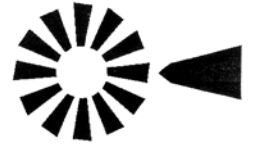


# Continental Ranch Windmill



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## Dear Homeowners,

**Y**ou are likely aware of the recent controversy concerning the association's waste hauling contract, and more broadly the way in which the association has been governed. Unfortunately, we as a board have had little opportunity to respond to the variety of complaints, demands, and misinformation which has resonated through the community.

In response to public comment, we negotiated to reinstate the option of twice-weekly trash service for those who want it, without making those who don't want it pay for it. Although there were demands to cancel the contract outright, this would have cost the association more than a quarter of a million dollars, a fiscally irresponsible move that would ultimately hurt homeowners. The reality is that an exclusive waste-hauling contract allows our rates to be lower than essentially any other regional entity. The board as a whole was well aware of this fact when the contract, which has been in place for the last 13 years, was renewed this October. Sadly, when the board asked for public opinion during a regular meeting in July, we heard no dissent about the contract renewal. Our CC&Rs 5.2.3.3, read, "The Association, in its discretion,

may contract with a trash removal company to provide trash removal to the Covered Property, the cost of which may be added to the amount of the Regular Assessment due from each Owner or a Lot or Parcel or may be billed directly to each Owner."

There have been other demands made to oust the association's management company. If there was widespread support for this, it would have been obvious during the competitive bid process last spring. When a public meeting was held to discuss bids, remarkably only a single homeowner (aside from the board) attended the meeting. Nevertheless, the board of directors does care about the performance of the management company, and conducts a rigorous quarterly review process to improve customer service and efficiency.

Perhaps many complaints about the management company arise simply because they are doing precisely what the board asks, which is to enforce the covenants in the governing documents and the rules which have been adopted by the various boards since the inception of the Association. In this case, the

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criticism is misplaced, and efforts should be directed toward changing the rules, not those who enforce them.

A last and likely perennial complaint is that the board of directors does not listen to homeowners. It is difficult to listen, however, when no one speaks. Consider the fact that less than 1% of the community attends monthly board meetings, and that during the last annual meeting, few homeowners rose to voice their opinions. Recent meetings have been well attended, but unfortunately rational discourse gave way to unfounded accusations and inane and inappropriate name-calling. We as board members are keenly interested in substantive debate, not vague criticisms unsupported by facts and devoid of concrete solutions.

There is little awareness of the effort that board members make to improve the community while respecting the legal and fiduciary requirements of our position. One major misconception is that we have total discretion over how and when rules stated in the CC&Rs are enforced (e.g. those pertaining to street parking and landscape maintenance). Only the community as a whole can change these provisions by an amendment to the Declaration. As board members, we are given the fiduciary responsibility to enforce the express terms of the governing documents. We have attempted to make covenants enforcement as a fair as possible, but legally we cannot chose to ignore provisions explicitly spelled out in the governing documents. Policies that do fall under board discretion are regularly updated, and numerous exceptions to these rules have been granted to homeowners who have compelling reasons.

The real shame of the present situation is that the many achievements of our association

have been overlooked. Over the last two years, there has been a large scale (and ongoing) overhaul of our landscaping, a newly remodeled community center, and considerable maintenance of pools, walls and monuments. Simultaneously, we have guaranteed the fiscal well-being of the association for many years to come by establishing substantial financial reserves. Most significantly, this was done while maintaining assessments at a rate lower than essentially any homeowners' association in Pima County.

Finally, we wish to respond to those who have given us explicit ultimatums to enact policy immediately or face a recall election. Any elected body is morally bound to consider the well being of ALL constituents, not just those who speak the loudest. It would be the height of irresponsible governance to allow threats of retribution to trump the will of those who elected us, especially when those making demands do not clearly explain their motivation.

Furthermore, when charges of irresponsible leadership are leveled toward board members who were elected merely weeks earlier, it calls into question the true intentions of those making the charges.

We as board members demonstrate our commitment to our community by spending many thankless and unpaid hours each week working with homeowners, committee members and the management company. We will continue to make decisions based upon the input of all homeowners and for the benefit of the community as a whole.

## ***Meet Your Current Board***

After the December 19, 2007 Board of Directors meeting, four of the Board members resigned. Those who have resigned are Jan Mann, Billy Shannon, Sandy Shkolnick and Robert Lozano. As required by the Bylaws of the Association, the remaining Board members shall fill the vacant positions. Via action-in-lieu, the Board appointed Thom Cope, Carl Junk and John Crist. Additionally, a fifth position has been opened by the resignation of Marc Minkin. The sixth and seventh positions have not been filled at the time of this publication. The Board is currently interviewing those homeowners that have asked to be considered for the Board. Thank you to these three community members for stepping forward to participate in their community and for those who have shown desire to serve their community.



## **Ad Hoc Committee Review and Propose Changes to the Covenants, Conditions and Restriction (CC&Rs)**

The Board of Directors of Continental Ranch is asking for volunteers to review and make recommendations to change any and all portions of the CC&Rs. This committee will submit the language for any proposed changes or additions, to be voted on during the October 2008 Annual Meeting Process.

The size of the committee will be limited to 9 as specified in the Standard Committee Charter for the community. It is desired to have a diverse representation of the membership on this committee. All recommendations will need to be presented to the Board at the June 2008 Board meeting to allow for the recommendations to be reviewed by legal counsel and to be published with the Annual Meeting material. It will be expected that this committee will meet twice a month during the months of March thru July for recommendations this year. There is a possibility to have the committee continue after this time frame for recommendations for the 2009 voting process.

If you would like to be considered for this committee, please contact the Association office at 297-7600.

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January 16, 2008**

The Board wanted to update the membership on the issues facing the Association at this time.

The Removal Petition – a copy of a petition seeking the removal of the Board was presented to the Board at its December 19, 2007 Board meeting. Within days of this meeting, an attorney was retained to process the petition and assist the Board through the process to make sure it was done legally per the Bylaws of the Association and the Arizona Planned Communities Act. The first issue that arose was that the petition given to the Board was a copy, not the original. The Board was concerned with only receiving a copy and did not want the ballot to be challenged because the authenticity of the petition could not be verified. On December 28, 2007, a member of the Management staff called Mr. Clanagan requesting the original. Mr. Clanagan advised that the request for the original would have to be made in writing by the Association's attorney, stating the reasons why it was being requested. To accommodate Mr. Clanagan's request, this letter was sent by the attorney. Mr. Clanagan along with John Lambert and an armed Marana Police Officer arrived at the association office late on the afternoon on January 4, 2008. With the receipt of the original petition, the 30-day process started.

Many more questions and/or concerns arose when the petition was reviewed. Many people did not sign the petition, but they printed their names. Many signed a blank piece of paper that did not contain the petition verbiage on it. Although the Board could have questioned the validity of the petition, the Board decided to accept the petition and schedule a special meeting for the purpose of voting on the removal of the members of the Board of Directors in office at the time the original petition was received.

The Board of Directors set the date for this special meeting on January 31, 2008 at 10:00 AM at Pima Community College. Many members are asking why the meeting was set at this time and why it is being held at this location. The Board previously attempted to set up a homeowner forum to listen to those members who had not been able to voice their concerns at the November 2007 Town Hall Forum. Outside sources interfered with that scheduling, especially when Mr. Clanagan called the Association office within minutes of arranging that meeting stating the meeting would be useless if the Board was not going to take action on the issues presented at the November 2007 Forum. This action and the behavior of some of the members at the December 19, 2007 Board meeting required that a neutral location be found where everyone would feel safe and the process would be able to occur without interruption.

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The selection of the date and time for the meeting was also one that was made with great thought. Upon legal review of the Bylaws and the Arizona Statutes, no business other than a vote on the removal of the members of the Board is permitted to occur at this special meeting. Since proxies were disallowed several years ago with changes to the Planned Communities Act, the use of Absentee Balloting or voting in person at the meeting are the only way a member can vote. The community has always preferred voting by Absentee Ballot and only a small percentage comes to the meetings. By holding the meeting during normal business hours, proper time can be devoted to accurately process the ballots cast at the meeting and the hope was that since many will not be tired from a long work day, level heads and polite actions and respect will prevail.

Many owners think that there will be a special election to vote in new members for any open positions if the removal process is successful. Upon legal review of the Bylaws and the Arizona Statutes, an election cannot occur because the Association cannot take nominations from the floor at the meeting. All names of any candidates to be elected would have had to be on the ballot. In order to assure that the entire community is involved in the selection of additional members to the Board, if the two remaining members are removed, then the remaining members of the Board will solicit candidates for appointment to the Board. Section 4.3 provides that if a Board member is removed, the Board may hold an election. It is not mandatory and in light of the changes to the removal process promulgated by the legislature, the Board has determined that it must follow that statute. Thus, as required in the bylaws, the Board has and will continue to appoint new members to the Board to fill any vacant positions.

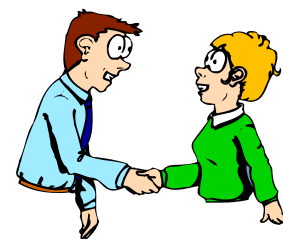
With that said, the Board wants to advise the members that following the December 19, 2007 Board meeting, three of the Board members resigned. They were Jan Mann, Sandra Shkolnick and Robert Lozano. Several weeks later, Billy Shannon resigned for personal reasons. Just this week, Marc Minkin resigned also for personal reasons. A consent form was circulated among the remaining board members, as there was no meeting of the board, and the board took action in lieu of having that meeting. The Board appointed Thom Cope, prior president and member of Sunflower, Carl Junk, volunteer serving on the Facilities Committee and John Crist, a member of the community who looks forward to assisting the Board with resolving the dissention in the community. There are two positions that have not been filled at the time of this update and the Board has received several names by either e-mail or in writing from individuals who would like to serve on the Board. Today, the Board is determining how they want to handle an interview process of these members.

As information becomes available, a new membership memo update will be provided. Thank you for your patience and understanding as the Board works to fulfill its fiduciary duties to all members of the Association within the confines of its governing documents and in furtherance of the democratic process.

## COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The following committees need members....

**Facilities committee** – currently working on a plan to update and add monument signs throughout the community. They also oversee the playgrounds and common area buildings. Meetings are usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 PM.



**Architectural Review committee** – responsible for reviewing all changes to the exterior of homes; developing and maintaining the Design Guidelines. This committee works with all developers and commercial members of the community as well. The committee meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month starting at noon.

**Landscape committee** – responsible for the million square feet of common area in the community. Works with the Landscape Company refreshing existing plantings; adding and changing and developing new projects. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

**Finance committee** – responsible for reviewing the monthly financials, making recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding money matters of the Association. Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

**Covenants committee** – responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Directors on how violations and/or fines are assessed to lots based on the rules of the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Community and the enforcement policy developed and approved by the Board of Directors. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month starting at 6:00 PM.

**Activities committee** – responsible for developing and implementing activities for the community along with editing and monitoring the community newsletter and the web-site. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 10:00 AM.

**Parcel Representative to the Board of Directors** -The Board of Directors of Continental Ranch is asking for volunteers to act as a representative from each parcel to bring specific concerns of the parcel to the Board's attention and communicate the Board's responses back to their neighbors. If multiple names are submitted for one parcel to participate on this Ad Hoc committee, the parcel will elect its representative. This committee will not have regular meetings but will be addressed at each Board meeting if a parcel representative is present to exchange information with the Board of Directors. If a meeting is called by the Board of these representatives, a Board Liaison will be present.

**Contact the Association Office if you are interested in a committee.**

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October 29, 2007

Dear Continental Ranch Homeowner,

The Continental Ranch Community Association has contracted with Waste Management for trash and recycling services since 1994. They have earned the distinction of being the Association's long-standing vendor-of-choice for residential sanitation services based upon their commitment to providing our community with consistent service, competitive prices, and additional programs, such as the twice-annual large-item pick-up, at no additional charge to our members. They are the Association's partner in events such as the Fall Festival and Spring Concert whenever additional trash receptacles are needed; they make themselves available when requested at various Association-sponsored meetings and events; and are exceptionally proactive in resolving customer service issues whenever they are brought to their attention. When the current contract's expiration date neared, it was only natural to remain with a vendor who has demonstrated time and again their willingness to do whatever it takes to meet the needs of our community.

Many members of the community have contacted the office with questions and concerns about Waste Management's new recycling containers and/or their discontinuation of twice-weekly trash pick-up. These changes are being implemented by Waste Management to reduce the amount of solid waste entering our landfills, to reduce the wear and tear to our streets from heavy equipment, and to limit the amount of pollution in our community from truck noise, exhaust, and recyclables that escape from the old, uncovered recycling totes. These changes will also bring the Continental Ranch community in-line with the level of service being provided elsewhere in Pima County and the State of Arizona, and will prevent our homeowners from experiencing a significant increase in the cost of service that was assured if we stayed with the antiquated, twice-weekly service. These changes are both the environmentally and fiscally responsible things to do as the largest master-plan community in Pima County.

Since 1994, every contract the CRCA has held with Waste Management has been exclusive—granting

them the right and privilege of being the only residential sanitation company in our community. Article 5.2.3.3 of the CC&Rs gives the Association the legal authority to enter into such contracts on the behalf of our homeowners. Since 1994, however, the need has never been present to invoke the authority invested in the Board by the CC&Rs or to enforce the exclusivity clause in our contracts. Isolated members remained free to choose an alternate company if the services provided by Waste Management no longer met their needs. Recently, however, outside service providers have taken it upon themselves to directly solicit the general membership in an effort to draw a large number of clients away from Waste Management. Switching to one of these alternate vendors is in direct violation of the contract held between the Association and Waste Management. It jeopardizes the low rate our homeowners receive based upon the number of homes being served under our contract and has been the subject of much discussion on the part of the Board of Directors. After having the matter reviewed by the Association's legal counsel, it is our duty to inform you that Waste Management is the required service provider for your trash and recycling needs and that, at the discretion of Waste Management, requests to switch to an alternate service provider may not be honored.

Please know that the Board of Directors is continuing to investigate ways of providing sanitation services to our membership that will address some of the concerns we have heard. Every effort will be made to create a trash and recycling program that does the greatest amount of good for the greatest number of homeowners and that is available at a cost accessible to every member of our very large and very diverse community. Additional information will be posted on the Association's website and published in the Windmill newsletter as it becomes available. In the meantime, your patience, cooperation and understanding are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Your Board of Directors

## Mayor Ed Honea and the Marana Town Council

hope you enjoyed your holiday season with family and friends.  
This was a special time of year for everyone.

As we enter the New Year, the Town wants to remind you about a few big events that are coming in the next few months. Marana is a growing community that offers enjoyable activities for people of all ages.

**\*Southern Arizona Homebuilders' Association Parade of Homes (Feb. 2-17):** The Parade of Homes returns to Southern Arizona for the first time in 20 years and Marana is pleased to be the host. Visitors will tour seven custom homes constructed by SAHBA Certified Custom Home Builders in the Tortolita Foothills. These homes will showcase the latest in amenities both inside and outside. Behind the walls is the latest in green building techniques, technology and home electronic systems. The houses will be located in the Sonoran Preserve on the Bajada, a gated community of 29 home sites on Marana's northeast side. ([www.sahbaparadeofhomes.com](http://www.sahbaparadeofhomes.com))

**\*Accenture Match Play Championship (Feb. 18-24):** One of pro golf's most exciting and competitive events takes place every February at The Gallery Golf Club's South Course. Last year's event paid a total purse of \$8 million, with \$1.35 million going to winner Henrik Stenson of Sweden. The event will move to a beautiful Jack Nicklaus Signature Course on the grounds of the Ritz-Carlton in 2009. This is must-see golf every year. ([www.accenture.com/Global/About\\_Accenture/Sponsorships/AccentureChampionships.htm](http://www.accenture.com/Global/About_Accenture/Sponsorships/AccentureChampionships.htm))

**\*Founders' Day (March 15):** Marana celebrates its birthday in style with thousands of people from around the area gathering at Ora Mae Harn Park for a day of fun, food and entertainment. Everyone loves a parade, so that's how the event starts with community groups and political leaders taking part. The Town will mark its 31<sup>st</sup> birthday next year. ([www.marana.com](http://www.marana.com))

Please keep in mind that these events will generate traffic and could cause temporary street closures. The Town will keep homeowners updated regarding road access.

Come out and enjoy Marana's beautiful winter and spring weather by attending these great events. Your Town government is proud of what Marana has become and we want to share this fine community with everyone.



## SENIOR CITIZENS/RETIREES OF CONTINENTAL RANCH

On the Serengeti Plain in Africa, a gazelle wakes up knowing it must run faster than the lion or it will be killed. Every morning a lion wakes up knowing it must outrun the gazelle or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter whether you are the lion or the gazelle—when the sun comes up, you'd better be running! Such is the determination of SCRCR's hiking club—when the sun comes up, they are off and running! They tackle some of the toughest trails in Southern Arizona (as well as a few easier ones once in a while!), and the gazelles seem to keep the pack moving by forging forward each Wednesday morning! Just ask the lions in the group—some days, they find it difficult to keep up! Anyway, the hikers are enthusiastic and eager to add to their group, so if you have a favorite trail to suggest, or want to be either a gazelle or lion, this is the place for you. Pack up a lunch and lots of drinking water; there are great plans for the winter and spring months!

Well, here we are in 2008 at the start of another year, and we wish each of you a Happy New Year! The holiday decorations have once again been packed away; we are on track making plans for activities for the next few months. Our traveling members are returning with happy memories of the holidays spent with family and friends. January plans include a casino day, dinners and luncheons, a January birthday celebration, game and bridge groups, and more information about our upcoming trip to the Arizona Opry. SCRCR crafters and other activities' groups are resuming with renewed enthusiasm following our recent year-end break.

Dues are due for returning members, and newcomers are invited to visit and "check us out" before committing to membership. Dues are always adjusted for winter residents who wish to participate for the short time they are in Arizona. We welcome those of you who live here in Continental Ranch on a permanent basis as well as our winter residents.

The December holiday party was a huge success, thanks to the several members who worked along with Frank in arranging for our evening of great food and festivities. We were pleased to share our evening with several members of the Dove Mountain seniors' group. Each person brought an upwrapped toy to help brighten a Marana child's Christmas, and it was a privilege to participate in this city-wide project. Next month, we will share a listing of the Continental Ranch vendors who donated so many great door prizes. It is important that we thank our generous vendors. Let them know we appreciate

their donation and welcome their business in Continental Ranch.

We want to publicly thank the officers and committee chairs who served us so well during the past year. Joan, Alice, Lew and Ernie were the dedicated officers who kept us going along with numerous committee chairs and members. A big thank you from all of us. Now, we welcome Joan Travis-Triumph as 2008 president; Alice King as Vice President.; Lew MacDonald as Secretary; and Karen Evans as Treasurer. New committee chairs and members are stepping forward to assume those all-important roles, too. We greatly appreciate our many volunteers who not only make this SCRCR organization a vital part of the community, but happily volunteer their services for other community committees and projects throughout the year.

Several more boxes of goodies and specialty items were shipped from SCRCR to our military members in time for holiday distribution. If you know someone serving in the armed forces from Continental Ranch who would welcome one of our packages, please see that we receive name and mailing address for future distributions. Remember the great debt we owe the members of our armed forces, who represent each of us in "the land of the free, BECAUSE of the brave."

**SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE:** Former SCRCR member Connie Morris died in December following years of failing health, many hospital stays and declining activity. SCRCR members who remember Connie send their sympathy along to her family.

### THIS 'N THAT...

Only one holiday is noted this month—Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed on the 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be special activities throughout the city, and many people will enjoy a work holiday. The Senior Olympics is coming up this month, and even if you aren't able to participate, remember that volunteer workers are always needed in several supporting positions. It's also National Volunteer Blood Donor month and the American Association of Blood Banks is asking volunteers to donate blood at least once during the coming year. Area schools are also in need of volunteers to serve an hour a week helping children in a reading program. Training is provided.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY...**"Smile: it is the key that fits the lock of everyone's heart."

# *Feeding the Birds*

Feeding wild birds can cause many problems:

- **Bird feces on walls, outside furniture and patios.**
- **Birds nesting in roof tiles causing damage**
- **Birds flying into garages and other places they should not be**
- **Larger animals, like hawks and owls taking up residence to prey on the birds**
- **Dead birds with possible diseases found around children and other pets**

Bird baths and small bird feeders can be very enjoyable. It can be exciting to watch all the different types of birds come into the yard. Over feeding, on the other hand can cause many problems. Please take into consideration your neighbors and their property. Please do not over feed the wild birds.

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## *Holiday Light Contest Winners*

**BEST OVERALL & WINNER OF \$125:** Stine household 7746 W Desert Paintbrush Ct

**BEST USE OF LIGHTS & WINNER OF \$75.00:** Navarrete household 6682 W Nueva Vista Dr

**BEST THEME & WINNER OF \$75.00:** Hoban household 8900 N Palm Brook Dr

**MOST CREATIVE & WINNER OF \$75.00:** Lynch household 7303 W Sunset Mtn

**Honorable Mention & winner of \$25.00:** Young household 7787 N Via Atascadero

**Honorable Mention & winner of \$25.00:** Sieckowski household 7013 W Amarante Dr

**Honorable Mention & winner of \$25.00:** Gerrettie household 8858 N Cricket Pl

**Honorable Mention & winner of \$25.00:** Lugo household 9009 N Clover Way

**Honorable Mention & winner of \$25.00:** Murphy household 7555 W Summer Sky

**Honorable Mention & winner of \$25.00:** Wall household 9472 N Weather Hill

# THANK YOU

To everyone who donated for the Adopt-a-Family program and to the Marana Food Bank--

Because of you, families were able to have presents under the tree and food on the table!!!

Thank you for your generous support.



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**December 2007**

## **Marana Food Bank News**

**\*Your trees will bear fruit in the coming months. Have any extra? Donate some to the food bank. Fruit provides good nutrition.**

**\*More people are signing up for food assistance daily. For every \$1 donated, we can buy \$10 worth of food. Please help feed a needy family.**

## **Continental Ranch Supports Our Schools!**

Children are our future and preparing them for it is a monumental task. The Parent Teacher Organizations for our three neighborhood elementary schools are looking to the community for help and have put together some wish lists of items that would make a difference in the life of your local schools and the children who learn there. If you, your employer, or your business are in a position to donate any of the items listed below, or you know someone who is, please contact the PTO representative for additional details.

### **Coyote Trail Elementary School**

- Photocopier
- Paper
- Gift card to Hughes Calihan to purchase toner for the RISO
- Tissues
- Pencils
- Water colors
- Glue sticks
- Markers
- Wipes
- Paper towels
- Erasers
- White Boards
- Sand toys
- Sports equipment
- Storage containers

Questions? Call Cindy or Joe at 579-5105

### **Rattlesnake Ridge Elementary School**

- Advanced Technology for Classrooms
- Playground Equipment (non permanent, like balls)
- Playground Equipment (permanent, like tether ball courts)
- White board markers, markers, crayons, scissors, etc.
- Large storage containers and shelving
- Copy Paper
- Piano

Questions? Call Monica - 352-7000

## **Twin Peaks Elementary School**

- Glue bottle/sticks
- Markers
- Measuring Tapes
- Fiskar Scissors
- Chart Paper
- File Folders
- Dry Erase Markers
- Erasers
- Electric Pencil Sharpener (High Grade)
- Paper Cutter
- Children's Dictionaries
- Sports Equipment (kick balls, jump ropes, basketballs, soccer balls)
- Sand Toys (Dump Trucks, Bulldozers, Shovels, Buckets, Etc.)
- Board Games (Chess, Checkers, Battleship, Connect Four, Sorry, Scrabble, Jr. Scrabble)
- Ink Cartridges (HP Inkjet 2250TN: Need all 4 colors) (Brother HL-5170DN: Need black ink only)
- Card Stock (White and Multi-colors)
- Watercolors (Any type)
- Computer Paper
- Copy Paper
- Sharpie Markers (Black, wide and thin)
- Construction Paper (All colors)
- Staples
- Scotch tape
- College ruled notebook paper
- 1 heavy-duty outdoor extension cord, 10-25 feet in length (shorter preferred)
- 1 or 2 reels for outdoor extension cords
- 1 power strip (surge protection preferred)
- Lightscribe CD-Rs and CD jewel or slim cases if not included with blank CDs
- 60 Black 1" 3-Ring Binders (vinyl covered with 2 inside pockets)
- 250-300 Sheet Protectors (non-glare, top-loading, 3-hole punched)

Suggested brands: Avery or C-Line

- 30 White Boards, Lap sized (9" x 12" or 12" x 12")
- White Board Erasers (or several squares of thick felt material in pale, neutral colors)
- Clear Plastic Bins w/ lids, approximately 12" x 16" x 8" or 10" deep

Suggested brands: Rubbermaid, Sterlite, Iris, or similar

- Large Round Table

# Continental Ranch Activities

## January 2008

**Seniors/Retirees at the Community Center**- The Senior Citizens/Retirees of Continental Ranch meet **weekly on Thursday at 9:00 a.m.** Community Center. Activities include games, bingo, volunteer work, monthly dinners and trips! Come and meet other Seniors for socializing, friendship, and most of all Fun!!!!

**T.O.P.S. Take Off Pounds Sensibly**—At the Community Center every Wednesday at 10:00 am! Join them for weight loss made fun in a supportive environment.

**Hawaiian Club at the Community Center**- The Hawaiian Club of Continental Ranch meets every **2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm.** The Club promotes an understanding of Hawaiian Culture. You don't have to be Hawaiian and it is not required for you to have lived on the islands. Join in the fun! Potluck dinner once a month and Hula lessons in addition to education add to the fun!

**CRCA Walking Club**—The CRCA Walking Club. The Walking Club has started up again. If you are interesting in joining meet at the Windmill Parking lot at 8:30 AM. For more information, please see our website, [www.continentalranchca.com](http://www.continentalranchca.com).

**Paws Up! Puppy & Dog Training Classes**—Classes @ Windmill Park. Solve behavior problems in a fun group environment. Class size is limited so call today!

**For more information contact Muriel at 579-7091 or send your e-mail to [info@pawsuptucson.com](mailto:info@pawsuptucson.com). Visit the Paws Up! Website at [www.pawsuptucson.com](http://www.pawsuptucson.com)**

**Dove Mountain Bluegrass Jam**—Held the third Sunday of each month starting January 20, 2008 in the heritage Highlands Clubhouse @ 4949 W. Heritage Club Boulevard, Marana, AZ 85658. **Any questions please call Charlie Sides @ 520-579-5918 or e-mail: [sides7@juno.com](mailto:sides7@juno.com).**

***If you are interested in renting our Community Center please contact Activities Director at our office 297-7600.***

## ***f-mail notification request form***

I would like a periodic e-mail reminder of upcoming Continental Ranch Community Association (CRCA) events. I understand the following.

1. My e-mail address will be held in confidence by CRCA Management.
2. I may unsubscribe at any time by calling the CRCA office (297-7600) and asking that my name be removed from the notification list.
3. The frequency of e-mail reminders is expected to be no more than one or two times per month.
4. This is a courtesy being provided by the CRCA and that it is my ultimate responsibility to keep informed of CRCA activities/events (Windmill Newsletter and the Website) occurring in Continental Ranch.
5. I am responsible for keeping management apprised of e-mail changes; if an e-mail message is returned as not deliverable two separate times then I am subject to removal from the reminder list.



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Add name to the CRCA e-mail notification list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mgmt Staff: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Oil Stains in the Driveway

Many driveways are plagued with unsightly oil stains. These stains can be stubborn and difficult to remove. The CRCA office receives calls from frustrated members asking for suggestions as to what to use to rid their driveway of the stains. And once in a while the office is told of products that others have had luck with. Listed are four products that folks have had luck with:

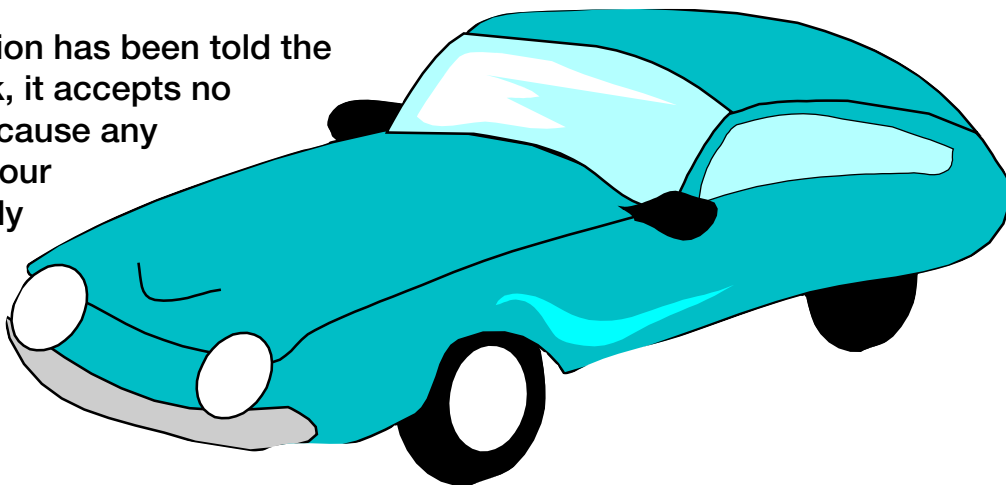
**Quick Job Cleaner** – This product can be found on the internet at [www.quickjob.com](http://www.quickjob.com). The Quick Job website promotes this product as “environmentally safe” with a satisfaction guarantee. This is a highly concentrated product with very specific dilution instructions that vary by the cleaning job. The instructions include a section on oil stained concrete.

**Dawn Dish Detergent** – This household favorite has been discovered to be effective in oil clean up. Most have seen the commercials illustrating Dawn Dish soap being tough enough to clean-up spills from oil tankers and yet gentle enough to use on the oil-covered wildlife. It has been said that Dawn is also effective on the driveway oil stains. It has been suggested that one would squirt some of the grease-cutting gel onto the stain, let set for a little while, scrape off the excess and then rinse. You may want to use a stiff bristled brush to scrub the stain and work the gel down into the concrete. For more information on the Dawn product line visit the Proctor & Gamble website ([www.pg.com](http://www.pg.com)) and under brand search on the left side, type Dawn.

**CTR** – Available at Grand Canyon Janitorial, located at 3670 E. Speedway. CTR helps to remove rust stains from concrete. Ask a representative at Grand Canyon Janitorial for details and usage instructions.

**Grease Away** – Also available at Grand Canyon Janitorial. Grease Away is reputed to remove oil and grease. Again, ask a Grand Canyon Janitorial representative for details and usage instructions.

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February 29	Teen Dance at Marana Middle School	7:00-10:00pm
March 1	Craft Fair by A.C.M.E. Studio at Ora Mae Harn Park	10:00am-2:00pm
March 15	Founders Day at Ora Mae Harn Park	9:00am-5:00pm
March 17-21	Spring Camp at Coyote Trail and Marana Middle	7:30am-6:00pm
March 22	Hip Hop Holiday Event at Continental Ranch Park	10:00am-noon
March 28	Teen Dance at Marana Middle School	7:00-10:00pm
March 29	Movie in the Park at Gladden Farms Park	6:45pm
April 5	Ring of Fire Skate Festival at Skate Park	9:00am-7:00pm
April 5	Kite Flying Festival (location TBA)	10:00am-2:00pm
April 12-13	Family Night Under the Stars at Ora Mae Harn Park	5:00pm-9:00am
April 20	Racing for the River Duathlon at Gladden Farms Park	6:00am
April 25	Teen Dance at Marana Middle School	7:00-10:00pm
April 26	Movie in the park at Continental Reserve Park	7:00pm
May 10	Marana's Healthy Mom Festival at Continental Ranch	9:00am-noon

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 *Office Closed*	2	3	4	5
6	7 10 am Activities Committee Mtg. @ WP	8 7 pm Landscape Committee Meeting @ WP	9 10 am - Noon T.O.P.S. @ CC Noon ARC Meeting @ WP	10 8 am - Noon Seniors @ CC 6:30 pm Town of Marana Road Closure Meeting- CANCELLED	11	12 10 am Tax Presentation @ CC Presented by H & R Block
13 5 pm Hawaiian Club @ CC	14 7 pm Pool Committee Meeting @ WP—CANCELLED	15 6:30 pm Covenants Meeting @ CC	16 10 am - Noon T.O.P.S. @ CC	17 8 am - Noon Seniors @ CC	18	19
20 5 pm Hawaiian Club @ CC	21 6:30 pm Facilities Committee Meeting @ CC	22	23 10 am - Noon T.O.P.S. @ CC Noon ARC Meeting @ WP 7 pm Board of Directors Study Session	24 8 am - Noon Seniors @ CC	25	26
27	28	29 7 pm Board of Directors Meeting @ CC	30 10 am - Noon T.O.P.S.	31 8 am - Noon Seniors @ CC 10 am Recall Meeting @ Pima Community College NW Campus		



# February 2008



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**January 23rd** – Noon ARC Mtg. @ WP

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**January 29th** – 7 pm BOD Mtg. @ CC

**January 31st** – 10 am  
Removal Mtg @ Pima  
Community College NW  
Campus

**February 4th** - 10 am  
Activities Committee @ WP

**February 5th** - 7 pm Landscape Committee @ WP

**February 11th** - 7 pm Pool Committee @ WP

**February 12th** - 6 pm Covenants Committee @ WP

**February 18th** - 6:30 pm Facilities Committee @ WP

**February 20th** - 7 pm BOD Study Session @ CC

**February 26th** - 7 pm BOD Mtg @ CC

