

CONTINENTAL RANCH

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February 2010 Edition

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Mark Your Calendars

February 2010

1st	Pool Committee 7 p.m. at WP
2nd	Landscape Committee 7 p.m. at WP
3rd	Activities Committee 7 p.m. at WP
4th	Seniors/Retirees 9 a.m. at CC ARC 7 p.m. WP
6th	Landscape Reference Tour
9th	Covenants 6 p.m. at WP
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25th	Seniors/Retirees 9 a.m. at CC
27th	CRCA office open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

President's Report

—John Lambert

We are far enough into 2010 now that I think I've adjusted to writing it on my checks, instead 2009. The New Year brought us much-needed rain (I could have done without the wind), but the sun has come back and the snow showing on the Catalina's reminds me why I left Anchorage, Alaska to live here.

The landscape committee had eleven responders to the Request for Proposals (RFP) they sent out in December for the landscape contract to maintain our common areas. They sent their recommendation of the top three proposals they had chosen while meeting their budgetary constraints to the BOD at the last meeting. The three chosen were: Groundskeeper, Northwest Landscaping and Complete Landscaping. The BOD and landscape committee will conduct a tour of properties maintained by the three chosen; on Saturday, February 6th, at 10:00 a.m. Interested residents are encouraged to participate. Tour reservations are needed in the office by Thursday, February 4th so that adequate transportation may be arranged.

The Town of Marana staff (and hopefully the Mayor) will be at the February 10th study session soliciting input from CRCA. Below is an excerpt from an e mail received from the town council liaison:

"Just like you have to decide what to spend your household budget on when money gets tight, the town must also make decisions about what level of services can be ►

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President's Report, Continued

funded when less money is coming in. With this in mind, Town Council and management would like to visit your neighborhood or social organization to discuss priorities for funding for the upcoming budget year. Money that funds town services continues to be affected by the economic recession, compounded by a state fiscal crisis that is expected to last for several years. It's important that Council and staff receive comments from citizens as we begin to create a budget for next year that includes the services that reflect our community values."

Please plan on attending this important meeting to supply input to the town as it prepares its' budget for the coming year. Without our input they will not know what services reflect our "community values". Remember: We are all in this together!

I have no new news on the Waste Management issue or the current status of the negotiations with our past collections attorney. As information becomes available, we will provide it to the community.

Town Council at the February Study Session



Marana's Town Manager, Gilbert Davidson, will be speaking at the February CRCA Board study session, scheduled for February 10, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., at the CRCA Community Center (8881 N. Coachline Blvd.).

Other council members may be in attendance as well. They are joining the Study Session to present the current economic position of the Town of Marana, and to hear feedback from the residents regarding their comments and concerns. All community residents are welcomed and encouraged to join.

The Citizen
Request Tracker
www.marana.com/requesttracker.asp

**Log in and register your
comments, concerns, and
suggestions!**

Do you have questions about
Town projects, street maintenance,
the parks, construction, or code
violations? Check out the online
Citizen Request Tracker
to register a request.

On Your Health

Joseph Lauricella is Founder and Master Teacher at Arizona Power Yoga. He is an expert in health and healing, and has been a Professional Bodyworker, and wellness coach for over 15 years. For more information, you may contact him directly at joseph@arizonapoweryoga.com.

America is stressed out! The World Health Organization says that stress is America's number 1 Health Problem. Globally, 3 out of 5 visits to the doctor are stress related. Stress is linked to everything from diabetes to high blood pressure and heart disease. What does that mean to you? It means that the next time you go to the doctor for anything, the underlying cause, is most likely stress.

What is stress? Simply put, stress is mental or physical tension, and it triggers the body's ancient mechanism for survival. It may be real, such as job related stress or financial stress, but it may also come solely from our mind in the form of worry, fear and anxiety. The problem is not so much the stress itself, but the body's response to the stress. The "fight or flight response", gears the body up to either fight or flee a situation. This includes a rise in heart rate, blood pressure, shortness of breath, tightening of muscles, which in turn may lead to tension headaches and a dampened immune system.

For example, I have a deadline for this article. It is real. As the days pass, I begin to worry about getting it done. My heart rate goes up and I am having trouble sleeping. I can't stop thinking about this article, and I go through the next few days anxious, frustrated and

tired. What if this happened regularly, even daily? How would it affect my health, my attitude, my life? What can I do? First, recognize that you are not alone. Over 50% of our population is stressed out. That's right, over half of America! We live in a very fast paced society, so fast it's often difficult to catch our breath.

Tip #1 Catch your breath!

The more stressed you feel the more shallow your breathing becomes. Conscious deep breathing is

proven to relieve tension, calm fear and relieve pain, says John Travis MD. Place little post-its saying "breathe" in high tension areas, like the dash board of your car, or at your desk.

Tip #2 Exercise!

Get out of your head and into your body. Go for a walk, a bike ride, or take a yoga class where breathing is more conscious. Get physically active, move your body, and give your mind a rest. Break a sweat and get your heart rate up naturally!

Tip # 3 Create quiet time!

So many of us pack our schedules so tight there is no room, no space! We are rushing around all day pushing ourselves to the limit. Create some space for yourself to be calm, quiet, and courageous! Turn off your tv, computer, and cell phones. ***Enough! Go take care of yourself!***



January Board Meeting Recap

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held January 20, 2010 at the Community Center. Completed minutes are posted to the website in draft format and will be approved at the next regular meeting in February. A copy may also be requested from the office staff.

Invited Guests

Ms. Barb McFarland, representative of YMCA was invited to make a presentation on a possible program being considered in Continental Ranch which could include several summer activities for both children and adults. A full YMCA membership would give complete access to the YMCA campus and off-site activities. A limited membership would offer access to the off-site programs at Continental Ranch only, at a cost of \$20 annually.

Ms. Marydale Moore, Saguaro Aquatics, was invited to make a presentation at the Board study session in February. At the next regular meeting, program decisions will be considered by the Board of Directors.

Honorable Ed Honea, Mayor of the Town of Marana, has been invited to participate in the February Board Study Session alongside the Town Manager who will be speaking. Residents are encouraged to attend to share concerns, questions, and ideas with Mr. Honea.

Board Approval

New lock for the Community Center side door; new calendar of events proposed by the Activities Committee; new clock for the Community Center pool area; new signage for both pools. An 8-channel video recorder card will be purchased from Rent-A-Techie which will utilize the existing CRCA server and by installing a DRV card, will allow the server to be the DVR. Two EZ pop-up shelters were authorized

as requested by Activities Committee. The Finance Committee presented a new collections policy arrangement which will be explained in detail via letter to residents included in the March assessment mailing. Five HVAC units at two locations are to be placed under service contract with D&H Air Conditioning and Heating Company, Inc. The parcel name and signage project was postponed indefinitely.

Landscape Committee Tour

On Saturday, February 6, Board and Landscape Committee members will tour sites currently being served by three contractors vying for the community landscape contract. Residents are invited to participate and are asked to contact the office by February 4th for transportation reservations with the group.

Tot Lot Vandalism

Action is still pending regarding recent vandalism to the Yellow Moon/Veridian Tot Lot. Town of Marana police are investigating.

Manager's Report

Ms. DeMen recapped numerous projects completed or in progress by the office staff. She noted emergency fence repairs at the Community Center pool, banking issues being handled with the Finance Committee, the start of the annual audit, lowering of the current Groundskeeper contract beginning February 2010, low lighting for the Community Center parking area out for bid, a dumpster enclosure for the Community Center, and bids pending for a new office walkway.

Activities At-A-Glance

CRCA Road Rally

Okay all you fellas out there who claim there is never anything for guys to do, here's your chance. A Road Rally is being planned for on March 7 at 10 p.m. The entry fee and pre-registration can be found in another part of the Windmill (see page 7).

It should be great fun, and if the homeowners of Continental Ranch (gals, too) take part in this one, there will be another, even bigger one. Let's start a new tradition of an annual Continental Ranch Road Rally! Rev up those engines and LET'S GO!



Town Events

Since the City of Marana has cancelled their Hip Hop Event, the April event will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of Continental Ranch. This will be held on April 3 at Windmill Park. Times will be announced in the next newsletter.

Have Fun, Have A Say...

Other activities are being planned for homeowners. We will keep you informed as time requires. We still need more hands. This is probably the only fun committee, so come join us.

And don't forget your Valentine!

NEW Newsletter Section!

Are you a CRCA resident? Do you have a home for SALE or RENT? The Windmill will now offer this section to help our community. Contact Josh Seng at the CRCA management office if you wish to advertise.

Please follow these rules when submitting your posting.

- You must be a resident.
- The price will be \$1.00 per line with a 2 line maximum and will be at the discretion of the editor.
- Addresses will not be printed, only a description and a contact phone number.

Here's a sample posting:

FOR RENT

**Lovely 3-bed / 2-bath one-story home with pool
\$1,100 per month. Call (520) 555-5555.**



Covenants Committee

It's early 2010 and things are starting off quickly for our community. The Committee is full steam ahead discussing various Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

Once again any homeowner that has some free time and can spare a few hours a month to join our committee please contact the HOA office.

As we move through winter lets all remember that spring is just around corner and our vegetation will begin its natural cycle. Once spring is here and our front yard vegetation begins growth acceleration it may be easier to handle the maintenance if we all just

take a few moments during the month to review any maintenance to be addressed.

One noticeable item that we all can do to help guarantee that Continental Ranch will continue to be a beautiful, well-maintained community is to keep the curb-strip areas in front of our homes tidy. The curb-strip is the area between the curb and the side walk usually filled in with gravel that tends to get shuffled onto sidewalks and streets from time to time. Please help sweep any rocks back into the curb-strip.

Thanks to all residents who are working hard to preserve the beauty of our community.

Pool Committee

Effective with the January 2010 meeting, the Pool Committee meeting will be held on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. We welcome any homeowner who wants to be a part of our committee to attend one of our future meetings. Homeowners who have questions or concerns about the operation of our facilities may attend one our meetings, or you can contact the management office and share your concerns with the staff.

We are expecting another great season for swimmers at our facilities. Repairs have been completed within the rest rooms, a new clock has been ordered for the Community Center Pools, and new signs have been ordered to replace the signs at both pools.

Homeowners are reminded that drinking water is the only beverage that is permitted within the pool area. Food is prohibited within the pool area because it has created an environment that has become attractive

to mice, rats and other rodents. Because of the pools' proximity to the washes and open fields, it has become difficult to keep these pest under control. Therefore, for the safety of everyone, especially our little swimmers, we are asking everyone to refrain from bringing any type of food or beverage into the pool area.

At the next Board Study Session on February 10, 2010, a representative from Saguaro Aquatics will be making a presentation to the Board of Directors. Saguaro Aquatics has been providing swim lessons and other aquatic activities to our homeowners for the past 2 years. Representatives from the Northwest YMCA made a presentation to the Pool Committee at the December meeting and to the Board in January.

"Never forget that the most powerful force on earth is love." —Nelson Rockefeller



1ST ANNUAL ROAD RALLY

This road rally is a driving tour in and out of the city on paved roads, where you can compete against your friends and neighbors in a very casual outing for points to win prizes.

THIS IS NOT A TIMED RACE!

As each team (driver and navigator) leaves the "gate," they will receive a "Rally Packet" that includes directions and tour questions. Points are awarded for each question answered correctly. The team with the highest score wins. This Rally is family oriented with NO ALCOHOL permitted during the event.

The driver must be at least 18 years old, possess a valid driver's license, have proof of vehicle insurance and current registration. CRCA assumes no liability regarding this event.

ALL TRAFFIC LAWS MUST BE STRICTLY OBEYED!

WHEN: March 7th, 2010
WHERE: CRCA Windmill office, 9150 North Coachline Blvd.
TIME: Registration @ 10:00 a.m., Tech meeting @ 10:45 a.m., Rally start @ 11:00 a.m.
WHAT TO BRING: (Suggested) Water, snacks, clipboard, pencils, and a full tank of gas
ENTRY FEES: Pre Reg. - \$10.00, Day of Rally - \$15.00, Non CRCA - \$25.00

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM # _____

NAMES: _____ / _____

Driver

Navigator

ADDRESS: _____

MAKE OF VEHICLE: _____ BODY STYLE: _____ YEAR _____

Entry Fee: \$10.00

Check No.: _____

Checks Payable to: Continental Ranch Community Association

9150 North Coachline Blvd.

Tucson, AZ 85743

DL# _____ LP# _____

Architectural Review Committee

Painting your home's exterior is one of the most cost effective ways of maintaining your home's value and appearance. The Arizona sun certainly takes its toll on our homes' exterior surfaces. Re-painting not only maintains the looks of your home, it will help prevent premature failure of the wood and stucco surfaces.

For your convenience, the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has pre-approved twenty different paint schemes that can be used in Continental Ranch, including separate house body and trim color choices. Color names of the pre-approved palates are available on the CRCA website; actual color samples are not provided on the website, but the management staff can assist you if you have questions.

Before getting started with plans to paint your home, you may have to submit an ARC application. Below is a summary of the paint approval process:

1. If you are planning to re-paint your home using the exact same color(s) that it already is, then no approval is required (i.e. No ARC application form).

2. If you are planning to re-paint your home using one of the approved paint palette schemes, then submit an ARC application and the amount of time that it will take you to receive approval will be streamlined.

(That is to say, the ARC has given the Management Company the

authority to immediately approve paint schemes that comply with the approved color palettes.)

3. If you are planning to re-paint your home a different color than it is now using a color other than the pre-approved color palettes, an ARC application must be reviewed and approved by the ARC.

In summary, the difference between selecting a pre-approved scheme versus the color of your choice is approval time. Pre-approved schemes are approved on the spot, while all other choices will be reviewed by the Committee, which meets twice every month.

When Spraying Paint, Be Neighbor Friendly!

Did you know that when you apply paint using a typical airless paint sprayer 10% to 20% of your paint will become overspray and not be applied to the thing you are painting? Well, that paint goes somewhere; please make sure the overspray doesn't find its way to your neighbors' cars, windows, or house.

If you are hiring a contractor to do the painting, find out how he plans to mitigate these issues and what remedy he will provide to your neighbor if paint accidentally winds up where it shouldn't. Ultimately, the homeowner is responsible for these undesirable outcomes.

It's a great time of year for this type of project, and the ARC thanks all homeowners who have been turning in applications for review. *Happy painting!*



Landscape Committee

The Committee has kicked off 2010 tackling some of the most important aspects of the Continental Ranch Community. As most are well aware, the general landscape maintenance contract “request for proposal” (or RFP) was a long time in the making, and it was finally released to 12 landscape contractors in December. The CRCA management office received 11 proposals in response to the RFP. The Committee evaluated the proposals and sent their input to the Board of Directors in January.

The Board is now investigating the proposals and preparing to tour the properties listed as references by the various landscape contractors. A tour has been scheduled and publicly posted for Saturday, February 6, departing from the Windmill Office parking lot at

10:00 a.m. **For full details, see the specific notice on the bottom of this page.**

The Committee also has been focused on possibilities for enhancing the monument entryways for each neighborhood. The Committee feels that the entryways could be more inviting. The challenge is that there are so many entryways—in combination with an array of different situations (power/irrigation)—that there is not a “one size fits all” solution. The Committee has been working with The Groundskeeper to identify what can be done to improve these entryways and at what cost. The Committee feels that this is a critical matter because the “face” of each neighborhood has an impact on the overall value of the community.

FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Greetings to the homeowners of Continental Ranch: The Activities Committee just received approval of our calendar of events for 2010. Sad to say, that many of these events may not be held at all! This is because there seems to be a lack of enthusiasm, both in attending the various events and/or volunteering for the Committee.

The Committee has a budget and we, in all good conscience, do not feel we should be spending homeowners’ monies on so few attendees. Our Fall Festival in 2009 was not well attended at all, considering the amount of money and work that went into it

We have tried to bring activities of interest, but it is difficult to do with so few members and so little interest. YOU DECIDE. Do you want activities, or should we put the budgeted money back into the General Fund?

LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR REFERENCE TOUR

Various members of the CRCA Board of Directors, Landscape Committee, as well as other residents of the community will be driving to multiple properties around the Tucson and surrounding area to visually inspect the conditions of these properties. No decisions will be made during this tour, it is simply to gather information necessary for the Board to better evaluate the companies who have submitted proposals to acquire the contract for CRCA landscape maintenance. Residents of the community are invited to join this tour. The tour will be held on Saturday, February 6th, 2010, departing from the Windmill Office parking lot (9150 N. Coachline Blvd.) at 10:00 a.m. If you wish to attend, please sign up at the Windmill CRCA Management office no later than Thursday, February 4th so that appropriate travel accommodations can be prepared in time for the tour.

EMAIL BLAST FORM

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

1. My e-mail address will 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 email reminders is expected to be no more than three 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 email changes; if an email message is returned as not deliverable two separate times then I am subject to removal from the reminder list.

Add name to the CRCA email notification list.

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Resident Signature: _____ Date: _____

Remove name from the CRCA e-mail notification list.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Reason: _____

—Please drop this slip off at the Windmill Park Office (8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday).—

Buffelgrass Invasion

Buffelgrass (*Pennisetum ciliare*) is a drought-tolerant, warm-season, perennial grass that is grown throughout many arid and semi-arid regions in the world. However, in Pima County and the Continental Ranch area it is an invasive weed threatening other native grasses, trees, bushes and cacti. It usually has a bushy stem that grows up to four feet tall and a mass of long and tough roots that can grow to eight feet deep. Its narrow leaves are light green in color and range from one to four inches in length (see pictures). Buffelgrass is especially abundant along our walking and biking river path immediately east of Continental Ranch.

Buffelgrass is most abundantly found in the plains of the Sonoran Desert, where it is commonly found along rocky hillsides in desert scrub and xeroriparian communities near planted pastures and roadways. Roadways are a good source for the spread of buffelgrass because they provide water from runoff and are infrequently grazed.

Buffelgrass loves fire and needs it to maintain a healthy population. It will even burn while its still green and forms new sprouts immediately after the flames die down. By comparison, most native desert plants cannot survive fire. Once its competition has died, buffelgrass will move into the new territory and choke out all other plants, creating an area dominated by one species. This, in turn, has a profound effect on native animal species, especially grassland bird species. This “invasive” species has since shown up in other areas around Tucson, including Tumamoc Hill, the Tucson Mountains and the Saguaro National Monument.

Only green buffelgrass can be killed using herbicides, typically glyphosate. Look for plants to have at least 50% green leaves before spraying and quit spraying when plants begin to dry down past this point.

The primary window of opportunity for herbicide control of buffelgrass occurs shortly after the onset

of the summer rains, usually from mid-July to the end of August. The primary green period sometimes persists into September and a secondary green up can occur anytime of year given warm, wet conditions. The secondary green up is unpredictable and brief, therefore management activities should focus on the July/August spraying window.

To manually remove buffelgrass, you will need to loosen the soil so the entire root crown can be



removed otherwise the plant will re-sprout from the base. Young plants and seedlings can easily be removed by hand or with a geo-pick, cultivator, or trowel. For mature plants, a digging bar is helpful. Hold the bar at an angle, and digging around the plant trying to get in and under the roots. Once the plant is loose, grab the plant with two hands close to the base and extract from the soil. Shake off the excess soil and bag the entire plant.

Continental Ranch residents are urged to volunteer on February 6, 2010 at the 3rd annual Beat Back Buffelgrass Day. One focal area is on Cortaro Road. Follow this link for more information and let's pull together to remove this invasive weed:

www.pagnet.org/Programs/EnvironmentalPlanning/Links/BuffelgrassVolunteerInformation2009/tabid/843/Default.aspx

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Seniors And Retirees Of CRCA

February is the month of love, with Valentine's Day quickly approaching! This is the time to reach out to a shut-in or someone living alone by extending a special act of kindness. If we get in the habit of celebrating this way on a regular basis, it will add up to yearlong blessings for both you and that special someone.

The SCRCR activity calendar is running over this month! Take a moment to mark your personal calendar so that you don't miss out on something. Regular meetings and games are scheduled for the 4th, 18th and 25th. The Super Bowl party at Native New Yorker is planned for Sunday the 7th at 3:00 p.m. On Thursday, the 11th, we will combine our meeting and monthly birthday celebration with a Valentine's Day pot luck at the Center. Friday the 12th takes us to the casino and, on the 23rd join us for dinner and the Gaslight Theater performance of "The Cisco Kid." On Saturday the 27th we will carpool to the Arizona Opry in Apache Junction. Advance reservations are required for the lunch and matinee performance, and carpools will leave the Center at 9:30 a.m.

Reminder: SCRCR folks "have cars/will travel." Yes, our members are more than willing to help those who do not drive, or do not drive at night. If you need a ride on a Thursday morning, or want to go with a group to one of the extra functions scheduled, all you need do is let someone know. And, that offer is a standing commitment in the event of any personal emergency need, illness, or urgent errand requirement.

The hiking group, which enthusiastically ventures out each Wednesday morning, invites both beginners and seasoned hikers to join the group. Their schedule includes something for everyone, and they encourage you to share the camaraderie

and hiking experiences. Contact JoAnn or Linda for weekly details!

We now have a complete listing of the Marana merchants who so generously supported our holiday party, and as promised, we acknowledge this support and pledge our continuing patronage throughout the year: Fry's, Boston Restaurant, LaOlia Restaurant, Luke's (on Thornydale), BrakeMax (on Cortaro), Vantage West Credit Union, Rock 'n Java Coffee House, New Town Buffet, McDonalds on Cortaro, IHop Restaurant, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Tower Theatre, Coachline Hair Express, Old Father Inn, Classic Car Spa, Chili's Restaurant, Ace Hardware (on Cortaro), EconoLube, Wells Fargo (on Silverbell), Home Depot, Contessa Restaurant, Hungry Howie's Pizza, and Red Lobster. Even with the economic situation forcing cutbacks, these merchants helped make our holiday party a huge success, and we humbly extend our thanks and appreciation!

This 'N That...

In addition to Valentine's Day on the 14th, we note Presidents' Day on Friday the 12th, and within the Christian community, Ash Wednesday on the 17th. Rodeo days are coming up toward the end of February. Schools will be closed, so youngsters will be out and about; use caution when driving throughout the community.

The U.S. Census affects each and every one of us. Data from the census is used to determine the number of seats in Congress and state legislatures. Now, more than ever, older Americans need to be accurately counted to ensure that appropriate decisions are made regarding health care and other services based on the most accurate and up-to-date count information. The count begins 1 April 2010, and during March,

households will receive a 10-question form via the U.S. mail, with census workers hand-delivering forms to isolated areas and group homes. Everyone is legally required to fill out the form, and all information collected is kept confidential.

We are being cautioned, however that there are unofficial scams already noted, so within Continental Ranch—unless you have a multi-family residence or some other unusual circumstance—do not respond to a door-to-door census inquiry, invite that person inside your home, or complete any form which asks about legal status or social security numbers. Bilingual English/Spanish forms will be made available as well as Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Russian. An official census taker will have proper identification and will not ask for legal information or social security numbers. If not certain about a census taker at your door, ask him/her to wait outside while you phone for verification. If he/she “disappears” while you are verifying

authenticity, alert the local police department and the CRCA office. A Census Bureau hot-line phone number will be announced shortly.

Thought For The Day

Don't be a quitter! Probably the greatest example of persistence is Abraham Lincoln, who after being born into poverty, was faced with defeat throughout his life. He lost eight elections, twice failed in business, and suffered a nervous breakdown. But Lincoln was a champion who never gave up. “The path was worn and slippery. My foot slipped from under me, knocking the other out of the way,” Lincoln said after losing a second senate race in 1857. “But I recovered and said to myself, ‘It’s a slip and not a fall.’” Three years later, in 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the United States—acclaimed by historians as one of the greatest in the history of our country!

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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 579-1775
jlambert04@comcast.net
- Barbara Snyder
742-3279



HEADS UP

NEW Program in Marana!

MARANA PARKS & RECREATION SPORTS DIVISION

MARANA SOCCER MAYNNA YOUTH

**COME CHECK OUT
OUR BRAND NEW
COMPETITIVE
SOCCER LEAGUE!**

**AGES 7-11
PRACTICES WILL BE
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DISCRETION, GAMES
WILL BE HELD
EVERY SATURDAY
MORNING AT THE
NEW DISTRICT PARK
MARCH 27TH
TO MAY 15TH**

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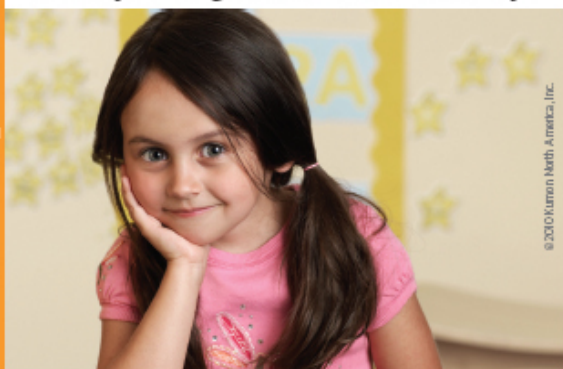
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Greetings,

February in Southern Arizona is a time of change. The cold days seem colder than necessary, and the warm days are the harbinger of spring. Here at CRCA it is the first month of the second quarter. We are looking at the things that need to be spruced up for spring; getting any work on the pools and park completed; buffing up the community center; and making sure we are on track to get everything completed that needs to be accomplished in our second quarter.

In the first quarter, we completed the transition from the old management company. We have completed the VMS conversion, the new file system is up and in place, the landscape RFP was sent out, and the delinquent owners identified. We are working hard with the Finance Committee to establish the best place for your reserve monies. The reserve study is complete and in the hands of the Finance Committee and the Board.

By the time you read this, the Volunteer Luncheon honoring the 2009 volunteers has come and gone. Thank you, all volunteers, for your service to your community. On Saturday, February 6th, please join us to tour the references for the companies that are bidding for your landscape contract. Let the office know by February 4th if you wish to attend, so proper transportation can be arranged.

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Best regards,

*Dale De Men, Manager, on behalf of your staff:
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