

Copper Ridge School considered for closure

The SUSD superintendent's citizen advisory committee has recommended [three options](#) for consideration of future school consolidations and/or closings for the 2027-28 school year. A public meeting is scheduled at Desert Mountain High School on Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. [View notice](#).

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.

Community Safety Forum

Join the Ranch Association on Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at The Homestead Community Center for an informative evening dedicated to helping residents enhance the safety and security of their homes, families, and neighborhoods.

This year's program will feature practical information you can put to use right away, including crime prevention strategies, home security best practices, vacation watch resources, community resilience and emergency preparedness, Arizona e-bike regulations, recent crime trends, and an overview of the DC Ranch Community Patrol program. Residents will have an opportunity to meet the new leader for Scottsdale Police Department Foothills District, Commander Peter Michael.

City Council Candidate Forum at DC Ranch

The Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce and DC Ranch will host a Forum for candidates vying for a seat on city council in the November primary election. The moderated question-and-answer session will be held on Monday, Oct. 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at The Homestead Community Center. Voters will hear candidates' priorities, concerns and vision for Scottsdale.

New playground amenities

Desert Haciendas and four additional neighborhoods are working collaboratively with the Ranch Association and KOMPAN on new playground projects, with the goal of completing all four installations by the end of 2026. The Maintenance Team recently completed the demolition and removal of the playground at Desert Haciendas, which had been in place for 28 years. The transformation of the space is a commitment to reinvesting in neighborhoods and providing residents with safe, modern, and engaging recreational park spaces.



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. Please 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.

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.

State land near DC Ranch

The purchase of state land along the northern portion of the Loop 101 by major employers has prompted the City of Scottsdale to designate the area as the "Scottsdale Corporate Corridor." Several major developments are already underway or completed. [Learn more](#).

'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.

Life in Harmony.

Thompson Peak Dog Park has officially opened! Located on the southwest corner of Hayden Road and Thompson Peak Parkway, the voter-approved Bond 2019 project has created a new place for Scottsdale's dogs and their humans to run, play and socialize. Open daily 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., the park includes 3.5-acres of grass, shade canopies, benches, and water fountains.



In case you missed it!

Over the summer, residents escaped the heat to gather at Desert Camp, enjoying refreshments and time with neighbors. Social Hours are held monthly as a casual way to connect over delicious bites.



Safety resources available online

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

Having trouble viewing Club Automation on your phone?

If you have trouble viewing or navigating the Club Automation app due to display or formatting issues, please try decreasing the text-size settings on your mobile device. [Club Automation](#) can also be accessed through a web browser on your computer or tablet.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Modification Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 22 | 2 p.m. | The Ranch Office or Zoom

Ranch Association Finance Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 23 | 3 p.m. | The Ranch Office or Zoom

Community Council Board of Directors

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

Ranch Association Board of Directors

Tuesday, Oct. 6 | 5 p.m. | Desert Camp or Zoom

Modification Committee

Tuesday, Oct. 13 | 2 p.m. | The Ranch Office or Zoom

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

Lifelong Learning: Eras of Music

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. | Desert Camp

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

SoSco Duo will take residents on a chronological journey through some of the most influential musical periods by playing music from each era while teaching residents about the history. Beverages and light bites included.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

Coffee 202 Class

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Desert Camp

Ages 14+ | [\\$35](#)

Residents will gather for a guided conversation and hands-on exploration with Press Coffee. This unique experience offers a fun and approachable way to learn about coffee and enjoy a curated tasting. Limited seating.



TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

Tasting Table: Flavor Profiles

5:30 to 7 p.m. | The Homestead

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

Awaken your taste buds with an exploration of the five flavor profiles: sweet, salty, sour, bitter and umami. A professional chef will teach residents how these flavors work together to create balance, depth and enjoyment in everyday food. Samplings and beverages included.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

Speaker Series: Coexisting with Wildlife

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. | The Homestead

Ages 21+ | [RSVP](#)

Wildlife is part of DC Ranch's appeal. The Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center will discuss the beauty of human-wildlife interactions and how to coexist safely. Beverages and light bites provided. Doors open at 6 p.m. Speaker begins at 6:30 p.m.



THURSDAY, OCT. 8, 15, 22, 29

Line Dancing Class

6 to 7:30 p.m. | Desert Camp

Ages 21+ | [\\$50](#)

Learn popular line dances, build confidence, and have fun in this multi-session class. Instructors will focus on foundational moves, rhythms, and easy-to-follow choreography suitable for all levels. The last class will be a special outing to put those new skills into practice.

Details are subject to change. Visit [DCRanch.com/calendar](https://dcranch.com/calendar) for the meeting calendar. | Log into Club Automation for event and program registration.

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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