### Finance and Administration

- *DCR 2025.* Executive Director Kohl and Deputy Director Davis presented the DCR2025 strategies and targets at a joint Board gathering in mid-January. Next steps include refining the targets, creating implementation teams, and launch, plus board and community communication throughout.
- *Insurance Renewal.* The team evaluated broker services (for general liability and related insurances), and switched from Brown and Brown to Crest, the previous provider. The renewal process is almost complete.
- *Sustainability Committee.* The Sustainability Committee met in November and January. Meeting topics included water conservation and strategic planning (alignment with DCR2025 Strategic Initiative 6: Environmental Sustainability).
- *Anniversaries.* Congratulations to team members that celebrated anniversaries in November: Dee Nortman – 6 years
- *Personnel.* Welcome ReanaRose Gonzalez, new Community Center Custodian. ReanaRose joined the team in December.

### Events, Programs and Recreation

- *Grand Reopening Celebration.* Over 400 residents gathered on the front steps of the newly renovated Desert Camp Community Center for a “sunrise” Grand Reopening ceremony and ribbon cutting. Once the doors were open, residents explored the space including the new fitness studio, and lobby, participated in the community art project, historic photos, cowboy crafts, pickleball and tennis along with the DC Ranch Mercantile. In addition to the celebration, there were multiple pop-up events and enhanced programs throughout the month to welcome and engage residents at Desert Camp.
- *Speaker Series.* In November, Dr. Lynne Kitei captivated an audience with her presentation on The Phoenix Lights, one of Arizona's most compelling UFO phenomena.
- *Candlelit Classics.* The Homestead was aglow in November with over 250 LED candles as a flute and guitar duo graced the stage.
- *Phoenix Art Museum Fashion Tour.* Residents boarded a bus on a journey for a private tour exploring the evolution of fashion.
- *Home for the Holidays programming:*
  - *Cookies with Mrs. Claus.* A holiday tradition continued this season as Mrs. Claus joined Ranch families to decorate cookies.

- *Merry & Bright Trail of Lights.* The new Desert Camp ¼ mile loop was adorned with a dazzling holiday spectacle. An estimated 500 residents enjoyed the lights throughout the month. Neighbors requested that the lights continue annually.
- *Cocoa & Caroling.* Approximately 150 residents walked the path while they enjoyed fresh desserts and a hot cocoa bar, a musical group singing holiday carols, roaming elves, and a picture with Santa.
- *Holiday Cocktails.* Residents joined a local chef/mixologist to whip up some delicious holiday inspired drinks.
- *Yappy Hour.* Residents and their furry friends attended a December Yappy Hour in the glow of the Merry and Bright Trail of Lights.
- *Community Walk.* In November and December residents went on community walks on the Path & Trail System in the Country Club and Reata Wash learning how to navigate using the kiosks and markers.
- *Resident-Led Clubs*
  - *Grapenuts Wine.* Residents enjoyed a day trip to the annual Walkin' on Main in Cottonwood.
  - *Women's Club.* In November, ladies met at Cosanti Originals to enjoy a live viewing of the bronze-pouring and in December, they participated in a gift exchange.
  - *Card & Games.* Mahjong, Hand and Foot Canasta and Bridge continue to welcome new players during the winter season. All card clubs will relocate to Desert Camp in 2025.
  - *Hiking.* Resident hikers gather bi-weekly, with an average of 10 participants per hike. Club Leads are responsible for selecting the trailhead, guiding the hike, and maintaining communication with the group.
  - *Mountain Biking.* In November and December Mountain Biking Club averaged 4 riders per trail. The riders enjoy different trails throughout Scottsdale and average 15-miles each adventure.
  - *Pickleball.* Pickleball averaged 40 players per week during peak season on Sunday mornings. In January, club players will begin meeting on Fridays and Sundays and participation is expected to grow.
  - *Off the Ranch: Holiday Dinner.* Residents enjoyed a festive meal at Morton's Steakhouse in December.
- *Fitness Classes.* November was the last month for fitness classes at The Homestead. Classes transitioned to the Desert Camp fitness studio in December and were sold out with 81 residents registered. Drop-ins are on pause and will be reevaluated.

## **Community Engagement**

- *DC Ranch Gives.* Resident volunteered at HALO Animal Rescue in November. The Holiday Toy Drive in December collected almost 300 toys for Ronald McDonald House Charities.
- *New Resident Welcome.* In December, two "Howdies & Handshakes" events were held for new residents including a tour of the community center. Neighborhood Voting Members and community volunteers continue to greet new residents each month with welcome bags.
- *"Round the Ranch Sunset Tour.* The Sunset Tour in November started at Vito's Italian Ristorante before traveling around the community, showcasing all four Villages to new residents. One resident shared, "I was absolutely blown away by every aspect of it. I feel so

lucky to have had that experience. I learned so much about DC Ranch and met some wonderful people.”

- *DC Ranch Mercantile*: Launched on Dec. 7, the online store kicked off at the Desert Camp Grand Reopening event. The store has been popular with more than 20 transactions, many from newer residents. The store’s deadline has been extended. The collection featuring the DC Ranch logo includes apparel, kitchenware, and accessories. Most popular items purchased are apparel.
- *Volunteer of the Year*. Consider nominating a resident or community partner in the following categories: Leadership, Good Neighbor, Philanthropy, Youth, and Community Partner. Nominations are due Friday, March 7 on [dcranch.com](http://dcranch.com).

## Communications

- *2025 Budgets Communication*. The 2025 budget letters for the Community Council and Ranch Association were disseminated to residents via email. For those households without a registered email, the letter was sent via email.
- *DC Ranch Email Database*. The Communications Team completed phase one of the project to update the database used to send emails to residents.
- *DCSIP Communication*. Prior to the grand reopening of Desert Camp, the Communications Team continued to communicate with residents with regular frequency regarding the conclusion of the project. Specific emails were sent about access, center hours, tennis and pickleball courts, and the grand reopening celebration. The team also designed a special publication that will be used to educate new and prospective residents about the renovated community center and the amenities offered.
- *Neighborhood Voting Member Election*. The Communications Team supported the Ranch Association by informing residents via print and digital publications about voting in the Neighborhood Voting Member election. The results were posted on [DCRanch.com](http://DCRanch.com) and sent via email to residents.
- *Community Council Board of Directors Applications*. The application was posted in December, and the team continues to promote it to residents in various publications.

## Facilities

- *Community Center*. Since the opening on Dec. 7, Desert Camp’s lobby has had approximately 1,780 lobby check-ins during staffed hours in December. The Fitness Center had 1,818 unique check-ins. Many resident and staff interactions involved positive feedback and appreciation for the renovated center, and many first-time users have been using the facility. Pickleball Courts have had a combined 500+ reservations booked since the Grand Reopening date. The Homestead Community Center saw a drop in usage, with 173 check-ins for November, and 120 lobby-checks for December.
- *Facility Rentals*. The Homestead remains open for rentals and has had a fair amount of activity in the past two months. Any inquiries about renting Desert Camp are instead referred to The Homestead, as Desert Camp resident rentals will open in spring. This allows time for punch list items to be completed.
- *Facility Maintenance and Custodial* construction team to wrap up punch list items and provide final changes in the spaces with additional reserve and operational projects

including roundabout directional paint, AV closet clean out projects at Desert Camp, AV clean out at The Homestead, The Homestead front door replacement, and storage solution projects.

## **Public Affairs**

- *City Elections.* Chris Irish, Director of Public Affairs, reached out to all four of the newly elected city officials. To date, she has met with Jan Dubauskas three times and Adam Kwasman once. Chris knows Mary Ann McAllen well and is scheduled to meet with her next week. Mayor Borowsky has been harder to schedule. Chris attended the Inauguration and first City Council meeting. DC Ranch will host city council and other community leaders for an open house at Desert Camp in February.
- *Traffic on 94<sup>th</sup> and 91<sup>st</sup> Streets.* Chris had a second meeting with city traffic engineers; Mike Wells, Ranch Association Director of Operations, sat in. Chris also invited several NVM's but none attended. Chris hopes to meet with the NVM's in February to share information on the roundabout, specifically to see if the neighborhood is in favor of pushing to have it.
- *Thompson Peak Bridge Expansion.* This project has been a talking point when Chris meets with city council members. Design is supposed to be in city's FY24/25 but to date is not.
- *New subdivision at 94<sup>th</sup> and Bell.* Chris heard from several residents that construction was starting around 6am. Chris reached out to the developer to ensure they knew the city's start time is currently 7am. They corrected the contractor, and our residents were pleased.
- *CFD.* Chris and board Vice President Elizabeth Kepuraitis are scheduled to meet with the city auditor on Feb. 3. They will review the backup data for the \$330,000+ invoice DC Ranch submitted in February 2024. The finance team and Mike Wells have provided the data. With four new city council members, we will have to educate them on this project.



<b>Charitable Participants</b>													<b>Total</b>
DC Ranch Gives (Attendance)	47	10	-	9	10	-	-	-	16	40	9	-	141
Charitable Event	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Registrant Total	47	10	0	9	10	0	0	0	16	40	9	0	141
<b>Communications</b>													<b>Total</b>
DCRanch.com Real Estate Agent Listings Purchased	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	5	1	0	0	13
DCRanch.com Users	6,234	9,299	7,467	6,270	6,092	4,203	4,167	4,977	5,794	8,074	6,877	7,376	76,830
Emails	30	35	28	31	26	20	24	22	20	26	20	25	307
Text Messages	5	5	9	8	4	5	3	2	4	5	2	7	59
Facebook Posts	4	4	4	7	4	4	4	3	2	7	2	4	49
Instagram Posts	4	4	6	5	4	4	3	3	4	4	2	4	47
Program Guides, Postcards, Other	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	7
Ranch News Articles	10	10	11	11	12	12	NA	12	12	12	13	13	128
Communications Total	6,287	9,358	7,525	6,333	6,142	4,254	4,202	5,020	5,841	8,131	6,916	7,431	77,440
<b>Desert Camp Use (# of bookings)</b>													<b>Total</b>
Sponsored Club/Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Non-Sponsored Club/Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Card Drop-In/Game Groups (# of Tables)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Community Council Events & Programs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
DC Ranch Meetings & Events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Sub Association Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Fitness Center Entries (Key Fob Swipes)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,818	1,818
Front Desk/Lobby Check-In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,786	1,786
Unique Visitors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Charity Events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Arts & Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Playhouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Fitness & Wellness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	25
Room & Patio Rentals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Pool Cabana Rentals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Use Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,630	3,630
<b>Desert Camp Tennis &amp; Pickleball Bookings</b>													<b>Total</b>
Tennis Court 1	158	126	90	65	41	14	13	4	25	23	1	64	624
Tennis Court 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	42	48
Pickleball #1	103	96	124	78	61	40	13	7	32	27	-	-	581
Pickleball #2	94	84	86	56	55	30	24	7	30	21	-	109	596
Court Bookings Total	355	306	300	199	157	84	50	18	87	71	7	215	1,849
<b>The Homestead Drop Ins (# of people)</b>													<b>Total</b>
Card Drop Ins	54	87	150	112	90	89	66	95	104	145	145	49	1,186
Drop Ins Total	54	87	150	112	90	89	66	95	104	145	145	49	1,186
<b>The Homestead Use (# of bookings)</b>													<b>Total</b>
Sponsored Club/Meetings	7	9	8	4	5	2	-	1	7	10	7	-	60
Non-Sponsored Club/Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Community Council Events & Programs	3	5	5	6	1	5	3	2	6	6	2	2	46
DC Ranch Meetings & Events	9	5	7	5	5	5	4	10	7	4	3	3	67
Sub Association Meetings	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	2	9
Front Desk/Lobby Check-In	211	242	237	212	197	252	188	214	217	430	173	120	2,693
Charity Events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Arts & Education	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	2	1	8
Playhouse	3	8	6	12	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Fitness & Wellness	37	34	36	33	25	32	36	36	33	32	30	8	372
Room & Patio Rentals	3	1	3	1	4	2	2	3	4	3	3	2	31
Use Total	273	305	303	274	243	299	234	267	275	488	222	138	3,321



# FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Zen Yoga Aqua Fit Full Body Pilates Strength & Balance Crosskick Circuit	4 Yoga Basics Strength & Balance Focus Fit Training	5 Zen Yoga Aqua Fit Full Body Pilates Strength & Balance Crosskick Circuit Afterschool Fun	6 Yoga Basics Strength & Balance Focus Fit Training	7 Zen Yoga Aqua Fit	8
9	10 Zen Yoga Aqua Fit Full Body Pilates Strength & Balance Crosskick Circuit	11 Yoga Basics Strength & Balance Focus Fit Training	12 Zen Yoga Aqua Fit Full Body Pilates Strength & Balance Crosskick Circuit	13 Yoga Basics Strength & Balance Focus Fit Training Yappy Hour	14 Zen Yoga Aqua Fit	15
16	17	18 Yoga Basics Strength & Balance Focus Fit Training	19 Zen Yoga Aqua Fit Full Body Pilates Strength & Balance Crosskick Circuit Women's Club	20 Yoga Basics Strength & Balance Focus Fit Training	21 Zen Yoga Aqua Fit	22 Youth Soccer Clinic Gives: Group Service Project
23	24 Zen Yoga Aqua Fit Full Body Pilates Strength & Balance Crosskick Circuit Gateway Nature Walk	25 Yoga Basics Strength & Balance Focus Fit Training	26 Zen Yoga Aqua Fit Full Body Pilates Strength & Balance Crosskick Circuit Tasting Table	27 Yoga Basics Strength & Balance Focus Fit Training	28 Zen Yoga Aqua Fit Comedy Night	



# EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



## Afterschool Fun Day

Wednesday, Feb. 5 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.  
The Homestead  
Ages 5-12 | [RSVP](#)

Drop the kids off to play with neighbors and friends on an early release day from school. Kids will unleash their creativity with craft activities, engage in organized games and enjoy some tasty snacks.

## Yappy Hour

Thursday, Feb. 13 | 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Desert Camp  
All ages | [RSVP](#)

Celebrate unconditional love with your furry Valentine and other dog lovers. Enjoy a relaxed evening of outdoor play complete with Valentine-themed treats for both pups and their owners.

## Women's Club: Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center

Wednesday, Feb. 19 | 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Departs from The Homestead  
Ages 21+ | [\\$55](#)

Join Women's Club for a private tour of the Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center which rehabilitates Arizona wildlife that have been injured, displaced or orphaned. Learn more about the native wildlife, how to better coexist with them, and what the rehabilitation process is like. Transportation provided; bus departs from The Homestead at 9:30 a.m.



## Youth Soccer Clinic

Saturday, Feb. 22 | 9 to 10:30 a.m.  
Desert Camp  
Ages 4-8 | [\\$28](#)

Join Arizona Soccer Academy for a fun youth soccer clinic, where new players will build a strong foundation in soccer fundamentals. This clinic is designed to develop skills in dribbling, passing, shooting and teamwork.

## Gives: Group Service Project

Feb. 22 | 1:45 to 4:30 p.m.  
Meet at The Homestead  
Ages 5+ | [\\$10](#)

Feed My Starving Children provides nutritional meal packs to starving children all over the world. Volunteers (ages 5+) will help prepare Manna Packs, a tested nutritious meal that is essential for improved health of undernourished children. Transportation and a Gives shirt provided. All registration collected will be donated to Feed My Starving Children.

## Gateway Trailhead Private Nature Walk

Monday, Feb. 24 | 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Meet at Gateway Trailhead  
Ages 14+ | [RSVP](#)

Join a McDowell Sonoran Conservancy steward for an exclusive guided nature walk at the Gateway Trailhead. Residents will explore the beautiful desert on this easy 2-3 mile hike. Please wear appropriate shoes and bring water.

## Tasting Table: Unique Pairings

Wednesday, Feb. 26 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
The Homestead  
Ages 21+ | [\\$18](#)

Indulge in the art of unconventional wine pairings like popcorn with Chardonnay or fried chicken with Prosecco. Led by a culinary expert, residents will learn the science behind balancing flavors, textures and aromas. Beverages and light bites included.

## Comedy Night

Friday, Feb. 28 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
The Homestead  
Ages 21+ | [\\$23](#)

Get ready for a night of laughter at The Homestead! Residents will enjoy the sharp wit and hilarious anecdotes as comedian Doug Stark takes the stage. It's the perfect way to unwind with light bites and beverages. Doors open at 6 p.m. Performance begins at 6:30 p.m.

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## RESIDENT-LED CLUBS

### Hand & Foot Canasta

Thursday  
1 to 4 p.m.  
Desert Camp

### Hiking Club

Feb. 10 & 24  
8 to 11 a.m.  
Meet at offsite location  
Ages 18+  
[RSVP - Feb. 10](#)  
[RSVP - Feb. 24](#)

### Mah Jongg

Tuesday  
1 to 4 p.m.  
Desert Camp

### Mountain Biking Club

Feb. 20  
10 a.m. to Noon  
Meet at offsite location  
Ages 18+ | [RSVP](#)

### Pickleball Club

Friday & Sunday  
8 to 11 a.m.  
Desert Camp Courts 1 & 2  
Ages 14+

### Social Bridge Club

Wednesday  
1:30 to 4 p.m.  
Desert Camp

## Board of Directors call for candidates

Looking for an opportunity to get involved and give back to the community? Applications are now open to fill an open seat on the Community Council Board. [Learn more and apply](#) by Jan. 31.

Applications for three open seats on the Ranch Association Board will be accepted starting Feb. 1. [Learn more and apply](#) by March 1.

## Resident input matters

Residents are encouraged to use the “[Let Us Know](#)” form on DCRanch.com as a tool to share important feedback. The information submitted goes directly to the specific department to review and address. Residents’ perspectives help the team make decisions that serve the best interests of the community.

## Welcome new team members



### Alaina Derbonne

Office Administrative Coordinator-Lead

Alaina brings extensive experience in office management, administrative support and customer service to The Ranch Office. She recently moved here from San Jose, California.



### Amanda Jones

Procurement Specialist

Amanda assists with company purchasing by obtaining competitive bids and adhering to internal standards for efficiency and cost-saving. She is an Arizona native.



### Torrie Walker Jr.

Activities & Recreation Coordinator

Torrie oversees planning and producing fitness classes, health & wellness programs, racquet sports and certain Resident-Led Clubs. He is a former collegiate track and field athlete with extensive experience in sports recreation.

## Home Sweet Home Project

DC Ranch has launched the Home Sweet Home Sponsorship for residents to donate and sponsor the construction of a home for a deserving family through Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona. This initiative offers a fundraising component as well as hands-on experience. [Learn more.](#)

## Holiday décor removal reminder

Seasonal decorations and lights must be removed by Jan. 15, as outlined in Community Standard DCR-19. Should a resident encounter extenuating circumstances that cause delays, please contact the Community Standards team at 480.513.1500. The team will conduct routine checks for non-compliant lighting in the coming weeks. [Learn more.](#)

## NVMs needed

There are 8 neighborhoods without NVM representation: The Estates East, The Estates West, ICON at Silverleaf, 93rd Place, Upper Canyon Wingspan, Saguaro Canyon, Silverleaf parcels 5.1-5.7. If you live in one of these neighborhoods and are interested in serving, please visit [DCRanch.com](#) to apply.

## Home safety reminders

Residents are reminded to take these steps to keep their homes and properties secure:

- Exterior lighting or motion lights deter criminals. Leave random lights on in the house to prevent it from looking vacant.
- Lock car doors and don't leave valuables in plain view.
- Secure all valuables within the confines of your home or garage.
- If there is a crime in progress, dial 911 immediately.
- If something in your neighborhood seems unusual, call Community Patrol & Gate Access at 480.397.9659.
- Contact Scottsdale Police [Officer Robert Katzaroff](#) to schedule a personal security survey of your residence.

## Bulk trash schedule

The City of Scottsdale provides monthly bulk and brush trash collection for residents. [View details and the 2025 pickup schedule.](#)

## Holiday closure on Jan. 20

The Ranch Office and The Homestead Community Center lobby will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Desert Camp Community Center will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be no fitness classes.

## Event season traffic begins

The Barrett Jackson Auto Auction will be held Jan. 18-26 at WestWorld and the Phoenix Open is Feb. 3-9. Local traffic is expected to increase with overflow parking planned at the Bell Road Sports Complex on the northwest corner of Bell Road and 94th Street.

## *Living Connected*



Resident Dan Steiber led the Mountain Biking Club on an exhilarating 15-mile adventure. “We’re beginning to see a consistent group of riders who share a deep passion for the stunning trails available to us. It’s exciting to see our biking community grow, and I am looking forward to the bright future ahead,” says Steiber. Join the next ride on Jan. 23.

## In case you missed it!



Residents made spirits bright during Holiday Cocktails, learning how to make a Gingerbread Martini, Sugarplum Spritz and Smoky Mezcal-Fig Sour. They savored holiday bites and created a festive wreath appetizer with made-from-scratch hummus. Cheers to another fun-filled DC Ranch holiday season!

### Community meetings

- Jan. 21 Modification Committee
- Jan. 23 Community Council Board of Directors
- Feb. 4 Modification Committee
- Feb. 4 Ranch Association Board of Directors
- Feb. 18 Modification Committee

Visit [DCRanch.com/calendar](https://DCRanch.com/calendar) for a full listing of meetings.

## EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

### Playhouse Auditions

Tuesday, Jan. 21 and Thursday, Jan. 23 | 4 to 7 p.m.  
The Homestead Community Center  
Ages 8 to 18

The Homestead Playhouse is thrilled to announce auditions for the spring production of *The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition*. Residents, neighbors and friends are invited to audition for a role in this delightful musical. The classic tale follows Dorothy, who is swept away by a tornado to the magical land of Oz, embarking on a journey to find her way home with the help of her newfound friends: the Scarecrow, Tin Man and Cowardly Lion. [Learn more and register for an audition time.](#)



### Gives: Blood Drive

Saturday, Jan. 25 | 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
The Homestead Community Center  
Ages 16+

January is National Blood Donor Month. The American Red Cross has an ongoing critical need for blood donations essential for surgeries, cancer treatments, chronic illnesses and traumatic injuries. Make a lifesaving appointment on [DCRanch.com](https://DCRanch.com).

### Swing Flex: Stretching for Golfers

Tuesday, Jan. 28 | 4 to 5 p.m.  
Desert Camp Community Center  
Ages 14+ | [\\$15](#)

Elevate your golf game with a class designed to enhance flexibility, improve swing mechanics and boost overall performance on the course. This specialized session focuses on deep, targeted stretches that address the unique needs of golfers.



### TGIF: Swiftie Party

Friday, Jan. 31 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
The Homestead Community Center  
Ages 6 to 12 | [\\$34](#)

"Shake It Off" during an unforgettable evening of Taylor Swift themed fun. Young Swifties will channel their inner pop star with singalongs, dancing, games, bracelet making, nail painting and hair braiding. Pizza, treats and soft drinks included.



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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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