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President's Report -John Lambert

How quickly things change, and we all begin to forget the past. It seems like just yesterday that driving eastbound on Twin Peaks Road was a dusty dead end. Thanks to the Town of Marana, connection to the interstate was finally completed last year and is a great time and distance saver for many of us- not to mention no longer having to deal with the Cortaro Road interchange traffic by AZ Pavilions. The landscaping changes on Twin Peaks Road have made it a real gateway to our community that welcomes visitors and homeowners alike to a community with high standards of care. The landscape committee did a great job on this project and deserves a thank you from all of us. Something else that comes to mind is when we used to walk our dogs down Coachline Blvd. to Windmill Park- I got so tired of ducking down to get under the trees over hanging the sidewalk and even took to carrying my own pruners to trim the trees overhanging the sidewalks. Since changing the landscape company to DLC Resources, those problems are no more and our common areas have never looked so good. All entryway lights have been restored at the 25 monuments and the landscaping at the monuments has been updated to reflect the high standards of care that your BOD has come to expect for this community.

Four years ago I stated that I was working with the Town of Marana to try to improve the landscaping along Silverbell Road. This has been a long and involved project. The areas along Silverbell are owned by the Town. When associations such as CRCA are formed nowadays, the Town requires that the developer provide landscaping in areas like along Silverbell Road and

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REMINDER... MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA



Join us Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the CC from

1-3pm for a Mother Daughter Tea. This is a new event for women of all ages. Bring your own tea cup and the committee will furnish the teas and goodies.

This should be a fun event and a good way to meet some of your neighbors. All women are daughters so bring a friend or come alone.

Please RSVP with the office at 297-7600. We are looking for a minimum of 25 people to sign up before finalizing this event.

President's Report Continued...

the association is required to maintain it thereafter. For whatever reason, this was not the case with CRCA and Siverbell.

This Board decided that this project came with too high of a cost for the Association to assume responsibility over, which would undoubtedly force dues to go up. Nonetheless, Silverbell Road is not the "landscaped parkway" described in the Town's strategic plan for this corridor in CRCA.

Over the last few years while working closely with Gilbert Davidson, Town Manager, it became apparent that the downturn in the economy restricted the Town's abilities to tackle such a project. Gilbert had his staff looking into grant monies and other possible ways to improve the landscaping on Silverbell Road. I am very happy to report that I met with the town on July 17th and that the town council has approved \$100,000 to start improvements along the Silverbell Road corridor. The existing trees are slowly dying because of no irrigation and the dust blowing from the unrocked areas are real concerns. What has been decided is to start at the south end of CRCA on Silverbell Road (by Fry's) and get irrigation, some landscaping, and rock added; hopefully from River's Edge up to Wade Road or as far as the budget will allow. We are hoping to be able to get the town to continue funding this project every year so that Silverbell becomes a real asset to both the Town and CRCA. No homeowners assessment dues will be used to fund any aspect of this beautification project; the Town is backing this effort. I would like to thank Roxanne Ziegler, Town Council member and a member of your BOD, for helping to champion this project with the council. Without her and Gilbert's help on this we would not be where we are with improving the landscaping along Silverbell Road. The spirit of partnering between the Town and the CRCA Board of Directors can only make Marana and CRCA the type of community we all want.

On a side note, please remember school will be starting again shortly so please watch out for the kids along our streets. The elementary age children are out really early so be extra careful as they can be preoccupied and not paying attention to cars.

July Recap: Meeting At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held 19 July 2012 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.

Opening Announcement

President Lambert introduced a new agenda format with prepared statements indicating proper procedures to be followed in handling the business of the meeting. Mr. Lambert also clarified his position and authorization within Roberts' Rules of Order to present motions and vote as needed.

Call to the Public

Formerly "Open Forum." A signed petition calling for the resignation of Mr. Lambert from the Board of Directors will be forwarded to legal counsel for a ruling on how to proceed.

Recent Correspondence

Countryside Karate of Arizona requesting rental of the Community Center for 40 weeks at a discounted rental rate was denied as a private business venture not within Continental Ranch.

Board Actions

The Consent Agenda included receipt of committee minutes and approval of routine items not requiring Board discussion. All covenants recommendations were included along with a recommendation to approve an updated covenants' policy. Pool Committee's recommendation to appoint Mr. Elwood Smith to the committee was approved. Finance reports will be considered at the August Board meeting.

Election ballots for 2012 will now require a homeowners' signature directly on the ballot in order to verify authorization to vote should the need arise. A motion to approve a resolution clarifying Bylaws 3.8.2 regarding a minimum slate of candidates for election was disapproved. A motion to consult counsel regarding the candidates already selected by the Nominating Committee to date was approved. The 2011 Election Committee was dismissed; new Election Committee to be appointed in August.

Action postponed on recording all committee meetings for Board review. R.P. Streiff Exterminating proposal for termite service, and Pro-Care Janitorial and Maintenance contract, for additional Community Center floor cleaning were both approved. Three maintenance contracts have been updated—Oasis Pool Service, Pro-Care Janitorial, R.P. Streiff Exterminating, with action postponed. Mr. Lemieux suggested Pro-Care contracts be rolled together into a standard contract when contract update is due.

Manager's Report

Mr. Seng reported on the daily operation of the management staff. Landscape projects are underway— Windmill field tree planter bed project, soil stabilization of the Windmill basin, and monitoring landscape conditions. Monument lighting project is ready to begin; security camera replacement at the Community Center is in progress. Community Center lighting issues are in discussion with the Town of Marana and the electrical engineer. Killer Shade has now rescinded its proposal to move the shade structure from the kiddie pool to the Mountain Sky Pocket Park. Other bids will be requested. Assessment arrears of several homeowners were addressed, with certified notices mailed and accounts to be moved to collection if not cleared by 1 August.

Closing Comments

Mr. Lambert announced that at a recent meeting with Town of Marana personnel, \$100,000 in landscaping and irrigation upgrades has been approved with work to be started shortly on islands and both sides of Silverbell to Wade Road.

Upcoming Dates

Nominating Committee Meeting: Monday, 30 July 2012, 5:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

Board Study Session to review the 2013 proposed budget: Thursday, 9 August 2012, 6:30 p.m. in the Windmill Park complex.

DLC Resources/Landscape Committee forum with residents and breakfast hosted by DLC: Saturday, 11 August 2012, 9am-11am, in the Community Center. Reservations suggested.

Candidates for Board positions: Petitions due 15 August 2012.

Board of Directors' meeting: Thursday, 16 August 2012, 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Activities' Committee Mother/Daughter Tea: Saturday, 15 September 2012, 1-3:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Reservations requested.

Community Center Lighting Improvements

The month of August should be an exciting month, as the various projects that are underway in the neighborhood reach completion. One such project that is expected to be completed during August is the lighting improvement at the CRCA Community Center. Several different issues are being address.

The first aspect of the lighting improvement is to remedy concerns about lack of illumination in the front of

the building. While the majority of the parking lot to the north is very well lit, the smaller portion of the parking lot directly in front of the Community Center has always been very dark. Those who attend the evening Board meetings have often times mentioned how hard it is to see, especially when trying to navigate the several step-ups over curbs when walking from the parking lot to the building. The new lighting installation will add several new lights across the front of the building which should dramatically help with the visibility levels.

Another component of this project will be replacing the overly-bright parking lot pole lights. The old lights were extremely bright 1000-watt high pressure sodium bulbs, which not only created considerable light pollution but also used a lot of electricity. This portion of the project is where CRCA will really see some advantages. The calculations which factor in the energy savings versus the cost of the project showed that by replacing these bulbs with high-efficiency LED fixtures, the total project should pay for itself in approximately 4 years. The life of the new bulbs is estimated to be 12 - 13 years with no maintenance.



Of course homes that surround the Community Center area should also be pleased to find that the new lighting will be much less obtrusive, since the brightness levels of the new lighting will be more suitable for the application.

The final part of this project entails the updating of the Community Center pool area lights. The old lights were simple fixtures mounted on small poles extending from the eves of the building. The old lights did not shine in a focused downward direction, and most of the light that they produced was wasted by shining off into different directions – not down onto the pool deck. The new lights will be "full cut-off", which means all of the light they produce will be used to illuminate the proper areas. Surrounding residences should also appreciate this upgrade. Not only will the new fixtures make better use of the light they emit, there will be much better overall coverage so that the entire pool area has improved illumination.

All fixtures that are being used in this project are "dark sky compliant" and all are high quality / high efficiency LED bulbs. The fixtures come with built-in heat sensors that can automatically shut down the fixture if a certain temperature is exceeded; the housing are powder coated die-cast aluminum with external air-flow "fins" for improved heat dissipation.

Landscape Education and Pancake Breakfast

Come join the fun and learn some things about landscaping!

The CRCA landscape contractor, DLC Resources, will be donating their time, knowledge, and pancake mix to host a community event on August 11th at 9am. Pancakes will be served fresh and the Landscape guys will present information about desert landscaping tips and practices. Bring your flapjack appetite and landscape questions to the CRCA Community Center on Saturday the 11th.

This event coordinated by the CRCA Activities Committee, is a free get-together for all CRCA residents and should be a great time.



Previous DLC Community Event

Something Creative for Afterschool!

August is here and school is starting! Are you looking for a safe, fun place for your children after school? AZ Rose Theatre and Create with a Beat are offering a program that is right up your alley.



The Marana Youth Enrichment Program is returning for a third school year and is now enrolling! Participants will have the chance to dabble in acting, clowning, music, dance, magic and mulit-

media art. This range of creative outlets is hosted through a partnership between the AZ Rose Theater and Create with a Beat. Together they make a great place for kids to express themselves, socialize and develop new interest.

The Youth Enrichment Program will run in monthly sessions; Monday – Friday; school dismissal to 6:00 p.m. Program will be held daily at Twin Peaks Elementary and is open to students from all schools, ages 5 to 12 years old. Rattlesnake Ridge, participants will be bussed

from Rattlesnake Ridge to Twin Peaks daily for this program. Parents will pick children up at Twin Peaks Elementary. Prices and more information are available online at www.marana.com.

Looking for something a little different?

Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/maranaparksandrecreation.

CRCA Landscape Plants

In a follow up to last month's 'Maturing Landscape' article, this month we'll feature more information about some of the plants that were selected by the Landscape Committee back in October 2010, and are continued to be used for new projects. Back in 2010, during preparation for the major project to restore the landscaping for all CRCA monument entryways (completed in 2011), the Landscape Committee analyzed dozens of various plant types which would provide year round greenery and colored blooms to the CRCA landscape. The Committee also carefully followed the Arizona Department of Water Resources "Drought Tolerant/Low Water Use Plant List" to be sure that all plants would be ADWR compliant and be hardy for the climate here in CRCA.

You might see some particular varieties that have been used often recently and wonder what they are and why they were used.

Swan Hill Olive Trees – *"Clean, Green, & Hardy!"* These trees were used a lot during the recent plantings, primarily down Twin Peaks and at Windmill Park. This fruitless variety Olive Tree is very hardy in the Tucson climate, and keeps its leaves year round. Importantly, these trees do not produce the high levels of



Tombstone Roses

pollen that many other types of trees do, and they do not drop excessive amounts of seed pods or other litter.

Tombstone Roses – These aren't your garden variety type of roses, rather they are a hardy and drought tolerant species which got their nickname from Tombstone, Arizona where the Guinness title of "World's Largest Rose

Bush" was given. You'll see these mainly along Twin Peaks Road. These plants have proven to survive very well

in CRCA – some having done well in areas of the community for over 15 years now. They provide year round greenery and a white or yellow flower during the spring.

Texas Mountain Laurel – These extremely hardy plants can be grown into shrubs or trees and have vibrant green foliage and large purple bloom clusters in the spring.

Hedgehog cacti – Low lying and native to the Sonoran Desert, these cacti were used at several monuments and in the Twin Peaks median and can be spotted by lucky observers when their bright magenta flowers bloom.



Texas Mountain Laurel

Golden Barrel cacti – These small globe shaped cacti have bright golden showy spines which make this an excellent accent piece and have been used throughout CRCA.

Yellow Bells & Orange Jubilee – These similar looking shrubs get quite large and can be recognized for their lovely bell-shaped blooms, in bright orange or yellow. These get trimmed back from the winter cold, but grow back vigorously during spring and summer.

Lantana – Most folks are familiar with these low lying shrubs, which offer a variety of vibrant blooms that burst with color heavily throughout spring,



Golden Barrel Cacti

Dwarf Bottlebrush

in most areas, since they provide so much great color.

Dwarf Bottlebrush – These compact shrubs stay green year round, provide a bright red "bottlebrush" bloom, and maintain a small size that makes them idea for use in areas where small plant size is critical.

Red Bird of Paradise – These Tucson "classics" are frequently used because of their beautiful bright red flowers and because they attract butterflies and humming birds.

These are just a few of the various types of plants which have been used in throughout the community, most of which were already used in other areas of CRCA in the past. The Committee wanted to

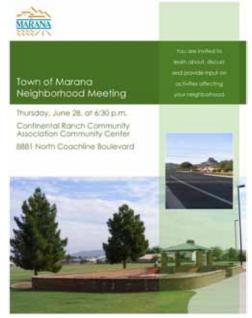
continue using the varieties that had already been planted in CRCA, focusing on the ones that give the most color and have a proven history for being hardy in CRCA.

summer, and fall. You'll see purple, yellow, red, pink, orange, and white varieties throughout the community

Town of Marana Neighborhood Meeting

On June 28th Marana Mayor Ed Honea, Vice Mayor Patti Comerford, Town Manager Gilbert Davidson, and staff met with Continental Ranch residents to have a conversation about the Town and their neighborhood. Town staff presented information about the Town's new mobile application for smart phones, My Marana and distributed news updates, provided information about upcoming projects and programs, and discussed community safety and neighborhood watch programs.

Town representatives then listen to comments and answered questions from residents. Neighbors requested that the Town continue to facilitate neighborhood meetings on a quarterly basis. The next Continental Ranch neighborhood meeting is expected to be held in September.



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!

Help-U-Sell Galleria Realty 8245 N. Silverbell Road, #167A

Help-U-Sell Galleria Realty has recently relocated to Continental Ranch. Located at the Continental Ranch Shopping Center at the corner of Silverbell and Wade Roads, Help-U-Sell is a full service residential real estate company specializing in Continental Ranch, Continental Reserve and Sunflower Communities.

John & Maria Powell, the owners of Help-U-Sell have been saving Tucson homeowners thousands of dollars in real estate commissions since 1989. Help-U-Sells' business model is unique in that instead of charging homeowners high commissions based on the price of their home, they charge a reasonable set fee that can literally



save sellers thousands of dollars in home equity. John Powell explains, "Why should a seller of a \$150,000.00 home have to spend \$9,000.00 to sell their home and the seller of a \$250,000.00 home spend \$15,000.00? What is the realtor doing different? "We do the same thing for as low as \$2,950.00 and all of our fees are paid at closing, No Upfront Fees." Maria ads," with real estate values declining as much as 50% since the highs of 2006 sellers need alternatives to save as much of their remaining equity as possible". Maria is also a Certified Distressed Property Expert (CDPE) and has helped dozens of underwater homeowners avoid foreclosure by negotiating a short sale with their lender.

Help-U-Sell employs state of the art technology including: smart phone GPS home search apps, short code marketing, and QR code marketing, as well as more traditional marketing, for a fast sale for their clients homes

For more information check out our website at: www.shoptucsonhomes.com or call us at 520-579-6930

CRCA Vendor Spotlight

Continental Ranch is a wonderful large community, and along with its size comes a lot of upkeep to ensure things stay in good condition for all members to enjoy. Most residents may not be familiar with some of the vendors who the Association hires to keep things nice. Please tune into this section each month to learn more about the regular vendors of CRCA.

DLC Resources

Continental Ranch has over 3.5 million square feet of common area, which needs constant attention to maintain the high standard that the CC&Rs require and the CRCA Board of Directors expects! DLC Resources has been in operation since 1989, predominant in the



Phoenix metropolitan area until they expanded a few years ago when they opened an office in Tucson and began servicing several Tucson area homeowners associations, including CRCA. DLC Resources specializes in master planned communities; essentially the only type of accounts that they handle, with few exceptions.

The selection process to hire DLC was a rigorous one! In 2009, CRCA began the development of the official "Request for Proposal" (RFP), which took approximately six months to fine tune to properly address all the needs of the CRCA landscape maintenance. Once the RFP was ready, it was distributed to all the major landscape contractors in the area – eleven total, to be exact. The Committee & Board took another four months after the RFPs were issued to evaluate the proposals, narrow down the list of contenders, and check the references. The Committee & Board even took their group tour to inspect the reference properties from Green Valley to Queen Creek. DLC Resources was awarded the contract in April 2010, based off the proposal cost in relation to budget, the quality of work noted during the inspection tour, and exceptional feedback received from their reference checks.

While most residents see the DLC Resources work trucks and green mule carts roaming around, you may not be familiar with all the work that is entailed; there's a lot more than just trimming bushes. The crew is on site 5-days per week and cycles through each section of CRCA on a rotation. An aggressive weed control program is in place through the use of pre-emergent post-emergent spray to keep common areas in top shape. The crews strive to keep tree canopies trimmed nicely, especially over sidewalks, and clean up bean pods and fallen leaves. There are six turf areas scattered through CRCA, which are all mowed weekly and fertilized regularly. The irrigation for turf and all plants is constantly monitored – with a million square feet of common area, irrigation is a big responsibility! These are just a few of the many tasks that the landscape maintenance job includes.

DLC Resources has also donated many courtesy services to the community. They have helped with quite a few random resident emergencies, provided and cooked lunch for the 2012 volunteer luncheon, and will be hosting pancake breakfast for a community educational class, where they will provide landscaping tips to residents. They have also been extremely helpful during the development of a project by the Town of Marana to landscape its roadside right-of-ways along the Silverbell Road corridor.

The Windmill Park Project

The project for enhancing the Windmill Park picnic area continues! A portion of this project was completed in July, and is expected to finish up this month. You may have read some basic information about this project in past editions of the newsletter, but here are more details on each component of the project (actually this is the combination of a couple projects).

Sycamore Tree removals – For the last couple years, the health of the Sycamore Trees has been monitored and questioned. Each spring the new leaves fill in and look quite nice, but by summer they begin to scorch and turn brown. The U of A Cooperative Extension arborists have been a great help, and have been consulted numerous times for various issues including this one. The bottom line for these trees was that they are not desert adapted and have a difficult time in the Sonoran Desert climate. The Landscape Committee felt that it was a bad choice to spend Association funds in hopes that they wouldn't



Setting the Irrigation

bite the dust

Marking Out the Plan

at some point in the future. The Board agreed and approved removing these trees to make way for use of a better suited variety. CRCA thanks the arborists of U of A Cooperative Extension for all their valuable knowledge, which they donate free of charge.

Raised Planter Beds for new trees – Growing trees in areas where there is grass can be a challenge, since the grass competes for the irrigation that the trees need to reach deep in the soil for their thirsty roots. In hopes of accomplishing two goals, the Board approved the installation of five 12-foot wide raised block planter beds. These raised beds will provide additional areas for seating in the park (especially handy during events), and will allow for

new trees to be planted in the turf area to replace the struggling Sycamores that were removed. As the new

trees mature, they will provide shade to the picnic & barbecue area that so many residents love to enjoy at Windmill Park. The preparations for the planter beds include pipes for concealed drainage, so that the beds don't drain out onto the surrounding picnic area.



Digging the Footers

The Windmill Park Project Continued...



Adding the Base Material

Brick Paver Walkway continuation – So many compliments have been heard since 2010 when the old cracked concrete entryway to the Windmill Office was replaced with brick pavers. You may recall that not only did the brick pavers bring a "classier" look to the office, they were about half the price of concrete. The Board approved plans to continue the walkway out to the picnic ramadas, and to fill in the area between the ramadas with brick

as well. The hopes is that this will provide a better activities area around the ramadas, and that the pathway

will allow handicap access to the picnic areas as well. It was observed at past Easter egg hunt events that some the turf was a difficult terrain for some to navigate over to get to the ramadas.



The walkway should provide easier access for some, and bring about a pleasing aesthetic accent to the park in general.



Compacting the Base Material

Setting the Blocks



Planter Beds



Planter Beds

Behind the Scenes

While the CRCA Board of Directors are very well acquainted with the Association's administrative operations, most residents do not know the inner workings of what occurs behind the scenes, including the accounting practices which occur for CRCA.

The Staff

The accounting services are provided by the management staff, as has been the tradition for many years. Aime Salinas, Accounts Manager for HOA Management Solutions, has a bachelor's degree in business accounting. Daily, she handles processing of all accounts, including receipt and input of assessment dues, managing late accounts, payment of vendors, bank deposits, and nearly everything to do with financials. The Community Manager, Board of Directors, and Finance Committee each review different areas within the financials as a system of checks and balances.

The Software

The current accounting system is part of the overall resident database software, called Village Management Software (VMS), which was brought online in 2009 when HOA Management Solutions was hired as the management company. The accounting aspect of VMS comes with many safeguards to protect the Association's monetary assets, which is more important than you might realize. Unfortunately it is a sad truth that many times in the world of HOAs, funds go missing or unaccounted for when circumstances arise. The VMS accounting database has been



designed to minimize the risk of accidental or intentional manipulation, and helps to give members of the Association peace-of-mind to know their assets are all accurately accounted for.

The full benefits of VMS are challenging to grasp without a comprehensive understanding of the HOA accounting field. Without getting too technical, some of the benefits that should appeal to all CRCA resident are:

- 1. Once entries are input into the VMS system, the software safeguards against manipulating the figures by locking these entries in and creates a traceable trail within the system so that everything is accounted for.
- 2. VMS software communicates directly with the bank deposit "lock box" this means that dues which are mailed in the small envelope provided with each statement, are received and deposited at the bank's lockbox.
- 3. VMS integrates with the bank's online payment center, which provides residents with options to pay online by credit card or e-check. These convenient options had not previously been available to CRCA residents.

VMS has many other features and functions beyond accounting, however, this is a snapshot of some benefits of the VMS software pertaining to the financials.

The Audit

Annually, the Board of Directors hires a financial audit of the records, as required by law (ARS 33-1810), which has been handled by J. Todd Lundering CPA for the last 3 consecutive years. The audit report has gotten increasingly better over the last couple years; this past year's review was outstanding and exceptionally clean.

Seniors And Retirees Of CRCA

These are dog days of summer, high humidity, temperatures, monsoon rains and spectacular lightning displays – great isn't it?

Some local area items of interest for August 2012:

- Dog Days of Summer- August 2012
 o Walkers and their dogs are welcome at Tucson Botanical Gardens every Tuesday in August. Bring a leash, water for you and your dog and waste disposal bags.
 - o 2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712 Phone: 520-326-9786 ext. 10
- Marana Bluegrass Summer Concert Series
 - o Band Providence
 - o Location: Crossroads at Silverbell District Park
 - o When: 8/11/2012- beginning at 7:00 pm.
 - o Cost: FREE
- Summer Dive-In Movies
 - o Location: Marana Pool @ 13250 North Lon Adams Road, Marana, AZ 85635.
 - o When: 18 August 2012 @ 7:30 pm.
 - o What: Movie- "Dolphin Tale"

One of the latest activities the SCRCR enjoyed was the Sonoita Vineyards located in Elgin, Arizona. When learning of this outing, which was put together by our activities committee, some had the same response as I did - A vineyard in Arizona? How is that possible? We live in a desert. Well it's not only possible but it is a great place to visit. The ride down to the Sonoita Vineyards is a very pleasant trip about an hour and a half down highway 83 with varied scenery atypical of the normal desert landscape. When we left Continental Ranch it was 101 degrees yet at the Sonoita Vineyards it was a pleasant 89 degrees attributable their altitude of 4800 feet. Enjoyed during the outing were tastings of eight varietal wines made by the Sonoita Vineyards. Their

business mainly depends on the sale of wine that was enjoyed by the visiting public during these tastings. Along with the wine tasting was an in depth presentation that described the origin of the vineyard and Dr. Gordon Dutt, founder and original winemaker at Sonoita Vineyards. Below is a link to the vineyard:

http://www.sonoitavineyards.com/home.html

We are always seeking members from our community. SCRCR is essentially an extended family and social gathering that includes activities of all descriptions. If you are a couple, a single, a winter resident, a senior or retiree you are welcome to visit our group on Thursday mornings at the Continental Ranch Community Center and "try us out". The Refreshment Committee always ensures we have goodies to enjoy which are ready at 9 a.m., and after our short meeting which begins at 9:30 a.m. there are card games and domino's to play. Come on by - we'd like to meet you!

This 'N That

• The children are out of school, please be careful!

Thought For The Day

"Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day; wisdom consists in not exceeding the limit."

~Elbert Hubbard



August 2012

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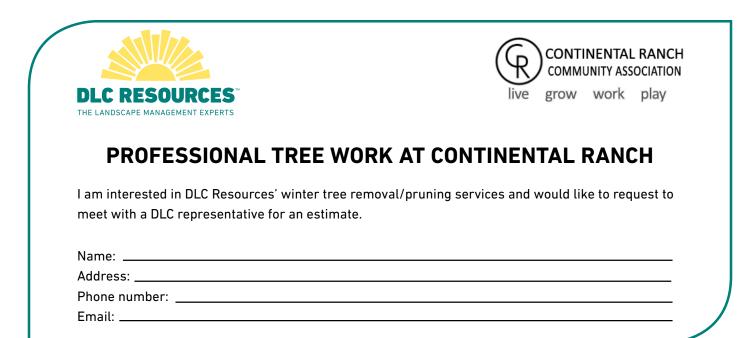


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| Address: | City: | State: | Zip |
| Tee Time Request: 1st Choice: | 2nd Choice: | 3rd Ch | oice: |
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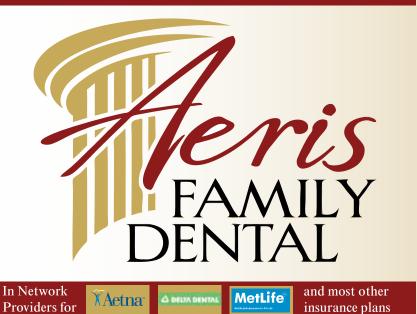
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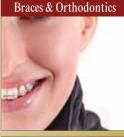
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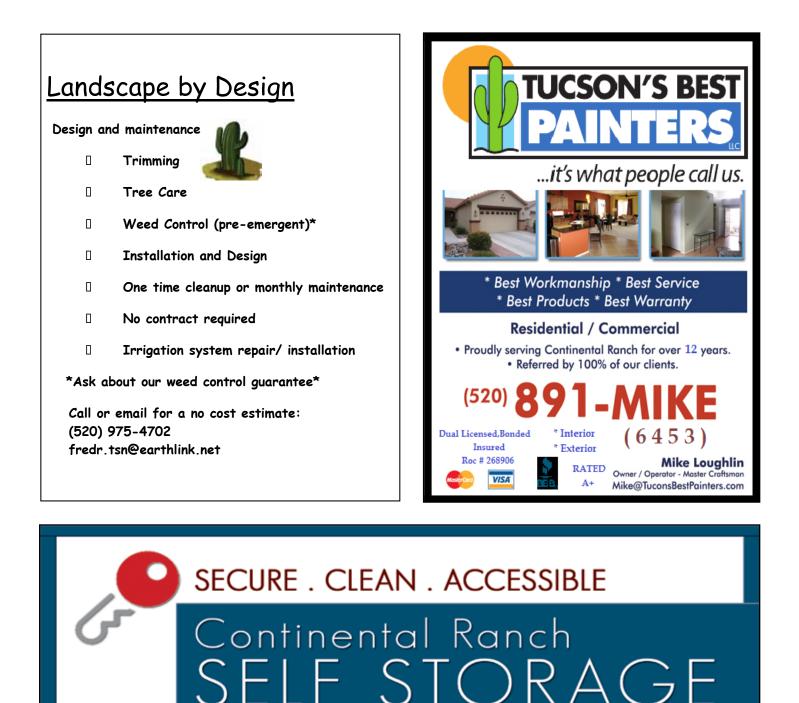


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Management's Message

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Welcome August!

The rain is here! June 30th marks the first day of Monsoon season and September 30th marks the end, enjoy every drop and drive carefully! Because of monsoon season, the pools may be intermittently closed due to lightning. Please be patient as our pool monitors will be present to make sure all lightning has passed before reopening the pools.

The Windmill Park ramada area is under construction this month. A new brick walkway will take lead to the ramadas, in hopes of making them more handicap accessible.

The www.CRCAtucson.com website has more exciting pages and links. If you haven't had a chance, go online and check out the Connections page! On there you will find information on local businesses including restaurants, stores and more!

The Community Center has been popular this summer. Did you know you can rent out the Community Center for your special event? Contact the office for more information and you could be planning your special event too!

Kids are back in school this month, please drive with caution through school zones and be patient with school buses!

One item: Landscape and Covenants Committees are still especially in need of Volunteers.

Keep dry everyone!

Dale Gruhl Community Manager On behalf of Josh, Jocelyn, Aime and Paula



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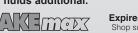
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