

7 candidates running for Ranch Association board

There are four new candidates and three incumbents running to fill four open positions on the Ranch Association Board. Be sure to connect with your Neighborhood Voting Member (NVM) about your candidate choices as your NVM will vote on your behalf. In neighborhoods without NVM representation, owners will receive one ballot per lot owned. NVMs will cast their votes, and the winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting on April 5. Complete campaign statements are available in the Community Management section on DCRanch.com.

Firewise presentation on March 31 via Zoom

The Ranch Association is exploring becoming a Firewise community to help protect homes and lives in the event of a wildfire. 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. The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) offers the program and it is administered locally through the Scottsdale Fire Department, in partnership with the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (ADFFM). Please join Scottsdale Fire Chief Mark Zimmerman and Capt. Steven Hunter for an informative presentation, including a Q&A segment, on Wednesday, March 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. via Zoom. To register, visit DCRanch.com/calendar.

Modification Committee changes and fee increases

At its March meeting, the Ranch Association Board of Directors appointed Brian Juedes to serve the remaining term of Sam Hawkins, who resigned effective March 1 after eight years of volunteer service. Juedes will join the committee through June 7, 2021, at which time the Board votes to reaffirm all members of the Policy, Budget and Finance and Modification committees. At its February meeting, the Board approved modification fee increases as recommended by the Modifications Committee. The adjusted fees account for the number of staff hours needed to research modification requests for review at the committee's bi-monthly meetings. The new fees became effective March 1, 2021 and are posted at DCRanch.com. Residents may also request a copy by contacting The Ranch Offices at 480.513.1500.

Proposed revisions to target repeat speeders

Speeding through the community's private streets continues to be a concern. In response, the Association's board conditionally approved revisions to DCR-24 Speeding to address repeat offenders. The \$300 fine established by DCR-24 for the first excessive speeding offense is defined as driving more than 20 MPH over the posted speed limit or driving more than 11 MPH over the posted speed limit on streets adjacent to park areas. The new changes propose that if an owner (including family, guests and invitees) incurs more than three speeding fines in a 12-month period, a \$300 increase on the fourth and each subsequent offense will be assessed in addition to transponder privileges being suspended for 30 days. Residents may comment on the proposed changes by emailing Policies@dcranchinc.com.

WestWorld events impact traffic

Expect traffic delays this month as equestrian events and Barrett-Jackson (March 20-27) take place at WestWorld. Events at WestWorld often impact Loop 101 to the west, Bell Road to the north and 98th Street to the east.

Community Standards Corner: Organized sports

The warming temperatures and beautiful springtime weather are perfect reasons to encourage children to get outside and play. Please remember that per the Standards for Conduct, DC Ranch does not allow organized sports in the parks, basketball and tennis courts or pools. These areas are to be shared and enjoyed by all residents for drop-in play only. Organized sports teams are defined as those that involve regularly scheduled or league play and may include players living outside DC Ranch. Public organized sports teams not affiliated with the Ranch Association or the DC Ranch Community Council may not practice or hold matches within the community. However, DCR-11 Organized Sports does not preclude residents from holding "pickup" games or other informally organized sporting or park activities. Organized teams practicing or playing in any neighborhood park is trespassing per DCR -27 and may be escorted off the property. Additionally, a \$250 fine for organized sports activities may be assessed per incident.

2021 Team Values Awards

Congratulations to the amazing team members at DC Ranch who recently received peer-nominated awards for their hard work. The 2021 Team Values Award recipients in each category are:



Teamwork - Beth Overton, Lynette Whitener, Luis Ayala

Facilities Management Team, Community Council

Professionalism - Jaime Ortega

Landscape Crew Leader, Ranch Association

Innovation - Gabi Enriquez

Senior Manager of Events & Programs, Community Council

Passion - Mike Wells

Community Standards Manager & Security Liaison, Ranch Association

Fun - Erin Valdez

Executive Assistant & HR Administrator, Community Council

Construction begins on DC Ranch Neighborhood Park

The first phase of construction at 91st St and Trailside View will include a lake with a trail around it, pump station, landscaping and limited parking. Construction work will take place Monday - Friday beginning at 7 a.m.

In April, work times will start earlier due to rising temperatures. Occasional weekend work may be needed. All work will be performed by Hunter Contracting Co. Phase 1 construction is expected to be complete by end of year and is being constructed in conjunction with the Bell Road Sport Complex to provide water to the fields.



In case you missed it!

On March 3, residents joined Arizona Master Florist Vickie Blair in making beautiful spring floral arrangements at Desert Camp. Participants enjoyed each other's company, wine, charcuterie cups and desserts while hearing valuable tips about flower care and styling.

Pickleball for the win

Desert Camp Community Center is home to two pickleball courts that were recently improved based on resident feedback. In 2020, residents who regularly play on the courts were invited to join a focus group that identified fencing and shading improvements as a high priority. Based on this feedback, fencing was added to Court 2 along with shade structures and new furniture. The courts will be closed for resurfacing March 29 to April 2, which will conclude this improvement project.

Basketball court closure

The basketball court at The Homestead Community Center will be closed April 5 - 9 for court repairs and resurfacing. Residents may visit Desert Camp Community Center's basketball court during the closure.

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

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

Lifelong Learning: Luck of the Irish

Wednesday, March 17 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.
All ages | Free | Zoom

Join local historian Ken Sorensen as he explores the impact Irish Americans have had on America's history.

Food Truck Night: Dough Riders and The Diner on Wheels

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

Pizza and burgers are always a favorite! Come get a tasty bite to enjoy outdoors or on-the-go.

Moonlight Movie: Men in Black

Friday, March 19 | 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
The Homestead Community Center Lawn
All ages | \$10

Pack up a chair and blankets to watch this extraterrestrial hit under the stars. Gourmet popcorn and non-alcoholic beverages included. Pre-registration required.

Community Meetings

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

March 23	Modification Committee Meeting
March 25	Community Council Board of Directors Meeting
March 31	Firewise Presentation
April 5	Ranch Association Annual Meeting
April 6	Modification Committee Meeting



Spring Brunch Luau

Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28
The Homestead Community Center
Ages 0-3 Free | Ages 4-12 \$12 | Ages 13+ \$18

Hula over to this special one-hour outdoor event featuring a lei greeting, live Polynesian entertainment, sweet and savory brunch, and a few surprises. Multiple seating times are offered on both Saturday and Sunday to accommodate social distancing. Pre-registration required. Registration closes March 17.

Yappy Hour

Friday, March 26 | 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Desert Camp Community Center Patio
Ages 21+ | Free

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

Wildflower Walk

Saturday, March 27 | 8 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.
Desert Camp Community Center
All ages | Free

During this 1-mile walk participants will learn about the different wildflowers that can be seen in the community each spring. Register for one of two group times.

Living with the Desert Seminar

Tuesday, April 6 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.
The Homestead Community Center Patio
Ages 14+ | \$7

Join this outdoor seminar and Q&A session with The Phoenix Herpetological Society to learn about desert wildlife and how to coexist safely.

Speaker Series: The Future of Transit

Wednesday, April 7 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.
All ages | Free | Zoom

Key transportation officials discuss Maricopa County's historic investments and the planning efforts now underway to identify future roadway and public transit investments.



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9260 E. Desert Camp Dr. | 480.342.7178

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

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20551 N. Pima Rd., Suite 180 | 480.513.1500

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