DC Ranch

# Ranch Roundup

A monthly highlight of news and events in DC Ranch.

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OCTOBER 2026

## Storm impacts and recovery



September's powerful monsoon storms caused significant flooding, erosion and debris throughout portions of DC Ranch. The Landscape, Maintenance and Community Patrol teams responded quickly, working tirelessly to restore safe access, clear roadways and drainage areas, and begin recovery efforts.

## Streamlined design review process coming soon

Beginning Jan. 1, 2027, the DC Ranch Covenant Commission will become the central destination for DC Ranch design review and modification applications. This transition will bring the process together in one place, making it easier for residents to know where to go and who to contact when planning improvements to their homes. The existing modification review process remains in place through Dec. 31, 2026. More information will be shared soon.

## 2027 annual budgets

Residents can provide input at the Community Council budget workshop at Desert Camp or via Zoom on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. Residents are also invited to join the Ranch Association's NVM Budget Forum via Zoom on Monday, Oct. 26 at Noon.

The 2027 budgets will be approved at the upcoming Board of Directors meetings. Residents are encouraged to attend at Desert Camp or via Zoom.

**Ranch Association**
Tuesday, Nov. 3 | 5 p.m.

**Community Council**
Wednesday, Nov. 4 | 5:30 p.m.

## Copper Ridge School closure

On Oct. 6, the Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) Governing Board voted to close Copper Ridge and Laguna schools at the end of the current school year due to declining enrollment. At this time, no decisions have been made regarding the future use of Copper Ridge, and it is unlikely that any decisions will be reached for several months.

The DC Ranch Community Council is working closely with the SUSD Superintendent to stay informed about the district's next steps. Although DC Ranch does not have an official vote in this process, the Council will actively advocate for an outcome that serves the best interests of the DC Ranch community. The Council will also seek legal guidance regarding the property and its potential future uses.

## City Council candidates to answer community questions

The Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce and DC Ranch will host a City Council Candidate Forum on Monday, Oct. 19, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at The Homestead Community Center.

Two seats on the Scottsdale City Council are open and all three candidates have been invited to participate. Hosting the forum does not constitute an endorsement of any candidate.

## Desert Camp locker room repairs near completion



The men's locker room reopened Oct. 12, featuring updated showers, counters, sinks, lighting, finishes and infrastructure improvements. Tile and finish selections were thoughtfully chosen to align with the DC Ranch Site Improvement Plan (DCSIP) color palette, creating an updated, elegant space that integrates seamlessly with the surrounding facility. Work is now in progress with the family locker room.

## Help us thank local first responders

Through Oct. 23, please stop by Desert Camp Community Center to write a card of thanks for the first responders who serve our community! Your note is a simple way to let them know their service is seen and appreciated. Collected cards will be delivered to the Scottsdale Fire and Scottsdale Police stations on Market Street on National First Responders Day.

## Community Council Board seat filled

Congratulations to Adrianne Wright on her appointment to the Community Council Board. She fills the special vacancy and will serve through March 31, 2027, alongside Directors Ron Belmont, John Crow, Rolland Dickson, Dinesh Kakwani, Elizabeth Kepuraitis and Heidi Rosner.

## Desert Camp closure

Desert Camp Community Center and all indoor and outdoor amenities will be closed on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. for the annual Spooky Carnival.

## Bridge construction to start

The city of Scottsdale has hired Ames Construction to expand the Thompson Peak Parkway bridge, with construction anticipated to begin Oct. 26. Ames will build a new two-lane bridge on the northbound roadway, addressing the current transition from four lanes of traffic to a two-lane bridge. The project will also replace the existing bridge's wood railing with a metal railing designed to match the new bridge. The change is expected to reduce maintenance requirements for both structures.

## Life in *Harmony*.

Resident Jan Dubauskas shares, "We are so proud of our son (and big brother), Trevor, a Scottsdale Firefighter at Station 608. We made and dropped off Funfetti cupcakes for his entire crew to say a big "Thank You" for their service."



# *In case you missed it!*

Costumes, treats and plenty of tail wags made October's Yappy Hour on the North Patio a fun way to celebrate spooky season! Residents Brooke and Pody Uppal brought their adorable pup, Navy, in a Minnie Mouse costume purchased for their upcoming trip to Disneyland.



## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### Community Council Budget Work Session
Wednesday, Oct. 21 | 5:30 p.m. | Desert Camp or Zoom

### NVM Budget Forum
Monday, Oct. 26 | Noon | Zoom

### Modification Committee Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 27 | 2 p.m. | Ranch Office or Zoom

### Ranch Association Finance Committee
Wednesday, Oct. 28 | 3 p.m. | Ranch Office or Zoom

### Ranch Association Board of Directors
Tuesday, Nov. 3 | 5 p.m. | Desert Camp or Zoom

### Community Council Board of Directors
Wednesday, Nov. 4 | 5:30 p.m. | Desert Camp or Zoom

### Modification Committee
Tuesday, Nov. 10 | 2 p.m. | Ranch Office or Zoom

## EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

### Path & Trail Forum
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m. | The Homestead**
**Ages 21+ | RSVP**

Learn about DC Ranch's 50+ miles of paths and trails, featuring guest speakers from the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy. Discover interesting facts about the Sonoran landscape, stewardship and how the trails connect to the Preserve. Light bites and beverages provided.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

### Prickly Pumpkin Patch
**4:30 to 5:30 p.m. | Desert Camp**
**Ages 0-14 | $12**

Join other families to find the perfect pumpkin, take a fall photo, play games with neighbors, and create a fall craft! Light snacks and juice provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult; no fee for adults.




SATURDAY, OCT. 24

### Spooky Carnival: Gotham Ranch
**6 to 8 p.m. | Desert Camp**
**All ages | $15 (ages 4+)**

Step into the shadows of Gotham City for a night of heroic adventure. Explore carnival games, create crime-fighting crafts, dance to beats spun by a Gotham DJ, and enjoy a buffet dinner fit for Gotham's finest. Keep an eye out for surprise encounters from the city's most infamous rogues! Don't forget to stop by the Bat Cave for full-sized candy or novelty items.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

### Food Truck Night
**4:30 to 6:30 p.m. | Desert Camp**

Enjoy a night off from cooking as Rockin' Rolls Sushi & Lobster and Fajita Freaks roll into DC Ranch!

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

### Comedy Night
**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 a local comedian 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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### Gives: Holiday Toy Drive
**Drop off at Desert Camp and The Homestead**




Join DC Ranch Gives in supporting Arizona's Children Association's Gifts of Hope program. Throughout the month of November, residents are invited to donate new, unwrapped toys, books and gifts that will be distributed to children and families involved with foster care, kinship care, and family support programs across Arizona.

**Details are subject to change. Visit 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

**Ranch Office**
18867 N. Thompson Peak Pkwy., Suite 100 | 480.513.1500

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