

## Congratulations Team Values Awards recipients



Every year, the DC Ranch Community Council, Ranch Association and Covenant Commission host a Values Awards Ceremony, celebrating employees who exemplify the team values across the previous year. The 2026 Team Values Awards recipients in each category are:



- Teamwork: Landscaping team
- Passion: Vince Muldrow | Community Standards Manager
- Professionalism: Taylor Kershner and Monika Truax | Finance team
- Innovation: Jay Hinnant | IT Manager
- Fun: Devin Haggerty | Executive Assistant
- Values Champion: Jeopardy La Rue | Graphic Design Coordinator

## Covenant Commission update

Denyse Nixon has joined the Covenant Commission as Design Review Administrator. Based in The Ranch Office, she oversees design review administration and supports key processes that guide community standards. Nixon brings comprehensive experience in leadership, interior design, finance, and project management. The Commission also marks an important transition with the retirement of long-time Design Review Manager Jan Baratta, who has served DC Ranch since 2001 and played a significant role in shaping the architectural character and overall look of DC Ranch. Architect David Davis, Principal at Dale Gardon Studios, has assumed the contracted Design Review Manager role. Davis has been involved with DC Ranch since its earliest planning stages and offers deep continuity and expertise to support the Commission's ongoing work.



## Ranch Association Board of Directors election

Applications for two open seats on the Ranch Association Board are now available. [Learn more and apply](#) by March 2.

Residents are invited to meet those running for the vacant positions on March 11 at 5:30 p.m. at The Homestead Community Center during Meet the Candidates Night. A Zoom link will also be available.

## DC Ranch Community Facilities District Fact Sheet

In 2025, the Community Council partnered with City of Scottsdale staff to review the DC Ranch Community Funding District, which residents pay for in their secondary property tax. Maintenance responsibility, reimbursement and bond pay off in July 2027 were confirmed. [More info.](#)

## Path and trail etiquette

The community's path and trail system is a favorite among residents. For safety reasons, motorized vehicles such as golf carts, ATVs and skateboards are not permitted on sidewalks or the paths and trails. Bicyclists are also reminded to slow down when nearing pedestrians. Only battery-operated toy vehicles for children 7 or younger may be driven on the path system or sidewalks under the supervision of an adult.

## Short-term rental policy reminder

Scottsdale has started its busy season of events. The Standards of Conduct for Short-Term Rentals (DCR-18) does not allow rentals less than 6 months, with only two rentals permitted during a calendar year. Rental and lease terms lasting fewer than 6 months are prohibited. The Ranch Association actively monitors property rental websites to ensure compliance with these requirements. Fines for infractions of short-term rentals may be imposed.

## Volunteer of the Year Awards

Do you know a neighbor who is consistently giving back to DC Ranch or the greater community? The Community Council would like to recognize them for their service. Submit a short [nomination form](#) by March 6.

## Pool storage door improvements

The Community Council Facilities team recently upgraded the pool storage and pump room doors at Desert Camp Community Center. These improvements enhance both daily operations and long-term durability. The new doors were selected to better withstand the high-use and outdoor environment of the pool area. With the addition of powder coating, the doors now offer increased protection against wear, corrosion, and weather exposure—helping extend their lifespan while maintaining a clean, cohesive appearance.

## *Living Connected*

Resident Herb Winograd leads Social Bridge every Wednesday afternoon at Desert Camp. "I began playing with an established group here a few years ago and became the club leader. My main job is to be sure there are enough players to make at least one table. It is a friendly and welcoming group and one that I look forward to each week," says Herb. All levels are welcome.



## *In case you missed it!*

A group of 18 residents explored their creative side with a blank canvas, a paintbrush and a glass of wine at The Homestead. An instructor guided the scene so that each painting of a desert sunset turned into a uniquely beautiful masterpiece worthy of display.



### **Celebration of Fine Art tickets**

Residents are offered two free tickets for the Celebration of Fine Art event now through March 29! Discover 100 artists from around the country at 7899 E. Mayo Blvd. Open daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. [Click here](#) for tickets and use code DCRANCH26 at checkout. Tickets are courtesy of Celebration of Fine Art, while supplies last.

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

### **Community Patrol & Gate Access**

Monday, Feb. 23 | 3 p.m. | The Ranch Office or Zoom

### **Modification Committee**

Tuesday, Feb. 24 | 2 p.m. | The Ranch Office

### **Ranch Association Board of Directors**

Tuesday, March 3 | 5 p.m. | Desert Camp or Zoom

### **Modification Committee**

Tuesday, March 10 | 2 p.m. | The Ranch Office

## **EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

### **Youth: Laser + Mirror Maze**

Friday, Feb. 20 | 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Departs from Desert Camp

Ages 8 to 16 | [\\$25](#)

Friends and neighbors will step into the jungle, cross rickety bridges, and explore a maze of mirrors and ancient ruins. Ninja skills will be tested in the laser vault by dodging beams and racing the clock. Transportation, pizza and soft drinks included.

### **Speaker Series: The Art Behind Burning Man**

Monday, Feb. 23 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Homestead

Ages 21+ | [RSVP](#)

Join DC Ranch resident and art appraiser Kat Thatcher for a fast-paced look at Burning Man's most iconic artworks, the artists and build crews behind them, and where the pieces go after the event. Doors open at 6 p.m.; speaker begins at 6:30 p.m.

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

### **Glow Yoga**

Friday, Feb. 27 | 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Desert Camp

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

Come get your glow on! Flow through gentle yoga poses under black lights, with glowing accessories and energizing music. Whether you're a beginner or experienced yogi, this unique experience will help you unwind, stretch and recharge. Please bring a yoga mat, towel and water bottle.

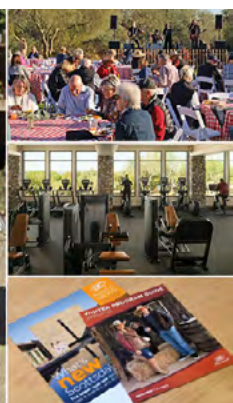
### **Comedy Night**

Friday, Feb. 27 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The Homestead

Ages 21+ | [\\$23](#)

Get ready for a night of laughter. Residents will enjoy the sharp wit and hilarious anecdotes as comedian Adam Hunter 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.



### **Community Life Open House**

Monday, March 9 | 5 to 7 p.m.

Desert Camp

Curious about what's happening on the Ranch? Stop by to meet team members, discover all the programs, events, clubs and volunteer opportunities available to residents. Get a walkthrough of Club Automation, ask questions, give feedback and see how you can get involved in the year ahead. Residents will have a chance to win prizes.

### **Food Truck Night**

Monday, March 9 | 5 to 7 p.m.

Desert Camp

Enjoy a night off from cooking as some of the Valley's best food trucks roll into DC Ranch.

### **Starlight Concert: Crown Kings**

Friday, March 13 | 6 to 8 p.m.

Market Street Park

All ages | Free

Enjoy a night of live music under the stars. Residents are encouraged to walk or ride their bikes to the concert and to bring their own lawn seating, snacks and drinks.

**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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