Ranch Roundup

A monthly highlight of news and events in DC Ranch

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Fall fun is here

Registration for all events and programs is now open through November. Pick up a copy of the Fall Program Guide at Desert Camp Community Center, The Homestead Community Center or The Ranch Office. View the digital guide.

School back in session

Back to school is an incredibly busy time as new routines begin for so many DC Ranch families. With increased traffic and new drivers in the area, please be mindful of your speed. Community Standard DCR-24 Speeding states all persons traveling on DC Ranch private roads system must obey the speed limit. The DC Ranch speed limit is 15 MPH unless posted otherwise. Driving 10 MPH or more over the speed limit will result in a fine, with higher fines for repeated violations. Legacy Boulevard, Thompson Peak Parkway and the south loop of Desert Camp Drive are public thoroughfares monitored by the Scottsdale Police Department.

New e-bike safety rules

Scottsdale recently passed an ordinance prohibiting anyone under 16 from riding Class 3 e-bikes or electric motorcycles on city property. Violators face fines starting at \$100. Please talk to kids and teens about safe, respectful e-bike use. <u>View Scottsdale laws</u>.

- Class 3 e-bikes (21+ mph): Not allowed on sidewalks or paths; must be 16+
- Class 1 & 2 e-bikes (up to 20 mph): Allowed on multi-use paths
- E-scooters follow similar restrictions based on age and location

Modification Committee meeting date change

The Modification Committee has changed their meetings back to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, beginning in August. Please keep in mind that all home and landscape modifications require approval from the Community Standards team and the Modification Committee. 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. Modification forms can be found on DCRanch.com.

Help control mosquito breeding

With monsoon season underway through the end of September, the likelihood of increased rainfall is expected and can occur without much warning. Mosquitos need water and warm weather to thrive, so it is imperative residents stay vigilant in checking their property for breeding sites. It only takes a small amount of standing water in a flowerpot saucer, bird bath or fountain for mosquito larvae to hatch in as little as three days. The Ranch Association maintenance team actively monitors common areas and parks and utilizes Maricopa County resources to set traps to measure mosquito breeding activity. Peak biting times are at dusk and dawn, and grassy areas tend to be worse as that's where mosquitoes like to rest and hide. Despite localized efforts, these insects can travel five to ten miles from breeding sites. The best protection is to use insect repellant or wear long pants and sleeves when outdoors. There are numerous informational pages at maricopa.gov, and search "fight the bite."

Vehicle registration update

The Ranch Association, in partnership with the Community Patrol and Gate Access Committee, has launched the 2025 Vehicle Registration Update to ensure accuracy in the DC Ranch transponder database. All owners and tenants are required to update their household vehicle information. Visit DCRanch.com for instructions on how to complete the self-service form. All hard card transponders are being phased out and will be deactivated on November 1, 2025.

Register for DC Ranch text messages

Sign up to receive community notifications via text message. Categories include: emergency, neighborhood alerts, community centers, events and programs, and community meetings. To register, complete a simple form at DCRanch.com/text.

Living Connected

The Historic Committee continues important work to honor and preserve DC Ranch history and resident experiences. Thirteen original residents have been interviewed as part of the oral history project. If you would like to share a story, photos or other mementos, please email history@dcranchinc.com.



Thanksgiving at Desert Camp Community Center, 1999.



The Homestead gets a refresh

Crews recently repainted The Homestead Community Center exterior and interior, replaced unsafe tile in the lobby with porcelain wood plank tile and updated the kitchen flooring with a modern quarry stone. The Facilities team began the kitchen demolition themselves to save costs and extend the value of reserve funds. In the spirit of sustainability, the team also donated and recycled the old kitchen cabinets. The refreshed space creates a more functional, modern environment for future events and gatherings.





Market Street Villas paint project

In June, the seven-month project to repaint the homes in Market Street Villas was finished. The Community Standards team managed the project, which involved collaborating with residents to select new colors for the buildings and problem solve throughout to reach workable solutions.

Neighborhood Voting Member Pam Church received positive comments about Community Standards Manager Vince Muldrow from residents, including: "[Vince] was highly responsive. Whenever someone had a question, complaint or issue to be resolved, he came on site and met with them."

"He effectively partnered with the paint vendor to review the work by triplex and ensured a follow up punch list was created, agreed upon and followed through."

We appreciate [Vince Muldrow's] skill, professionalism and commitment to managing this project, and on behalf of Market Street Villas, I thank you."

- Pam Church

Sustainability initiatives

A composting program that targets coffee grounds and kitchen scraps has been launched at Desert Camp Community Center in partnership with Mill and R.City. Read more in <u>August Ranch News</u>. In collaboration, the Events team is taking steps for more eco-friendly programs in the upcoming season.

In collaboration with the City of Scottsdale, Facilities conducted complimentary commercial property water audits at both Desert Camp and The Homestead Community Centers. These inspections revealed actionable opportunities to conserve water and reduce waste.

At Desert Camp, the audit uncovered significant continuous water loss—most notably, irrigation leaks and pool equipment malfunctions. By addressing these issues, the facility is now saving an estimated 1.5 million gallons of water annually, equating to approximately \$10,000 in savings.

The Homestead audit also found areas for improvement, including a leaking dog watering station. Repairs there are projected to conserve nearly 18,000 gallons of water per year. These results underscore how even small changes can have a big impact.



Park & Manor Homes streetscape trimming

The Landscape team completed the streetscape tree trimming project in Park & Manor Homes in July after unexpected delays by several months. The team had anticipated three weeks to complete the project but finished in just two weeks. Team members were thankful for the kind words and encouragement received from many residents during the final stages of the project.

A big thank you. The residents are really excited to see the results of the team effort. Thank you again for your follow up to get this project to a happy place for our community."

— Jeanne Leckie

As a token of appreciation, resident Jeanne Leckie supplied the team with sparkling and coconut waters, orange drinks, and bags of jalapeño carne asada sticks.

In case you missed it!



On July 16, the Women's Club took a trip to Volanti Scottsdale for an indoor happy hour with thrilling views of the Scottsdale airport runway. While they sipped on refreshing cocktails and snacked on appetizers, the ladies engaged in conversation with friends, explored the patio and watched planes take off into the sunset.

Planning a party or event?

The Community Centers are the heart of all DC Ranch community activities, events, and social gatherings. Residents may reserve parts of these facilities for private events. Visit DCRanch.com to view the rental brochure for more details.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Community Patrol & Gate Access Committee

Monday, Aug. 18 | 3 p.m. | The Ranch Office or Zoom

Modification Committee

Tuesday, Aug. 26 | 2 p.m. | The Ranch Office

Modification Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 9 | 2 p.m. | The Ranch Office

Ranch Association Board of Directors

Tuesday, Sept. 9 | 6 p.m. | Desert Camp or Zoom

Sustainability Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 10 | 5 p.m. | The Ranch Office

Community Patrol & Gate Access Committee

Monday, Sept. 15 | 3 p.m. | The Ranch Office or Zoom

Community Council Board of Directors

Wednesday, Sept. 17 | 5:30 p.m. | Desert Camp or Zoom

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



Pilates: CoreFlow

Saturday, Aug. 16 | 9 to 10 a.m.

Desert Camp Ages 14+ | \$12

Join a dynamic, full-body workout that focuses on strengthening the core. Traditional Pilates principles with fluid, flowing movements are used to enhance flexibility and balance.

Lifelong Learning: Heard Museum Tour

Friday, Sept. 5 | 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Departs from The Homestead

Ages 18+ | \$23

Join a private, docent-led tour of the acclaimed Heard Museum in downtown Phoenix. Residents will explore handcrafted Native American jewelry and turn-of-the-century baskets from the Basha Family Collection. Ticket includes transportation and tour.



Youth: Laser Tag and Game Truck

Friday, Sept. 12 | 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Desert Camp

Ages 7 to 14 | \$34

Bring a friend and get ready for action-packed fun! This exciting event combines the thrill of high-energy laser tag with the ultimate video game experience in a fully equipped game truck. Pizza and soft drinks included.

Details are subject to change. Visit DCRanch.com/calendar for a full listing of events and meetings.

The Ranch Office

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