

### Residents show community pride

Many homeowners in DC Ranch are required to maintain streetscape trees located six to eight feet from the back of the curb or between the street and sidewalk. Environmental Site Plans which were developed for every DC Ranch neighborhood dictate whether streetscape trees are required.



The Community Standards team recently launched an outreach campaign to inform owners of missing streetscape trees in Desert Camp, Desert Parks and parts of Silverleaf and Country Club. The team sent notices to owners regarding streetscape trees and almost 100-percent of the owners either planted a new 36-inch box tree or were approved for a variance. The Community Standards team appreciates the time and effort these residents took to keep DC Ranch looking its best by ensuring their property adheres to the design guidelines. In general, streetscape trees should be lifted a minimum of 15 feet over a roadway to allow for vehicle and garbage truck clearance and trimmed off the ground eight feet over sidewalks. Homeowners are responsible for the maintenance, replacement and irrigation of all other landscaping on their lot aside from the streetscape trees. Contact a Community Standards specialist at 480.977.1299 should you have any questions or concerns.

### Community Safety Series: Teen Drivers and Safety

The Scottsdale Police (Foothills District) Community Safety Series will present an eye-opening look at driver safety, Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. via Zoom. Whether you are a seasoned driver or a novice, don't miss these driving tips to keep you and your loved ones safe on the road. Register for this free event at [DCRanch.com/safety-series](https://DCRanch.com/safety-series) or scan the QR code with your phone's camera. The program is open to all residents in the Scottsdale Foothills District, so be sure to tell friends and neighbors to attend.



### Should the community become Firewise?

The Ranch Association's board held a special meeting via Zoom on June 23 with Neighborhood Voting Members (NVMs) to further discuss the proposed Firewise initiative. Scottsdale Fire Marshal Mark Zimmerman and Capt. Steve Hunter also attended to provide additional details and their vantage point on how this national certification can help save lives and homes. The Board plans to formally consider whether to adopt Firewise or some other type of fire mitigation program at its Aug. 2 meeting. Prior to the vote, a survey will be sent to all NVMs for input. A recording of the June meeting is available at [DCRanch.com/becoming-firewise](https://DCRanch.com/becoming-firewise).

### New online real estate agent training

DC Ranch is now offering online training for real estate agents. The interactive course provides an overview of what makes the community a desirable place to live for so many people and families. The program covers the community's unique governance structure, history and amenities, in addition to providing procedures for open houses and listing homes for sale. After completing the course, agents may opt to apply for an All-Gate Access Pass for easier access when conducting showings. To be eligible, an agent must be in good standing with the Arizona Department of Real Estate and submit a form, fee and copies of a driver's license and their ADRE sales or broker license. The pass is good for one year from the date of pickup. To access the training program, visit [DCRanch.com/real-estate](https://DCRanch.com/real-estate) or email [RealEstateHelp@dcranchinc.com](mailto:RealEstateHelp@dcranchinc.com) for assistance.

### Gatehouse improvements

The Arcadia Gatehouse has been updated to serve as the community's second security command center, in addition to serving as the primary checkpoint for the Arcadia neighborhood, monitoring the front and back gates. Five new monitoring screens and camera feeds from the Maintenance Yard, the two community centers and the five community tunnel cameras have been added to the surveillance capabilities at this gatehouse. Additionally, improvements have been made to the back storage area adding protection from weather elements and paver flooring. The gatehouse was also repainted.

### Community Standards Corner: DCR-18 Rental of Property

Short-term rentals are not permitted in DC Ranch, including each of the 10 sub-associations, even if their governing documents allow a shorter period. A property may only be leased once in any six-month period, and the term may be no less than six months in duration. The Community Standards team routinely checks vacation rental websites and will contact owners advertising rentals to advise them of the policy and a possible fine of \$1,000 or more. All rental property listings and advertisements must reflect the minimum six-month residency. Additionally, owners must submit the Tenant Registration Form within 30 days of a lease commitment or a minimum of five days prior to the tenant's move-in date. Failure to do so may also result in a notice of violation. For assistance, please call The Ranch Offices at 480.513.1500.

### *In case you missed it!*

Over 80 residents visited the Desert Camp pool for the premier of Fun Fridays. Families had a blast enjoying snow cones, games, pool toys and music. Some brave children even showed off their skills in an inflatable bull riding competition. Come cool down every Friday afternoon in July for different games and treats by the pool.



### Financial audits approved

The 2020 annual financial audits were prepared by the CPA firm Mansperger Patterson & McMillan PLC for the Ranch Association and Community Council. Firm partner Bradley Eno presented to each board respectively during recent board meetings. This is the first year of a three-year contract with the new firm. Audits were accepted and are available for review on DCRanch.com.

### City construction on target

The City of Scottsdale is on track with construction of both the Bell Road Sports Complex and Phase One of the DC Ranch Neighborhood Park. Later this month, residents will begin to see green grass on the seven fields at the corner of Bell Road and 94th Street. The lake in DC Ranch Neighborhood Park has been filled and will supply irrigation to the fields. The City plans to hold virtual meetings to hear what additional amenities residents would like in the park, when and if funds become available in the City's Capital Improvement Budget. The Sports Complex and lake amenity with walking path are scheduled to open to the public in January 2022.



### Master Plan update

On Tuesday, June 29, Holly Street Studio and CHASSE Building Team presented an update on the Master Plan. Watch a video recording of the meeting on DCRanch.com. Residents may provide comments through Tuesday, July 20 by completing a short feedback form.

### Get to know a staff member: Elaine Philipps



**Q:** What is your role at DC Ranch?

**A:** As Office Administrator, I manage The Ranch Offices front desk operations, new resident orientations, tenant registrations and provide administrative support to the Ranch Association team.

**Q:** What do you like to do for fun?

**A:** I enjoy reading, travel, cooking and entertaining family and friends.

**Q:** What is the best piece of advice you've ever gotten?

**A:** Don't be afraid of making a mistake. My dad always said just make the best decision you can. If you find out you're going in the wrong direction, you can always turn around. That advice helps me be patient and forgiving of others as well.

**Q:** If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

**A:** My current travel wish is anywhere along the Mediterranean coast: Barcelona, South of France, Amalfi Coast, Croatia or the Greek Isles!

### EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Visit [DCRanch.com/calendar](https://DCRanch.com/calendar) to see all activities and register.

#### DC Ranch Gives: Beat the Heat Drive

Ends July 31

Desert Camp Community Center drop off location

Help homebound seniors in Scottsdale by gathering items for the "Beat the Heat" drive. Most needed items include new: reusable water bottles, ice packs, toilet paper, tissue boxes, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and hand sanitizer.

#### Fun Fridays

Every Friday through July | Noon to 2 p.m.

Desert Camp Community Center Pool

Come to the pool for some family fun, including music, pool toys and organized games for the kiddos. Light snacks or frozen treats provided. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

#### Dive-in Movie: Baby Driver

Friday, July 16 | 8 to 10 p.m.

Desert Camp Community Center Pool

Why should the kids have all the fun this summer? Come float with friends or make date night a splash during this first ever Dive-in Movie for adults! We supply the big screen and pre-packaged snacks; you bring the towels, cold beverages and summer spirit. Film is rated R.

#### Yappy Hour

Friday, July 23 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Market Street Park

Bring your leashed four-legged friend to enjoy a casual gathering with residents. Beverages and pup treats provided.

#### Starlight Concert Series: Jacob Morris

Friday, Aug. 13 | 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Market Street Park

A little bit country, a little bit rock 'n roll... this local band is sure to put some swing in your step! Residents are encouraged to bring lawn seating, snacks and drinks to enjoy this outdoor performance.

### Community Meetings

The following meetings are held via Zoom. Visit [DCRanch.com/calendar](https://DCRanch.com/calendar) for details.

July 26	Ranch Association Budget & Finance Committee
Aug. 2	Ranch Association Board of Directors
Aug. 10	Community Council Board of Directors Master Plan Presentation



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9260 E. Desert Camp Dr. | 480.342.7178

The Homestead Community Center  
18600 N. 98th St. | 480.585.1641

The Ranch Offices on Market Street  
20551 N. Pima Rd., Suite 180 | 480.513.1500

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