

Community Safety Series on March 3

Scottsdale Police Foothills District will present its next program on Personal Safety from 5 to 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Crime Prevention Officer Rob Katzaroff will educate attendees on self-defense measures that will teach you how to keep yourself and loved ones out of harm's way. To register for this free event, visit DCRanch.com/safety-series or scan the QR code with your phone's camera. Additional upcoming topics include Teen Substance Abuse and Current Drug Trends on May 5, Teen Drivers and Safety on Aug. 4 and Surviving Active Critical Incidents on Oct. 13. The program is open to all Scottsdale Foothills District residents to help encourage collaboration on crime prevention.



DC Ranch partners with Scottsdale Fire on Firewise presentation March 31

Firewise is a program that encourages communities to create conditions that reduce wildfire intensity, helping to prevent home ignitions. It is a National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) program administered locally through the Scottsdale Fire Department, in partnership with the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (ADFFM).

There are five main steps to becoming a Firewise community site. Per NFPA, a community must create a Firewise committee and/or board, complete a community hazard assessment, create and submit a Firewise plan, hold an annual Firewise event and make a minimum investment per household in local wildfire mitigation. The idea is to create defensible space around a home's exterior by removing invasive plants, ladder fuels, low hanging branches and dead plants, allowing firefighter access to keep wildfires at bay.

Join us for this important fire safety presentation on Wednesday, March 31 at 5 p.m. via Zoom. Registration details are available in the Calendar section of DCRanch.com.

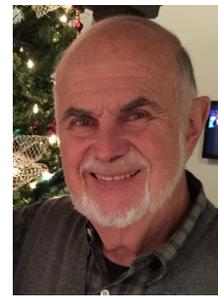
Association completes extensive roadwork project in Arcadia

Roughly 100 sections of pavement throughout the neighborhood were removed and replaced to repair damage from Sissoo Tree roots. The project, conducted in late January and early February, also included the replacement of nine sections of curb. Pinnacle Paving performed the removal and replacement and worked closely with DC Ranch landscapers who removed the Sissoo Tree roots and installed root mitigation barriers where appropriate. The root barrier work was completed on street trees that line the parks, as street trees bordering individual lots are scheduled for removal and replacement beginning later this year. The Association plans to retain most common area Sissoo trees at the entrances and parks in the Arcadia neighborhood. All root removals conducted during the project were photographed and documented to record the diameter and length. The Association is preparing its submission to the City of Scottsdale regarding the planned project.



The Community Standards Corner

The DC Ranch Environmental Site Plan requires streetscape trees, and those plans vary by neighborhood. The trees are generally located 6 to 8 feet from the back of the curb or between the street and sidewalk. 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 8 feet over sidewalks. In Country Club and Desert Camp, homeowners are responsible for maintaining water to the tree, trimming, removal and replacement as needed. In the Silverleaf neighborhoods of Arcadia, The Parks and parts of Horseshoe Canyon, the Ranch Association is responsible for maintaining street trees located on private lots. In the Desert Parks Village neighborhoods, homeowners own the streetscape trees, but the Ranch Association provides routine clearance pruning or additional services paid for in the monthly assessment. Homeowners in all neighborhoods are responsible for the maintenance, replacement and watering of landscaping, other than trees in the streetscape. Contact a Community Standards Specialist at 480.977.1299 before removing or replanting a streetscape tree or with any questions regarding maintenance.



Remembering Ed Swanson

With a heavy heart, DC Ranch reports the loss of longtime resident, community volunteer and friend Ed Swanson. He passed on Jan. 23 and is survived by his son David in Cottonwood, Ariz. Swanson called DC Ranch home for 17 years and served the community in a variety of ways. He was one of the founding committee members of the Community Council's Speaker Series, served on the board of his sub-association, served three-and-a-half years on the Ranch Association Budget and Finance Committee and spent eight years as the Neighborhood Voting Member representative for The Village at Market Street. His life motto was, "You do for yourself; you do for your family and you do for your community -- in that order."



In January, 54 cars drove through the Gives Curbside Donation Drive benefiting Scottsdale Community Partner's Healthy Packs Program. Residents generously donated 1,549 pounds of food that will help feed hungry school children in Scottsdale. Thank you to all who donated!

Special board meeting Feb. 25

Community Council will meet via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25 to consider the master plan selection committee's recommendation for a firm to perform space needs analysis, concept design and preliminary costing for the master plan project. Visit DCRanch.com for details.

Become a board member

Please consider participating in the community as a board member. The application to fill open seats for the Ranch Association is available on DCRanch.com.

Finance Committee vacancy

There is an open seat on the DC Ranch Community Council Finance Committee. If interested in this leadership role, please complete the application on DCRanch.com by March 1.

Technology upgrades enhance communication

Based on resident feedback and new technology, residents can expect a roll out of communication upgrades in 2021:

- DCRanch.com will get a fresh new look with easy-to-use navigation, interactive maps and more.
- Text messaging service will provide residents with alerts and reminders.
- CivicPlus event registration platform will be implemented for all programs and amenities.



Happy retirement, Beth Overton

Best wishes to Facilities and Recreation Director Beth Overton as she retires next month. During her 7 years at DC Ranch, she made a valuable impact. Her positive energy, work ethic and passion for the community will be missed. Residents and their furry friends will miss Beth's smile, warm greetings and great story telling.

Volunteer of the year nominations

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. Celebrate this individual by filling out the quick, easy nomination form on DCRanch.com by March 5.

Parks, playgrounds and basketball court usage reminders

Outdoor recreation areas continue to be in high demand. As a reminder, DC Ranch amenities including lawns, basketball courts and playgrounds are meant to be shared and enjoyed by all residents for drop-in play only. Organized sports teams and regularly scheduled league play are not allowed.

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

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

Food Truck Night: Detroit Coney Cruiser and Bonzai Boyz

Thursday, Feb. 18 | 5 to 7 p.m.
The Homestead Community Center

Walk, run or ride over for two delicious dining choices: traditional American fare and Asian fusion cuisine.

Speaker Series: Celebration Music in Latin America

Wednesday, Feb. 24 | 6 to 7 p.m.
Zoom | All ages | Free

Join MIM curator and ethnomusicologist, Dr. Daniel Piper, for an exclusive presentation and Q&A session about four fiesta patronal traditions in the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Guatemala and Brazil.

Spring Path and Trail Challenge

March 1 – 31
All ages | Free

Get outside to explore the 35 miles of paths and trails in DC Ranch! Participants will be emailed a new route every Monday, including the Wildflower Walk. Hike, run or bike any or all routes.

Sunset Meditation

Mondays, March 1 – April 29 | 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.
Desert Camp patio
Ages 14+ | \$27

Take a mindful moment on the beautiful North Patio. This 8-week class will highlight easy-to-follow meditation techniques that participants can take anywhere.

Creative Arts: Floral Design Class

Wednesday, March 3 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Desert Camp patio
Ages 21+ | \$33

Create a beautiful spring floral arrangement to take home! During this hands-on class residents will learn about flower placement, care, color styling and container options. Refreshments included.

Community Meetings

The following meetings are held via Zoom.
Visit DCRanch.com/calendar for details.

Feb. 23 Modification Committee Meeting

Feb. 25 Community Council Special Board Meeting

March 1 Ranch Association Board of Directors Meeting

March 3 Community Safety Series

March 9 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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