

New board of directors seated

The 2021 Ranch Association Board of Directors election is complete. Winning re-election are incumbents Phil Geiger of Montelena, Elaine Cottey of Silverleaf and Geoff Wilner of Rosewood. Newcomer Greg Kiraly, also of Silverleaf, will join the board. Kiraly is a retired corporate executive.

The newly elected members join Stephen Koven, Sam Hawkins and Don Matheson on the board. Retiring from service is Elizabeth Kepuraitis who served on the board from April 2017 to April 2021. Immediately following the April 5 election, new board officers were elected and announced. Wilner will serve as incoming president and Koven as vice-president. Cottey will continue on as secretary and Hawkins as treasurer. Please join the Association in thanking all the candidates in this year's election.



Greg Kiraly

Community Council board updates

Effective April 1, Alex Townsend and Natalie Ingram were appointed to serve second terms on the Community Council Board.

Community Standards Corner: Practice courtesy outdoors

The community's paths and trails are bustling with cyclists, hikers and four-legged friends. It's a great way to exercise, see the community and still practice social distancing. Please keep in mind that vehicles such as golf carts, ATVs and motorized vehicles are not permitted on sidewalks or the path system, for the safety of all residents. The only exception is battery-operated toy vehicles for children seven and younger that may be driven on paved sidewalks with adult supervision. Bicyclists should slow down and use caution when approaching pedestrians along the trails. Many times, walkers are startled by cyclists who seem to appear out of nowhere and quickly pass. When taking your dog for a walk or run, remember they always need to be leashed and picked up after. These are shared spaces, and a little courtesy goes a long way.

Protect yourself from pesky mosquitos

One of the best precautions is to eliminate areas of standing water that can breed thousands of mosquitos in as little as three days. This includes bird baths, plant saucers, fountains, gutters and irrigation drains. Ranch Association staff actively monitors common areas and parks and utilizes Maricopa County resources to set traps to measure mosquito breeding activity. Keep in mind, mosquitos can travel up to 10 miles away from breeding sites, making it more difficult to determine the source. Peak biting times are at dusk and dawn, and grassy areas tend to be worse as that's where mosquitos like to rest and hide. Mosquito control products are readily available at local hardware stores or do-it-yourself retailers. To help protect against the West Nile virus, the Center for Disease Control recommends using insect repellent containing one of the following active ingredients: DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, PMD or IR3535. Remember to follow label instructions carefully, especially for use on children. Wearing light-colored pants and long sleeves along with insect repellent is the best defense when outdoors. Please report any problem areas to DC Ranch Maintenance at 480.585.8654.

Community Safety Series: Substance Abuse Prevention

The Scottsdale Police Foothills District educational program continues May 5 at 6 p.m. via Zoom by taking a tough look at drug and substance abuse. DC Ranch is hosting this five-part series to encourage collaboration on crime prevention among all communities in the Foothills District. To register for this free event, visit DCRanch.com/safety-series or scan the QR code with your phone's camera. Future programs include Teen Drivers and Safety on Aug. 4 and Surviving Active Critical Incidents on Oct. 13.



Planning a park party

It's the perfect time of year to host a physically distanced gathering in one of the community's 44 private, common area parks or green spaces. What are the next steps? DC Ranch does not offer a park reservation system. Park usage for resident-hosted events is on a first come, first served basis, and functions may not exclude other residents from using the recreational area. Prohibited items include water slides, water toys and balloons or any type of organized sports such as teams with regularly scheduled games or practices or team members that reside outside of DC Ranch. The best practice is to notify The Ranch Offices at 480.513.1500 of your planned activity's date and time to ensure that the landscape and maintenance teams do not have any scheduled projects and that parking for guests is available.

Market Street Park, which DC Ranch maintains, but is open to the public, follows City of Scottsdale guidelines and does not allow alcohol. Organized activities or parties are not allowed at this park at any time unless sponsored by the DC Ranch Community Council.

COVID-19 updates

Face coverings are encouraged but not required while visiting Desert Camp Community Center, including the fitness center, lobby, multi-use spaces, locker rooms, pool decks and in-person programming. Desert Camp will continue to operate under modified hours, enhanced physical distancing and safety precautions. Hours (subject to change): Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit DCRanch.com/coronavirus.

In case you missed it!

On March 27 and 28, residents enjoyed a new outdoor event! The Spring Brunch Luau transported attendees to the islands with themed décor, a tropical-inspired menu, Polynesian dancers and special gifts for the kids. "A huge thank you. It was absolutely delightful. The decorations, the food, the entertainment were all first class," said resident Rebecca Merritt.



EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Visit DCRanch.com/calendar to see all activities and register.

DC Ranch Gives: Shred Day

Saturday, April 17 | 9 a.m. to Noon

The Homestead Community Center parking lot

DC Ranch Gives has partnered with The Matheson Real Estate Team to provide residents a way to safely dispose of old paperwork while giving back to Fresh Start Women's Foundation. Organizers will collect \$5 per box donation.

Fourth Friday Social Hour

Friday, April 23 | 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Desert Camp Community Center north patio

Ages 21+ | RSVP

Mix and mingle during a relaxing happy hour the fourth Friday of every month. Sit on the north patio to chat with friends or get to know new neighbors while enjoying light snacks and beverages.

Comedy Night at the Homestead

Saturday, May 15 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The Homestead Community Center lawn

Ages 21+ | \$12

Join neighbors for some laughter on the lawn! Three valley comedians will perform live at The Homestead. Residents may bring their own lawn seating, blankets and snacks to enjoy during the performance. Light refreshments included.



The Homestead Playhouse: Matilda JR.

Packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs, children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination. Join Matilda as she searches for her place in the world, meets the sweet Ms. Honey and is thwarted by the villainous Ms. Trunchbull.

Please support the efforts of these young residents and enjoy this entertaining musical on the outside lawn at The Homestead Community Center on the following dates:

Thursday, April 29 | 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 30 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 1 | 3 and 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 2 | 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for ages 12 and under, \$17 for adults. Visit the DCRanch.com calendar to purchase tickets. Seating is limited.

Summer Arts and Education Camps

Young residents are invited to participate in these fun summer programs offered at The Homestead Community Center. Space is limited.

The World of Harry Potter

June 7-11 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ages 8-14 | \$139

Enter Hogwarts to explore the deliciousness of Butterbeer, the excitement of magic and potions classes, and participate in lively games of Quidditch. This camp combines visual arts, theatre, communication skills and fun for a fantastic exploration of Harry Potter.

Disney Villains

June 21-25 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ages 8-14 | \$139

Does your young person love singing? Dancing? Disney? This musical theatre camp combines all of these in a fast-paced, week-long exploration of Disney's most notorious bad guys. With an original script that includes songs from musicals and pop culture as well as brand new characters and scenes, campers can sharpen their singing, dancing and acting skills.

Buggin' Out

July 5-9 | 9 a.m. to Noon

Ages 4-7 | \$107

What is it like to be a bug? This exciting and educational half day program will have young ones exploring all things creepy crawly. Campers will read bug stories, make bug arts and crafts and play bug-themed games.

Summer Olympics

July 5-9 | 1 to 4 p.m.

Ages 8-14 | \$107

Celebrate the 2021 Summer Olympic games! Rally with friends for some good, old-fashioned indoor activities—and a little healthy competition. Explore how the Olympics got started, create your own countries and compete in exciting new games, both physical and mental.

Community Meetings

The following meetings are held via Zoom.

Visit DCRanch.com/calendar for details.

April 26

Ranch Association Budget and Finance

April 27

Modification Committee Meeting

May 3

Ranch Association Board of Directors Meeting

May 5

Community Safety Series

May 11

Modification Committee Meeting



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

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