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President's Report

—John Lambert

This past month the BOD was faced with some decisions affecting use of some of the common areas. The pool committee recommended closing the Windmill Park pool at 6PM instead of the 10PM closing. The reduction in hours was necessitated due to vandalism to the pool and bath room fixtures, pool rules being disregarded and a need to protect our amenities for all homeowners. It is unfortunate that the actions of a few individuals necessitated such action. The new pool hours will commence on January 7th and be in effect until the pool monitors are hired again in May. Another outdoor toy was destroyed at one of the pocket parks- the fourth one at the same park- and it was decided to not replace it due to the continued vandalism. The month before the association had to spend over \$6800.00 replacing vandalized portions of the play structure at Windmill Park. The security cameras are in the process of being updated and we hope to be able to positively identify those people costing all you homeowners so much money in vandalism. This BOD has committed to prosecuting those caught to the fullest extent of the law as well as restricting their common area privileges as well as fining them to the extent allowed under the CC&R's. ►

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Pool Hours Reduced for the Winter Season

Unfortunately misuse of the pool area continues. In response to vandalism and the rules being ignored, the Pool Committee and The Board elected to reduce the evening pool hours until the pool monitors are hired back for the summer season in early May. Effective January 7th, Windmill Park pool hours of operation are 5:00AM until 6:00PM seven days a week. It was a tough decision to be made, and the Committee explored as many alternate ways to curb the abuse, however, this became the final decision.



President's Message Continued...

The BOD approved the budgeted monies to scan and digitize all the association files that were previously "stored" in card board boxes in a rented storage unit. While moving the boxes from the storage unit; "files" on homeowner improvements and other information that should have been in homeowners files already were found scattered throughout the boxes. It will be interesting to see what is found in the boxes to be organized.

The monument lights that were previously installed have been replaced with new fixtures due to the poor quality of the fixtures spec'd out by the lighting design company. The new Twin Peaks monument will be lighted as part of the monies budgeted for the new entry way monument and landscaping of the same.

A special thanks to the Town of Marana Police Dept. for the enforcement of the speed limit on Twin Peaks Road. While we all looked forward to the opening of Twin Peaks it brought with it increased traffic as well as increased speeds in our community.

I would like to thank the homeowners in CRCA who gave so generously to the Adopt a Family program our association sponsored. The two families "wishes" were met and it was nice to be able to share the Christmas spirit with them. Thanks again to all who were able to share.

I would like to thank Gus Lipins, who resigned in November, for the time he served on the BOD. The BOD would like to welcome Gladys Pope who agreed to serve the community as the newest member of your BOD. Gladys is a long time resident of CRCA and will bring a wealth of knowledge to the BOD.

December Recap: Meeting At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held 16 December 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.

The Board was honored to welcome special guests, Daisy Troop #320 from Continental Ranch, and a presentation of holiday music. The president acknowledged each young lady and the importance of the Daisy Troop's involvement in our community's activities.

Mrs. Gladys Pope was appointed to the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy as a result of the recent resignation of Mr. Gus Lipins, 2nd Vice President. Mr. Lipins' resignation was received with regret and thanks for his past service to the community. Ms. Marilyn Stimpson was appointed to the position of 2nd Vice President.

Consent Agenda Approvals

Committee reports received and acknowledged. New appointments: Ms. Tonya Scott as Vice Chairperson, Activities; Mr. Joe Callahan to Landscape; Ms. Carrie Rodriguez, Ms. Arlene Sieckowski, Ms. Leslie Hammond, Mr. Robert Vollbrecht, Mr. William Cicala, Mr. Teryl Weinmeister; Mr. Kurt Nowak to Covenants. Resignations with regret and our thanks for service: Ms. Barbara Snyder, ARC; Mrs. Debbie Budd, Mr. Shayne McCaslin, Ms. Kim Stine from Covenants.

Authorization for cash prizes for winners of the upcoming holiday decorating contest. Cancellation of road rally (Activities Committee). Authorized purchase of 6,000 pre-filled Easter eggs and one Easter basket per age group for raffles. Authorized purchase of two hand dryers for Windmill pool restrooms from ProCare Janitorial. Reduced pool hours of operation to 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until pool monitors are hired back in the spring. Acknowledged with thanks a donation from Alphagraphics for the "Adopt-a-Family" project.

Board Actions

Treasurer, Mr. Larry Lemieux presented information from the 30 November 2010 balance sheet.

Authorized purchase of gift cards for the two families in the

"Adopt-a-Family" holiday project. Judging for the holiday decorating contest will be on 20 December; and an e-mail blast will be sent out identifying participating homes. The Marana Spring Concert will be supported from within the Activities Committee budget. A CD, maturing in January 2011, will be rolled over for one year. Lot clean-ups on two parcels were authorized. One trash can fine was approved. Bids will be sought for removal of a dead tree. A bid from Express Digital Solutions for digital scanning of files and shredding of documents was accepted. A Dell computer will be purchased for the office, with funding from reserves and the office expense account. Antech Corporation's bid for low voltage lighting at the existing sign at Twin Peaks was accepted. A&M Fencing's bid for 6'6" fencing at both pools was accepted. Payment was approved for additional irrigation work required at three monuments, exceeding DLC's original proposal. Clarification of Sunflower Community Association bylaws modifications was approved. Consideration of Sovereign Electric's monument lighting information and security cameras from GuardPro will be discussed at the next study session. Windmill pool new hours of operation will begin 7 January 2011 and continue until monitors are hired in the spring. This action was necessitated due to vandalism and a disregard of pool rules. Announcement will be made in the January Windmill, and a new sign will be posted on the pool gate as soon as possible.

Manager's Report

Ms. DeMen indicated that the 2nd late letter from the 1 November 2010 billing had been mailed. "We're Here to Help" program information was included. A police report was filed regarding damaged landscaping and damage to residential property on Twin Peaks as a result of a recent car accident. She noted repairs made in the Community Center, to the Windmill Park sign, and removal of the damaged play rider at Phobos Tot lot. Reserve Study is underway; new budget accounts have been created. The visit of Santa Claus in December was a most successful project. Resident response to the Marana Food Bank's recent drive and Adopt-a-Family project has been excellent. Bids for major tree pruning are being solicited.

Upcoming Dates

Board of Directors' Study Session

Thursday, 13 January 2011, 6:30 p.m., Community Center.

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, 20 January 2011, 7:00 p.m., Community Center.

Landscape Committee

As briefly mentioned in last month's *Windmill*, the Landscape Committee continues to work diligently on winter planning for the spring planting window. CRCA uses its "Association Reserve Study" to plan renewal of its assets each year and for the future. The Reserve Study provides a list of components, each of which have an estimated lifespan, and compares them against the Association's projected reserve funds. This allows for the Association to safely make decisions about replacements of its assets as they wear out.

One component identified by the Reserve Study, was refurbishment of the landscaping at all monument entryways throughout CRCA. The Committee had time, before temperatures dipped too low, for approval from the Board for refurbishment of three monuments in November. These were the first three monuments along Silverbell Road as you approach from Cortaro Road. These new young plantings will fill out nicely come springtime. Next the Committee is challenged with planning for the next two dozen entries in time to plant in Spring, before the hot Summer hits.

The other big project that the Committee is working on will be the planting of Twin Peaks Roadsides. As many residents noticed, November brought about the installation of new trees, shrubs, and decorative rock in the Twin Peaks Road median. The next step that the Committee is planning will be to enhance the sides of the road. A separate Ad hoc Committee is developing plans to landscape the new monument which greets incoming traffic from Interstate-10 on Twin Peaks Road.



Covenants



New Resolutions for 2011 are in full swing. It sure would be nice if everyone resolved to keep their yards weed free, their trash cans out of sight and to be thoughtful of your neighbors. Rest-a-sure, management dislikes sending compliance letters just as much as residents dislike receiving them.

We'd like to remind everyone that the drainage ways that lead out to the washes are private property of the owners who border these drainage ways. Their purpose is to allow water to drain off to the washes. They are not common areas nor skateboard areas.

Also, please remember that while we maintain the CC&R's, your association does not police, zone nor act as animal catchers. We work closely with the Town of Marana. Please note that you as a Marana taxpayer often gather fastest results from your concerned call to the Town.

Twin Peaks Interchange Landscape – Hats off!

Most likely, by now, most residents of CRCA have tested out the new Twin Peaks Road connection to Interstate-10. What many don't know, was the admirable efforts regarding the new landscape made by ADOT and the Town of Marana during the orchestration of this project. ADOT worked closely with Chris Shipley, owner of Civano Nursery, to develop a desert-friendly approach to beautifying the new roadway. The project not only included Twin Peaks Road to the west of I-10, but also Camino de Manana to the east.

As opposed to installing all new nursery-grown trees, the desert-friendly concept revolved around the transplant of approximately 400 native trees and over 700 cacti. Chris Shipley of Civano Nursery lead the transplant project, and despite very hard soil digging conditions, which effects the root balls, experienced less than 1% plant loss during the entire project. Most of the rescued trees, many of which were Desert Ironwood, are 50 – 100 years old! Additional landscape plantings were also supplied by Civano Nursery, which are grown in Tucson at their growing nursery on Nogales Highway. The cost of transplanting the salvaged mature trees was nearly the same cost as planting new young trees.



New Twin Peaks Entry Monument to CRCA

Civano Nursery is family formed, owned, and operated by father, Les, and three brothers, Chris, Alex, and Nick. They have been in business for 14 years and have transplanted over 20,000 salvaged trees in the Tucson area, and also have a retail garden center open to the public at 5301 S. Houghton Road, 520-546-9200, www.civanonursery.net. In addition to the Interchange project, Civano Nursery also did the plantings for the Ritz Carlton and portions of the Dove Mountain Golf Course.

Monument Lighting – at the Finish Line!

The monument lighting project is finally complete! CRCA battled some serious obstacles with the light fixtures that were first installed, however, after careful attention to the project by the CRCA Board – good quality fixtures were selected and the project was finished up. All monument signs now have identical, consistent, uniform LED lighting to them, providing continuity throughout Continental Ranch. Nearly all fixtures were given vandal resistant cages to protect the Community's new assets. LED technology means that the bulbs use very little power and last for a very long time, reducing the frequency of outages. CRCA Management has filed complaints with the BBB regarding substandard quality of the first brand of faulty fixtures. As the Landscape Committee works on enhancing the plantings at the entries, the solar poles and lighting cages should be less apparent. If you have questions about the project, feel free to contact the management office.



Santa's Food Drive - Giving Back...

The event was a total success and created a joyous occasion for the Community's youth, while generating a generous donation to the Marana Food Bank. This year's CRCA food drive was promoted through "Photos with Santa". Attendees brought canned goods to the CRCA Community Center, in exchange for a free 8x10 photo of their kids with Santa. Many residents brought their four-legged friends for photos too! Over 80 photos were taken, and over 260 pounds of non-perishable food items were donated. This may very well have been the most successful CRCA food drive to date!



Everyone chipped in to make this charity event happen!

Board President, John Lambert, donated his time to play Santa; for six straight hours without a single break! Saguaro Environmental Services kindly supplied a bounty of candy canes for the children, the backdrop for the Santa photos, and the color poster advertisements for the food drive which were distributed around the area by volunteer CRCA Activities Committee members. The CRCA landscape maintenance contractor, DLC Resources, graciously provided a 5-foot live pine tree which stood next to Santa for the photos. The Lady Shriners supplied and operated the printing equipment to produce the 8x10 photos, while working the bake sale and providing refreshments to attendees. CRCA Management staff dressed for the occasion and gave a helping hand in coordinating the event as well as the setup and break down.



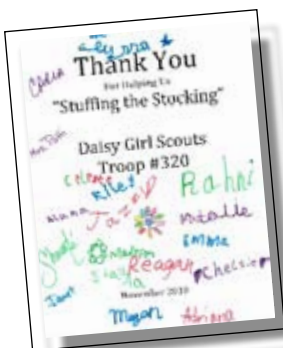
It was definitely an all-around good time! Thank you everyone who helped make this event possible!

CRCA - Thank you for all of your support.

Daisy Girl Scouts - Troop #320 was successful in meeting our goal of stuffing 1000 stockings for the Marana Community Food Bank.

We could not have done it without our community, our neighbors, our friends!

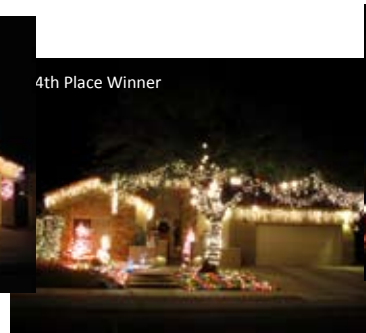
CRCA allowed the local area Girl Scout Troop to setup a donation box in the Management Office. Many kind residents dropped off goodies to supply the girls with items to stuff stockings for the Marana Community Food Bank.



Holiday Decorating

This holiday season CRCA lit up with an abundance of twinkling holiday lights and decorations. With 17 entrants participating in the contest, the CRCA Activities Committee had such a tough time deciding which contestants should win! The first place winner stood apart from the crowd, unique in its own way, with lights set to music on a station which viewers could tune their radios to in their vehicles. It was quite a sight! There were so many beautifully decorated homes who did not register in the contest, and so the activities committee strongly urges all residents to sign up next year... Just think, You could be next year's winner! Thank you to all residents who participated in this year's Holiday Decorating contest.

The winning entries are as follows:



*T'was the holiday season
throughout C-R-C-A,
Houses sparkled with luster
in a luminous display...*

*The lights were all hung,
on the houses with care,
In hopes that the judges,
would come out to stare!*



Adopt a Family

As in years past, Continental Ranch Community Association adopted two families, faced with hard times, for the Christmas gift-giving holiday season. As our nation is faced with an economic struggle, and many families struggle just to make ends



meet, the holiday season can be quite stressful. CRCA identified two families in the local community and sprung into action to help brighten their special day this Christmas. The charity event was broadcast in the CRCA Newsletter as well as at the CRCA Photos with Santa food drive. An unbelievable outpour of generosity flooded the CRCA management office. A heartfelt thanks goes out to all those who made gracious donations! A real sense of "community" was felt by everyone involved. Continental Ranch residents should be proud to be part of such a generous selfless collaboration which undoubtedly made this Christmas unforgettable for two local families in need. Let this coming 2011 year be joyful and prosperous for all!



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!

Fortune Cookie Restaurant - 9110 N. Silverbell Rd., #140

Where can you get the best Chinese food in Continental Ranch? Fortune Cookie in the Safeway shopping center at Twin Peaks & Silverbell. Henry and his sister Angela have been managing the Fortune Cookie Restaurant and serving the residents of Continental Ranch for over 5 years. Their customers come because of the great food and comfortable family atmosphere. Customers' favorite dishes include:

- Orange Chicken
- Sesame Chicken
- General Tao's – Deep fried breaded chicken with Chef's spicy sauce
- Holland Chicken (Angela's favorite) – Deep fried breaded chicken with special cream sauce
- Egg Foo Yung – Served East Coast style and fresh
- Peking Duck (Henry's favorite)

Fortune Cookie has great prices with lunch starting at \$4.75 and most dinners starting at \$7.95. Fortune Cookie is open 7 days a week (Monday-Saturday 11am-9pm; Sunday 4pm-9pm). Henry's winter visitor customers often come in when they return from their summer hiatus just to say hello and let him know they will be in soon.

Henry and Angela both graduated from Central High School in Phoenix. Henry opened his first restaurant in 2002 near 7th Avenue and Camelback, but the restaurant building had to be removed to make way for the light rail. He decided to come to Continental Ranch and opened the Fortune Cookie Restaurant in 2005.



Henry, Angela and their families live in Continental Ranch and have been active supporters of the community. Fortune Cookie has sponsored the Continental Ranch Swim Team (Go Gators!) along with Continental Ranch Little League teams.

Try the Fortune Cookie take-out and delivery, as well as their party trays. Call them at (520) 579-9313.

Anytime Fitness - 8245 N. Silverbell Rd., #175

Anytime Fitness is open 24/7 to it's members, and as a member you get access to all 1200+ clubs in the nation. You can find club locations and a free 7 day pass at anytimefitness.com. This club has been here for over 2 years. I am the manager, Hillary Caryl, and I am also a certified personal trainer. We have state of the art equipment, personal TVs on all of the cardio machines, showers,

and even a tanning bed with unlimited tanning for \$9.95 a month. With the new year on the way, and the holidays working your wallet we are offering:

- \$0 enrollment fee
- first month free with tanning (savings of \$100)
- free month with a friend referral
- complimentary Fitness Assesment with a Personal Trainer

I am here Mon- Thurs 10am-7pm and Fri 10am-5pm.



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 E-mail Blast

Continental Ranch Community Association provides an excellent service to its residents by sending out valuable information through E-mail communication! If you would like to take advantage of this free service, please read the form below.

E-mails that are sent from CRCA include:

Monthly Newsletters

Community Events

Helpful Reminders

E-mail Notification Request Form

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. 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.
4. I am responsible for keeping management apprised of E-mail changes; if an E-mail message is returned as not deliverable more than twice, it may be removed from the distribution list.

Add name to the CRCA e-mail notification list.

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Resident Signature: _____ Date: _____

Remove name from the CRCA e-mail notification list.

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Change email address currently enrolled on email notification list.

OLD E-mail Address: _____

NEW E-mail Address: _____

Please drop this form off at the Windmill Park Office (8am-6pm Mon-Fri)

CRCA Says Thanks! - To Marana Police Department

The speed limits on Twin Peaks Rd and Coachline Blvd are set at 35mph, to keep pedestrians and vehicles entering from residential neighborhoods safe. If you live in Continental Ranch, you probably know how fast vehicles can travel along the main thoroughfares. According to many CRCA residents, Coachline Boulevard has been an ongoing concern, as many cars regularly speed along at 50+ mph. With the new opening of the Twin Peaks Interchange, cars have been seen moving at 60+.

Upon request from the Board President, CRCA Management contacted the Marana Police traffic enforcement department to request assistance from patrol officers in encouraging speeders to slow down. Almost overnight, Marana Police responded to the concerns and increased their enforcement along Coachline Boulevard and Twin Peaks Road.

CRCA would like to thank Sergeant Brunenkant, and the rest of the officers at Marana Police Department, for being so responsive. Safety for the residents is a high priority in CRCA, and it was very pleasing to see Marana's police force treating the matter with serious concern.



Assessment Dues - Monthly Payment Options



Would monthly payment be easier for you? Currently, the Association billing is set for semi-annual assessments, which saves the Association's funds by reducing processing and the number of mailings that is done each year. CRCA realizes that monthly payments are easier for many folks to work into their budgets, rather than lump semi-annual payments. If this is the case for you, CRCA wants you to know that you can always make monthly payments in advance of the billing date, throughout the billing cycle, and CRCA Management will credit the payments to your account. Currently the dues are \$148.50 per 6-months, which works out to \$24.75 per month. Call or stop by the office if you would like further details!



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Seniors And Retirees Of CRCA

With the new year comes renewed commitment to SCRCR as we develop new ideas for activities for everyone's enjoyment. In October we looked to the challenge of electing/appointing officers and chairpersons for 2011 in several tasking positions according to abilities, interest and activities of the group.

We now welcome, congratulate and introduce our new officers and committee chairs who will serve for 2011: Jim Alam, President; Frank Triumph, Vice-president; Jeanne Lemieux, Secretary; Walt Ross, Treasurer. On our committees, we have as Host/Hostess, Alice King and Dennis Foster; Activities, Carol Altman; Refreshment Co-chairs, Val Roberts and Elaine Benn; Supplies, Linda Alam; Sunshine, John and Linda DiPalma; Philanthropy, Betty Bolin; Historian, Magda Quiroz; Busybody, JoAnn Ross. In addition, we have so many members who willingly assist with preparing membership rosters to assist the Vice-President, those who prepare promotional materials, serve on committees, help with table and chair setup and clean up after our Thursday meetings, drivers for physically challenged friends, etc. Working together, the tasks aren't overwhelming, we make new friends along the way, and with a membership of over 80 at the start of this new year, we look forward to a productive and interesting year ahead. We know there are lots of mature adults throughout the Continental Ranch community, and we encourage you to visit on a Thursday morning soon and allow us to share a cup of coffee with you!

Our December activities were necessarily limited, making it possible for our members to enjoy visiting family and friends, allowing added time for our own travel, and sharing our bounty and blessings among some of our less fortunate neighbors. Several of our members, who would have been alone on Thanksgiving or Christmas, gathered together for a special time of friendship and fellowship. JoAnn took charge of our holiday mail box once again, and we dropped off our holiday greeting cards for each other. We encouraged each one to donate the postage money saved to the philanthropic projects SCRCR supports! Our huge pile of holiday gifts

for Marana's children in need was delivered to the schools for distribution. We are a generous group, always encouraging giving to those with needs far greater than our own. Continental Ranch's growing business community generously contributed door prize gifts for our December holiday party, and we will offer our thanks to them individually in our next Windmill article and by supporting them throughout the coming year.

In January, we will "pick up the pace" once again! On Thursdays, (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th) we have scheduled our regular meetings with dominoes and bridge following. January birthdays will be celebrated on the 13th with our usual monthly birthday cake. On a regular basis, we will follow these regular meeting days with lunch somewhere in the local area at noon for anyone who might be interested. If there appears to be a large group, a quick phone call to the restaurant considered for that day will be made as fair warning that a hungry "lunch-bunch" is heading their way! We feel we not only benefit our members who enjoy regular lunch-out opportunities, but encourage our local restaurants with a little added support.

On Monday, the 3rd, lunch has been scheduled for everyone at the White Stallion Ranch, with a sign-up sheet and car-pooling list available. On Monday the 10th, a pot-luck picnic is scheduled for Crossroads Park, and again, car pools will be arranged for those needing transportation. We look to adding such things as dinner and the Mystery Theatre production in February, and of course, our annual Super Bowl party at the New Yorker on Sunday, February 6th is fast becoming a SCRCR tradition! More info on these outings to come!

Thought For The Day

Time and talents are gifts we all possess. For a "feel-good" day, give a gift of your time and talent to someone or something today!

This 'N That...

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
AND NEIGHBORS!

BOUGAINVILLEA

The Bougainvillea, a versatile, evergreen desert woody vine, flowers several times throughout the year and is native to the Brazilian coast. The most common type of Bougainvillea plant in the Tucson area has vibrant reddish pink flowers; however some varieties have more pink, salmon or purple blooms. This resilient and drought tolerant plant grows in a variety of different manners, including climbing vines and bushes, and can be trained to grow in various shapes and in many different sized spaces.

Before the Frost Comes

During the fall months, balanced pruning is needed for your Bougainvillea plant. Pruning should be done to keep the plant from encroaching on walkways or to keep the plant within its boundaries. However, you want to make sure not to drastically prune before frost season so you do not expose sensitive parts of the plant to the freezing temperatures. When the frost blankets the Southwest, the large portions of the plant that remain will turn a brownish black color and the leaves will drop, leaving just the stick portion of the plant for the winter. If you prune your plant excessively in the fall, there will not be much of the plant left when the frost damage is pruned away next spring. To ready your plant for the winter months, stop watering it around Thanksgiving for the winter and start watering again around mid-February when the daytime temperatures return to the 80s.

Winter

In the colder months, it is recommended that you not prune your Bougainvillea plant to help protect it from frost damage. For younger plants, you may want to cover your Bougainvillea with a light cloth or sheet on nights when frost is a threat. If your plant suffers frost damage, you should wait to prune it until spring when the frost threat is gone since the damaged portions of the plants act as insulation for the rest of the plant throughout the winter.

When Spring Arrives

Now that the frost has gone, it is time to prune your Bougainvillea to ready it for the new growing season. You



can choose to do a light prune, like you did in the fall and trim just the extremities of the plant or a hard prune which means you cut the plant down to almost the base to stimulate all new growth. When pruning, be sure to wear protective clothing as the Bougainvillea is a thorny plant. When daytime temperatures consistently reach the 80s again, you can begin regularly watering your plant material.

Planting New Bougainvillea

When installing a new Bougainvillea plant, you should keep a couple of things in mind. Since Bougainvillea can grow in a variety of space sizes, be sure to consider the fine root system of the plant and plant it in well-drained soils to prevent root rot. These plants prefer direct sunlight for at least 5 hours a day and because of the plants' constant blooms, it might not be the best plant to plant near a pool.



Allowed to grow naturally throughout spring and summer.



Pruned in spring to remove frost damage.



Lightly pruned in fall.

FROST DAMAGE

“Frost damage can occur between November and February.



What Can You Do?

Frost season typically runs mid-November through February. The frequency and intensity of frost can vary during this time of year due to a number of reasons, including elevation and population density. Plants that suffer frost damage are easily recognized by their blackish-brown fruit or leaves and shriveled shoots and stems.

Preventing Frost Damage

- Plant native plants. Selecting plants native to our environment ensures you use plants that are used to our weather. Non-native plants may not be as tolerant of this climate.
- Select western and southern exposure planting areas for frost-sensitive plants.
- Plant frost-sensitive plants near block walls, rocks and patios; rocks absorb heat from the sun and maintain a warmer temperature through the night.
- Cover bare soil with mulch to create a barrier between the frost and your planting areas.

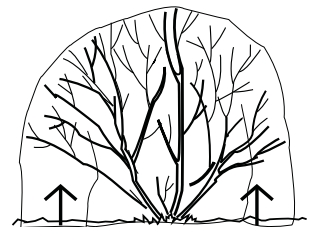
During the Frost

- Cover plants susceptible to frost-damage with cloth or paper to insulate them. Drape the paper or cloth all the way to the ground to help trap heat radiating from the ground under the cover. A nursery can help you identify material made specifically for covering plants.

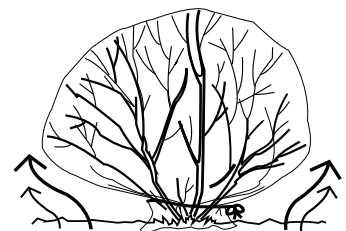
- Watering plants the night before a frost can help them stay warmer. Dehydrated plants are more susceptible to frost damage.
- Remove the cover after sunrise each morning.

Recovering From Frost Damage

- Do not prune frost-damaged shrubs or ground cover plants until the threat of frost is done, about mid-February. Pruning away frost damage too early can result in additional damage to the plant if it is hit by frost again.
- Prune frost-damaged trees after new growth has emerged, usually in early April. This way you are able to better prune and balance the tree since you can identify where growth is occurring and where the tree may be suffering from frost damage.
- Removing damaged areas stimulate new plant growth. It is important to wait to prune until the frost season is over since this new growth is especially sensitive to colder weather.



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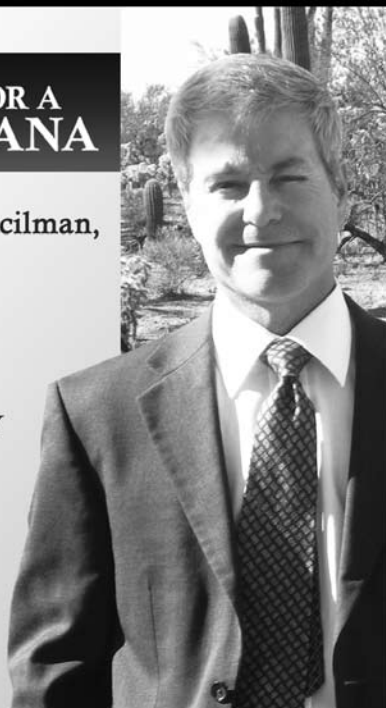


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