

DC Ranch receives APRA award!

The Community Council proudly brought home the prestigious Outstanding Facility Award – Communities 100,000+ from last month's Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (APRA) Conference. Desert Camp Community Center earned this honor for its exceptional contributions to health and wellness, fostering social connections, celebrating arts and culture, and advancing sustainability through the use of natural materials and energy-efficient solutions. [View video.](#)

Save the date: Community Safety Forum

Join Scottsdale Police and the Ranch Association at The Homestead on Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. to learn how to keep shared spaces safe for all residents. Whether using e-bikes or walking your pup, this forum will focus on responsible behavior for all users of parks, paths and trails. [RSVP](#)

Home Sweet Home

While residents' ambitious goal to fully sponsor a Habitat for Humanity home at the \$120,000 sponsorship level has changed, the community's commitment remains strong. DC Ranch has relaunched this effort at the Strong Foundation Sponsor level with a new goal of \$40,000. Residents are just \$6,600 away from reaching it, and with your help, we can get there! [Donate](#) by Sept. 30.

Open House for Mack Co. re-zone

The Mack Company has scheduled a public Open House to share information on a partial re-zoning application they have submitted to the city of Scottsdale for their warehouse project land at Pima and the 101 Freeway. Residents are encouraged to attend on Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Scottsdale Marriott at McDowell Mountains. [Learn more.](#)

The zoning change, from I-1 (industrial) to C-4 (commercial) for a portion of building C, is to allow Rivian Automotive, an interested tenant, to house a service and sales center at the location. All proposed zoning changes must be approved by Scottsdale City Council. Residents will be notified of opportunities to provide input to the city as the application works its way through the city approval process.

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.

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.



Shade sail and artificial turf installation complete

Residents visiting Desert Camp Community Center can now enjoy an additional shaded area by the pool. Artificial turf adds to the appeal with very little maintenance needed, in support of DCR2025 sustainability goals for the community.

Exterior lighting reminder

To support the conservation of dark skies and minimize light pollution near the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, the Ranch Association upholds strict lighting standards in DC Ranch. As part of these efforts, the Community Standards team is conducting a tri-annual evening canvassing on Sept. 19 to ensure compliance with the Dark Sky Ordinance and Standards for Landscape DCRL-07 Landscape Lighting guidelines.

Key landscape lighting requirements include:

- Shielded fixtures to highlight planting areas or tree trunks.
- Up-lighting limits: A maximum of three shielded fixtures for larger trees or cacti, and one for smaller cacti or shrubs.
- Brightness restrictions: Bulbs must not exceed 20 watts and 2700-3500 Kelvin, while LED lights are limited to 3 watts (warm).
- Pathway & driveway lighting: Lights should be placed asymmetrically.
- Street proximity: Fixtures must be at least 15 feet back from the curb.

Any modifications to existing landscape lighting require prior approval through the modification process. Forms can be found at [DCRanch.com](#). For specific lighting requirements in Silverleaf, contact The Ranch Office at 480.513.1500.

Living Connected

"It was the natural beauty that originally drew us to DC Ranch, but it is the close friends we have met while participating in the community programs and clubs and activities that keep us here. What a fun summer we had traveling, exploring and connecting with new DC Ranch friends." – Becky Blatnick



In case you missed it!



The Ranch Association hosted a successful Ice Cream Social for Neighborhood Voting Members (NVMs) and the Board of Directors at The Homestead last month! Many attended to enjoy cold treats indoors, creating a cool and comfortable setting for connection with fellow volunteers in the community.

'Tis the season to be decorating

It's that time of year when DC Ranch comes alive with festive lighting to celebrate the holidays ahead. Seasonal outdoor décor is permitted Oct. 1 through Jan. 15. So, unpack those boxes and get creative! While decorating is encouraged, residents should be sensitive to light and noise levels affecting any neighbors. Seasonal decor in Horseshoe Canyon and the Upper Canyon may not be placed on rooftops.

Resources available online

Ever wondered what services Community Patrol & Gate Access provide? [Click here](#) for a full listing and other important information.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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

Modification Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 23 | 2 p.m. | The Ranch Office

Ranch Association Board of Directors

Tuesday, Oct. 7 | 5:15 p.m. | Desert Camp or Zoom

Modification Committee

Tuesday, Oct. 14 | 2 p.m. | The Ranch Office

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Gives: Group Service Project

Thursday, Sept. 18 | 8 a.m. to Noon

Departs from The Homestead

Ages 5+ | [\\$10](#)

Join neighbors and volunteers to build emergency food bags for United Food Bank. Transportation and a Gives shirt provided.

Sound Bath

Saturday, Sept. 27 | 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Desert Camp

Ages 14+ | [\\$12](#)

Experience deep relaxation through the healing benefits of sound immersion. Session includes crystal singing bowls, drums, rain sticks, chimes, tuning forks and more.



Speaker Series: Trails and Tales

Tuesday, Sept. 30 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Homestead

Ages 21+ | [RSVP](#)

Join Roger Naylor, an award-winning Arizona travel writer and Tourism Hall of Fame inductee, on a journey through Arizona's most stunning and lesser-known landscapes. His insights will inspire your next day trip. Light bites and beverages included. Doors open at 6 p.m.; Speaker begins at 6:30 p.m.

Youth: Wicked Party

Friday, Oct. 3 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Homestead

Ages 8 to 12 | [\\$34](#)

Kids will participate in a magical evening with Elphaba and Glinda that includes Wicked-inspired karaoke, glitter tattoos, enchanting crafts, fun games and much more! Pizza and soft drinks included.

CPR Certification Training

Saturday, Oct. 4 | 9 a.m. to Noon

Desert Camp

Ages 16+ | [\\$34](#)

Overcome reluctance to act in emergency situations and learn how to recognize and care for life-threatening respiratory or cardiac emergencies. The class covers adult, child and infant CPR, the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and first aid for choking.

Community Walk: Silverleaf Village

Monday, Oct. 13 | 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Meet at The Homestead

All ages | [RSVP](#)

Learn how to use 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. Intermediate trail is unpaved.

Details are subject to change. Visit [DCRanch.com/calendar](https://dcranch.com/calendar) for a full listing of events and meetings.

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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