

CONTINENTAL RANCH

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2nd	Activities Committee 7 p.m. at WP
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President's Report

—John Lambert

Spring is just around the corner and the landscape committee has finalized a number of projects to be completed with warmer weather. Refurbishing of the entryways will start as soon as all danger of frost is gone. This project will involve removing 27 trees along Silverbell Road that are diseased or dying. The management company will be coordinating the removals so that the replacement trees will be planted shortly after the removals are completed. The sides of Twin Peaks road have been approved to receive additional plantings as well as the newly installed monument of the East end of CRCA. Windmill Park drainage basins will be reworked and brought up to code and the turf at Windmill Park and the baseball diamond will be renovated. This will require that a construction fence be installed around all of Windmill Park. The fencing will be erected the week prior to Easter and will remain up until the turf project has been completed. We understand that a lot of homeowners utilize the park so please be patient during this time and realize that the projects are very much needed to bring us into compliance with Town of Marana requirements as well as to eliminate liability issues with the current condition of the grass fields.

The new security cameras are up and running and hopefully will result in less vandalism of our common areas as we will have very clear pictures of those performing these senseless destructive acts. The new pool fencing has been installed on both pools replacing the rusted out fence that was actually falling down.

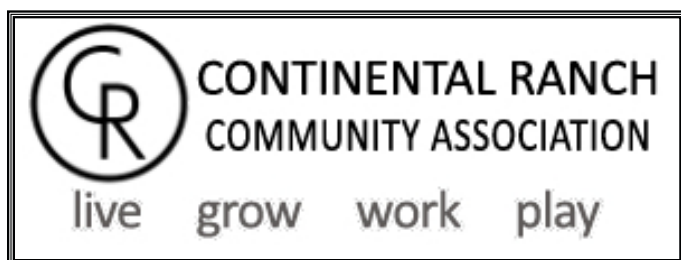


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President's Message Continued...

Having been a dog owner all of my life I truly love having canine companionship. Having a dog as a part of the family also comes with responsibilities. While I love dogs there are people who do not like dogs or are afraid of them. Please remember that Pima County has a leash law and that CRCA has a rule that all dogs must be on a leash when on CRCA common areas. Windmill Park is a great place to take your dog- but not off a leash! There have been numerous problems with unleashed dogs and owners not picking up after their dogs. There are signs at Windmill Park that some homeowners either choose to ignore or feel the rules do not apply to them. Any homeowner with an unleashed dog is subject to a \$100 fine for each occurrence as well as losing use of common areas (pools included) for 30 days for each occurrence. Please be a considerate dog owner and think of others who might not have the same love of your canine companion.

The activities committee is seeking help with the planned Easter egg hunt in April. Please consider volunteering so this can be a successful event for the kids.

Egg Hunt Needs Volunteers!

The Activities Committee has worked very hard to organize a fun filled Egg Hunt event this year...but the event needs volunteers to help make it happen!



Last year over 400 residents participated – and even more are expected this year. Anyone who can donate just a few hours of their time to bring joy to hundreds of our Community's children is encouraged to call the CRCA office. If interested, please call Jocelyn at the office 520-297-7600.

February Recap: Meeting At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of directors held 17 February 2011 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.

President, Mr. John Lambert introduced Mr. Rob Palfreyman as a proposed Director-appointee to the recently-vacated Directors' seat. Mr. Palfreyman was duly nominated and appointed by unanimous Board approval.

Consent Agenda Approvals

Committee minutes were received and acknowledged. No new appointments/resignations were noted.

Landscape Committee's several recommendations included proposals from DLC for monument entryway refurbishments, the Twin Peaks roadside landscape plantings, re-level turf of both ball fields including adding turf to the dirt path and installing a concrete border; tree pruning proposal by Brijer Resources and removal of 27 Acacia trees along Silverbell; proposal from Canyon Rent-a-fence. The Ad Hoc Committee for Twin Peaks was dissolved. The Community Manager's requests included announcement of the upcoming Reserve Study meeting, acceptance of the 2009-2010 audit, approval to purchase one additional camera from Guard Pro to be installed at the Windmill Park ball shed, and finalizing ADOT/Twin Peaks landscape repair with the Town of Marana.

Board Actions

A landscape proposal from DLC Resources for the Twin Peaks monument was approved, and the remainder of the Ad Hoc Committee's budget dollars will be re-directed to the Landscape Committee to complete the road rock installation after sign and landscape packages are paid. A request from a resident to have a section of common area deeded to him was denied. Reference was made to the CC&Rs requiring 2/3 homeowner vote for such

a transaction. A six-month interim maintenance contract is being considered for DLC Resources to align with the Association's fiscal year and budgetary preparation. An abandoned water fountain platform at Windmill Park will be removed. Plantings will be included at the end of the Weather Hill cul de sac which backs into Twin Peaks Road. A "no outlet" sign will be repositioned to caution vehicular activity. The Senior Citizens/Retirees of Continental Ranch have proposed installation of a flagpole/flag at the Community Center, to be paid by brick purchase and resident donation. Details will be presented at the next meeting for Board consideration.

Manager's Report

A successful Volunteer's Appreciation luncheon in January was noted. Work continues on the scanning of files and should be completed in February. The audit is complete; Reserve Study is underway. New chairs were delivered to the Community Center. The Tiger football team was denied use of the field due to low percentage of participation from within Continental Ranch. The pool is now closed at 6 p.m.; the fence project is in production; timers and security cameras are being installed. The Community Center pool overflowed due to a frozen/thawed fill valve. The Windmill Park backwash is now being routed around the office to the parking lot; basin construction will begin soon. Other maintenance projects were noted. Vandalism continues with monument lighting and a break-in of the baseball shed. Recently-received vandalism information has been turned over to the Police Department for investigation. An insurance payment was received to cover landscape damages as a result of the auto accident on Twin Peaks Road in December. A possible repositioning of school bus stops was discussed, which might eliminate some of the landscape damage being caused at corner monument locations. Bids are being solicited for HVAC at the Community Center.

Upcoming Dates

Board of Directors' Study Session, Thursday, 10 March 2011, 6:30 p.m., Community Center.
Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, 17 March 2011, 7:00 p.m., Community Center.

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. Continental Ranch Community Association once again offers the semi-annual program for your common area landscape maintenance contractor, DLC Resources, to 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
- Pre-emergent herbicides are designed to **prevent** seeds from germinating in the soil - **existing** weeds should be removed prior to pre-emergent application
- 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
- Pre-emergent is most effective when applied during the rainy season (Summer monsoon, or Nov. – Jan.)
- **Please water in the pre-emergent using a garden hose, up to two weeks after your yard is sprayed**



WANT TO KEEP THE WEEDS OUT OF YOUR YARD?

DLC Resources, will be offering pre-emergent weed spraying to Continental Ranch homeowners at a rate of \$47.00 per front yard. Spraying will take place March 21 through March 25, 2011. **If you would like to participate, please visit the Windmill Park management office and return this form with a check made payable to CRCA by March 14th.**

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone number: _____
Email: _____

Landscape Committee – Spring is in the Air!

After many winter months of careful planning, the Landscape Committee has recommended several notable projects to the CRCA Board of Directors. In February, the Board approved the Landscape Committee's plans for these projects.

A total of twenty two neighborhood entryway monuments were approved to receive much needed landscape refurbishment. The landscaped committee reviewed each and every monument in great detail. Every entryway monument was a unique situation, and some were found to allow for more planting than others. The Committee worked to develop designs that would be give year round color and be visually welcoming to traffic. Many entryways had plants which had been poorly placed when originally planted, and were blocking the view of the monument sign from the road. The new plans took sight-visibility in to account, so that when as the new vegetation matures it does not impede sight of the monuments. The Committee worked very hard to use a strategic palette of plant types in this project; some evergreen types, some summer bloom, some winter bloom, and some cactus and succulents to tie in with the sonorant desert. All locations will receive decorative rock replenishment also.



In case you're wondering, "where did the trees go?!", please be prepared that in coordination with the entryway monument project a couple dozen trees along Silverbell Road will be removed. The "Sweet Acacia" type trees along Silverbell Road were found to be struggling in poor health and infested with parasitic insects (tree boars). An arborist from the U of A cooperate extension was summoned out to verify. Their findings were consistent with other landscapers' assessment of the trees. Many of the entryway monument refurbishment plans call for replacing these Sweet Acacia trees with other types of new trees.

The Committee also finalized plans to finish restoration of Landscape along Twin Peaks Road, east of Coachline to approximately Clover Way. With the new I-10 interchange complete, it was decided that Twin Peaks was in need of some serious work. Over the years, the landscape along Twin Peaks had dwindled to a few scraggly shrubs and some decrepit struggling Ash trees. The wonderful response from the community about last year's Twin Peaks median improvements were well received. The Committee worked diligently to develop plans for the sides of the road, taking one more step toward creating a finished look along Twin Peaks Road.

The Windmill Field was also identified for much needed maintenance overhaul. Over the years, the Windmill Park baseball/softball field and football/soccer field have gotten out of level. As soil has shifted and gophers have run wild, the turf has developed many dips, pocks, and divots. The Board approved the Committee's plans to fix the turf. This involves "scalping" the turf (cutting it very low) during the transition period from winter rye grass to summer bermuda grass. Once the turf is scalped down, a layer of sand is brought in to top dress the surface and fill in imperfections. With a clean and level surface, the new season's bermuda grass will grow up through the sand for a sharp clean new playing field. In addition, there will be a concrete boarder to the football/soccer field installed. This will create an upscale look, providing for straight, clean edge lines to the perimeter of the field as well as keep grass from creeping into the surrounding decorative rock. This project is scheduled to take place at the end of April. **Please be advised that the Windmill Park field areas will be closed to the public in late April** (pool and playground will remain open). Read more about how it will affect use of the park in the 'Windmill Park – Under Construction' section of the April Windmill Newsletter.

Covenants Committee - Helpful Ideas



As you may or may not know, once per month the Covenants Committee meets to discuss topics involving the rules set forth in the CC&Rs. They work with the CRCA Management staff, at the direction of the CRCA Board of Directors, to help keep things in check throughout Continental Ranch. In the last several years, they have worked very hard to take a reasonable approach to help enforce the CC&Rs, while at the same time not being too overbearing. This month's article was published to help educate residents on creative approaches to overcoming some challenges which arise when trying to stay within compliance of the guidelines which are written in the governing documents.

One topic that the Committee faces on a regular basis is vehicles left on the street. While residents are encouraged to use the garage for its intended purpose – storage of vehicles – some residents need more space for their automobiles. One solution that some residents have utilized is the expansion of their original driveway. The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) frequently reviews plans submitted by residents to pour their driveway wider, or expansion by adding brick pavers to the sides of their driveway. For more information on the ARC submittal process, please contact the CRCA Management office.

Another topic that the Committee reviews often is the problem of weeds growing in residents' front yards. With Marana's warm (and hot) temperatures year-round, the climate provides an ideal environment for pesky weeds to pop up frequently. The maintenance to keep yards "weed free", as specified in the CC&Rs, can be quite a chore! In an effort to make this task easier for residents, the Association has made provisions in the landscape maintenance contract for a pre-emergent weed spraying service to be provided at a reasonable amount by the Association's common area landscape contractor. At local hardware stores and landscape nurseries, residents can also find similar products to apply to their yards themselves. If you would like to take advantage of the common area landscape contractor's spray service, please fill out the sign-up form found in this month's edition of the Windmill found on page 4.

A recent topic presented to the Covenants Committee by a concerned CRCA resident was the repeated obstruction of a community mailbox bank. The Committee hopes that residents will learn to be more considerate of their neighbors. It can be very frustrating to be unable to access one's mail when a mailbox has been blocked.

Another recent concern voiced by some residents in Continental Ranch pertains to vehicle mechanic work being performed in residents' front yards and driveways. If you are considering performing work on your vehicle at home, please consult the CC&Rs (section 5.2.7.5) to learn what is allowed in CRCA.

If you are a resident who has a complaint about CC&Rs violation occurring in your area, please feel free to visit the CRCA office and fill out a written complaint submittal. The complaint form is also available online, if you wish to print it and fill it out at home and then deliver it to the CRCA office. Photos may help support your complaint as well.

The friendly CRCA Management staff is available from 8am – 6pm Monday through Friday to answer your questions. If you have any questions about "what's allowed" in the CC&Rs, please don't hesitate to call them – they are happy to help!

Continental Ranch Community Association

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 23, 2011

Windmill Park

10am-1pm

**Pick up your tickets with a food donation
for the Marana Food Bank
at the Windmill Park office.**

Prizes & Raffles!

Food & Games!

Easter Bunny!

Jumping Castle and Balloon Art Fun!

The Activities Committee is in need of volunteers for this event!!!

Want to volunteer? Call Jocelyn at the office 297-7600.

This event is offered to CRCA residents only.



Changes in traffic control - Silverbell & Coachline

Attentive drivers may have noticed the recent modification in traffic control at Coachline & Silverbell. Drivers who frequent this intersection are conditioned to the old signs, which posted restricted right-turns made on red during certain times of the day.

The new signs limit “no right-turn on red” to only the times “when school children are present”.

The Town of Marana forwarded this information to CRCA Management, in hopes of raising awareness. The traffic control modifications were made for several reasons. One reason was to eliminate the restriction of traffic flow when unnecessary. Since the overall objective of the no right-turn on red was to create a safer situation for children, the Marana Traffic Engineering Department thought that this adjustment would be much more efficient. Another reason for the change was to bring uniformity with the other two new signal controlled intersections at Twin Peaks/Coachline & Twin Peaks/Silverbell. By promoting continuity between the various intersections, drivers should be less confused when driving through the area.



Thanks Tucson Turf!

Many Continental Ranch residents, who frequent the Windmill Park Pool, may see the three turf patches and not realize – it's not real grass! Synthetic turf has been used increasingly more often during the past decade, and pool-goers can often be seen using the lustrous green turf areas next to the Windmill Pool performing stretching and yoga exercises before and after enjoying their swim. Two years ago, CRCA received a generous donation of synthetic turf from Tucson Turf, LLC. While this turf is not the latest addition to CRCA, we thought it would be worth including a kind "thank you" to Tucson Turf for their contribution to the Community. Recently some of the turf needed to be serviced (to accommodate planting of a tree) and Tucson Turf's Toby Bourguet was very responsive to help with the task. He ended up supplying a whole new section of turf once the new tree was installed. Tucson Turf LLC. is a licensed, family owned and operated business that specializes in designing and installing waterless lawns (all of which are manufactured in the U.S.A.) in southern Arizona. – THANKS TUCSON TURF!



More information on Tucson Turf can be found at <http://www.tucsonturf.com/> or by calling Toby Bourguet at (520) 551-8873.

Volunteer in Police Service - Opportunities Available!

The Marana Police Department is recruiting residents and business owners who want to assist the department as part of the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program.

"The VIPS are one of our most important resources and many of our programs would not exist without their participation," said Officer Lori Sheppard, volunteer program coordinator for Marana Police. "Their dedication has allowed us to provide these programs to the community when police personnel might not be available."

VIPS member John Lutzel, a Heritage Highlands resident who has been with the program since it started more than seven years ago, said, "This has been a great experience for me because I like helping others. It has been an excellent way to get involved in our community."

The VIPS program offers opportunities in crime prevention, community patrol, administrative support and many other activities as opportunities arise. Specific activities include traffic control, school and neighborhood events, fingerprinting, Amber Alert, special event assistance and mobile command post support.

To qualify, program candidates must be 18 years of age, a Marana resident or business owner, have a valid driver's license, pass an extensive background investigation and have access to a computer and e-mail. A minimum commitment of eight hours per month is required. Winter residents are also welcome.

Training depends on area of interest. Following classroom training, orientation is conducted in specific areas of responsibility. There is additional field training and a ride-along with an officer required for those planning to participate in Citizen Patrol.

For those interested in joining the program, an application form is available by contacting Officer Sheppard at 382-2000 or lsheppard@marana.com.

WEED CONTROL

Soaking rains bring much-needed water to our desert environment, including plants. Rainwater is especially beneficial to plant material as rainwater is less alkaline than our irrigation water. While rain is a positive thing for our plants and irrigation water bills, it also helps weeds grow. For effective weed control in your yard, manual removal is the easiest way to get rid of a small number of weeds. To control weeds over a large area, herbicides are the most efficient tools available. There are two categories of herbicides for weed control: Pre-emergent and Post-emergent.

Post-emergent for winter weeds:

Post-emergent herbicides kill weeds that have germinated and are visible in the landscape. To kill weeds in winter months, you need to use a herbicide containing Diquat.

Spectracide products, which contain Diquat, are available for personal use at most home improvement stores or nurseries.



Brand: Spectracide
Name: Weed & Grass Killer, Concentrate
% of Diquat: 2.30%
Size: Liquid 32oz. qt.
Price: around \$17.00



Brand: Spectracide
Name: Weed Stop for Lawns, Concentrate
Size: Liquid 32oz. qt.
Price: around \$9.00



Pre-emergent herbicides:

Pre-emergent herbicides are designed to prevent seeds from germinating in the soil. They are most effective when applied during the rainy season. In Arizona, that means either before the summer monsoon in June & July or from October through January to take advantage of the winter rains. A timely application of pre-emergent can greatly reduce the number of weeds that germinate since it inhibits the weeds' roots and does not allow them to grow.



Brand: Monterey
Name: Weed Stopper II, Concentrate
Size: Liquid 32oz. qt.
Price: around \$40.00



Brand: Green Light
Name: Amaze
Size: Granular 8lb. bag
Price: around \$17.00

*Product label design and prices may vary. These products are Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved and have been deemed safe and reliable. No license is needed to apply most herbicides on your own property. DLC trains and maintains a crew of applicators to safely transport and apply these herbicides in your common areas. Our spray applicators are Licensed Pest Applicators by the State of Arizona Office of Pest Management. When dealing with any chemical, make sure to read the label and follow instructions carefully.



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!

Alt Barber Shop - 8245 N Silverbell Rd, #121

Hi, this is Barber Bob with Alt fashion Barber Shop LLC. While we are new to the Continental Ranch Community Association, we have been serving the Town of Marana for several years. In 2010, when I started looking around for a new location for my shop, I started asking the clients of the shop where they lived. Much to my surprise, I found that a lot of the shop clients lived on the west side of the freeway. I see a greater potential for growth and to serve a large community in need of an outstanding Alt (old) Fashion Barber Shop - so here we are!



Opening on November 2, 2010, (Election Day), we had an opening ceremony, with all of the entire day's receipts going to "Youth on their Own". All those that came had a good time. We offer old fashion service, such as shaves with hot steam towels, just like you see in the movies. We still shave around the ears and neck with a straight razor. This barber shop is family oriented with a comfortable atmosphere for one and all. We offer refreshments and lollipops for all that are young at heart.

All of our staff at Alt Fashion Barber Shop are here to serve our clients with the best possible cuts available. Our cuts start at \$16.00 for adults, which include eyebrows and ear hair trimmed too. Most important men's cuts include shaves around ears and neck. For Kids 12 and under, our cuts start at \$14.00. We are open Tuesday through Friday 8:30am to 5:30pm and Saturday 8:30am to 4:00 pm. Our phone number is 520-797-6566.

Domino's Pizza - 7730 N. Cortaro Road

Jim & Cassie Gerety are owners of the Domino's Pizza franchise stores here in Southern Arizona with 393 employees making, baking and delivering oven fresh pizzas to thousands of families. The first Domino's Pizza in Arizona opened here in Tucson in 1979 and grew from one single store to 22 serving the Tucson, Marana, Oro Valley, Green Valley, Sahuarita, Vail, and Sierra Vista cities.



Domino's Pizza has built its business on the concept of making fresh pizzas to order and delivering them quickly and safely to homes around the world. The menu has expanded over the years to include pasta, breadsticks, wings, salads, Coca-Cola, and desserts like Cinna Stix and Chocolate Lava Crunch Cakes. Domino's Pizza is proud to be an active part of the Tucson community whether it is helping schools fundraise with Dough Raising Nights, participating in community events, or coming to the aid of a community like Domino's did after the shootings on Jan 8th. Domino's Pizza donated hundreds of pizza to the first responders, medical personal treating the victims, the family members of the victims, and citizens who attended the nightly vigil at University Medical Center.

Domino's Pizza has been serving the Continental Ranch Community since 1994. The Domino's store is located at 7730 N. Cortaro Rd. and is open Sunday – Thursday 10am-12midnight, and Friday & Saturday 10am-1am. Orders are taken at the neighborhood store by calling 579-3030 or by ordering online at DOMINOS.COM.

Continental Ranch Community Wide Yard Sale!

April 9, 2011

7am – 2pm



Registration deadline is April 6, 2011. Please complete the form below and return it to the Windmill Park Office along with the \$5.00 registration fee. The registration fee will fund the production of maps as well as advertisement in local newspapers. Large Item Pick Up will be held on April 16, 2010. Check this month's newsletter for a list of acceptable items.

Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Please return to the CRCA Office by April 6, 2011.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Items for Sales:

For Office Use:

Date: _____ Fee Collected: _____ Check or Cash _____ Staff Initials: _____



Large-Item Trash Pickup Saturday April 16, 2011

Items NOT Acceptable For Bulk Trash Removal

Refrigerators/Freezers • Ice Makers • Washer/Dryer • Stoves • Dishwasher • Heaters
Air Conditioners • Appliances with Freon • Tires • Contaminated soil • Water
Batteries • Pesticides • Flammable Liquids • Propane/Gas Cylinders Oil • Paint
55-gallon drums • Medical Waste • Asbestos Material • Railroad Ties • Computers
Fluorescent bulbs and/or ballast • Construction material • Any hazardous waste-liquid

- All items must be on the curb by 6am and will be picked up by 6pm
- Items must be under 50 pounds and fit into a 6ft by 8ft area
- Landscape materials must be bundled – nothing over 3 feet in length
- Furniture OK to set out



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Seniors And Retirees Of CRCA

It is said that the month of March should “come in as a lion” and to out “as a lamb.” As this article is being written, there’s no telling what the weathermen will predict or what we will actually see on the weather map! We do know that on February 2nd, our little groundhog friend, Punxsutawney Phil, did NOT see his shadow in snowy Pennsylvania, indicating an early spring. It looks as though we just wait and take what comes!

Cheering and hollering was the tone of the day at February’s Super Bowl party! Our group managed to keep the noise level high throughout the afternoon and into the early evening, and although some were disappointed at the outcome while others were elated, everyone admitted to a good time of food and fellowship with SCRCR peers, and indeed everyone in the area! Reports of a great time were also shared from the group that went to the Arizona Opry this week. Great seats, good food, and wonderful music as presented by the Opry’s talented family group have made this another one of SCRCR’s very special annual functions!

As we look to activities planned in the month of March, we want to encourage our new members to pick and choose the activities which peek their interest, and venture along with the group in order to make new friends among the growing SCRCR family. Likewise, some of our long-standing members who have been absent in recent weeks due to vacations or illness are encouraged to come back and get re-acquainted with everyone.

On March 3rd, there will not be a meeting in the Community Center. We have scheduled a trip to Reid Park for Seniors’ Day activities at the zoo. Carpools are being formed, and we’ll enjoy a brown-bag lunch in the park. On the 10th, we will return to the Center with our monthly birthday celebration, and on the 11th, the casino enthusiasts will head out in that direction, carpooling from the Center promptly at 9 a.m. Regular meetings and games/bridge are scheduled for the 17th, 24th, and the 31st, and on those days, anyone opting to go to lunch within the community is encouraged to participate.

On the 18th, the group will visit the Miniature Museum and share luncheon “out.” The 28th will find us heading for Christopher Columbus Park on Silverbell for a pot luck picnic and games outing.

Boxes for our military will be packed again next month, so it is time to begin shopping for the many items that Betty needs for this project. A list of acceptable items is available at our meetings, as well as a funds jar if you prefer to donate a few dollars toward needed purchases. Non-perishable food items are gathered for the Marana Food Bank each week, and Betty has a funds jar for this purpose as well.

Several of our seniors were honored at the recent Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon, sponsored by our HOA. Our members are generous with their time, knowledge and talents. We want to add our appreciation to those who were honored at the luncheon, and thank the HOA for recognizing all the community volunteers who, working together, have made this a great place in which to live and work.

This ‘N That...

Visit the Renaissance Festival and Artisan Marketplace throughout the month of March. Information and tickets are available online: RenFestInfo.com. Special Olympics activities are upcoming, and we can’t forget the “wearing of the green” and special city-wide activities honoring St. Patrick’s Day.

Thought For The Day

The Star-Spangled Banner became our National Anthem on March 3rd, 1931. During these troubled times throughout the world, let’s all remember the freedoms we enjoy here at home, and give special thanks to our military families who support these freedoms in our behalf

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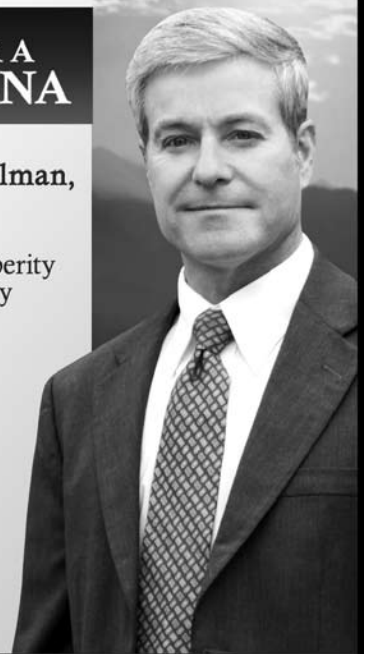
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- Author Unknown*



Dear Owners,

We congratulate CRCA's newest Board Member, Rob Palfreyman on being appointed to the Board. The Board of Directors approved the monument entry plantings throughout the community in the February Board Meeting. The Twin Peaks monument also has an approved landscape plan that you will see implemented in March. The new security cameras installation around the Windmill Park office and pool will be completed by March. Not only will the pool area be recorded, but the playground and ball shed will be areas recorded. Vandalism is taken very seriously at CRCA. The BOD has instructed us to prosecute anyone who damages your beautiful community. The new pool fencing is being installed as I write this to you.

Now that the weather is changing it is a good time to take advantage of the weed pre emergence spray program. The form is in the newsletter. Simply fill it out and bring it to the office by March 14th.

I encourage you to attend the Board study session on March 10th or the Board meeting March 17th at the community center. Lots of decisions are being made and you'll have firsthand insight in how decisions are reached.

Dale De Men, Community Manager

On behalf of the Staff;

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