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January 2009 Edition

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January 5: Activities Committee
10 a.m. @ WP

January 6: Landscape Committee
7 p.m. @ WP

January 7: ARC Committee
Noon @ WP

January 8: Strategic Planning
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January 12: Pool Committee
7 p.m. @ WP

January 13: Covenants Meeting
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January 13: Finance Meeting
7 p.m. @ WP

January 19: Facilities Committee
6 p.m. @ WP

January 21: ARC
Noon @ WP

January 21: Board Study Session
6:30 p.m. @ CC

January 28: Board Meeting
7 p.m. @ CC

President's Report

BY JOHN LAMBERT

Hello neighbors. I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday. Another year is upon us, with a lot of work ahead of your Board of Directors. As discussed at its meeting last month, the time for the monthly Board of Directors meeting has changed from the last Tuesday of the month to the last Wednesday of the month, to better accommodate the people who want to attend Marana council meetings and BOD meetings. So, please take note of the new meeting day; as always, we welcome your attendance and participation at all committee meetings, study sessions, and BOD meetings. Remember, this is your Association, and it will only thrive with your involvement.

I am sure that most of you heard about the theft of food donated by this

community to the Marana Food Bank, at an event at the Walgreen's at Twin Peaks and Coachline on December 6th and 7th. While the theft of the donated food shocked and saddened us all, some good did come of this tragedy. Thanks to television stations KOLD and KGUN and numerous radio stations and newspapers airing the story and sponsoring donations, I am happy to report that a sad event has had a happier ending. The community donated more food and money than was originally collected.

While it helped the food bank for the moment, they are still in need of donations. Your CRCA Activities Committee is sponsoring a food drive from now until January 23rd. Please bring your non perishable or canned

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food to the Windmill offices to help those less fortunate. We are all neighbors, even if we don't live next door to each other.

Thanks to Mayor Honea, his staff, and council members Roxanne Ziegler and Patti Comerford, for attending our November BOD meeting and doing a presentation about the Town of Marana's strategic plan. The strategic plan is focusing on five areas: Commerce, Community Building, Heritage, Innovation, and Recreation. Please plan on attending the community forum on January 7th, at 6 p.m., at the Wheeler Taft Abbott Sr. Library, to provide your input to this important undertaking.

The piece of property north of Fry's, just past the wash on the east side of Silverbell Road, has been offered to the Association by Richmond America Homes. It is listed as a well site, and your Board has agreed to accept the donation of this property to CRCA. The taxes for 2008 were \$10.91. Management is investigating any restrictions on a property listed as a well site, so that we can possibly add a welcome sign and landscaping. Your input and ideas would be greatly appreciated before anything is decided on the use of this property.

Thanks for listening to my ramblings.... Let's try to make 2009 the best year ever for Continental Ranch and all of our neighbors!

Community Announcements

Sincere Thanks to the CRCA Seniors Group

On December 4th, 2008, the Seniors of Continental Ranch held their annual "Holiday Pot Luck." Stratford Management received an invitation to attend, and we were given a very warm welcome by all. There was an abundance of very delicious food, all of which was home cooked. Many dishes were family recipes passed on through generations, and it was an honor to have been invited to take part in the holiday festivities. Thank you all for the invitation and warm welcome.

CRCA Canned Food Drive

Sponsored by the Continental Ranch Activities Committee

Please bring non-perishable and canned food items to the Windmill Park CRCA Office, located at 9150 N. Coachline Boulevard (Tucson, AZ 85743). The drive ends on January 23, 2009.

Continental Ranch has always been generous, and if we all contribute just one or two non-perishable/canned food items, we can make a big difference for some of our less fortunate today and throughout the year. Thank you so much for participating!

Email Blast! Continental Ranch Community Association

Receive periodic reminders/announcements via email of the events happening in and around your community. Email Blast! is a courtesy provided by CRCA and will not be the only form of notification of events in Continental Ranch. Please review the newsletter and website for a complete list of activities and events.

Should you decide to participate in the Email Blast!, you must agree to and/or understand the following:

- Your email will be held in the strictest of confidence by CRCA Management.
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- You will notify the CRCA Office of any changes to your email address.

If you'd like to participate, simply email monica@stratfordmanagement.org to be added to the list, or call the office at (520) 297-7600. Please include your name, address, and email to which you'd like your Blast! sent.

Community Center Pool Closed

The Community Center Pool will be closed for the winter months and will re-open again in March 2009. The Windmill Park Pool will remain open throughout the year.

Solicitations

There have been some reports that solicitors have been in the community until late in the evening. If you see something or someone out of the ordinary or suspicious, call 911 and report it. Although solicitation is allowed in the community, you have the right to dissuade strangers from knocking on your door by posting a "No Solicitors" sign in plain view.

Waste Management Holiday Trash Service

All homeowners can take advantage of a second trash day during the holidays. Because the upcoming holidays fall on a Thursday, your extra trash days will be as follows:

- Christmas Trash Pick-up: Friday, December 26th, 2008
- New Years Trash Pick-up: Friday, January 2nd, 2009

Waste Management Christmas Tree Removal

WM will remove Christmas trees on Wednesday, January 7th, 2009. Trees and/or sections of trees must not exceed 4 feet in length. Trees must be set out on the curb by 6 a.m., in order to be removed. WM will have no obligation to remove Christmas trees or sections of Christmas trees that exceed four feet in length.

If you have any questions, please contact Waste Management Customer Service.

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Committee Reports

ACTIVITIES, FACILITIES, AND LANDSCAPE

Activities Committee Report

Please let me introduce myself as the new Chair of the Activities Committee. I'm Fiona Keller, and I live on Summer Sky Drive. I would like to thank Barbara Herron and Linda Di Palma for their good work on the committee.

We hope to have some exciting events coming up, starting with the Holiday Light Contest, which will be over by the time this appears in the newsletter. I hope everyone had a chance to drive around and look at the beautiful Christmas decorations.

The Activities Committee is sponsoring another canned food drive, beginning when you receive this newsletter and running until January 23, 2009. Please take your non-perishable and canned goods to the Windmill office, and deposit them in the collections box in the lobby. Food is especially needed in these uncertain times.

We encourage you to look at the newsletter online at *CRCATucson.com*, as everything is in color and it looks fantastic! Copies of meetings, agendas, etc., will all be found on this website. It is still in its baby stages and will undoubtedly need a tweak or two to get it perfect, but it's certainly worth your time to check it out.

Unfortunately, the Chili Cook-off had to be cancelled at this time. Food may not be cooked at home, but must be cooked on site. That involves a lot of money for set up, but we will work on it for 2010.

The Activities Committee is always interested in your ideas for events. We also need new members! We meet the first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m., at the Windmill Office. You can always attend to see if this committee is for you! If you are interested in becoming part of this fun committee, call (520) 297-7600.

Facilities Committee

Thankfully the committee had a chance to relax for

a bit as we completed the projects from last year's budget. We are now gearing up to start this year's crop of improvements, alterations, repairs, and a wish list for the betterment of the community. Our first project is some badly needed updates to the Windmill Park office building and the surrounding park area. We will continue the "Name Your Parcel" contests for those as yet anonymous areas and then install entrance monuments after names are decided. The lighting of all the monuments will also be addressed. Many no longer work after 20 years, and some never existed.

Problems will arise over the year as things break, wear out, or just require update. We are currently looking for new members to assist us. We meet on the third Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m., at the Windmill Office. Your help—or even just your ideas—are always needed.

Landscape Committee Report

On Saturday, December 13th, residents from Continental Ranch, members of the Board of Directors, Committee Members ranging from the Landscape Committee to the ARC Committee, and even members of The Groundskeeper all came out to pull the aggressive non-native species called "Bufflegrass" from the area. This plant pest burns hotter and faster than normal in fires, posing a serious threat to the desert, native animal species, and our growing neighborhoods. The volunteers all met around 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning at the end of Twin Peaks (at the Santa Cruz River), and eagerly started working on the removal of the Bufflegrass.

All of the volunteers worked very hard to remove and fill 106 bags of Bufflegrass. A big hand goes out to everyone who came out to help support the removal of this pesky non-native species of grass. All of your help was greatly appreciated!

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Board Of Directors Meeting Recaps

NOVEMBER 25, 2008 & DECEMBER 16, 2008

November 25, 2008 Meeting Recap

- Mayor Ed Honea was present, along with several representatives from the Town of Marana, to inform the Community of the long-range strategic plan for Marana.
- The Board approved the September 30, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes, as submitted.
- The Board approved the October 29, 2008 Organizational Board Meeting Minutes, with the following correction: The items that currently say "Opposed" should read "Abstained."
- Sunflower has kindly offered to lend the Association a conference phone, if the Board is ever in need of it for the Board Meetings. The Board approved a new door to the pool room and a new wrought iron fence at the Community Center Pool.
- The Board discussed the current Late Fee Policy and agreed that the policy should remain "as is."
- The Board reviewed the current policy and determined that the current policy of charging homeowners for their first replacement key should be \$10. After the first replacement, it will be \$25.
- Mr. Lambert discussed the current Parking Policy that was put into place by a previous Board and against the advice of the Association's attorney. Management advised to keep the parking policy in place until the Board has received legal advice from an attorney.
- The Board rescinded the rear yard landscaping approval policy, effective immediately.
- The Board approved to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee for Commercial Design Guidelines.
- Mr. Erhardt, Treasurer, reported that the monies are secure and an inventory of the funds has been reviewed and confirmed.
- The Board acknowledged the October and November Finance Committee meeting minutes, with thanks.
- The Board acknowledged and read the Action in Lieu to transfer funds to cover the FDIC insured limits in bank accounts that was recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board signing an Action in Lieu.
- The Board approved Mitchell and Roediger to perform the 2007/2008 financial audit for Continental Ranch Community Association, in the amount not to exceed \$10,500.
- The Board approved the recommendations from the Finance Committee to appoint Debbie Budd and Dale Henson to the Finance Committee.
- The Board approved the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the October 2008 Financial Reports.
- The Board approved Management to hire an additional employee to work closely with them, to organize the files properly and safely so they are in a proper condition to be maintained and easily found.
- The Board approved the recommendation from Management to purchase three rolling storage units for the as-builts/blueprints that belong to Continental Ranch, in the amount not to exceed \$580 plus tax.
- The Board approved the recommendation for the Activities Committee to spend \$500 for the Adopt-a-Families.
- The Board acknowledged the Pool Committee minutes, with thanks.
- The Board approved the recommendation from the Pool Committee to allow Saguro Swim School to begin a 90-day probationary master swim program for homeowners 18 years and older, three days a week from 6 to 7a.m., at the Community Center. This will begin the week after MUSD Spring Break, March 22, 2009.

- The Board approved the recommendation from the Pool Committee to allow Saguaro Swim School to utilize the Community Center Pool for two swim classes at one time, which will include no more than two instructors and six students beginning the week before MUSD Spring Break, March 8, 2009.

- The Board approved the recommendation from the Pool Committee to close the Community Center Pool as soon as possible for the winter and to re-open the pool on March 8, 2009.

- The Board approved the recommendation from the Pool Committee to approve Beth Andersen as Chair of the Committee.

- The Board acknowledged the Landscape Committee meeting minutes, with thanks.

- The Board approved the recommendation from the Landscape Committee to approve the relocation of the rain master controller inside the pool filter area at Windmill Park to an area outside the pool filter room, at a cost not to exceed \$325 plus tax.

- The Board approved the recommendation from the Landscape Committee to approve the proposal to landscape the large common area at the end of the cul-de-sac on Less Ferry, at a cost not to exceed \$2,750 plus tax.

- The Board approved the recommendation from the Landscape Committee to accept the proposal to address the erosion at Coachline and Mission View, at a cost not to exceed \$225 plus tax.

- The Board approved the recommendation from the Landscape Committee to appoint Larry Schoof as Landscape Chair and Fred North as Landscape Co-Chair.

- The Board approved the recommendation from the Landscape Committee to approve the proposal to replace existing pop-up sprinkler nozzles with MP rotor nozzles at the Parcel 16 tot lot, at a cost not to exceed \$175.65 plus tax.

- The Board approved the recommendation from the Landscape Committee to approve the proposal



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for materials, equipment, and labor to replace plants and add decorative rock to the Parcel 10 entrance median, at a cost not to exceed \$2,745 plus tax.

- The Board approved the recommendation from the Landscape Committee to approve the proposal for materials, equipment, and labor to install 18 tons of decorative rock in three separate locations at the entrance of Parcel 23, at a cost not to exceed \$1,530 plus tax.
- The Board approved the recommendation from the Landscape Committee to install 18 insulated frost covers on the non-insulated backflows throughout the community and to provide 26 Master locks with common key to secure all the backflows, at a cost not to exceed \$3,385 plus tax.
- The Board acknowledged the Covenants Committee minutes, with thanks.
- The Board approved the recommendations for fines from the Covenants Committee.
- The Board approved the Covenants Committee's Action in Lieu of a Meeting, to change the meeting time to begin the open meeting at 6 p.m. and the closed meeting for Appeals at 6:30 p.m.
- The Board acknowledged the resignations of Chuck Stead and Marilyn Steimpson, with thanks.
- The Board approved the recommendation from the Covenants Committee to appoint Angela Wagner-Gabbard, Al Stark, and Debbie Budd to the Covenants Committee.
- The Board acknowledged the ARC minutes, with thanks.
- The Board approved the recommendation from the ARC to accept the proposal from Annette Davis, Design Consultant, to review the exterior color palette and make recommendations to the Committee, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.
- The Board approved the recommendation from the ARC to appoint Nancy Lambert (as Chair), Carl Junk, and Barbara Snyder to the Committee.

- The Board acknowledged the Activities/Publicity Committee minutes, with thanks.
- The Board acknowledged the resignations of Barbara Herron and Lind DiPalma, with thanks.
- The Board approved to appoint Fiona Keller to Chair the Activities/Publicity Committee.
- The recommendation from the Activities Committee to hold a Chili Cook off died.
- The recommendation from the Activities Committee regarding new prices for the newsletter ads.
- The Board acknowledged the Strategic Planning Committee minutes, with thanks.
- The Board acknowledged the Facilities Committee minutes, with thanks.
- The Board approved the recommendation from the Facilities Committee to approve the proposal to replace the four-foot tube section of the green slide on the Windmill Park Play structure, at a cost not to exceed \$1,220.
- The Board approved the recommendation from the Facilities Committee to appoint Carl Junk to the Facilities Committee as Chair, and to re-appoint Jane Morrison, Kris McNally, Chuck Simons, and Tina Cloutier, as Co-Chair, for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.
- The Board approved the recommendation from the Facilities Committee to replace the sand layer around the play structure in Parcel 16 on Veridian and Yellowmoon.
- The Board acknowledged the Parcel Rep Ad-Hoc Committee minutes, with thanks.
- The Board approved hiring Edna Coburn to take the minutes of the Board Meetings.
- The Board approved \$64 per quarter to enroll in the return address services for bulk mailing, as required by the U.S. Postal Services.
- The Board dismissed the 2008 Annual Meeting Election Committee, with thanks.

- The Board approved to allow Light the Way Church to utilize and rent the back room of the Community Center beginning Sunday, December 7, 2008, through 2009, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

December 16, 2008 Meeting Recap

- The Board approved the December 16, 2008 Board Meeting Agenda.
- John Crist was present to discuss the Continental Ranch website. He discussed the maintenance of the website and presented a proposal to the Board of Directors.
- The Board approved the November 25, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes, as submitted.
- The Board approved the November 19, 2008 Executive Session Minutes, as submitted.
- The Board discussed four existing resolutions: Board of Directors and Vendors, Graffiti, President's Message, and Block Parties. The Board rescinded the President's Message and the Block Party Resolutions.
- Mr. Lambert discussed walls facing common areas.
- Mr. Erhardt, Board Treasurer, reported that the Association monies are secure and that two committees were over budget.
- The Board approved the recommendation to purchase a fireproof lockbox for the office for safekeeping of the financial records.
- The Board discussed one additional Board Member to participate in the Holiday Decorating contest.
- The Board discussed the Management office hours and the possibility of staffing the Association on Saturdays.
- The Board discussed adding a blurb in the newsletter for the Arizona Youth Lacrosse League.
- The Board acknowledged the Pool Committee meeting minutes, with thanks.

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- The Board approved the recommendation to move the clock at the Windmill Park Pool to the other side of the Coke machine, next to the shower.
- The Board approved the recommendation for the 2009 pool monitors to begin working on May 11, 2009 through September 7, 2009.
- The Board acknowledged the Landscape Committee meeting minutes, with thanks.
- The Board denied the recommendation to accept the proposal from The Groundskeeper to remove bushes at Colony Park and Coachline, at a cost not to exceed \$100.
- The Board approved the recommendation to accept the proposal from The Groundskeeper to remove the oleanders at the Parcel 3 monument planter box and replace it with a suitable plant (e.g., Morning Glory Bush), at a cost not to exceed \$225 plus tax.
- The Board acknowledged the Covenants Committee meeting minutes, with thanks.
- The Board approved the recommendation to remove the daily fine system, keep the current fine amounts attached to each letter, and perform a Lot clean up after three consecutive weed violations. The Board also approved that Management and the Covenants Committee are able to schedule and perform the Lot clean ups after reviewing all of the facts and photos, without Board approval. This is for the purpose of a more timely process.
- The Board acknowledged the ARC Committee meeting minutes, with thanks.
- The Board approved the recommendation to appoint David Lawrence to the ARC Committee.
- The Board acknowledged the Activities Committee meeting minutes, with thanks.
- The Board acknowledged the Facilities Committee meeting minutes, with thanks.
- The Board acknowledged the resignation from Chuck Simons, with thanks.
- The Board approved the removal of the batting cages. Management is to donate the batting cages to the Town of Marana or to one of the high schools.
- The Board acknowledged the Parcel Reps meeting minutes, with thanks.
- The Board acknowledged the Association's new stenographer, Edna Coburn, with thanks.
- The Board approved New Dimensions Ministries to use the Community Center on Sundays from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., until May 2009.
- The Board discussed the Silverbell and Somerton wall.
- The Board discussed the website and its maintenance.
- The Board approved to start using the consent agendas for the Board Meetings.
- The Board discussed scheduling interviews for three possible attorneys for the Association.
- The Board approved the calendar for the 2009 Board Meeting, Study Session, and Holiday schedule dates.
- The Board discussed the results from the Waste Management survey that was sent to the homeowners.
- The Board approved to rescind hiring an additional Covenants Employee.
- The Board discussed writing a letter to Habitat for Humanity.
- The Board approved to issue Sunflower 10 pool keys for their use of the Association pool.
- The Board discussed a letter of request from a possible homeowner.



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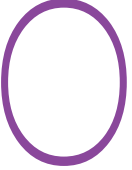


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RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

ur holiday trees are down, the tinsel and glittering ornaments have been packed into their storage boxes, and the lights that sparkled throughout the community this season are coiled and neatly stored—all indicating the end of another holiday season. So now it's resolution time, but beware that caution be taken to look at our "promises" and only venture forth with those that we can realistically nurture along the way into 2009!

SCRCR members will jump into the new year with enthusiasm and our usual zest for making friends and enjoying our time together. Our new club officers will be installed, and committee appointees will share what's in store for us in the coming months. We look forward to continuing with our philanthropy projects, learning new crafts, hiking, game times, pot lucks, brunches, dinners "out," and more pot lucks! (Have you guessed we have happy eaters in the group?)

Our holiday activities were the "best ever." During our early-December holiday luncheon, we were so pleased to share our pot-luck bounty with CRCA president, John Lambert, plus members of the office staff. Many of our members don't get to the office to meet those working behind the scenes, so it makes this sharing time even more special! December birthdays were honored the following week, and the last casino trip of the year was a great holiday activity diversion for all who participated. We so enjoyed the holiday party and catered dinner prepared and served at the Elks' Club on Oracle. The facility had been gaily decorated for the season, and our crafts group made the table centerpieces, which were also

given as door prizes. Thanks to the efforts of our dinner chairman, Frank, every guest received a donated gift given by our area business friends. We will publish the list of donors in the next issue, along with a reminder that we need to personally thank those merchants by supporting them throughout the year. The new toys collected were later distributed within the Marana area, so a special "thank you" to our members for this extra holiday contribution.

And, of course, we can't leave 2008 without thanking all our members for their continuing efforts to give to the Marana Food Bank. This is an on-going project for us, and our chairperson, Betty, reported that hundreds of pounds of food, along with many cash donations, had been delivered in support of this charitable cause. Remember that families are not only in need during holiday times—they need food on a regular basis. If every member brought one non-perishable item each Thursday morning, just think of the difference it would make throughout the community!

Our "dump loose change in the money jar" project allowed SCRCR to give generously to this part of the food bank project as well, so that the staff can purchase what is needed to complete their inventory.

This 'N That...

State officials have directed the Department of Health to publish inspection reports of licensed nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and childcare centers. If you are contemplating a need in any of these types of facilities, be sure to get the latest info at www.AZCareCheck.com.

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The Arizona Senior Olympics are scheduled to begin shortly. We would encourage our readers to participate if able, or volunteer for one of the hundreds of "behind the scenes" volunteer jobs that make this event possible. The Arizona Senior Olympics began in 1981 with an intense planning program. In 1982, the first competition was held in Phoenix with 150 participants. The games were so successful that participation doubled the following year.

Because of statewide interest, the first Arizona state games were held in 1984 at ASU. The rest is history, as now thousands of participants prepare and compete annually throughout Arizona. It was reported that 10,000 people over the age of 50 participated in the events in 2007. In addition, the year round programming to help senior athletes in training also offers workshops and clinics, to share the fine points of many sports. In 1987, the first National Senior Olympics were held in St. Louis, MO. The Arizona staff played a key role by serving on the initial Board of Directors and continued to have representation on the Board throughout the years. Watch the newspaper for local details and for whom to telephone or email to volunteer your time.

Thought for the Day...

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or

Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00 PM

or

Wednesday, January 14th at 11:00 AM

****** Bring a Friend! ******

To pre-register or for more information call:

Linda at 572-1705

****The Challenge will be held at Northwest Medical Marana Urgent Care Classroom**
8333 N. Silverbell Road**

Coming Soon: MPD's Citizen's Police Academy

Marana Police Department's next Citizen's Police Academy will begin accepting applications for the 2009 class. The Academy is designed to give you the opportunity to get to know your Police Department. You will have an opportunity to learn about the police department's role in the community, the criminal justice system, and our resources. Refer to www.marana.com/academy for dates, times, and application.

Covenants Committee Update

The Covenants Committee would like to recognize its new committee members. The new volunteers are Debbie Budd, Al Stark, and Angela Wagner-Gabbard. The committee is always welcoming new volunteers. At this time, we have three available positions for a total of nine members. If you are interested, please attend one of the monthly meetings.

Please also note that there has been a change in the meeting format. The closed portion of the Covenants meeting for homeowner appeals was previously held at 7:00 p.m. We will now hold the OPEN meeting (all homeowners welcome) at 6:00 p.m., and the CLOSED portion (appealing homeowners only) at

6:30 p.m. This schedule will begin with the January 13, 2009 meeting.

Mark Your Calendars!

Roger Porter from H&R Block will be giving a free tax presentation on January 24th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Community Center. Some topics that Roger will include are bankruptcies and foreclosures, so join us and let an expert help you with any questions or concerns you might have this tax season. Stop by and get some tax knowledge!

Youth Lacrosse League

A Marana resident, Heather Bruning, is starting a Junior Varsity Lacrosse team in the Marana area. She is working hard to recruit boys in 9th, 10th, and 11th grade. This is a rapidly growing sport that gives boys a way to meet new friends, stay in shape, and stay out of trouble. No experience is required. Heather is also working hard to keep the fees to a minimum, so that more boys have the opportunity to play.

The field is located at San Lucas Park, which is at I-10 and the Marana exit. The Town of Marana and Marana Parks and Recreation support the Marana Venom Lacrosse. Please help get the word out to the community, and we look forward to your participation!

The Arizona Youth Lacrosse website is www.azlax.com. They will be responsible for organizing the game schedules, referees, game EMTs, etc. The team administrator, Heather Bruning, may be reached at 869-1716, or you may request local information at www.d2defree@msn.com. The season runs March to May, and any boys living in Marana are eligible to play.



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Living with Arizona's Wildlife: Urban Javelina

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Many people enjoy seeing javelina (peccaries) and other wildlife in their neighborhoods and even welcome occasional visits by javelina to their yards. But sometimes the pleasure of these encounters is marred by damage to property or fear of attack. Javelina can cause significant damage to landscaping and drip irrigation systems while searching for food or cool mud. They like to sleep in caves and dense thickets. They seem to consider the crawl spaces under homes to be acceptable substitutes and sometimes damage mobile home skirts and dig around foundations.

Wild javelina normally avoid encounters with people. In neighborhoods near wild open space, javelina sometimes adapt to the presence of people and take advantage of the easy sources of food in people's yards. Javelina are capable of defending themselves and could be dangerous if cornered and frightened, but actual attacks on people are rare and are usually associated with deliberate feeding of javelina.

Homeowners have a legal right to use all reasonable measures to protect their property from damage by wildlife, but those measures shall not include capturing, injuring, or unlawful killing of big-game animals. Javelina are classified as big-game animals in Arizona and are protected by state law. If you do not want javelina in your yard, it is your responsibility to keep them out.

Some helpful hints:

- Never feed javelina!

- Feed pets indoors or immediately remove leftover food.
- Store all garbage securely.
- Keep bird seed and water off the ground and out of the reach of javelina.
- Landscape with natural vegetation, instead of ornamentals plants that javelina enjoy eating. Plant toxic bulbs, such as iris and narcissus, instead of tasty bulbs such as tulips.
- Poultry wire at or just below the soil surface protects beds from digging.
- Don't leave dogs tied up where javelina can get to them, and keep dogs on a leash when outdoors. Javelina view dogs as a threat and will defend themselves.

People have created conflicts with javelina by building homes in javelina habitat and then providing food, water, and shelter that attract the javelina into their yards. Continued contact with non-threatening humans can make javelina bold and uninhibited about hanging around in residential areas. The only real solution is to remove or block access to the attractants. If everyone in your neighborhood helps to eliminate

access to food, water and shelter, the javelina will no longer find the area such an attractive place to live and will likely move on.

For more information on a variety of wildlife topics, visit the Department's website at <http://www.gf.state.az.us/>.



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INFO FROM THE CHIMNEY SAFETY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

If the chilly evenings are making you think of a cozy fire in the fireplace, think too about fireplace safety. Here are a few tips from the Chimney Safety Institute of America (CSIA) to help you “warm up safely”:

- Have your chimney inspected once a year and cleaned as necessary, by a certified chimney sweep. A proper cleaning will rid your chimney of obstructions or creosote buildup that could cause fires or carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Keep the top of the chimney clear of tree limbs or debris.
- Install a chimney cap to keep debris and animals out of the chimney.

- Choose a safe fuel for your fire—such as well-seasoned wood that has been dried for at least 6 months and has been stored properly.

- Build the fire right. Place firewood or fire logs at the rear of the fireplace on a supporting grate. To start the fire, use a fire lighter.

- Be careful not to overload the fireplace. Add one manufactured fire log at a time or no more than a couple of pieces of firewood. Never burn garbage or glossy paper products.

- Keep the hearth area clear. Debris too close to the fireplace could catch fire.

- Use a metal fireplace screen to catch flyaway sparks.

- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Place them throughout the house and check the batteries every month.

- Never leave a fire unattended. Before turning in for the evening, make sure the fire is fully extinguished. Supervise children and pets closely around fireplaces.

And enjoy your safe fire! For more information, visit the website www.csia.org.

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Make it a Resolution:

BE A STEWARD OF OUR WATER RESOURCES

While most people are aware of water conservation efforts during the hot, summer months, it's important to remember what a precious resource water is to us year round. Water-saving tips usually address indoor usage (e.g., low-flow shower heads, short showers, full loads of wash, etc.); however, it may surprise you to learn that up to 70% of household water is used outdoors.

Studies have found that homeowners use 2 to 5 times more water than is really needed in their landscape. Most landscape watering can be cut in half with no visible effect on the plants. Even if you have installed low-water-use plants, you need to continually monitor the amount of water they receive. (Indoors, homeowners can reduce water use by about 30% by installing more efficient water fixtures and by regularly checking for leaks.)

Pools, Fountains, and Spas

Just how serious can a leak become? A pinhole-sized leak in a pool plumbing system with 40-pounds of pressure (psi) will lose approximately 970 gallons of water in a 24-hour period. This comes to about 360,000 gallons per year. That's enough to drain and refill the average residential swimming pool more than a dozen times.



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Therefore:


- Make sure your swimming pools, fountains and ponds are equipped with re-circulating pumps.
- Use a grease pencil to mark the water level of your pool at the skimmer. Check the mark 24 hours later; your pool should lose no more than 1/8 inch each day.

Outdoor Water Savings Tips

- Outfit all hoses with automatic shut-off (pistol-style) nozzles.
- Use sprinklers on turf, but use drip irrigation or soaker hoses on flowers, shrubs, gardens and trees.
- Don't put water-thirsty plants, including turf, on steep slopes.
- Be sure to water plants only when necessary. More plants die from over-watering than from under-watering.
- Move sprinkler heads away from curbs or sidewalks; a mulch, bark, or rock area at least 8 inches wide adjacent to sidewalks and curbs will eliminate water waste.



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Manager's Corner

Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone had a safe and happy Holiday Season.

We had great success with the two families that the Association adopted for the Holidays. I want to thank everyone for their participation and for the gracious donations that were received. Your generous spirits brought joy to these families in their time of need. Thank you!

We are still collecting non-perishable items in the office, to be donated to the Marana Food Bank. We currently have a large box in the lobby of the office, and it is not even a quarter of the way full. Please clean out your pantries, and help us fill up a box or two.

I would like to welcome and introduce a new employee to our office, Monica Gonzalez. Monica has assumed Lexie's position at the front desk, as well as the Newsletter and Website duties. Please stop in and introduce yourself to Monica. We are pleased to have her as the newest member of our staff, and I know the community will be happy as well.

The Board approved all of the 2009 Board of Directors and Study Session Meeting dates. You may view the meeting dates at the Association's website, crcatucson.com.

Please feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns. Thank You!

Sarah Lebsack, CAAM