

Mark Your Calendars July 2010

1st Seniors/Retirees

9 a.m. at CC

ARC 7 p.m. WP

5th CRCA Office Closed

6th Landscape Committee

7 p.m. at WP

7th Activities Committee

7 p.m. at WP

Pool Committee

7 p.m. @ CC

8th Seniors/Retirees

9 a.m. at CC

Ad Hoc Committee

6 p.m. @ CC

13th Covenants 6 p.m. at WP

14th Board Study Session

6:30 p.m. at CC

15th Seniors/Retirees

9 a.m. at CC

ARC 2 p.m. WP

21st Board of Directors Meeting

7 p.m. at CC

22nd Finance Committee

6:30 p.m. at WP

31st CRCA office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

President's Report

-John Lambert

We are three fourths of the way through our 2009/2010 fiscal year being completed. This BOD has worked diligently to not only satisfy the regulations imposed on it by the Arizona Corporations Commission and AZ law but also to enhance the common areas within CRCA. We have completed the audit required and have an updated Reserve Study with which to plan future replacement and/or refurbishment of our CRCA assets.

A lot has happened over the last nine months. A new management company was hired and seems to have us headed in the right direction- finally. They have updated the software to a system called VMS, at no added expense I might add. One of the benefits you might have noticed is account access and payment options available online.

An RFP (request for proposal) was put out for the landscape contract for our common areas and after much scrutiny DLC Resources was chosen as our new landscape contractor. They are currently working on a proposal to enhance the entryway landscaping at all monument entries, as well as the Twin Peaks entry from the new roadway. An ad hoc committee is working on proposals for the entryway monument there as well as landscape enhancements. Pima Wastewater has a repumping station there behind a cyclone fence. Thanks to John Warner from Pima Wastewater for working hard to help have a brick wall built to enclose this.

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The Windmill

Mailing List

In an effort to confirm that all residents are receiving their monthly newsletter publication, we've updated the distribution mailing list. If you've received this Newsletter and you do not wish to receive it, please contact our office at 520-297-7600 or send us an email at continental.ranch@yahoo.com.

As always, you have the option of receiving the newsletter electronically by signing up at www.

crcatucson.com. Please help us keep our records up-to-date by letting the management office know of any changes to your information.



President's Report, Continued

The Community Center Pool was resealed at a substantial savings over the planned cost (\$15,000 spent, versus \$70,000 budgeted) and the concrete that needed repair in front of the Windmill office was replaced with brick pavers at another substantial savings over budget requests (\$15,000 spent, versus \$23,000 budgeted). A regular seasonal Air Conditioning maintenance service program has been established for our two buildings, instead of neglecting the units and until they break down and need full replacement—preventative maintenance a new idea here in CRCA now.

New lighting is being added to the entryways with monuments as we speak. Decorative rock replenishment is being planned along with covering bare dirt areas currently owned by CRCA as budget allows. The Community Center parking lot should be resealed this summer and we are working on bids to repave the Windmill Park parking lot. Other items being looked at are pool area lighting upgrades as well as pool area fencing upgrades. All of the items I mentioned are budgeted for and I see no need at this time to seek a dues increase. Thanks to Jim Susa, past chair of the finance committee, and Debbie Budd, current chair, we are in sound financial shape. As our auditor told us- we are in better shape financially than any other association he has dealt with currently.

Hopefully you enjoy the summer and the monsoon does form. Never thought I would say this, after growing up in Seattle, we need the rain!

Cash Payment Advisory

ATTENTION ALL CRCA RESIDENTS

Please note that the Management Office no longer accepts cash payments, under any circumstances. There are over 3,400 homes in CRCA, which means a substantial volume of payment through the management office. Therefore, check or money order will be the only forms of payment accepted for any type of payment at the office. Money orders may be purchased at any nearby grocery store. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

WEED MANAGEMENT!

Weeds can be a homeowner's worst nightmare, conjuring thoughts of back-breaking hours digging and pulling, or compliance notices if they aren't removed. **You can avoid both of these headaches** very easily this summer by having DLC Resources, Inc., your common area landscape manager, spray pre-emergent herbicide in your front yard to **prevent most weeds** before they have a chance to become a problem.

- Application of pre-emergent can greatly reduce the number of weeds that germinate
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- Pre-emergent herbicide does not affect living plant material such as trees and shrubs so the rest of your landscape will not be harmed in the process.
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Compliance Car: It's Smart

Have you seen us in your neighborhood?

HOA Management Solutions has brought out their company compliance vehicle to Continental Ranch! In an effort to reduce the environmental impact of the daily compliance driving that must be performed to ensure that the CC&Rs are followed by CRCA residences, HOA Management Solutions has issued their company SmartCar to the staff at Continental Ranch.

According to the reports, this SmartCar is a leader in the industry for fuel economy. If you spot one of the Management staff out in your neighborhood on their daily compliance tours, please feel free to wave and say "hello." Per their association management contract, HOA Management Solutions makes a full tour of the CRCA property twice monthly, averaging 350 to 400 units per day.



Have you lost something? If so, we may have found it!

The CRCA office has a Lost & Found that is over flowing with items just waiting for their owners to come and claim them. The items found range from keys to clothes, to school bags. Many items get left behind at the Windmill park playground and grassy fields. Please call or stop by with a description of your item if you have lost something.

Lost an item?
Start your search
at CRCA's
Lost & Found!

was lost at one of the CRCA swimming pools, please check with a pool monitor to see if they have what you are looking for. If you happen to find an item that appears to have been lost at Windmill Park, please be a good neighbor and turn it in to the CRCA office so we can see that it finds its rightful owner. Please keep in mind, we cannot keep lost and found items forever, so if you've lost something, please hurry in and claim it.

In addition to the Lost & Found in the CRCA office, the pool monitors

REWARD \$500

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ARREST and CONVICTION

of persons responsible for vandalism of Continental Ranch Community Association property.

PLEASE CALL 297-7600 to make a report

Covenants Committee

The Covenants Committee is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining our committee please come to a meeting. Meetings are

held the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m., in the Windmill office. (Check the website for any changes to meeting times.) You can also contact Kyle Nickell, our Covenants Assistant for details about joining at 297-7600. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

A special thanks to all the homeowners who do that little extra to keep their homes looking great. This includes those who keep the curb-strip areas in front of their

homes free of gravel and weeds. It only takes a small amount of time to ensure all the gravel is swept from the sidewalk and weeds are pulled. Thanks again.

The CRCA Landscape Maintenance contract allows CRCA homeowners to take advantage of a preventative weed spraying service twice per year. You will find the signup form (through DLC Resources) in this month's copy of the newsletter. Many residents have found this service to be very valuable in controlling weeds all year long, which helps keep their yards looking

pristine and in compliance with the CC&Rs.

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Friendly Info From The ARC

A swimming pool is a great retreat from the hot summer heat that we experience here in the desert.

A great number of homes in Continental Ranch

are fortunate enough to have the luxury of owning their own backyard pool. Along with the ownership of the pool comes the task of occasionally draining it for maintenance purposes. This begs the question, "where can I drain my pool?" Many CRCA residents wonder what the rules are, so the ARC would like to provide some helpful information on this topic.

The 2009 Design Guidelines outline the nitty-gritty details of the rules, but here are the basics. The Association rules follow the

same measures as Pima County and Town of Marana codes. The Town of Marana allows owners to drain pools into drainage ways or onto streets, as long as

they follow some basic rules. The rules are listed as a courtesy in the CRCA 2009 Design Guidelines on page 11, and mainly address chemical levels of the water being drained and specifics of what to avoid. Copies of the guidelines are available both at the CRCA Management office and online at the www.CRCATucson.com website.

The ARC wishes everyone a fun and enjoyable summer!



Activities: "We Have Had A Great Run"

My name is Richard Singervalt. I am the Interim Chairman of the CRCA Activities Committee. I have been on the Committee for almost 3 years. We have had a good run. We have been given a lot of support from the Board of Directors over these years. We have had a lot of help putting on events with the help of the SCRCR (Senior Citizen Group).

I will miss the two concerts at Windmill Park, the Easter Egg Hunt, The Christmas Decorating Contest, Ladies Night Out, The Halloween Event, The Road Rally we started this year, The Teen/ Tween Pool Party, and all the other activities we put on each year.

The Activities Committee put a call out to all residents, to please try to find one hour per month and a few hours during the month to help put on events like these. We did have two young ladies come to our meeting. We are still shorthanded. The minimum number we need is seven and would like to have ten on our Activities Committee. We will have one more meeting on July 7th, at 7 p.m. at the Windmill Park office. Please come and keep these Quality of Life Activities in our community.

The Activities Committee has informed the Board of Directors that we will have to suspend our Committee if we cannot sustain our membership. If you have come to one of our activities, please find the time to help us keep going. Hope to see you at our next meeting.



Seniors And Retirees Of CRCA

SCRCR's officers gathered to blow out the candle on the birthday cake in June. We celebrated another successful year with friendships and a helping hand extended to our members. Hopefully, some of you will visit the Center on Thursday mornings and decide we're an "okay" group of neighbors!

Our July calendar is filling up with activities from which to pick and choose! On the 1st following our meeting, we'll share our traditional Independence Day red, white and blue pot luck luncheon. Now, SCRCR boasts some good cooks among its membership, so you will definitely want to join us for that celebration! On the 8th, we will honor our July birthday folks at the Center, and the 9th will find us at the casino to test our skills. Carpool time is 9 a.m.—promptly! On Wednesday the 14th, we will enjoy each other's company for a 12:30 p.m. lunch at Luke's Italian Restaurant, 6741 Thornydale. Carpools will be arranged as needed. On the 15th and 22nd, back at the Center, we will enjoy table games following the meetings. Movie afternoon is scheduled for Thursday the 22nd as well, at Tower, so those attending we may also wish to consider lunch at Fortune Cookie at noon. The Outback at the Foothills Mall beckons for dinner on the 28th at 5:30 p.m., with carpools from the Center at 5 p.m. Then, to round out the month, we're "home" again on the 29th with a regular meeting and table games.

This 'N That...

Arizona's state elections director, Amy Bjelland, shares that primary elections will be held in August (usually the first Tuesday in November), ten weeks prior to the general elections. This change is to allow more time for counties and the Secretary of State to certify the results. This tidbit of information concerns those normally voting by mail and who might be away on vacations needing to have info/ballots sent to a different location. Since vote-by-mail ballots will not be forwarded to a different address, it is important to complete a form to remove your name from the permanent early-voter list and then specifically request an early ballot be mailed to a temporary address. Contact the Pima County Recorder's Office for detailed instructions and information: 740-4330.

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and wilderness adventure requiring a few days for
the roundtrip hike; however, worth every hiking
mile!

Info: http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry-permit.htm.

Let's be on the alert for our community's children out and about and not necessarily watching for oncoming traffic. Be aware also of what's going on in your neighborhood and report anything that looks suspicious. Keep our community safe! Be sure to fly our country's flag on the 4th!

Thought For The Day

Integrity is doing the right thing in the right way at the right time with the right attitude—even when you don't really want to; even when no one's looking!

NeighborsHelping 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
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Landscape Committee

The Landscape Committee has begun the task of analyzing all upcoming potential landscape projects for CRCA in order to properly allocate their budgeted allowance and establish a plan for the remainder of this year. This has been the main focus of the Committee in June. Once the projects are prioritized the Committee can begin initializing the various projects to enhance the look of Continental Ranch. Some of the potential projects being reviewed include enhancing the plantings and decorative areas at the neighborhood entryway monuments, replenishing decorative rock to areas where the rock has disappeared, and adding decorative rock to areas that remain as bare dirt.

Windmill Park pool, offices and play area entry has been enhanced this month with decorative rock and additional plantings to enhance and beautify the area. This complements the new paver walkway installed last month. DLC Landscaping also presented bids to the Landscape Committee for enhancing and beautifying all the monument entry ways to be completed by the early fall. The Reserve Study identified funds to upgrade the landscaping at the entryways. Currently, there are bare planter areas, sickly trees, and sparse plantings. Residents should see improvements over the next several months.

The Committee identified Twin Peaks landscaping as the primary improvement area for 2011. Mr. Seng, Assistant HOA Manager, was directed to gather figures and photos to be reviewed at the June 22nd budget meeting.

The intent of the Landscape Committee is to keep the Community's landscape asset in excellent condition. The Committee recognizes that the primary role of a community association is to promote and maintain property values, and landscaping has a high impact on the overall value of the community.

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Seniors/ Retirees 9am at CC ARC 7pm WP	2	3
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August 2010

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29	30	31				





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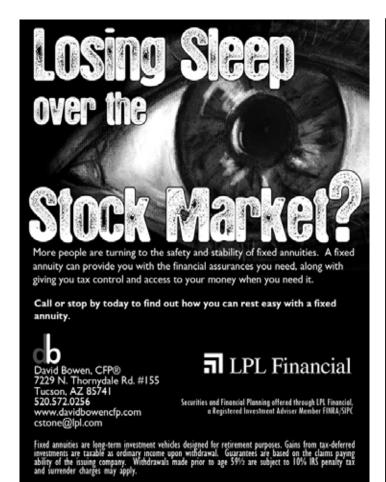
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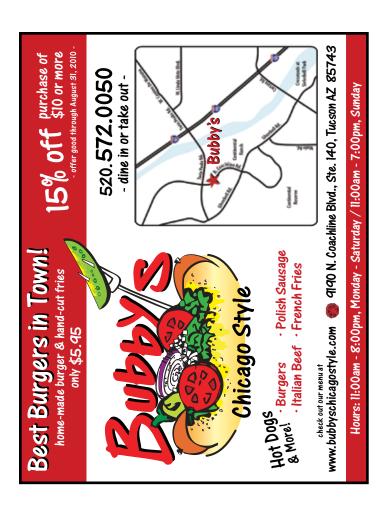
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Dear CRCA Owners,

When I think of the Continental Ranch Community of families and the 4th of July, it brings to mind the words of Erma Bombeck: "You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism." From all of us in the office to all of you, have a fantastic time enjoying the pools, the parks, each other and your friends on this great day while we celebrate our freedom to live in such a wonderful community.

This is budget season. We are working hard with all the committees to ensure we get the information we need to budget to keep CRCA strong for the next year of 2010-2011. Three homeowners have applied for the three open board positions. Nomination by petition can be considered according to your By-Laws, if someone still wishes to run for the Board. Please call the office and we are happy to give you the information on how to do this.

We are all anxiously waiting for the opening of the Twin Peaks interchange. We are in dialogue with all the agencies involved in order to develop a monument sign to be placed on Twin Peaks as you enter the community.

Lighting for all the monuments at the entries to the parcels is approved and supplies are being ordered. Our goal is to have all the

Newsletter Policies

The Continental Ranch Windmill is published monthly by the Continental Ranch Community Association (CRCA), and is prepared under the direction of the Activities/ Publication Committee. Articles with bylines and letters to the Editor reflect the views and opinions of their respective authors and do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the Association, the Board of Directors, the Activities/ Publicity Committee, or the management company. We reserve the right to edit articles and letters for brevity and clarity.

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Management's Message

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monuments lit by fall. Following right behind the lighting project is the landscape improvement at the monuments.

Stay cool. Visit a pool. The pools are in full swing. We have had compliments for the job our pool monitors are doing. Thank you for abiding by the pool rules.

We thank all the volunteers who give willingly of their time to CRCA. Our committees run on your energy and enthusiasm. Right now, Activities needs some volunteers. Please call the office if you can volunteer.

To anyone who has not paid their May assessment, it is delinquent and needs to be paid immediately. Call Fran or Jocelyn to find out your balance.

Dale De Men Community Manager On behalf of Josh, Fran, Kyle and Jocelyn



Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all! By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.

-John Dickinson

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The office is now open the last Saturday of the month. We accept payments by check or money order on those days, however, we will not handle certain issues, such as ARC or account billing concerns.

In case of emergency, please call (520) 780-9163 and follow the prompts. This number is not for reporting violations or dealing with delinquencies.

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- Replace air filter
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- Check suspension
- Check battery & check charging system
- Replace fuel filter
- Service differential
- Complete safety check.





- Most Vehides
- Some Fluids Extra
- Disposal Fee Additional

Offer ends 8/31/10 CR

Front Disc Semi-metallic

MOST CARS Basic front brakes, machine rotors, check

& repack wheel bearings if applicable. Additional parts & labor may be required.

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BRAKEMAX FLUID SPECIALS

(Reg. \$34.99) Up to 5 qts. of All-Climate **Valvoline Multi-Viscosity Oil**



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- Complete Fluid Exchange using Valvoline ATF (up to 15 quarts)
- Filter Extra (if needed)
- Special Fluids Additional





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- Inspect cooling system & pressure check for leaks
- Add system flush, remove old coolant & re-fill with correct amount of reconditioned anti-freeze



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- Remove old fluid, add Valvoline SynPower Power Steering Flush
- Add new Power Steering Fluid & check for leaks



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BENEFITS FOR MARANA RESIDENTS.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS.

The landfill will help the community safeguard the beautiful desert environment by preventing the potential increase in wildcat dumping, which will spike enormously as distance and costs increase for waste disposal. "Free dump days" will actually serve to decrease wildcat dumping.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS.

One of the largest components of the cost of waste disposal is the transportation to the landfill. Having a convenient facility will save residents and local businesses many hundreds of dollars each year caused by hauling our waste through transfer stations and out of town.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS.

The landfill will pay a host fee based on volume that will initially provide annually approximately \$450,000 to the Town of Marana and \$150,000 to the Marana School District. Free disposal days and neighborhood cleanup programs will be provided through the development agreement with the Town of Marana.

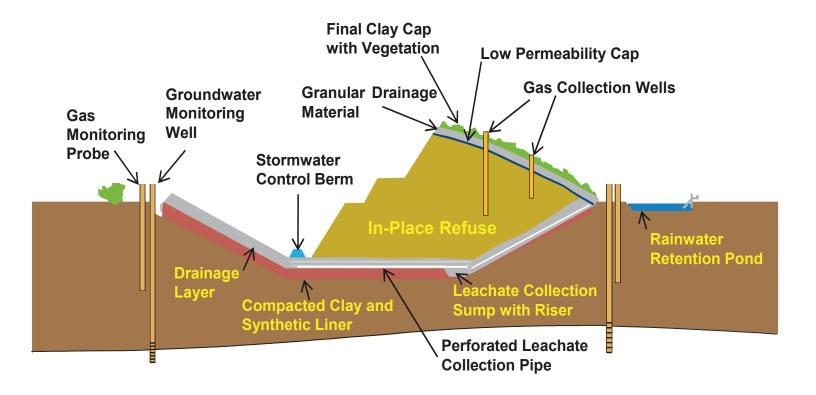
RECYCLING BENEFITS.

Recycling and reuse centers will be a significant activity at the site.

& A LONG-TERM SOLUTION.

The facility is designed (consistent with Pima County studies) to serve our region for more than fifty years.

TYPICAL MODERN SANITARY LANDFILL CROSS SECTION



An important part of services for any community is waste management. Marana needs a new regional landfill, one that uses modern technology that protects our environment.

The Tangerine Road Landfill is close to capacity and will only be operational for a few more years, although the County will keep it "officially" open to avoid closing and capping costs. But it's full. Marana must begin to responsibly plan to develop a new landfill to avoid a costly gap in service to residents and local businesses.

Without a new waste facility to serve Marana and the Northwest Pima County, disposal costs will climb dramatically over the next few years due to lengthy hauling distances. Additionally, there will be environmental damage caused by wildcat (illegal) dumping.

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