

Wildfire protection plan moves ahead

The Ranch Association Board voted to approve the Firewise program for the community at its Aug. 2 meeting. Survey results from Neighborhood Voting Members indicated strong support for fire mitigation efforts. Implementation plans are in development with the Scottsdale Fire Dept. The DC Ranch team will provide more details as they become available. The Board approved \$400,000 in the 2021 Operating and Reserve Plan to fund the initiative's first three years. The Association plans to begin fire mitigation work in common areas this fall, starting with Arcadia, then onto Horseshoe and the Camelot neighborhoods in Desert Camp. Visit the news section on DCRanch.com for more information on Firewise or visit www.nfpa.org.

Text messaging from DC Ranch

Based on resident feedback, DC Ranch has launched a new mobile phone text messaging platform to provide timely community information to residents. Residents can choose these categories: Emergency, Neighborhood Alerts (road work, broken gates, incident reports), Events and Programs and Community Meetings. To receive text messages from DC Ranch, please complete the online form at DCRanch.com/text.



Vince Muldrow

Ranch Association staff changes

Vince Muldrow has been promoted to Exterior Modifications Specialist and reports to Director of Exterior Modifications Larry Cowles. Muldrow will plan Modification Committee meetings and handle all paint modifications in addition to other assigned duties.



Alaina Martoccia

Muldrow replaces Alaina Martoccia, who is transitioning to a new position with the Covenant Commission to focus on new builds and larger-scale exterior renovation projects.

Turf improvements underway

The Ranch Association recently hydroseeded various areas of poorly performing turf to help improve performance and appearance. The process entailed contracting with Gothic Landscaping to spray greenbelts and parks with a non-toxic mixture of encapsulated seed, fertilizer and mulch. Signs are posted to kindly remind residents to please stay off the grass during germination and growth. The hydroseeding process is being tested in Market Street Villas, Happy Hollow and Longhorn in Country Club and Arcadia's park areas. If it performs well, it might be used instead of sod replacement moving forward.

Security Services contract review

The Ranch Association's largest budget item is under review as the third year of its contract with Anderson Security Agency ends in December 2021. Request for Proposals were distributed in early July to five security providers experienced with large-scale communities. The multi-million-dollar contract involves oversight of three community patrols, five manned gate houses, hundreds of camera feeds and ongoing training of the 43-member staff. The Ranch Association Board will hold a special meeting on Aug. 24 at 5 p.m. to hear from the top two agencies before deciding. Formal approval of the contract will be announced at the Board's Sept. 20 meeting.

Summer road projects

Despite recent monsoons, various road projects were completed that prompted closures in Park and Manor (around the main park) and at 103rd Street in the Crescent Park area of Silverleaf. Pinnacle Paving laid new curbing concrete and asphalt in these neighborhoods and were delayed several times by the inclement weather. Additionally, asphalt patching was performed in The Haciendas, Montelena and part of Horseshoe Canyon. Crosswalk painting along Saddle Horse Drive in the Country Club Village was also delayed due to the storms. That project is part of a path and trail Community Council improvement project.

In case you missed it!

During June and July, residents donated over 1,100 items to help homebound seniors during the DC Ranch Gives: Beat the Heat Donation Drive. Anya Wright, Human Services Representative for City of Scottsdale, says, "Thank you for your generosity and for helping the senior population. We are very grateful."

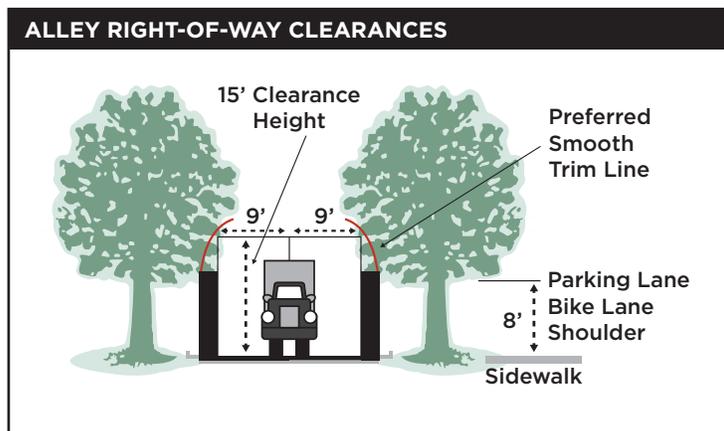


Resident Leadership Academy Class II

Congratulations to the 14 residents who were selected for Class II. The new class is evenly split between new residents of less than one year and those who have resided in DC Ranch 10 or more years with a relatively even representation of gender and residency among the four Villages: Desert Parks, Desert Camp, Country Club and Silverleaf. Class begins Aug. 17 and ends Nov. 16 with graduation ceremonies planned for Dec. 7.

Keep alleyway trees trimmed for garbage collection

Landscape team members have been working diligently with the City of Scottsdale Solid Waste Dept. to clear low-hanging alleyway trees and overgrown shrubs so that refuse and services are not interrupted. The City identified nearly 40 locations where they had difficulty with access due to resident-owned trees not being maintained in accordance with the Community Standards. Residents with an alleyway are asked to please do their part to keep trees trimmed 15-feet from the ground and shrubs cut back to the curb line. Untrimmed trees and shrubs in alleyways can affect not only your garbage collection but also your neighbor's.



Planning a holiday gathering or special occasion?

It's not too early to secure Desert Camp or The Homestead as your next party venue. View the facility rental brochure on DCRanch.com for more information. To inquire about availability or schedule a tour, please email Rentals@dcranchinc.com or call 480.565.1746.

Events and Programs

Please visit DCRanch.com/calendar for a full listing of events and the most up to date information.

Lifelong Learning: Van Gogh Exhibit

Thursday, Aug. 26 | 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lighthouse Artspace

All ages | \$55

Join neighbors to surround yourself in monumental projections of Vincent van Gogh's most famous artwork. Wander through entrancing, moving images that highlight brushstrokes, detail and color while set to music. Very limited space available.

Social Hour

Friday, Aug. 27 | 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Desert Camp Community Center

Ages 21+ | Free

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

Women's Club: Happy Hour

Thursday, Sept. 9 | 5 to 7 p.m.

P.F. Chang's at Kierland Commons

Enjoy lively conversation and P.F. Chang's unique take on Asian fare in a striking space. Appetizers provided; drinks to be purchased individually.

Food Truck Night:

Chilte Tacos and The Chicken Coop

Thursday, Sept. 16 | 5 to 7 p.m.

Desert Camp Community Center

Step away from the stove and step up to some of the Valley's best food trucks!

Community Meetings

Visit DCRanch.com/calendar for details.

Aug. 24

Modification Committee

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Ranch Association Board Security Operations

Aug. 27

Ranch Association Board Planning Session

Sept. 13

Ranch Association Budget & Finance Committee

Sept. 14

Modification Committee



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9260 E. Desert Camp Dr. | 480.342.7178

The Homestead Community Center
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