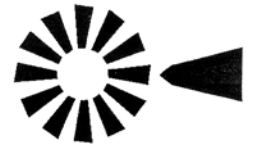




Continental Ranch Windmill



Volume 17, Issue 8

September 2008

The Windmill Park shade structure is now up. Bring the kids by for a cool day at the park!



Marquee Accident Reward

CRCA will be giving a \$100 reward for information leading us to the driver who hit our marquee on July 18 at around 5:15 PM. A large size, dark colored truck was travelling on Coachline Blvd. towards Silverbell and swerved into the marquee to miss a skateboarder in the crosswalk. The truck took out the stop sign before crashing into the marquee. Several cars stopped on the side of the road and the truck fled the scene. We need your help to find this person and hold them responsible for the damages.

If you have any information, please contact the management office immediately. Your information will remain anonymous.

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Report Street Parking
297-7600 Ext. 105



Mark Your Calendar

September 1: Labor Day – CRCA Office Closed
September 2: Landscape Meeting 7 PM @ WP
September 3: ARC Meeting Noon @ WP
September 8: Activities Meeting 10 AM @ WP
September 8: Pool Meeting 7 PM @ WP
September 9: Covenants Meeting 7 PM @ CC
September 10: Parcel Reps 6:45 @ CC
September 11: Strategic Planning 7 PM @ WP

September 12: Women's Pampering Night 6 PM @ CC
September 15: Facilities Meeting 6:30 PM @ WP
September 17: ARC Meeting Noon @ WP
September 17: Board Study Session 6 PM @ CC
September 18: Silverbell Project Meeting 6:30 @ CC
September 23: Meet the Candidates 7 PM @ CC
September 30: Board of Directors 7 PM @ CC

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Full Page	\$250
Inserts	\$280/3500

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A Message from Your Board President

Our last Board meeting went extremely well! I have moved the homeowner forum to the beginning of the meeting; and proved to be very beneficial. This will really help those with time constraints to stop by and participate in our meetings and have their voice heard before decisions are made. **A BIG THANKS** to all those who came and commented. After all, it's all about you and your community.



The monsoon rains have really wreaked havoc on our yards. Keep in mind that using a pre-emergent can dramatically save on your frustrations and save your back. Please keep up on your yard because... "A weed free yard is a happy yard", which really makes for happy neighbors.

Sometimes my own family's weekends are nothing more than Coffee at Roadrunner Coffee, shopping at Safeway, hair cuts at Coachline Hair Express, a stop at the Mobile post office (Silverbell & Coachline), Ice Cream at Cold Stone, and dinner at La Ola. Our entire family also enjoys regular visits to Kay Dental. Dr Kay and his staff are the extremely efficient, kind and come with our highest recommendation. Are you familiar with these businesses? I would like to bring some attention to our local businesses. They are valued members of our community and serve a vital role. I encourage everyone to utilize your local resources to the fullest. Supporting our local businesses not only saves on gas, it also helps maintain our unique community character, build economic strength and provides opportunities for other entrepreneurial minded individuals. Please welcome Arizona Power Yoga, Sonoran Center for Pediatric Dentistry and a new Chiropractic office, as a few of the newest members of our community.

I have heard some requests for more community activities and would like to bring to your attention the following events. You will find them posted online as well.

Women's Pampering Night – Join this Association sponsored event at the Community Center and enjoy spa treatments. This event will be held on September 12th at 6 PM.

Waste Management Community BBQ – Waste management is throwing a community BBQ with all sorts of fun activities. This is scheduled for September 27th.

Fall Hullabaloo Carnival at Rattlesnake Ridge – This is an excellent family event, sponsored by our local school and many volunteers. It is scheduled for October 3rd.

Halloween Party – This will be a "spooky" Association sponsored event at the Windmill Park on October 25th.

Continental Ranch Fall Festival – The new date for this event is November 8th. Changing the date has allowed us to use the Marana mobile stage for this event.

I hope to see you all at these great events.

The new Continental Ranch website is waiting for you. The address is www.CRCATucson.com. Please keep those comments and suggestions coming in. We are also looking for some new photos for the front page. I think it would be nice to have more community related images. So... If you have some good community photos please feel free to send them to the CRCA Office for consideration.

Let's all have a great fall season. I'll look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Best Regards,
John Crist

CONTINENTAL RANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING RECAP, AUGUST 26, 2008

- The Board approved the July 29, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes.
- A Board member was elected to act as liaison between the Board of Directors and Sunflower for improved communication.
- The Board reviewed the proposed 2008/2009 Budget and inquired of the Chairs of the Pool and Facilities Committees regarding their requested capital improvement items.
- The Board agreed to hold a study session on September 17, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. to review any last-minute questions/concerns/etc. regarding the Budget. Immediately following the Study Session, a Special Meeting will be held to approve the 2008/2009 Budget.
- The Board approved the recommendation from management on behalf of the Finance Committee to redeem Chase Bank CD in the amount of \$100,000 and place it in a six-month CD at Community Association Bank bearing 2.71% interest. The Board also approved the \$123,000 (at maturity) CD at Washington Federal be split: \$23,000 will be deposited into the Operating Account to cover the new roof at the community center and \$100,000 will be used to purchase a six-month CD at Washington Federal bearing an interest rate of 3.48%.
- The Board acknowledged the Pool Committee meeting minutes of August 11, 2008, with thanks.
- The Board acknowledged Mary Puckett's resignation from the Pool Committee, with thanks.
- The Board approved the recommendation to turn off the pool heaters at the Community Center until the pool closes in October.
- The Board denied the recommendation to seek legal advice regarding the safety hazard of using energy efficient light bulbs at the pool areas and requested the Committee invite a representative from Pima County to their meeting in September.
- The Board approved the request to turn down the pool temperature at the Windmill Pool so it stays between 82 and 84 degrees at all times.
- The Board approved the request for maintenance on the water fountain at the Windmill Park pool.
- The Board approved the recommendation to install the STR140 commercial filter system at the Windmill Park pool in the amount not to exceed \$7,192.42 following the re-plaster of the Windmill Park pool.
- The Board approved the recommendation to appoint Barbara Kochel to the Pool Committee.
- The Board approved the recommendation from the Pool Committee to purchase no more than eight tables at \$285.93 each, no more than 36 chairs at a cost of \$110.16 each, no more than 24 lounge chairs at a cost of \$238.95 each and no more than 8 umbrellas at a cost of \$377.46 each. The colors of the furniture will be Sandstone, burgundy, vertigria, and teal. The total cost will not exceed \$17,000.
- The Board acknowledged the Landscape Committee meeting minutes of August 5, 2008, with thanks.
- The Board acknowledged the Covenants Committee meeting minutes of August 12, 2008, with thanks.
- The Board approved the fines as recommended.
- The Board acknowledged the ARC meeting minutes of August 6, 2008 and August 20, 2008, with thanks.
- The Board acknowledged the resignation of Jan Goodall as Chair of the ARC, with thanks.
- The Board approved the recommendation to appoint Nancy Lambert as Chair of the ARC.
- The Board acknowledged the Activities/Publicity Committee meeting minutes of August 4, 2008, with thanks.
- The Board approved the recommendation from the Activities/Publicity Committee to appoint Mike Phillips to the Committee.
- The Board approved the recommendation from the Activities/Publicity Committee to schedule the Halloween Party on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at the Windmill Park, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M., the cost not to exceed \$300.
- The Board approved the recommendation from the Activities/Publicity Committee to change the Fall Festival date from November 15th to November 8, 2008.
- The Board acknowledged the Strategic Planning minutes of August 14, 2008, with thanks.
- The Board acknowledged the Parcel Representatives Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of August 13, 2008, with thanks.
- The Board approved an additional employee be hired for covenants purposes at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 a year.
- The Board approved to meet with Waste Management to discuss the contract prior to seeking legal counsel.
- The Board approved to seek legal advice from Attorney, Jonathan Olcott, regarding adding a Grandfather Clause to the CC&Rs.
- The Board requested that the legal opinion regarding the tennis courts be included in the Board books next month and the item be on the agenda again for discussion.
- The Board approved the 2008 Election Committee and tellers.
- The Board approved Waste Management to hold a picnic at the Windmill Park on Saturday, September 27, 2008 for the homeowners.
- The Board approved to eliminate the Annual Meeting giveaway gifts.
- The Board approved September 18, 2008 to be the record date for the October 28, 2008 Annual meeting.
- The Board approved Rattlesnake Ridge and Twin Peaks Elementary Schools to utilize the Community Center parking lot for their Halloween Carnival for bus parking and shuttling to and from the school.
- The Board acknowledged and approved the petition to add Dan Lust to the ballot for the elections.
- The Board approved a \$100 reward be offered to the community for any person who is able to identify the vehicle and person that crashed into the marquee with their vehicle.

2008 Candidate Biographies

**In alphabetical order by first name*

ANGELA WAGNER-GABBARD

My name is Angela Wagner-Gabbard and I have lived in Continental Ranch for three and a half years. I have had the pleasure of serving Continental Ranch in the last several months through the Covenants Committee and the CC&R Ad Hoc Committee. I was recently appointed to fill one of the vacancies on the Board of Directors.

I would like to continue on as a member of your Board. I believe positive changes are being made and I want to keep us moving in that direction. I believe communication is key as well as hearing what people have to say.

Continental Ranch has faced many challenges in the last year, but we can become a stronger community in how we approach the solutions. We need to utilize the tools we have to improve communications, better media relations, and to tap the skills of our community members.

By working together, we can make Continental Ranch one of the most desirable communities to live and a place that we can all be proud to call home.

I would greatly appreciate your vote in October.

CHARLES (CHUCK) STEAD

- ❖ My family and I have lived in CRCA since July 2004.
- ❖ I have been on the Covenants Committee since May 2008 and have recently been appointed to Co-Chairman. I also participated on the Ad-Hoc CC&R Committee.
- ❖ I would like to be an elected member of the Board of Directors for several reasons that I have listed:
 - Provide a community that is safe, fun, and friendly family living
 - Provide a fair, compassionate, and honest BOD
 - To be an advocate for the homeowners of CRCA
- ❖ I like CRCA because it is a great community to live in and raise a family. It provides many resources for a diverse number of homeowners. The homeowners are very sincere and honestly care about each other. It is very much like living in a small town.
- ❖ These are some of the changes that I would like to see if elected to the BOD:
 - More involvement of the homeowners
 - Continued improvement of communications between the community, BOD, and Management
 - Update and improve the CC&R's

COLIN CORDELL

My name is Colin Cordell and I have lived in Continental Ranch since May of 2004. I began working with the pool committee in July of 2006 and took over the duties of chairperson in January of 2007. I would like to be a member of the CRCA Board of Directors to help represent a segment of the population that I have not seen represented on the previous two boards. I feel that as a younger member of the community with a family I may be able to see things from a different prospective than other people. There are so many wonderful things about the community we live in, the pools, of course are a highlight for me. However, the numerous parks and trails throughout the community and the bicycle lanes also provide a great place for recreation and exercise. Continental Ranch is the place I chose when moving back to Tucson as the ideal place to raise my family. There is very little I would change in CRCA because we have come so far in the past few months. I would like to keep us moving forward as a community. If I had a wish list of things I could add to our community, a fitness center with racquetball courts would top the list.

CONSTANCE DELARGE

I have lived in Continental Ranch for the past 14 years and I served on Covenants Committee for the last 7 years. I want to run for the Board because I want to make a difference with a more positive approach. I enjoy living in Continental Ranch because it is a friendly community and an excellent place to raise a family, as I have learned from experience. I want Continental Ranch to have a Board that uses good judgment and common sense in handling homeowner situations.

DANIEL LUST

- ❖ My wife and I purchased our first home together in Continental Ranch and have resided here for five years. We have two young sons and enjoy being a part of the community.
- ❖ I was appointed to the board of directors in February of 2008 and recently elected 1st Vice President. I was involved with the communications committee in 2004 prior to it being dissolved.
- ❖ I do believe that a community of this size is in need of additional recreational facilities (i.e. fitness center, tennis courts, bike paths) in order to retain current residents and attract new home buyers. We need to work together with the Town of Marana to bring these amenities to our community and collaborate ideas to make fitness and sport activities a part of everyone's daily lives. It promotes health and well being as well as foster community goodwill and provide networking and friendship building opportunities.
- ❖ In addition I also feel strongly that we must protect homeowners' freedom of choice. It is understood that the board of directors is in place to maintain a certain amount of uniformity among the community as guided by the CCR's, however, as neighbors we must find a positive way to work together to make Continental Ranch a desirable to place to live, work and play.
- ❖ My wish is for members of Continental Ranch to come together in a collaborative effort to revise the current CCR documents. In doing so we will be able to create standards for the community that are current and reasonable for all homeowners and create an inviting atmosphere for residents. Many things have changed over years since the original documents were written by the home builders and we need to make changes to fit the lifestyles of the homeowners living in Continental Ranch today. If we all wish to make Continental Ranch the BEST place to live in Southern Arizona we need to have strong leadership on the board that will guide the community in that direction. Status quo does not work anymore.

GEORGE ERHARDT

As Sunflower Residents for more than three years, my wife and I are glad to call the Continental Ranch Community "Home" I believe in "giving back" to the Community; therefore, I continue to serve on the following Sunflower Committees: Nominating (2005), Covenants (2006) and Finance (2007). I believe that homeowners are entitled to the "quiet enjoyment" of their homes. To assure this, I stand for: the "Grandfather Clause" addition to our CC&R's, a Bylaws change to prevent a majority appointed Board and Design Guideline changes to limit restrictions to "what can be seen from street".

JOHN CRIST

- I have been a resident of CRCA for six years.
- I have served on the Board of Directors for 8 months.
- Why I want to be a Board Member: I want to be a board member because of my passion for our community. My passion is driven by my desire to provide a high-quality, wholesome, safe and thriving community that my children can grow to call their home town. I feel I can help make a positive difference and set an example of volunteerism for my family and others to follow.
- What I Like About CRCA: The years before we moved to Continental Ranch we would drive around the area dreaming of one day owning a home in a neighborhood such as this. Now that we have achieved the dream of living in this beautiful community, I want to ensure that others can have the same experience that we did.
- What I would like to Change: I feel that a healthy community is a happy one and would really like to see additional recreational facilities for us and our children. I would also like to continue building a solid bridge of communication between the community, board and staff. I would foster this communication through ongoing and additional community events, community participation, and ongoing improvements to our

online resources.

- In summary, as your board representative I will uphold the rules and bylaws of your community and do so by continuously applying the values of integrity, compassion and teamwork within your board.

JOHN LAMBERT

- ❖ CRCA homeowner since October 2003
- ❖ CRCA Committee's:
Ad Hoc Management Selection Committees
Appointed to BOD July 2008 to fill vacancy
- ❖ I want to be involved in the decision making process of this Association. I feel that past Boards have ignored the will of the majority of the homeowners in Continental Ranch and have not been open in their dealings with issues concerning the homeowners.
- ❖ I bought my house in CRCA because I liked the floor plan not because of the HOA. Since moving here I have come to realize how invasive this Association had become in personal choices every homeowner should enjoy.
- ❖ I want this Association to become more "homeowner friendly". While the BOD has a fiduciary responsibility to the association (corporation) I feel they also have a moral obligation to the homeowners of this community.
- ❖ The stated mission of CRCA is to preserve property values and maintain common areas. The Board needs to apply the CC&R's in a fair manner instead of **enforcing** them and maintain the common areas to a high level of care.

MARILYN STEIMPSON

5 year resident of Continental Ranch
On the Covenants Committee since April of 2008
Member of CCR AdHoc Committee

I am motivated to run for the Board to bring common sense to decisions, while being neighbor friendly when neighbors suffer life's inconveniences.

The item I wish to achieve is making life easier for the residents. Being aggravated everyday is not the way to live. I feel any changes to one's home should be a neighbor's reaction, not solely the association's reaction.



Meet Your Board Candidates!

When: September 23, 2008 at 7:00 PM

Where: Community Center

This is your chance to get to know who is running for the Board of Directors. Join us for a Q&A and find out what the candidates are all about. Learn about their goals for the future of CRCA and how they plan to execute these goals. The three candidates that get the most votes will

each have a two year term, and the four other candidates will each have a one year term. Please read each bio and come prepared to ask the candidates questions.

Thanks!

Continental Ranch and Sunflower Community Yard Sale

October 11, 2008
7 AM to 2 PM



Registration deadline is October 3rd. Please complete the form below and return it to the Windmill Park Office along with the \$5.00 registration fee. The registration fee will fund the production of maps as well as advertising in local newspapers. Large Item Pick Up will be held on October 18, 2008. Check October's newsletter for a list of acceptable items.

Community Yard Sale Registration Form



Please return to the CRCA Office by October 3, 2008.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Items for Sales:

For Office Use:

Date: _____ Fee Collected: _____ Check or Cash Staff Initials: _____

Activities Committee

We are pleased to welcome our newest member, Mike Phillips, to the Activities Committee and also to welcome back Fiona Keller. We still have three spots open so if you are interested in joining the committee, please attend our next meeting on September 8th. We are actively planning our upcoming events for the end of summer/fall season. First, Women's Pampering Night is just around the corner on September 12th at 6:00 PM. We invite all Continental Ranch women to join us for a relaxing night out with friends and enjoy spa-like treatments and tasty refreshments. Please RVSP by September 9th. Our Community Yard Sale will be held with Sunflower on October 11th. Please find the registration form on page 6. The annual Halloween Party and Costume Contest will be on October 25th at Windmill Park. Kids 0 – 12 years old are invited to show off their costumes, enjoy games, crafts, snacks and of course, candy! Our Fall Festival date has been rescheduled to the 8th due to a conflict with Town of Marana. There will be fun for the whole family! We hope to see you there. Have a new idea for a fun activity? Email aburke@stratfordmanagement.org with your suggestions.

Women's Pampering Night

September 12, 2008



Community Yard Sale

October 11, 2008

Halloween Party and Costume Contest

October 25, 2008



Women's Pampering Night

Come join us at the Community Center on September 12th at 6:00 PM for a relaxing evening full of the best spa and beauty treatments.

Please RVSP by September 9th.

Massage

Nails

Facials



Hair

And so much more!

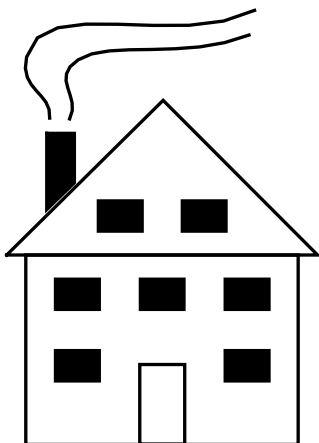
DESIGN GUIDELINE CHANGES, WE WANT YOUR INPUT

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is in the process of reviewing and proposing changes to the current Design Guidelines and is requesting the homeowners input on this very important matter. The ARC meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at noon at the Association office located at 9150 North Coachline Blvd. We encourage all homeowners to participate by one of the following ways:

1. Email your proposed changes, thoughts, suggestions, comments to the Community Manager, Sarah Lebsack at sarah@stratfordmanagement.org
2. Mail or drop off your proposed changes, thoughts, suggestions, comments to the Management office at 9150 North Coachline Blvd.
3. Attend the ARC meetings the first and third Wednesday of the month at noon located at 9150 North Coachline Blvd.

Please submit your comments, thoughts, suggestions, concerns, etc., as soon as possible. The ARC is looking forward to hearing from you on this very important matter.

Thank you for participating!



PARCEL REPS

The following parcels still need representatives:

8	16	42
10	17	69
11	18	50
12A	24	51
12B	27A	52C
15C	39	52D

If you are interested, please contact the CRCA Office. Join our next meeting on September 10 at 6:45 PM to meet your parcel representative.

YARD MAINTENANCE

Thank you to all of the homeowners who continue to maintain a weed free and well manicured yard. Management would like to remind everyone



that the Duty of Maintenance not only includes the front yard, but the rear lot as well. There are many homes in which the rear of the lot is quite visible to other residents especially those residents that live in a two story home. If you happen to live along Coachline Boulevard, your back yard is visible to all who pass by. The Management staff asks that you please trim your trees and bushes so that they are not overhanging the walls, remove the weeds and any unsightly materials, and maintain your swimming pools. Let's take pride in our community for the benefit of everyone.

Plant List Suggestion Form

We would like to encourage the homeowners of CRCA to team-up with the Management Company and the Landscape Committee to come up with a suggested front yard only plant list for the community. Please fill out the information below and mail it to 9150 N. Coachline Blvd. or drop it by the Management office. All suggestions will be reviewed to make sure that they are not an evasive plant, but a plant that is welcomed with the Southern Arizona climate. This is just one of many steps that are taking place to implement something for CRCA homeowners to reference. Please complete the suggested plant information below.

Suggested Plant _____

Botanical Name _____

Family _____

Circle the type of plant:

Tree

Shrubs

Accent Plant

Ground Cover

Homeowner information:

Name _____

Address _____ Parcel # _____

Date Submitted _____



Twin Peaks & Rattlesnake Ridge Elementary School's
present:

Fall Cullabaloo

At
Rattlesnake Ridge Elementary
8500 N. Continental Reserve Loop* Friday
5pm - 9pm

October 3rd, 2008



Entertainment

Climbing Wall

Baseball Pitch

Food

Spin Art

Face Painting

Inflatables

Zip Line

Dunk Tank

Game
Booths

Raffles

Sponsored by:
Rattlesnake Ridge
PTO &
Twin Peaks PTF

This years

Classroom Enrichment
PTO & PTF Events

proceeds

(Volunteers needed)* --NO Continental Reserve Loop Parking--
--Shuttles from Twin Peaks, Coyote Trail, and Safeway--

(Volunteers Welcomed)



ATTN: Homeowners

La Crosse.... **...is coming to Marana!**

9th – 12th grade Boys

Tucson Youth La Crosse has numerous teams competing here in Tucson during the La Crosse season which is January through April and it is time Marana gets a part of the action of this amazing sport!

We are putting together Marana's first La Crosse team. This team will be an instructional team and you WILL have a blast! Everyone is welcome!

If you are interested in learning the amazing sport of La Crosse or need information contact: Heather Bruning at:
D2befree@msn.com or call 579-5810.

***This will not be a District sponsored or supervised activity.

Practices start in late fall right here in Marana. We need to hear from you SOON to claim your spot on the team and get our place on the Tucson La Crosse Roster!

Check out these web sites: www.azlax.com - www.tucsonyouthlacrosse.com for information.

WM Picnic

Join Waste Management on September 27 at 11 AM at Windmill Park for a BBQ, fun for the kids, and information on trash and recycling services.

SILVERBELL PROJECT UPDATE MEETING

Join the Town of Marana and Granite Construction on September 18th at 6:30 in the Continental Ranch Community Center for information on the Silverbell Project. If you have any questions, please contact the Town of Marana.

COACHLINE SILVERBELL RIGHT TURN LANE PROJECT

Please note that the right turn lane project will begin on September 2, 2008. Please be prepared for a possible delay in traffic. For more information, please contact the Town of Marana. To see a map of this project, please visit www.CRCATucson.com.



CAR BREAK-INS

Management has received several calls regarding car break-ins throughout the community. This is not meant to alarm anyone, just to inform. Please follow the below safety tips and report any suspicious behavior to Marana Police Department, 382-2000.

Tips to Keep your Vehicle Safe:

- Park your vehicle in the garage
- If in the driveway, please make sure windows are rolled up and doors are locked
- Do not leave valuables inside your car
- If you have a removable stereo face plate, bring it into your home
- Report any suspicious behavior to Marana Police Department

ATTN: Homeowners

ATTENTION ALL PET OWNERS: KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE!

Management is continuing to receive very disturbing calls about dogs being let out of side gates. There was a very tragic incident a few weeks back where two dogs were let out and one was hit on Coachline Blvd. Please be sure that your side gates are locked and that your pets are always wearing identification. If you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood, please report it to Marana Police Department immediately. Let's all do our part to make sure that this does not continue to happen.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Anyone in our community in distress and facing landscape violations due to conditions beyond their control, please contact us so that we may assist you in your time of need. We are neighbors helping neighbors in an effort to make CRCA a neighborhood we can be proud to be a part of. If you want to be a part of this or need assistance please contact us.



John and Nancy Lambert

Phone: 579-1775

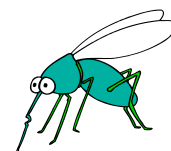
Email: jlambert04@comcast.net

WASTE MANAGEMENT LARGE ITEM PICK UP ON OCTOBER 19TH

Please have your items set out on the curb by 6 AM. Look in the October newsletter for a list of acceptable bulk items for pick up. If you have any questions, please contact Waste Management.



MOSQUITO SAFETY



The first human case of the West Nile Virus was reported in August. Please keep yourself safe by following these simple tips:

- Make sure swimming pools are clean and chlorinated correctly
- Eliminate any stagnant water in your yard
- Make sure water in pet bowls and bird baths is changed frequently
- Use insect repellent when spending time outdoors

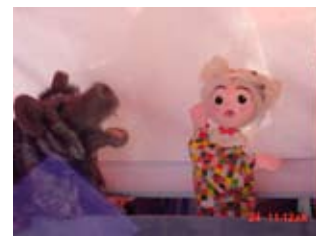
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Twin Peaks and Rattlesnake Ridge are looking for volunteers for their Fall Hullabaloo on October 3, 2008. If you would like to help out, please contact Jane Kelly at 579-5947.

PUPPETEERS NEEDED

Continental Ranch's annual Fall Festival will be held on November 15, 2008. I have a puppet theater, pavilion, scripts, and puppets! All I need are volunteers to be the puppeteers; to help the puppeteers change puppets; and to read the scripts while the puppets are performing.

We will need to have a few rehearsals, of course, before we perform. We would be doing fairy tales for kids from 1 to 100!



If you are interested, please e-mail me at redragon9@comcast.net or leave a message at 529-5889 and I will call you back. It should be fun!

Fiona Keller

CR Lifestyle

Do you have a recipe that's too good not to share? Do you have a decorating idea for parties? Do you have a great money saving tip? If so, we want to know! Send in your lifestyle ideas to the CRCA Office or email the Activities Director at aburke@stratfordmanagement.org and share your great ideas with your community!

Mom's Red Devil Chocolate Cake

(Fiona Keller)

FIRST PART:

2 egg yolks, beaten (beat egg yolks directly in 2 qt. saucepan)

Add to egg yolks

½ cup milk

½ cup sugar

½ cup cocoa

Cook together until thickened, remove from heat and cool.

SECOND PART:

1 cup butter, softened in microwave* or at room temperature

1 cup sugar

1 cup milk

2 cups flour

1 tsp. soda

2 egg whites, beaten

1 tsp. vanilla

Cream butter and sugar. Sift flour and soda together four times. Add the cooled first mixture to the creamed butter and sugar. Add milk and flour alternately, beating after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla and fold in beaten egg whites. Bake in layers in a moderate oven about 20 minutes. Makes two 9-inch layers. Turn out on wax paper to cool.

This is not your modern-day air-filled cake, but a good rich, solid, moist chocolate cake. (*She didn't use a microwave either).

Submitted by Fiona Keller



SENIOR CITIZENS/RETIREEES OF CONTINENTAL RANCH

In Loving Memory

SCRCR lost a great friend in July. We join with family, friends and neighbors in sharing so many fond memories of our charter member and first president, Albert J. Taylor. Each of us remembers Al with his quiet and unassuming manner, sparkling eyes and a great smile, subtle humor and wit, a great love and devotion to family and, of course, his remarkable leadership to SCRCR and great love of life in general.

Al and Mary shared their 60th wedding anniversary celebration with us just a few months ago. Al now leaves a great legacy of love and honor to their six children, and a great challenge to all of us to be mentors to the next generation as well.

Our hearts are filled with happy memories and so many stories from which to reminisce in the years to come. We will miss our dear friend.

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That shared, it seems appropriate to also share that SCRCR has become "family" to many mature adults within Continental Ranch, many who may not have all their own family surrounding them on a daily basis. Over the years, we are not only neighbors, but are there to rally when a need arises within our membership.

Our Thursday morning gatherings allow us to spend quality time together over coffee and munchies, catch up on local chatter as well as important issues that affect us all. Following a short meeting, some of our members remain to play table games and enjoy the camaraderie of other mature adults. On occasion, we invite a speaker or share a special program of general interest.

SCRCR now has a "Membership Coordinator" who may be contacted about our group, upcoming activities, transportation needs to and from these activities, and how you can get acquainted with peers living here in Continental Ranch. Walt Ross may be reached at 744-5958.

During this month, we have a full schedule of activities, including lunch at Michelangelo's, a celebration of September birthdays, a day at the casino, etc. We have several separate groups that gather for bridge, dominoes, crafts, swimming, hiking, etc. throughout the month as well. If we don't have an active group

of your choosing, we are always open to suggestions and look forward to starting something new!

The Marana Food Bank continues to need our support as it struggles to assist many families in the Marana area. Waste Management office personnel did a fantastic job of assisting with a one for one program throughout August. Thank you!

THIS 'N THAT...

Our children are back in school, so we need to be reminded of the traffic signal changes at Silverbell and Coachline during regular school hours. Let's keep our children safe.

Labor Day is on the 1st. Started in 1882, the day was originally set aside for workers to have a day of rest from routinely 12 hour/6day work weeks. Grandparents' Day is on the 7th; Patriot Day is on the 11th, commemorating the anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington DC.; and Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on the 29th. The official first day of autumn is on the 22nd.

On September 27th, a monument to honor the US Navy's service and more than 1,000 sailors who died in the Normandy invasion in France in June 1944, will be dedicated at Omaha Beach in France. One of every five GIs killed was a Navy sailor. Casualties were so high because Omaha was the most heavily defended of the Normandy beaches. This is the first such monument to honor the US Navy's service. For information about the planned dedication service, go to www.navalorder.org.

In August, we were pleased to have a representative of our new Wheeler Abbett Library visit and explain the many services being offered to the community. We would certainly encourage all residents to visit the new facility and seek ways to further encourage a personal reading program and to actively participate in many new programs already in progress or planned for the coming months.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY... A world without laughter would be like a joke without a punch line.

Continental Ranch

Monthly Activities September 2008

- **Seniors/Retirees:** The Senior Citizens/Retirees of Continental Ranch meet weekly on Thursdays at 9:00 am at the Community Center. Activities include: games, bingo, volunteer work, monthly dinners and trips! Come meet other Seniors for socializing, friendships and fun!!
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** T.O.P.S. meets at the Community Center every Wednesday at 10:00 am. Join them for weight loss made fun in a supportive environment. For more information, please call Vi Johnson at 579.9698.
- **Hawaiian Club:** The Hawaiian Club of Continental Ranch meets every 2nd 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. Potluck dinners once a month and Hula lessons, in addition to education, add to the fun!

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- **Saguaro Swim School:** Swim lessons, water aerobics and "mom and tot" water aerobics are held at the Community Center pool. Classes will run through the end of September. For more information, call Josh Franklin at 520.689.4540 or 520.247.9130. You can also visit AZwetsplash.com for additional info.



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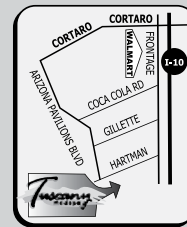
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7	8 Activities Committee 10 AM @ WP Pool Committee 7 PM @ WP	9 Covenants Committee 7 PM @ CC	10 TOPS 10 AM @ CC Parcel Reps 6:45 PM @ CC	11 Seniors/Retirees 9 AM @ CC Strategic Planning 7PM @ WP	12 Women's Pampering Night  6 PM @ CC	13
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21	22 First Day of Fall 	23 Meet Your Candidates 7PM @ CC	24 TOPS 10 AM @ CC	25 Seniors/Retirees 9 AM @ CC	26	27 Waste Management Picnic 11 AM @ WP Abeyta Painting Noon @ CC 
28	29	30 Board of Directors 7 PM @ CC				

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From left to right, Tina Noggle, Jennifer Swarts, Sarah Lebsack, Lexie Burke, Gerrie Crawford.

MANAGER'S CORNER

First, thank you to all those homeowner who participated in providing plant list ideas and comments/suggestions for changing the Design Guidelines. Your input is greatly appreciated!

Our office has received several complaints from homeowners regarding the conditions of their neighboring yards. We understand that that it may appear as though management is not conducting inspections and sending violation letters out to the homeowners. However, just the opposite is true. I believe that many members of the community are not aware of the process that the management office is required to perform prior to taking action on one's personal and private property. Therefore, it is important that I review the process for a better understanding by all. Each violation letter mailed to a homeowner is required to state a time period in which the homeowner has to rectify the violation (e.g. violations for weeds and/or yard maintenance is 14 days). A second letter cannot be sent before the 14-day period has ended. According to the Associations policies, we must send a total of six letters providing the same time lines before we can send letter seven stating that the homeowner has 10 days to contact us or rectify the

situation before the Association takes the matter into their hands. The last letter that is mailed states that a Landscape Company will be on the homeowner's property cleaning their yard at said date and said time and that the homeowner's account will be charged for the expense. Yes, it is a very long process and we realize that it appears as if the process is slow, however, I can assure you that we are all working very hard to resolve these issues.

I encourage every interested homeowner to contact the office at any time with any questions, suggestions, complaints, etc. that you may have.

I encourage all of you to please be involved with the community! There are several Committees to join and several fun events coming up that need additional volunteers. Your participation is needed and welcomed.

Please feel free to contact the office at anytime and please visit the website at crcatucson.com for community information.

Thank You!

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