

CONTINENTAL RANCH

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December 2010 Edition

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Mark Your Calendars December 2010

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2nd	Seniors 9 a.m. at CC ARC 7 p.m. at WP
6th	Pool Committee 7 p.m. at WP
7th	Landscape Committee 7 p.m. at WP
8th	Finance Committee 6:30 p.m. at WP
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11th	Pictures with Santa 10am - 2:30pm at CC
14th	Covenants Committee 6 p.m. at WP
16th	Seniors 9 a.m. at CC ARC 2 p.m. at WP Board Meeting 7 p.m. at CC
18th	CRCA office open 9am-1pm
24th	CRCA office closed Christmas Eve
31st	CRCA office closed New Years Eve

President's Report

—John Lambert

With Thanksgiving behind us now we have the Christmas season in full swing. While most of us were lucky enough to share good times please remember there are some people who are not as fortunate. The association is sponsoring Adopt a Family again this year in an effort to share with families less fortunate. You will find a list of "wishes" from the families in this newsletter, please consider donating something to these families. It is sad to think of a child not getting at least one Christmas wish fulfilled.

Santa will be at the Community Center on Saturday December 11th from 10AM to 4PM. Bring a non perishable food item to be donated to the Marana food bank and receive a free 8X10 photo with Santa. There will be a bake sale with popcorn and hot chocolate so bring the kids and pets to support the food bank and Lady Shriners and get your picture with Santa.

Hopefully you have noticed the new plantings at Rivers Edge, Richmond Estates and Desert Sage. These three entries were refurbished as part of the Landscape committee's plans to refurbish all the entries. They were only able to have these three completed because of the oncoming winter weather. Look forward to the others being completed sometime in March or April.

I am looking forward to having Twin Peaks open during the Christmas rush at Arizona Pavilions- it is a really nice addition to CRCA. The BOD wishes you a happy holiday and merry Christmas.

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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.

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Our Association's website has foregone some nice updates! CRCA Management has spent time adding information and reorganizing some sections so that we can get more out of our website. The Association purchased the upgraded site several years ago, however, there were many functions of the site that had not been fully developed.

One new update that residents belonging to the Association should be pleased to find, is detailed information about paying their assessment dues. Since the hiring of HOA Management Solutions for our management company, there have been added methods of payment, to make things easier and more user friendly. Look under the "management" tab on the website for payment details.

The "connections" tab of the website was added to provide a resource page for users to find information on the Continental Ranch area. Restaurants, shopping, and recreation are just a few of the things that can be found on the connections page. Useful contact info for the utility companies is also listed here. Prospective new residents that might be interested in purchasing a home in Continental Ranch will likely find this attractive.

Another upload was the addition of many photos highlighting some of Continental Ranch's fine attributes. Now visitors of the website will see enticing photos of the pools, ball fields, and landscape around Continental Ranch.

CRCA Management is continuing to work on adding more new photos to fully show the best of Continental Ranch, as well as fully updating the "connections" page. Stay tuned for more additions!



November Recap: Meeting At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held 18 November 2010 at the Community Center. Completed minutes are posted to the website in draft format and will be approved at the next appropriate meeting. A copy may also be requested from the office staff.

Consent Agenda Approvals

Committee reports received and acknowledged. New appointments: Mr. Chuck Valade, Chair, Pool Committee; Mr. Frank Postillion, Chair, Mr. Rob Palfreyman, Vice-Chair, Landscape Committee; Ms. Ana Holcomb, Chair, Ms. Micale Baer, Secretary, Activities Committee; Mrs. Nancy Lambert, Chair, Mr. Dave Lawrence, Vice-Chair, Ms. Linda Burau, member, ARC; Mrs. Carol Altman, Chair, Mr. Dale Henson, Vice-Chair, Finance Committee.

Purchase chairs/loungers from Sundrella at cost not to exceed \$5,070, including tax. Accept Oasis Pools' bid to replace four Windmill Park heater by-pass valves for a total cost NTE \$958.44. Adopt Design Guideline Update and publish same in Windmill. Approve Covenants' recommendations for fines. Approve Finance Committee's recommendations to hire auditor, Mr. J. Todd Lundering, CPA at cost NTE \$7,500 for audit and tax preparation, and a three-year contract with Association Reserves at \$1,950 per year. Approve recommendation to change title classification of "Capital Improvement" to "Capital Maintenance" in the current budget. Change volunteer luncheon to Saturday, 29 January 2011. Approve Daisy Scouts presentation to the Board during the December Board meeting. Approve use of the Center by Girl Scout leaders the first Thursday of each month, December through June, at no charge, provided Center is not rented to a paying customer. Consideration of request regarding converting part of Windmill Park into a dog park. Approve Management's recommendation to ratify modifications to Sunflower Community Association bylaws' requirement to call special meetings and quorum requirements (reviewed by Association attorney). Approve contract for gopher removal and monthly maintenance at cost of \$600 for initial treatments, then \$185.00 monthly. Approve contract with Arizona Plumbing to test backflow valves at a cost of \$1,182.00 plus repairs.

Board Actions

Treasurer, Mr. Larry Lemieux presented information from the 31 October 2010 balance sheet.

Adopt-a-Family program approved for Activities Committee. Approval of Landscape Committee's recommendations for monument refurbishment at River's Edge, Desert Sage, and Richmond Estates. Postponed action on purchase of hot air hand dryers for the Windmill pool complex, and postponed action on refurbishing fencing at both pool areas. Additional information requested from Pool Committee on both pool issues.

Board Discussions

Lengthy discussion regarding Board members serving on a committee with voting status. As a homeowner, Association attorney acknowledges resident's right to serve; however, actual handling of serving/voting rights remains an issue and possibly open for further study and consideration.

Manager's Report

Final 2009-2010 contracts are being supervised, with new bids sought on projects geared to begin shortly. The Twin Peaks monument sign has been installed, with landscaping scheduled for Spring. Digital scanning of files will start shortly. Playground equipment has been repaired. A tree and several plants were stolen from the Twin Peaks median, necessitating hiring a night guard. Major tree pruning has been accomplished.

Homeowner Forum

Compliments were received regarding landscaping upgrades noted throughout the community. A resident questioned cost of upkeep of the new plantings. Unknown at this time. Excessive water run-off along Twin Peaks was mentioned. This issue had already been noted and was being corrected. Trash in wash areas was mentioned and concerns regarding wash areas should be addressed to the Town of Marana.

Upcoming Dates

Board of Directors' Study Session

Thursday, 9 December, 6:30 p.m., Community Center.

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, 16 December, 7:00 p.m., Community Center

Landscape Committee

You've probably noticed by now that the Landscape Committee has been very busy! The recent projects that were completed have generated many praises by adoring residents.

Annual Flower Beds

Continental Ranch has a variety of styles for entryway monuments. Some of these have planter beds incorporated into their design. The practice of planting most of these beds with flowers each season had been discontinued for quite some time. The current landscape maintenance contract includes twice per year installing annual flowers in these beds, so in November the irrigation was restored and winter flowers were installed.

Decorative Rock

CRCA has over 1 million square feet of ground top-dressed with decorative rock (gravel). As the ground cover diminishes over the years, all that is left is bare dirt. The Committee carefully reviewed the entire property and decided which areas needed gravel replenishment the most. Many of the areas had depleted so much that there was virtually only bare dirt left. Some of the areas which received a "face lift" included the eastern portion of Windmill Park, the area surrounding the Community Center, and several tot-lot pocket parks. Many residents have called and emailed the CRCA management office with words of praise, such as, "it finally looks like someone cares".

Coachline Plants

You may recall that the Coachline Blvd landscape was overhauled several years ago, which entailed installing all new plants, irrigation, ground contouring and decorative rock. Unfortunately, since that time, many plants died and were never replaced. This section of roadside landscape was reviewed and dozens of drip emitters were found that no longer had plants existing. In response, the Committee allocated a portion of their plant replacement budget to replenish the vegetation that has diminished along Coachline Blvd. You will notice new plants along nearly the entire stretch of Coachline. These small new plants will fill out nicely when spring arrives.

New & Upcoming for 2011

The Landscape Committee will be using the winter months, when temperatures are too low for installing new plants, to diligently plan and design their 2011 budgeted projects. The two main projects that they are focused on include planting the sides of the Twin Peaks roadway and refurbishing the landscape at all neighborhood monument entries. The Committee is committed to designing the landscape installations so that they increase the value of the community and last for years to come. Developing the designs has meant careful analysis of each location and careful selection of plant matter. Consideration has been given to sight-lines (both for traffic and visibility of the monuments) and to keeping year-round green and year-round color bloom.



Halloween Haunted House

On October 30, 2010, the CRCA Activities Committee hosted a fun and spooky Halloween haunted house at the Continental Ranch Community Center. In addition to the haunted house, kids enjoyed the cake walk, the eyeball toss, and an arts & crafts activities table. There were plenty of goodies to be found at the bake sale, but the highlight of the evening was definitely the costume contest!

Food donations benefited the Marana food bank and monetary donations benefited the Lady Shriners. The Lady Shriners also brought free popcorn for all to enjoy! Parents and kids who attended agree, it was spooky, tasty and fun!



A special thanks goes out to the Daisy Girl Scouts Troop and the Continental Ranch Seniors for all their help in making this a memorable event. Thank you to all the families who decided to come and enjoy the eventful night. If you came and had fun, or have some ideas, please come to an Activities meeting and help plan fun events for Continental Ranch in the future!

REWARD \$500

For information leading to the ARREST and CONVICTION

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

PLEASE CALL 297-7600 to make a report.

CRCA Project Status Update

Lighting Project for Monument Entryways

“What’s going on with the lighting”, you might ask? The project which began back in early 2009 is finally almost completed. Nearly two years ago, the Board of Directors and the Facilities Committee identified the need for a community-wide upgrade for the illumination of all neighborhood entryway monument signs.

Going back as far as the 1990’s, the development of Continental Ranch involved many different home-builders and many stages. Many different types of lights were installed at the various monuments, and some were even left without lights.

A project was developed to bring uniformity and continuity throughout Continental Ranch. Not all locations had electric power available, so it was decided to utilize solar panels as an affordable alternative to installing new electric meters and saw cutting across roadways. Locations which had existing “grid” power are still using it.

As you drive through Continental Ranch, you should see that all monument signs are now illuminated. This project ran into challenges which have been and are being resolved. You may have noticed differences in color, brightness, and operation amongst the lights during the course of this project. The electrical contractor, hired to install this system, has fought with the product supplier over the quality and consistency of their product during the entire course of this project.

The Board of Directors was dissatisfied with the product so they have tasked the electrical contractor with selecting an alternate high quality, affordable, L.E.D. light fixture to replace the ones that were originally used. By mid-December the project should be completely settled, and Continental Ranch should have a uniform, quality, fully functional illumination system up and running for the 2011 New Year and for years to come.



Parking Lots

Parking lots at both the Community Center and Windmill Park have shown signs of aging and deterioration for quite some time. In late November CRCA scheduled repaving the Windmill Park parking lot, in accord with the Association Reserve Study and at direction of the Board. Also in late November, the Town of Marana upheld their license with CRCA and laid down a fresh asphalt overlay at the CRCA Community Center on Coachline Blvd.

Now visitors to the Association facilities will be welcomed with fresh parking lots and fresh landscape. Keeping the community amenities in top condition builds community value and fulfills the purpose of the Community Association.

Twin Peaks Interchange

The new connection to Interstate-10 brings a new face to Continental Ranch. This new entry point has been a decade in the making, and on November 18th this concept became reality! The CRCA Twin Peaks Road Ad Hoc Committee, under the direction of the Board, carefully explored all options for a new “Continental Ranch” main entry monument to welcome visitors and residents to the neighborhood.

There were many challenges in the design and placement of the monument, since the allowable space was extremely confined by utility easements. The Association thanks Pima County Wastewater Deputy Director John Warner for his “community first” approach to tidying up the reserve pump station area at the new entry. Pima County Wastewater fully funded and erected a new perimeter wall to conceal the reserve pump station and boost the aesthetics of our community. The Ad Hoc Committee will continue to work on landscaping the monument area in the springtime, when temperatures allow.

Continental Ranch Community Association Design Guideline Revisions Effective 11/18/2010

Driveway (Extensions, Coatings, and Maintenance) (pg. 8)

1. Driveways may extend a maximum of twelve (12') in width from the edge of the existing driveway; however in no case shall the total width of the driveway including the extension exceed thirty-six feet (36') in width as measured from the widest location. Extensions shall not encroach on neighboring properties, utility easements (i.e. curb strip area) or public right-of-ways without a right-of-way permit from the Town of Marana and a copy of the permit supplied to the ARC. Driveways shall be constructed to not exceed 50% of entire front yard.

Exterior Building Materials (pg. 9)

Exterior building materials for the main structure of the home should be consistent with the overall community or parcel character. Additions attached to the main structure (home) must use similar materials, color and construction details that were provided for in the original design of the home.

Recommended building materials are stucco, concrete, stone and concrete block. Upon ARC approval, patio attachments may be made of *Alumawood* TM. Any color of *Alumawood* TM that matches the color theme of the home is acceptable. However, solid roofs for these patio attachments or extensions must meet the requirements contained in the "Roofs" paragraph, page 12. All exposed building materials must be finished.

Fences/Walls/Gates/Front Yard Structures (pg. 9)

1a. **VIEW FENCE:** View fence is permissible within the rear yard along walls facing washes and Santa Cruz River. Subject to ARC Approval.

2. **WALLS:** Walls are defined as: An upright structure built of masonry, plaster or other building materials, except for wood, which encloses, divides or protects a property. All walls in the residential communities shall be constructed of materials compatible with the architectural design of the residences, including concrete, masonry or concrete blocks. Walls must be a visual extension of the architecture of the residence. The color of the walls must conform to the same color standards as the main residence and the indigenous materials of the surrounding areas. Walls should not exceed 6 feet in height depending on grading constraints. Walls exceeding 5 feet in height require a permit from the Town of Marana. Wall systems along major streets must respect the designated setback requirement and have a stepped or non-linear appearance. Party wall extensions shall be of the same material, design, color and quality as the existing wall and shall blend with the existing wall so as to have the appearance of a united structure.

Flags & Flag Poles (pg. 9)

Flag poles must be installed per industry standards, be of a professional quality, and meet Town of Marana codes and requirements. A standard three feet by five feet (3' x 5') American flag is preferred. Both pole and flag must be maintained in good condition at all times. Torn, ripped, faded, etc. flags shall constitute grounds for fines. Except for those flags that are specifically permitted by the applicable law, owners shall receive ARC approval prior to installation. Proper flag etiquette shall be observed. Seasonal flags are permitted and must be maintained in good condition.

Front Yard Landscaping & Front Yard Prohibited Plant Material (pgs. 10 & 11)

Statements regarding "Arizona Department of Water Resources – Drought Tolerant / Low Water Use Plant List" are hereby removed.

Patio Covers (pg. 11)

All structures must be in compliance with the building codes for the Town of Marana. Patio structures must comply with exterior building material requirements on page 7 and roof structures must comply with Roof requirements on page 12.

Swing Sets & Play Structures (pg. 13)

Canvas covers on play structures are permitted. Swing sets, play structures and other structures shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in height at the highest point and must comply with Town of Marana building codes. Play structures will be permitted within the confines of the rear yard only and need to be maintained.

Exhibit "A" Prohibited Plant List

7. Common name - Desert Broom; Botanical name - *Baccharis sarothroides*

All revisions to the CRCA Design Guidelines are written above. For a full copy of the Guidelines, please visit the CRCA Management office, or download from www.crcatucson.com.



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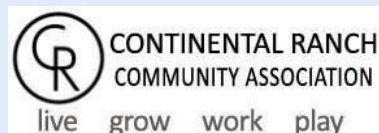
DECEMBER 11TH

10:00AM TO 4:00 PM

Continental Ranch Community Center

8881 N. Coachline Boulevard

Reserve your spot with Santa! Please call ahead for reservations: 520-297-7600
(walk-ins are also available)



Adopt A Family

Tis the Season...

Each year, the Continental Ranch Community Association gives back to the Community by helping families facing hard times. This year the CRCA Activities Committee has selected a family right here in CRCA to adopt for this holiday season. The Committee hopes that the kind residents of CRCA will participate by making gift donations at the CRCA Windmill office, located at 9150 N Coachline Blvd.

These are our families in need:

Family # 1

- * 4 year-old girl: Enjoys dolls, doll houses, baby dolls and crafts. She wears size 4-5 slim. She loves leggings and boys athletic pants.
- * 4 year-old girl: Enjoys Spiderman, boy toys and crafts. She wears size 4-5 slim. She loves leggings and boys athletic pants.
- * Mom – Mom wears large shirts and x-large leggings.
- * Dad - Dad wears Levi classic straight fit jeans, size 38 waist, 34 length.

Family # 2

- * 6 year-old girl: Enjoys “Polly Pocket” and “Zoobles.” She wears size medium shirt in girls as well as pant size 7/8 and shoe size is 1½.
- * 9 year-old girl: Enjoys “Little Pet Shop” and “Zoobles.” She wears size x-large shirt in girls as well as pant size 12 and shoe size 3½.
- * 11 year-old boy: Enjoys “Star Wars Legos,” “Castle legos,” and other lego items. He wears size x-large shirt in boys as well as pant size 12 and shoe size is 6½.



SHRED-A-THON Community Event

**Shred-it and
The Marana Police Department
invite you to shred what you don't want read!**

When: Saturday, December 11th, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Where: Marana Target (Ina and Thornydale)



Help prevent identity theft!

Shred any unwanted paper materials or documents, such as receipts, billing statements and anything containing personal information.

The first two boxes per person are FREE!! Additional boxes will be shredded for \$10 apiece. No need to remove staples or paper clips.

CRCA Community Business Spotlight

Residents aren't the only members of the Continental Ranch Community Association. There are several dozen businesses belonging to the Association as well, many of which are privately owned small businesses. Please tune into this section each month to learn more about businesses within the Association. Supporting these small businesses can lead to supporting the strength of the Association as a whole. There might just be a business in the neighborhood that you didn't know was there!

Dentopia Dental

8245 N. Silverbell Road, #145

Dr. Ian I. Cho is the owner of Dentopia Dental. Dr. Cho has two office locations. Our office in Continental Ranch has been opened since 2006. Dr. Cho was born in Seoul, Korea. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry from Boston College and Dental Degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, Boston, MA. Dr. Cho has been practicing dentistry in Tucson since 2001. He belongs to the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, the Academy of Laser Dentistry and the Tucson Advanced Cosmetic and Restorative Dentistry Study Club.



Dr. Cho offers complete dental services including Crowns, Bridges, Dentures, Implants and Orthodontics. Doctor is joined by his Assistant Wendy, Dental Hygienist Holly and Office Manager Sue. Together they provide a warm, caring atmosphere to make the patient feel comfortable and welcomed.

To contact our office, please call (520) 572-8778 or go to our website at www.dentopiadental.com. Our office hours are: Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9am to 6pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 7am to 1pm.

Pointe of Grace

8245 N. Silverbell Road, #127

Pointe of Grace started out as Backstage Dance. Kimberly Aguirre, owner, took it over in 2002. The studio was based out of the community center right here in Continental Ranch. In 2002, the studio had an enrollment of 36 dancers. In the past 8 years the studio has grown to over 100 clients and moved into their own space.

Pointe of Grace offers quality dance and fitness classes at affordable prices. Classes offered include tap, jazz, ballet, hip hop, lyrical, and pointe, as well as yoga and Zumba classes. We have classes for all ages. Dance classes start out at 3 years old and go all the way through adults.

Pointe of Grace is now located on the corner of Silverbell and Wade Road. Registration for dance classes is on Tuesdays 4-7 pm. Zumba and yoga classes welcome walk-ins to all of their classes.



For more information on classes visit our website at www.pointeofgraceaz.com

Pizza Hut

8245 N. Silverbell Road #101

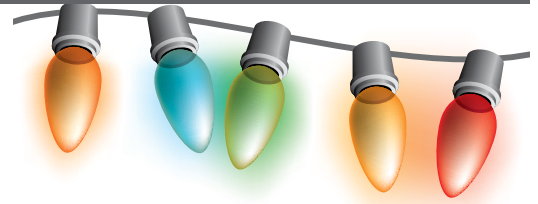
We are owned and operated by Pizza Hut of Arizona. This location is managed by Andrew Kriederman. The crew is made up of local customer maniacs ranging in age from sixteen to fifty plus years old. We have a cozy and comfortable dining room as well as offering delivery and carry-out options. We pride our self on our great pizza at a great price, with friendly and fast service.



Come join us on Tuesday's for \$10 family size pasta, or wing it with us on Wednesday's with our \$0.50 wings! Don't forget the pizza! A large with up to 3 toppings for just \$10.

For our full menu, check out our website: www.pizzahut.com. Pizza hut is open Monday through Thursday 11a.m. until 10p.m., Fridays and Saturdays open late until 11p.m. Give us a call or stop in 520-744-0848.

Winter Wonderland CRCA Decorating Contest



Do you have the best decorated house during the holidays? If so, this contest is for you! It's that time of year again to give our residents a treat this holiday season by turning CRCA into a Winter Wonderland. Houses will be judged on December 20th. Any and all decorations are always appreciated during the holiday season, but if you think your house shows the most holiday spirit, please fill out the form below for your chance to win a monetary gift! Houses will be judged based on: Best Overall.



Holiday Decorating Contest Registration Form

If you would like to participate, please fill out this registration form and return it to the CRCA office by Tuesday, December 14th. You may also send an email to continental.ranch@yahoo.com to register your house. Houses that do not fill out a registration form will not be included in the judging.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Office Use Only: Date: _____ Initials: _____ Entered on Master List: _____



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January 2011

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Seniors And Retirees Of CRCA

Communities come “alive” during the month of December, and Continental Ranch certainly leads the way with lots of lights, glitz and glitter throughout the holiday season! Regardless of each family’s religious affiliation, the secular parts of the holiday season are honored by all faiths and traditions. Once again, we approach this special time of year when our community “lights up,” and appears to become friendlier and less stressed by the current economic difficulties surrounding each of us.

SCRCR has less on its calendar during this busy season of the year, but we look forward to wishing all our members a joyous holiday time and hope each will share with family and friends as we approach a new year. We have three Thursday morning activities planned – December 2nd, December 9th (celebrating December birthdays), and December 16th. Gaslight Theater is scheduled for a matinee performance on the 2nd, followed by dinner at El Corral at 6 P.M. Carpools will be arranged for those attending both functions, and for those attending dinner only. Casino day is Friday the 10th, departing promptly at 9 a.m. from the Center. Our annual holiday dinner party is scheduled at the Elks Club on Oracle on the 15th. What a special time this always is, when we can wear our red and green holiday garb, enjoy a scrumptious turkey and ham dinner (deliciously prepared by someone else!!). Reservations are a “must”, carpools will be organized, table decorations have been made by the crafts group, door prizes will be selected, and a chance to sing and enjoy each other’s company is top priority! Don’t forget to bring a gift for a needy child. Chairman, Frank will get these gifts delivered in time for distribution as appropriate.

Following the Thursday, December 16th meeting at the Community Center, SCRCR will “break” and not meet again until after the holiday season. Meanwhile, our current officers and committee chairs will be finalizing their year’s activities,

and we wholeheartedly thank them for their dedication to the group throughout 2010. In January, we will acknowledge the new officers and chairs as we look forward to another great year of friendship and activity.

Thought For The Day

“Take Time,” author unknown, is so very meaningful and most appropriate for this holiday season:

TAKE TIME TO PRAY – for all religious beliefs; it washes the dust of earth from our eyes.

TAKE TIME FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS – they are the source of happiness.

TAKE TIME FOR WORK – it is the price of success.

TAKE TIME TO THINK – it is the source of power.

TAKE TIME TO READ – it is the foundation of knowledge.

TAKE TIME TO LAUGH – it is the singing that helps with life’s loads.

TAKE TIME TO DREAM – it hitches the soul to the stars.

TAKE TIME TO PLAY – it is the secret of youth.

TAKE TIME TO WORSHIP – it is the highway to reverence.

This ‘N That...

FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOURS: A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY! LET’S REMEMBER OUR MILITARY FAMILIES, SEPARATED FROM THEIR LOVED ONES AND MAINTAINING OUR FREEDOM FROM HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD!

CARE FOR YOUR WINTER LAWN

By late December, Ryegrass should be well-established, thick and a lush green. In order to keep it that way throughout the winter season, there are two main soil conditions to monitor: moisture and nutrients.

Monitoring the moisture level in your soil should be done on a regular basis using a soil probe. If you do not have a soil probe, a screwdriver makes a good substitute. Simply insert the screwdriver into the ground and note how deep you are able to push it in with moderate pressure. The depth to which you can easily insert the screwdriver indicates how far down in the root zone moisture is reaching. An ideal depth is six inches. Based on the depth of moisture in your soil, you can determine what your watering schedule should be. Watering two to three times a week in the early morning for short intervals tends to be most effective in the late fall and winter seasons. Probe your soil regularly, every two to three weeks, to ensure your watering schedule is effective and make adjustments as necessary. Following a winter rain, your irrigation can be turned off, depending on daytime temperatures, and can remain off for days at a time.

Ryegrass requires regular fertilization. During the winter months, apply a fertilizer, such as ammonium nitrate which is formulated for colder temperatures, to your lawn approximately every four to six weeks. Without proper nutrition, the Ryegrass will show signs of stress such as yellowing. It is important to fertilize before yellowing occurs since fertilizer takes longer to take effect in the cooler weather. For further information on fertilizers for the cooler months of year, please consult with a local nursery.



A Note of Caution:

Ryegrass is very sensitive to frost damage. During the winter, there is often frost on your lawn into mid-morning. Be sure not to walk on it since that can cause permanent damage to Ryegrass. Once Ryegrass is damaged, it will not grow back like Bermuda grass will.



Resources



www.wateruseitwisely.com

Visit this website for tips on how to conserve water in your home and in your yard.



www.agarizona.edu/maricopa/garden

Go to the Cooperative Extension website for shrub and tree care in the AZ desert.

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Management's Message

Dear CRCA Owners,

It is that busy holiday season again. Does it seem like a new year is right around the corner?

But first comes SANTA...really, Santa Claus is coming to Continental Ranch Community Center on Saturday, December 11th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our Activities elves persuaded Santa to donate time from his busy schedule so you can visit with him and have your picture taken. Santa believes in giving so your family 8"x 10" photo is free in exchange for a donation you will bring for the Marana Food Bank. Additional photos will be available at a nominal cost. Please call our elf, Jocelyn, at the office, 297-7600 to reserve your time with Santa. If your schedule is fluid, please feel free to drop in without a reservation. (The people with reservations go to the front of the line.) And, oh by the way, some of us have family that are the four legged kind. Santa will take pictures with them as well. The Lady Shriners are helping with the event. Wherever they go, food is certain to abound. A bake sale, popcorn, hot coffee, hot chocolate and hot cider will be available for you. Please mark your calendars, young and old, to join us for this special time with Santa.

Once again CRCA is helping others. We are sponsoring two families who need your help. Elsewhere in this newsletter is specific information. Everything helps when dark days come. Bring your donations to the office to make their holiday bright with cheer.

December 20th is the date for the Holiday Light Judging. Continental Ranch looks so pretty during the December and we thank all of you who do decorate.

Remember the Board of Directors has a Study Session on December 9th and their meeting is on December 16th. All owners are welcome to come.

Continental Ranch is a wonderful place to be. On behalf of the staff, I thank all of you. May you be safe in your travels wherever you go, wherever you stay, and peace be in your heart. Enjoy the season!

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

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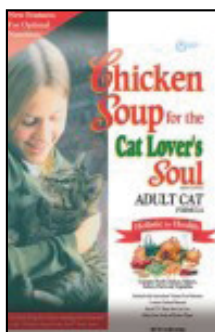


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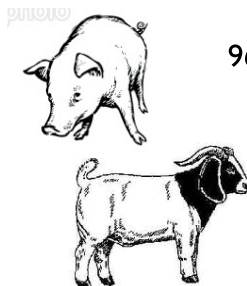
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