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April 2011 Edition

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4th	Pool Committee 7 p.m. at WP
5th	Landscape Committee 7 p.m. at WP
6th	Activities Committee 6 p.m. at WP
7th	Seniors 9 a.m. at CC ARC 7 p.m. at WP
9th	Community Wide Yard Sale 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
12th	Covenants Committee 6 p.m. at WP
13th	Finance Committee 6:30 p.m. at WP
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16th	Waste Management Large Item Pick Up
21st	Seniors 9 a.m. at CC ARC 2 p.m. at WP Board & Executive Meeting 7 p.m. at CC
23rd	Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at WP
28th	Seniors 9 a.m. at CC
30th	CRCA office open 9am-1pm

CRCA Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 23, 2011

10am - 1pm

"Here comes Peter Cottontail, hoppin' down the bunny trail, hippity, hoppity, Easter's on its way..."

It's time again for the CRCA Easter Egg Hunt! Families are encouraged to bring a basket and join the hunt at the Windmill Park on Saturday, April 23rd. Tickets can be picked up at the Windmill Park office with a food donation for the Marana Food Bank, one item per ticket please.

The Easter Bunny will be there! Face painting, games, crafts to make n' take, a jumping castle and balloon art are just some of the great things to do at this years event. We will have food available from local vendors and raffles to win great prizes!

Last year's turn-out was outstanding, and over 400 residents attended the egg hunt!

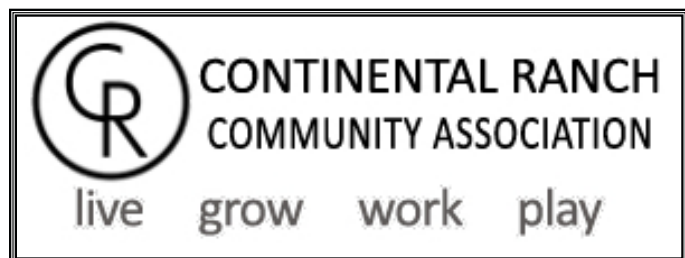


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Easter Egg Hunt Continued...

In hopes of exceeding that number this year, the Activities Committee has worked extra hard to make the egg hunt bigger and better with more eggs, activities, vendors, and prizes! To make sure everything runs smoothly, the Activities Committee is still in need of help for this event. If you would like to volunteer, even just a little of your time, please call Jocelyn at 297-7600. This event is offered to CRCA residents only.

Egg Hunt Schedule

AGE	TIME	LOCATION
0-2 Years	10:30 AM	Baseball Field
3-4 Years	10:45 AM	Football Field
Children with special needs	11:00 AM	Baseball Field
5-6 Years	11:15 AM	Football Field
7-8 Years	11:45 AM	Football Field
9-10 Years	12:15 PM	Football Field

Don't Forget!

CRCA Community Wide Yard Sale

April 9

7am - 2pm

YARD SALE

Details on Page 10

March Recap: Meeting At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held 17 March 2011 at the Community Center. Completed minutes are posted to the web site 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 minutes were received and acknowledged. No new appointments/resignations were noted.

Landscape Committee's several proposals from DLC Resources included installation of various cacti in common area, parcel 51; installation of concrete edging to the turf at the Coachline/Silverbell Monument; rehabilitate irrigation system to all Oak trees within and maintained by CRCA. The Reserve budget was increased by \$34,000 to reflect complete cost of the Windmill Park pool deck, per recommendation of the Finance Committee. The Community Manager's requests included sand filter needs at the Community Center pool, extending Windmill Park pool hours during Spring break with monitor on duty; new signage for both pools, purchase of a trash receptacle for the tot lot at Yellow Moon and Veridian; renewal of the Dell Server service contract for six months; purchase of two cages for lights at Desert Traditions from Sovereign Electric; renewal of the Windmill Park HVAC service contract with D&H for service in the Spring and Fall; acceptance of the 2011 Reserve Study; recommendation of a thank you letter to the Marana Town Engineer.

Board Actions

Disapproval of a dog park area recommendation for Windmill Park, requiring a 2/3 resident vote; authorization for a letter of thanks to the Marana Town Engineer for the Twin Peaks traffic study; fine disposition on three accounts as recommended by the Covenants Committee. Approval to purchase two HVAC Rheem units

for Community Center; prepare and issue RFPs for providers for re-hosting our existing web site services; approve the increase to the service contract of Oasis Pool Service; with bids to be requested for future service. The president requested the appointment of an ad hoc committee regarding recommendation from Senior Citizens/Retirees of Continental Ranch for a flag pole at the Community Center. Removal of the concrete pad and cap an irrigation line in Windmill Park field; decline core sampling as suggested for the Windmill park pool deck and move forward with repairs; three bids requested regarding Windmill Park parking lot seal coating.

Mr. Lambert inquired about the police report regarding recent vandalism. Information received from a witness was filed with the police to supplement the initial report. No additional information at this time.

Manager's Report

A return to summer scheduling for the pools was noted; cameras are installed and working; pool fence is up; the gate is still being worked on; the Twin Peaks monument lighting is still being worked on. A conference phone was purchased for Board meetings. The scanning project is taking longer than anticipated.

Upcoming Dates

Board of Directors' Study Session
Thursday, 14 April 2011, 6:30 p.m., Community Center.

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
Thursday, 21 April, 2011 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

All Committees – Upcoming budget items submitted not later than 11 May 2011.

Finance Committee Study Sessions (Budget)
25 May and 22 June 2011, 6:30 p.m. at the Windmill Park Board Room.

Pool Committee - What's new at the Pool

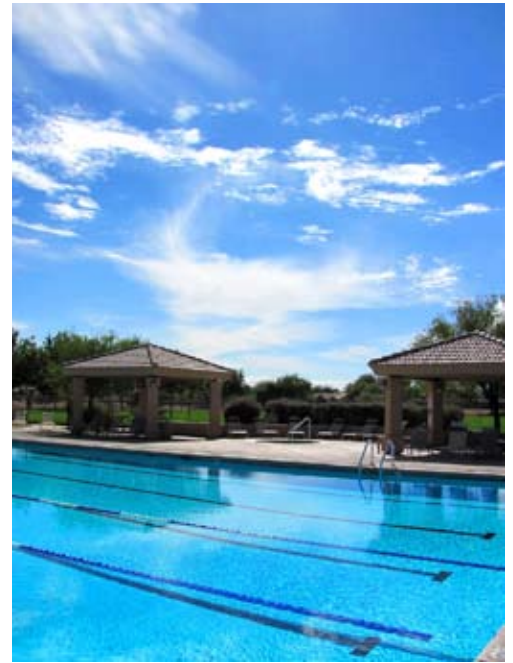
Greetings from the CRCA Pool Committee! What's new at the Pool this year? CRCA residents who visit the Windmill Park pool may notice the newly installed fencing surrounding the pool area. In February and March, A&M Fencing was contracted by the Association to replace the fencing at both CRCA pools. The original fencing had survived numerous repairs over the years and reached a condition where many of the support posts were severely rusted through. The new fencing is more sturdy and painted to match the CRCA building. The management office has received many compliments on the new look. The association is hopeful that the new style will be more resistant to trespassers who found the old fence easy to jump over.

Residents who visit the Windmill Park pool may also notice some new additions along the roofline of the building, overlooking the pool area. The project to upgrade the security cameras is now complete. Issues with pool misconduct can now be viewed in high definition, high resolution imaging. If you notice any issues in the pool area caused through misconduct by others, please report it to the management office as soon as possible. Be sure to note the time that the incident occurred, so that it is easily located on the video footage.

Once the Community Center pool opens at the beginning of May, visitors should look forward to the maintenance items that are being addressed this month. Along with the new fencing, the Board approved replacement of the numerous sun-aged signs around the pool area. The new signs will be made with UV-protected material so that they last much longer than the ones they are replacing. The sand filters were also due to have the media changed out this season. This will lead to clearer waters due to the renewed effectiveness of the filters with their fresh sand. This year's set of new annual replacement pool furniture was also delivered this spring. It will be swapped out with some of the aged furniture was scheduled to be replaced this year.

Pursuant to the 2010-2011 budget, the Pool Committee will be researching proposals to repair the Windmill Pool deck. This will be a sizeable project. The existing deck has various issues, some issues are related to the base concrete slab and some are due to the soil conditions found in Continental Ranch. The Committee and Board are taking this project very seriously, so that the repairs made will last for years into the future. If approved, this project is expected to take place after the summer season, once temperatures have reduced slightly.

The Pool Committee hopes that CRCA residents appreciate the work that has been done to keep our community's assets in good condition!



ARC – The job's not done till' the paper work is!

Those of you who are contemplating a project to perk up your home in the coming months might want to study the application form that you will be submitting to the ARC committee. On the application are instructions that cover the start and the finish of the project. It's the last step of project completion that this month's article talks about.



The CRCA management office is finding that about 50% or less of the approved project applications are being fully completed by homeowners. Upon completion homeowners are asked to provide the office with a photo of the finished job and a copy of the completed Marana building permit (if required) so as to keep all files updated. Without this information it causes the office staff extra time and man power to attempt to complete your file. The CRCA office has limited resources and is trying to do more with less in these tough economic times. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Please remember the important last step of the process. At the end of each ARC meeting we look forward to reviewing the completed projects and enjoy receiving the pictures sent in by the homeowners. It gives all of us a feeling of accomplishment that our time spent is making a difference in Continental Ranch.

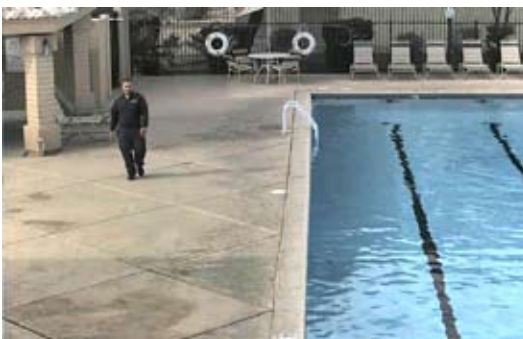
Security Update – Cameras fully functional

For avid readers of the Windmill Newsletter who have been following the ongoing vandalism saga in Continental Ranch, this article should be well received. The project to upgrade the security cameras at Windmill Park has been over a half year in the making. The Association's Board of Directors was very careful in their purchase of the camera system, especially since the previous system left much to be desired.



The problems faced in the past were due to poorly positioned cameras which did not have the capability of capturing images with high enough detail to use in court. The new system was installed in February, fine-tuned in March, and is now fully functional.

All cameras are strategically positioned, so that Windmill Park is fully covered, including coverage on the pool



area, playground, and field structures. Police should have no trouble identifying vandals who commit crimes on Association property. CRCA is fully prepared to prosecute criminal damage to its property.

Windmill Park - Under Construction

Several projects will be underway this spring at Windmill Park! Unfortunately for those who frequent the Windmill Park, they will have to wait for the projects to complete before the park is re-opened to the public. **The Pool and Playground will remain open, however, the baseball/softball field and the football/soccer field will be fenced off and closed to the public beginning April 18th, except for the Easter Egg Hunt.** Details on the work being done to the turf were published in last month's Windmill, which read:

"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."



In addition to the turf renovation, the drainage basins surrounding the football/soccer field will also undergo serious maintenance work. The work on the basins will be to restore proper flow for adequate drainage during storms. These basins have been problematic for many years. This project is believed to provide a long-term solution to keeping our basins in good functional condition.

The Windmill Park is scheduled to be closed to the public from April 18th thru mid June, except for the Easter Egg Hunt.

The exact date that it will re-open will be determined by the completion of the maintenance projects. The Association is making every effort to open the field as soon as possible. The Board of Directors for the Association regrets restricting access to the field, but it is necessary for these projects to occur so that CRCA can keep its assets in top condition and ensure the long term enjoyment for all CRCA residents. Closing the park is the only way to reduce safety liability hazards and eliminate interference with the projects, ensuring a quality finished product. You are encouraged to keep an eye on the www.crcatucson.com website for announcements regarding progress of the projects and anticipated dates of re-opening the park. As stated in the beginning of this article, **the pool and playground will remain open during the course of the project.**

CARE FOR YOUR OCOTILLO

Ocotillo, *Fouquieria splendens*, is a slow-growing plant native to the Southwest region. Boasting tall slender cane stalks that bloom with bright red-orange, trumpet shaped flowers, the Ocotillo is a popular desert landscape plant requiring little maintenance.

Ocotillo characteristics

- A mature plant typically reaches 12 feet high and 10 feet wide, but can grow much larger
- Thrive in full sunlight and attract hummingbirds
- Deciduous, meaning they shed their leaves through the winter months and leaf out after periods of sufficient soil moisture
- Can tolerate low temperatures down to 10° F before suffering serious injury or damage
- Red-orange flowers blossom in the Spring



The soil line on the root of the Ocotillo should be level with the ground when planting.

Planting your Ocotillo

According to the University of Arizona's Cooperative Extension, transplanting is best done March through May. Plant a bare-root Ocotillo in dry, loose, sandy soil with light to moderate amounts of organic content to ensure root development. To help the ocotillo from falling over or blowing down in a storm, large stones



may be placed over the root area (2-4 inches from the trunk). Ocotillos need full sunlight in open areas where surface water does not collect.

Little maintenance required

The Ocotillo is highly drought tolerant and considered a low-water-use plant. It will require irrigation after it has been planted. Avoid over watering the soil, as too much groundwater will cause the roots of the plant to rot. Instead, water by spraying the cane of the plant and keep the soil moist. Water newly planted Ocotillos once a day (typically for 10 minutes) and established Ocotillos every month or so.

The Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) recommends the "Do no harm" pruning method. Essentially, the best method of care for your Ocotillos is to only remove dead or diseased wood. This is particularly true for Ocotillos in the ground for less than three years.

Some degree of growth set-back is expected after planting. Wait patiently - these plants often look like they are dead, especially in periods of drought. With minimal care and watering, most Ocotillos will develop into attractive and healthy plants when left alone.

Resources

University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Office

AMWUA Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert Guide

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!

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JerryBobs caters to individuals and families who want great food at a good price with friendly service. The menu is filled with scrumptious items like Chicken Fried Steak, Steak and Eggs, Fried Chicken, Waffles, Pancakes, and much much more. The hours of business are: 6:00am to 2pm every day. Our phone number is 520-572-0937.

Seniors And Retirees Of CRCA

It seems like just yesterday that we shared our experiences in Easter egg coloring at the Center.

For a few years – in the early 2000's, we boiled dozens of eggs, and dyed them for the annual community Easter Egg hunt. Times have changed, and now the 84 dozen eggs we dutifully prepared back then have been replaced with candy-filled plastic eggs, but our services are still needed by way of volunteer support to make this a fun-filled day for our area youngsters. Telephone the Windmill office to let the staff know you are willing to give a few hours of help to the Easter bunny this year!

During April, gather with us at the Community Center on Thursdays—9:00 a.m. for coffee, goodies, and gab; 9:30 a.m. for a short business meeting, followed by dominoes, bridge, etc.

On a regular basis now, those who wish, carpool for Thursday lunch somewhere in the local area, as we endeavor to support our local merchants.

Betty reminds us to collect items for the military boxes, which will be packed and shipped later this month. Bring in any military addresses for family members serving in the armed forces overseas, so they may be included in the next shipment of boxes.

This 'N That...

Watch out for April Fool's Day – when so many of us get caught off guard and the “mature” gentlemen of SCRCR revert to their youth as happy pranksters! We honor religious observances for both Jewish and Christian communities—Passover, beginning on the 19th, Palm Sunday on the 17th, Good Friday on the 22nd, and Easter on the 24th. Then, there's that tax day on the 15th (drat!).

Last month, we speculated that March would come in like a lion and go out as a lamb, to quote that old phrase! Somewhere in mid-February, that lion roared for a couple of days with unusually cold weather, leaving many of us with frozen and spurting water pipes, and then later with a spectacular display of snow on our mountains and surrounding low lands. If you had spurting water pipes during the big freeze, be sure to contact the City of Tucson for a possible water bill adjustment recently announced.

Thought For The Day

Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give.

---Pope John XXIII.



Large-Item Trash Pickup Saturday April 16, 2011

Items NOT Acceptable For Bulk Trash Removal

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- 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

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.

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May 2011



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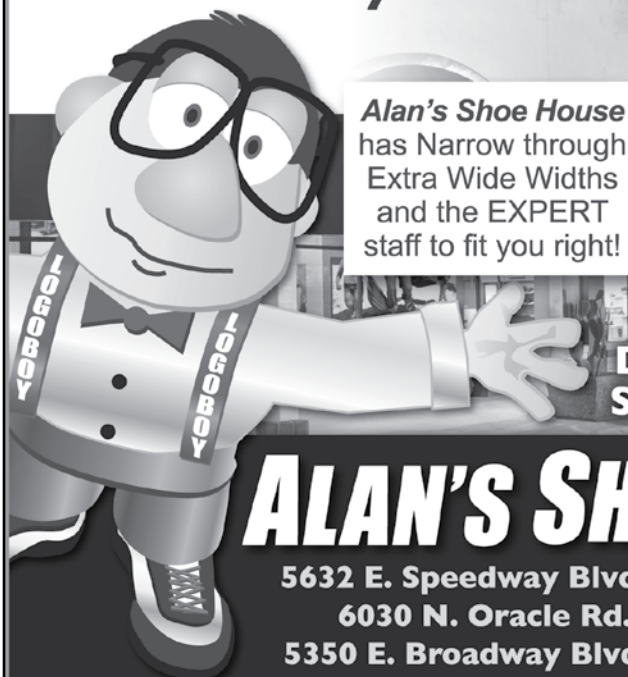
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Dear Owners,

April has arrived and the entire buzz is about the Egg Hunt on April 23rd. The community needs all the help you can spare to put on the event and do it well. Please contact Jocelyn if you can squeeze time to make a lot of CRCA children happy. I do not understand why it has been so difficult to find people to help...but it has been. It is your time and commitment to this event which allows it to happen. The committee has worked very hard to bring you a wonderful event. Now is the time to support the committee to make it work.

All around the Ranch you will see landscape improvements blooming. This is another committee that works very hard to improve our world. Please be careful while you are driving as DLC employees will be at monuments and in medians nurturing our new plants. We had over a hundred owners take advantage of the pre-emergence spray program. Thank you. The Covenants committee thanks you. They are about to be very busy as April rains bring May flowers...and weeds. You all know how we feel about weeds...

Please be patient while we resurface the Windmill Park ball field. The end results will be great!

I hope you can attend the Board study session on April 14th or the Board meeting April 21st at the community center. Come and be part of your association!

Dale De Men, Community Manager

On behalf of the Staff;

Josh, Aime, Paula and Jocelyn

And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom.

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