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December 2012 Edition

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- 3rd Pool Committee
7 p.m. at WP
- 4th Landscape Committee
7 p.m. at WP
- 5th Covenants Committee
6 p.m. at WP
- 6th Seniors 9 a.m. at CC
ARC 7 p.m. at WP
- 12th Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. at WP
- 13th Seniors 9 a.m. at CC
- 15th CRCA Office Open
9 am - 1 pm
- 20th Seniors 9 a.m. at CC
ARC 2 p.m. at WP
Board Meeting
6:45 p.m. at CC
- 24th CRCA Office Closed
- 25th CRCA Office Closed
Merry Christmas!
- 27th Seniors 9 a.m. at CC

President's Report — John Lambert

Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable and festive Thanksgiving. We are in the same predicament with the Activities committee as we have been over the past years. The last two members have resigned until more people step forward to participate. The BOD has again committed to personal support of the Christmas light contest and the Adopt a Family for this month. Given that there was no planning done for the Adopt a Family from CRCA by the committee we cannot put a wish list for donations to a family struggling at this time in this newsletter. If anyone knows a CRCA family who could use a little "help" with Christmas please contact the office with the information. **A giving tree will be in the lobby of the office with "wishes" on the tree from the family or families we are trying to help at this sometimes not so joyous time of year for some.** Please, try to find the time to try to help someone not sharing the blessings some of us have and make a wish come true for a neighbor by stopping by the office and picking up a wish.

It is with regret that we had to accept the resignation of Gladys Pope from the BOD. Gladys informed us she has "commitments that will take more time and make it impossible...to give the BOD the time and effort required." Thank you for all the time and effort you put in Gladys- CRCA is a better place because of you.

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President's Report Continued..

I would like to congratulate the new member elected to the BOD-Bob Vollbrecht; as well as the returning members Connie DeLarge, Roxanne Ziegler and myself. I would also like to thank the other candidates for participating and wish them well. I was re-elected as president with Peggy Bracken- 1st Vice, Marilyn Stimpson- 2nd Vice, Connie DeLarge- Secretary and Roxanne Ziegler- Treasurer. With another election behind us and the holidays around the corner it is a busy time for all of us, but the BOD is still faced with a number of challenges.

It is really disturbing to see people ignore paying their HOA dues. While we understand that some people have financial difficulties we try to make every one aware we will accept a payment plan to help those people stay current. Once your assessments exceed \$327.00 it is turned over for collections and is out of our hands. Please, if you are having financial difficulties, contact the office to make arrangements so we do not have to send it to collections.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday.

Picnic Tables For Sale

Continental Ranch has some outside furniture for sale! After the remodeling of the Windmill park Ramada's CRCA is left with four extra picnic tables.



Each table will be sold at the price of \$100 per table. The picnic tables are metal framed and quite heavy.

If you are interested, please call the office (520) 297-7600.

November Recap: Meetings At A Glance

The following are highlights from the ANNUAL MEETING of the Association on 30 October 2012 in the Twin Peaks Elementary School, the REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of the newly-elected Board of Directors on 2 November 2012 in the Management Office, and the MONTHLY MEETING of the Board of Directors held 15 November 2012 in 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 of minutes and/or a full recording of these or any/all committee meetings may be requested from the Management Office staff.

Annual Meeting

Verification of ballots and proof of meeting notice were presented. Minutes of the previous annual meeting were approved. Officers' and Committee reports were given. No items of interest presented by residents in attendance. The only item of business was announcement of the four newly-elected directors for 2012-2013: Ms. Roxanne Ziegler, Mr. John Lambert, Ms. Connie DeLarge, Mr. Robert Vollbrecht.

Reorganizational Meeting

The purpose of this meeting was to elect new officers, make committee liaison appointments, approve a meeting schedule and time, the management office schedule, handling of bank signatories, determine Board training. Officer elections: President, Mr. John Lambert; 1st Vice-President, Ms. Peggy Bracken; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Marilyn Stimpson; Secretary, Ms. Connie DeLarge; Treasurer, Ms. Roxanne Ziegler, Directors, Mrs. Gladys Pope and Mr. Robert Vollbrecht. Committee liaison appointments: ARC—Mrs. Marilyn Stimpson, Covenants—Ms. Peggy Bracken, Finance—Ms. Roxanne Ziegler, Landscape—Ms. Connie DeLarge, Pool—Mr. Robert Vollbrecht, Activities—Mrs. Gladys Pope.

Board of Directors meetings will continue on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:45 p.m. (time change) in the Community Center. No change in management office hours of operation; a holiday office schedule was approved and will be announced in advance. The Volunteers Appreciation luncheon was scheduled for 19 January 2013. The 2013 annual meeting of the Association was scheduled for 24 October 2013.

November Meeting of the Board of Directors

President's Message

The president announced the resignation of Board Director, Mrs. Gladys Pope, with thanks for her years of service to the community.

Homeowner Forum

Mrs. Betty Lewandowski, Richmond Estates, indicated approval of the current signage and sees no need to change. Mr. Bill Cicala noted opinion to the contrary and does not wish to promote Richmond as a contractor, indicating several parcels with new names/signage.

Recent Correspondence

Ms. Alia Best suggested doggie doo-doo bag dispensers be installed in the skate park/ball field areas. No further action because of cost and misuse.

Board Actions

Several committee member renewals and new appointments were approved for the coming year. A trial offering sample of CoverFree liquid pool additive for heat conservation was not accepted. A proposal from Rent-A-Techie for upgrades to the Community Center pool key system and security camera internet integration was accepted. The Community Center pool facilities will be closed immediately due to a safety hazard with the gate door. Annual replenishment of granite to be installed along Coachline Boulevard and on Twin Peaks was approved as a reserve study item. Yard cleanups for violations, with costs charged to owners' accounts were approved. The financial statement for October 2012 was approved as presented. Proposals by the Activities Committee for the holiday Adopt-a-Family and Marana Food Bank projects were approved. The home holiday decorating contest was approved. The 2012 Nominating Committee was dismissed.

The president appointed an ad hoc committee from within the Board of Directors to review the Community Center rental fee policy and to consider a request from Sunflower Community Association for use of the Center



Open Board Position

Do you have an interest in serving your community? There is an open position for the Board of Directors which needs a volunteer who is dedicated and available to put in the time it takes to be an effective Board member. Please submit a 250-word or less description of yourself and why you think you would like to be considered for the seat on the Board. You can deliver your submittal to the Windmill Office (9150 N Coachline) and it will be presented to the Board of Directors at their December 20th meeting.

Winter Wonderland CRCA Decorating Contest

It's almost 2013 and the competition is fierce! Each year more and more residents take their decorating to the extreme and compete for the best of show. Holiday lights and decorations are becoming more and more creative and beautiful. The CRCA Board of Directors hopes everyone will have fun this year and give passerbys a wonderful show of eyecandy throughout evenings this December.



Do you have the best decorated house during the holidays? If so, this contest is for you! It's that time of year again to give our residents a treat this holiday season by turning CRCA into a Winter Wonderland.

Houses will be judged on December 15th between 6:30-8:30pm. Any and all decorations are always appreciated during the holiday season, but if you think your house shows the most holiday spirit, please fill out the form below for your chance to win a gift! You can't win if you don't play – so sign up now!



Holiday Decorating Contest Registration Form

If you would like to participate, please fill out this registration form and return it to the CRCA office by Thursday, December 13th. You may also send an email to continental.ranch@yahoo.com to register your house. Houses that do not fill out a registration form will not be included in the judging.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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

2012 CRCA Adopt-a-Family



We all know that as wonderful as the Holidays are, they can also be stressful, especially for families facing financial hardships. The past few years, CRCA has given back to the Community by organizing a charity event. This event is known as the “Adopt a Family” program. Families in need are provided a Christmas they never thought they would have, thanks to the participation within the community. Tears of joy are often expressed by each family that is adopted.

This year, for the month of December, several local families in need will be adopted and an Angel

Tree will be located at the Windmill Office for them. If you know a Continental Ranch resident in need, please contact the CRCA office. It is very difficult to locate and identify families in genuine need. There are known organizations that have families on record, but CRCA wants to support CRCA

families and these charity organizations are bound by confidentiality rules that they cannot specify a certain area of residence for their needy families. It is quite a challenge therefore to find the families to adopt – yet, CRCA knows there are some in the community. Most are too proud to raise their hand for help, so CRCA needs support from our residents to find these families and determine their needs.



Once we have the families identified, their families’ needs will be posted as “wishes” on the Angel Tree in the office. If you would like to participate in brightening the season for these unfortunate local families, stop

by the CRCA Office and visit the Angel Tree which will have gift suggestion tags that tell the clothing sizes and gift wish lists specific to the families being adopted. As always, food donations will also continue to be accept and donated to the Marana Food Bank. CRCA works with the local schools to identify which families to adopt.

It is always amazing the outpour of generosity from the CRCA Community.





Holiday Caroling in Continental Ranch!

Saturday December 15th

5:30pm

Windmill Park



Come join in a community gathering with carolers on horse drawn wagons, as we celebrate the holiday season!

On December 15th at 5:30 p.m. we will kick off the evening at Windmill Park with free hot chocolate and cookies, along with thirty carolers from the local Sanctuary United Methodist Church.

The carolers will sing their first few songs at Windmill Park, and then depart being pulled by horse and wagon throughout our community sharing holiday cheer.

If you can't stop by the park, then open your doors and listen as the carolers pass by.

Seniors And Retirees Of CRCA

Absolutely, Christmas 2012 is a worldwide celebration and in many countries, Christmas is a public holiday; below are a few countries and how Christmas is celebrated in them:

Christmas Day Celebrations in United Kingdom

United Kingdom celebrated their Christmas with Christmas crackers also recognized as bon-bons. This cracker is made from tube and cardboard covered in a paper which is twisted and decorated around the pipe. After being covered the finish product of the Christmas cracker looks like a sugary wrapper which is huge. They pull this cracker from both parts and this will split randomly.

Christmas Day Celebrations in Australia

Several Australians also spend Christmas by heading to camping grounds and going to the beach for a lengthy break over the holiday period of Christmas.

Christmas Day Celebrations in Israel and the Palestinian territories

The Jewish celebration of Hanukkah falls at approximately the same time, but it has not undergone the same osmosis of Christmas-like practices (such as exchange of gifts). Although Christianity is a minority in Israel, Christmas is important in both areas due to the region's significance as the place where Jesus lived, and as a destination for Christian pilgrims around the world, especially during Christmas time.

Christmas Day Celebrations in New Zealand

On the other hand, in New Zealand, Christmas is a summer festival. Therefore, there is no ice and snow during their Christmas. This is a season of partying and exchanging gifts.

Christmas Day Celebrations in the Ireland

In traditionally religious Ireland, Christmas time is a moment to rejoice with close friends and family members the birth of Jesus Christ. Usually, friends and families have a festive meal together, after which they visit church services.

Christmas Day Celebrations in the United States

A lot of individuals in the US celebrate Christmas season on the 25th of December. The day rejoices the birth of Jesus Christ. Frequently, it is mixed with tradition from pre-Christian frost celebrations.

We have lost another one of our members. It is with great sorrow that we report Colette Dubsky passed Monday morning 12 Nov. 2012. As a beloved, cheerful and ardent member of our group her absence will be sorely missed. We extend our heartfelt sorrow to Ed Dubsky and his family.

Items of interest for December 2012:

4th AVENUE WINTER STREET FAIR

- o What: Huge street fair- 400+ artists booths, 35+ food vendors, Two complete stages featuring only original music, plus- flight simulators; climbing rocks; face

painting; chair massages; everything and anything you can imagine!

- o Where: The Street Fair takes place between Ninth Street and University Blvd. along Fourth Avenue, Tucson, AZ
- o When: December 7, 8 & 9 (Hours are 10 am to 6pm each day)
- o Website: <http://www.fourthavenue.org/fairs/general-information/>

CASA GRANDE HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

- o What: Casa Grande Arts and Crafts Festival will feature works by premier artisans in various disciplines, everything from oil paintings to sculpture, from rustic furniture to hand-crafted jewelry.
- o Where: 1005 N. Promenade Parkway, Casa Grande, AZ
- o When: December 15 & 16 (Sat. 10 am to 5 pm Sun. 11 am to 4 pm)
- o Website: <http://www.casagrandefestival.org/>
- o Admission: Free

The Senior/Citizens and Retirees of Continental Ranch (SCRCR) is a group made up of mostly CRCA residents whose purpose is to provide fellowship and educational activities among residents living in Continental Ranch, help acquaint newcomers with the physical and cultural features of the community and assist our members as needed. Additionally, SCRCR supports activities of the CRCA with participation and volunteerism in the community. 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 dominos to play. Come on by - we'd like to meet you!

This 'N That

- o Christmas Day is on Tuesday, December 25, 2012
- o A native Mexico plant, the Poinsettia, has had an association with Christmas since the 1800's.
- o The traditional Christmas colors are red and green.
- o Putting up Christmas decorations has a lengthy history going back to pre-Christian times, citizens of the Roman Empire featured branches of evergreens indoors during winter. Using greenery for decorating was also included in the Jewish custom.

Thought For The Day

"There is only one person who could ever make you happy, and that person is you."

-- David Burns, Intimate Connections

November Meeting Recap Continued...

facilities during March and April 2013. Windmill Park asphalt repave and reseal projects were postponed until the December meeting. Refurbishment/ repainting cost for the ramadas at Windmill Park was approved. Cost of purchase, delivery and installation of two replacement concrete trash receptacles for the Windmill Park ramada area was approved. A proposal from Digital Fruth Group for color copier machine lease was approved. Charges for annual backflow certifications, as required by the City of Tucson, were approved. Information requested for the Richmond Estates monument signage project is still forthcoming; action postponed until the December meeting.

Manager's Report

Mr. Seng reported on routine office projects, high speed internet by Comcast, the annual election, shade structure bids to be presented in December, the on-going search for a new member of the management team, resident assessments with late fees commencing 16 November, mold re-testing report, restored monument lighting, completion of work in Windmill Park, continuing theft of plants, Community Center pool and building keys concerns, invitations and vendor donation requests for

the January Volunteer luncheon, and the resignation of DLC Resources' Tucson operations at the end of the year.

Board Comments

Ms. Ziegler suggested an adjustment of the meeting agenda format for meeting efficiency. A Windmill article seeking volunteers for possible appointment to the recently-vacated Board of Directors seat was directed. Committees are also seeking new members.

Upcoming Dates

On-going through 20 December—Adopt-a-Family project/Community Food Bank donations to Management Office.

Board of Directors' Meeting—20 December 2012, 6:45 p.m. in the Community Center.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest Judging—21 December 2012, early evening.

Board of Directors' Training—9 January 2013, 7:00 p.m. in the Management Office.

Board of Directors' Meeting—17 January 2013, 6:45 p.m. in the Community Center.

Volunteers' Appreciation Luncheon—19 January 2013 in the Community Center.

REWARD \$500

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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 season. 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.

- **Please water in the pre-emergent using a garden hose, up to two weeks after your yard is sprayed**
- 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 a rainy season



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 December 17 through December 21, 2012.

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 December 10, 2012.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Spray is a very light tan color and will fade as it gets watered in.

Signature _____

PROPER TREE PRUNING

The value of pruning

In spring, trees are flush with new growth.

In a natural setting, a tree does not require pruning to remain healthy. However, when planted in the landscape around structures, streets and sidewalks, trees require some pruning for safety and aesthetic concerns. Before pruning a tree, it is important to understand why you should prune. Here are some of the most common reasons for pruning:

- Remove dead or damaged branches
- Remove crowded, crossing or rubbing limbs
- Keep limbs from blocking sight lines or encroaching on structures, streets and walkways
- Improve tree structure and stability to avoid storm damage

Proper pruning practices

When you are properly equipped with good tools and knowledge, you are ready to go to work. Listed below are some general guidelines to remember when pruning:

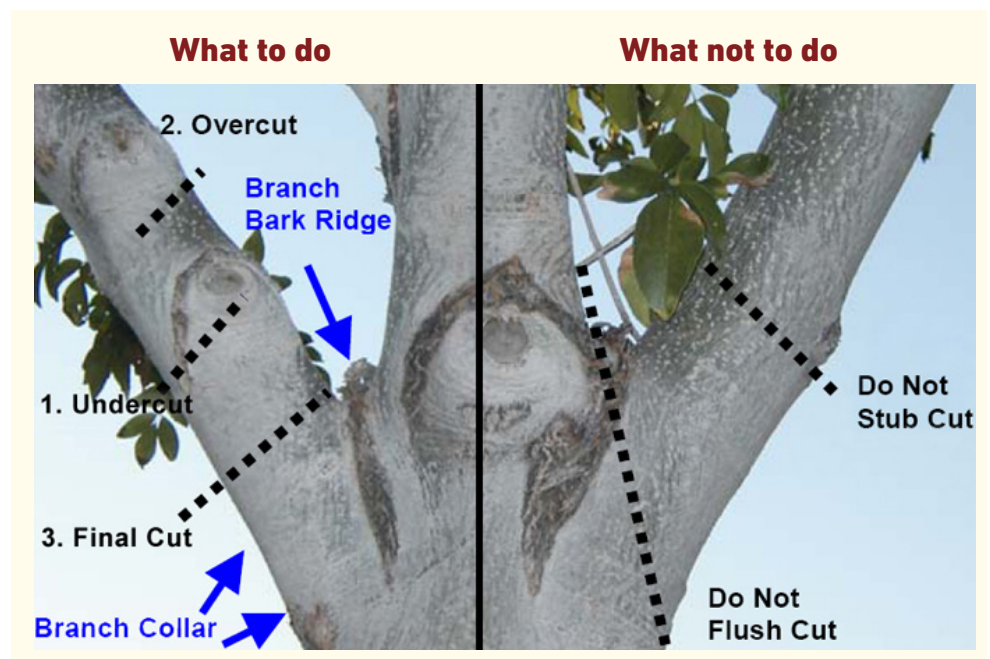
- Do not remove more than 25% of a mature tree's foliage
- Make cuts that leave a wound which can close properly to help avoid decay

“The ideal time of year to prune your trees is between October and April.”



This Mesquite was pruned for stability; “crown thinning” reduces wind resistance and storm damage.

- Do not prune a newly-planted tree during the first year, except to remove dead branches
- Cut back to the union of two branches, not in the middle of a branch
- Pruning paints are not necessary and can cause damage to your tree
- On large branches, use the three-cut method to prevent bark from tearing down along the trunk (diagram below)
- If there is a good reason to prune a tree, pruning can be done almost any time of the year. Use caution when heavily pruning just after spring growth as it may stress the tree.



Tools for pruning

Having proper tools to prune your tree is important to the health of the plant material. Limbs up to ½ inch in diameter can be pruned with hand pruners. Long-handled pruning loppers can handle limbs up to 1 inch in diameter but a special pruning saw is needed for larger limbs. Hand pruners and loppers should be of the scissor or bypass type rather than anvil type. Hedging shears or power hedge trimmers should not be used to prune trees because they will not be able to make proper cuts and will damage the tree.

In addition to proper cutting tools, make sure you have safety equipment. It is a good idea to wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and closed shoes when pruning; additionally, wear safety glasses, a hat and gloves to help prevent an injury. Unless you are a trained tree worker, avoid using a ladder or climbing a tree to trim it. Most importantly, never attempt to prune a tree that is near a utility line!

Lastly, DLC recommends that you never top trees. Topping is the indiscriminate cutting back of tree branches to stubs. This practice stresses and



Above: Hand saw and safety equipment.
Right: Bypass loppers



disfigures trees and creates hazardous, weakly-attached, new branches. It also creates an added maintenance expense as topped trees require more frequent pruning.

Bad cut



Bad cuts can severely damage trees and stunt their growth

Good cut



A fresh cut done properly with the right tools will promote the health of the tree

End results



A proper cut will heal quickly and put as little strain on the tree as possible

For large trees or if you are in doubt, call a Certified Arborist. An Arborist can determine what type of pruning is needed and provide the service of a trained crew with the appropriate safety equipment and liability insurance.

You can find a Certified Arborist at <http://isa-arbor.com/findArborist/verifyArbByLoc.aspx>.

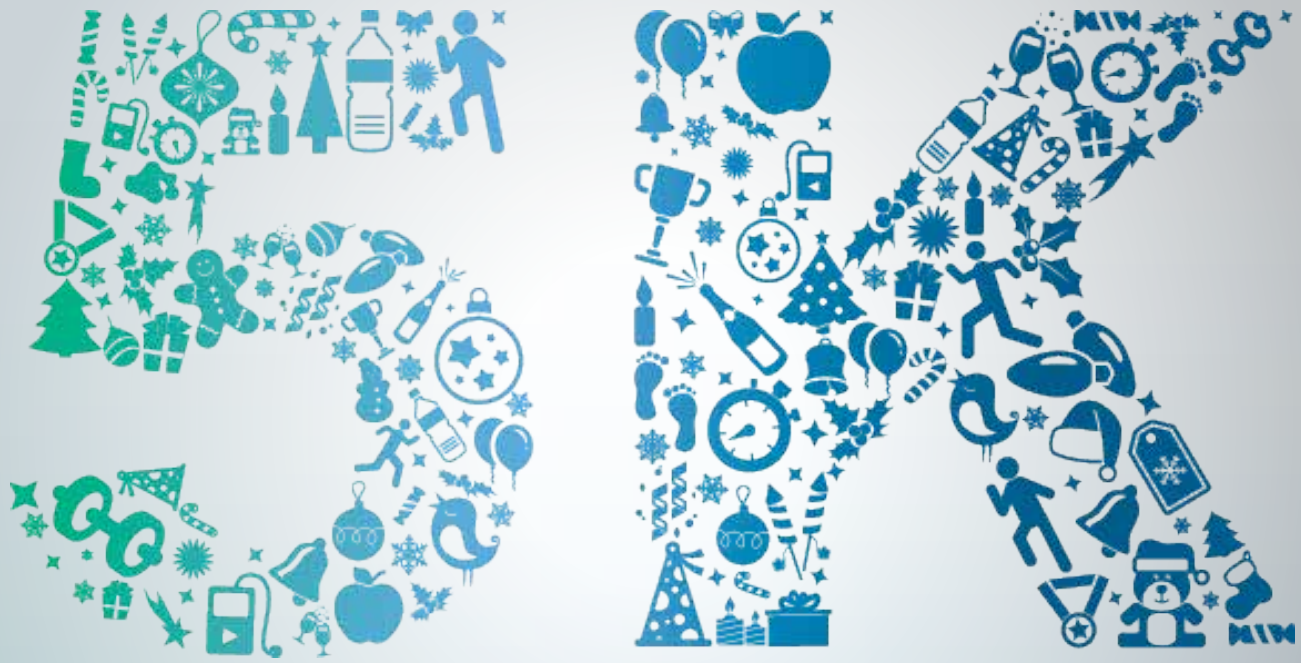




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Come jump-start your resolution!

New Year's Day 5K Run, Walk or Jog

Continental Reserve Park | 9 a.m.

8568 North Continental Reserve Loop

Early Registration \$10

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Event-day Registration \$15

(open at 8 a.m. cash/check only)

Each participant will receive a T-shirt and be entered to win fun raffle prizes!

Register at www.marana.com or call (520) 382-1950 for more information.





Shred-A-Thon marana

Saturday, December 15
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Target at Ina & Thornydale

Shred what you don't want read

Presented by the Marana Police Department and Shred It Company

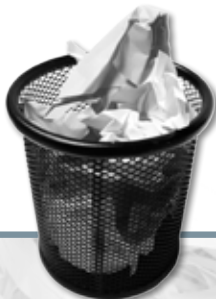


Help Prevent identity theft!

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

The first box, per person is **free**. Additional boxes will be shredded for \$5 and a donation of two canned goods or non-perishable items per box, to benefit the Marana Food Bank.

Please note: There is no need to remove staples or paperclips.



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Dispose-A-Med marana

Saturday, December 15
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Target at Ina & Thornydale

Clean out your medicine cabinets

Bring your unused and expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications and we will properly dispose of them. Please, no inhalers or syringes/needles.

The Marana Police Department, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration, Meth Free Alliance, Optimist Club, Fraternal Order of Police, Northwest Fire District and Pima County Wastewater, invite Marana citizens, businesses, churches and schools to join us and share information regarding drug awareness in our community. Together, we can explore possible solutions and preventive measures to make our community safe, healthy and drug free.

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Management's Message

Who wants to see Continental Ranch give Tucson's Winterhaven neighborhood a run for the money this year? I'm always SO impressed when I see the decorations in Continental Ranch. It's an added sparkle to an already beautiful community. Hopefully this year's decorating contest will be bigger and better than ever! Remember that the judges will only be reviewing the homes that have registered, so please don't forget to signup if you want to try and take home the top award.

Compliments continue to roll in about the new improvements to the picnic & barbeque ramada area at Windmill Park! Hopefully December will dish out some more beautiful weather for pleasant fun at the park; come check out the park if you haven't yet.

In case you overlooked the advertisement on page 6, there will be horse drawn wagon & holiday caroling this year! We'd love you to come out to Windmill Park and partake in cookies and hot chocolate for a few carols before the horses embark on their tour through Continental Ranch.

Some of you may have heard that the Association's landscape contractor, DLC Resources, is closing down their Tucson operations. I'd like to say that it has been a pleasure working with them over the last few years and there are some big shoes to fill for the next company that comes on board. DLC will remain on property at least though then end of the year, until the Board can select a new contractor.

You may have noticed the Town of Marana making landscape preparations along Silverbell Road last month and wondered what they were up to. We should see some new enhancements in the median installed soon.

Many of CRCA's landscape irrigation lines are getting to the age now when leaks occur quite often. Management and the landscape crew keep a constant careful watch, but we **really** appreciate residents who call in leaks to the office and emergency line because it helps us conserve water by shutting down and repairing the leaks faster.

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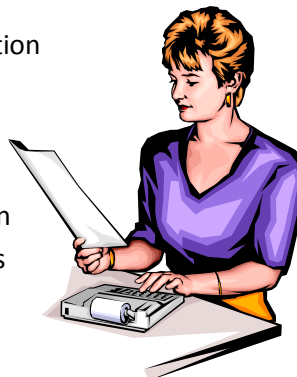


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