

#### Mark Your Calendars February 2013

4th Pool Committee 7 p.m. at WP

5th Landscape Committee 7 p.m. at WP

6th Covenants Committee 6 p.m. at WP

7th ARC 7 p.m. at WP

12th Finance Committee 6:30 p.m. at WP

21st ARC 2 p.m. at WP Board Meeting 6:45 p.m. at CC

23rd CRCA Office Open 9 am - 1 pm

## President's Report - John Lambert

Hopefully we have seen the last hard freeze for this winter- at least it wasn't as bad as two years ago. Even still, there were a number of plants and trees that were affected and will require some time to come back. The feather trees were really affected and the mesquites also- dropping a lot of their leaves due to the cold temperatures. The Swan Hill Olive and the Texas Mountain Laurels along Twin Peaks were not affected and neither were the Swan Hill Olives around Windmill Park- congratulations to the landscape committee for choosing them.

With all of the upgrades that have been done at Windmill Park we are seeing more residents using the park as well as organized teams from outside CRCA using the field. I can understand wanting to use the Windmill field with it being so green and well kept but Windmill Park is a private park for CRCA residents with the upkeep paid through our dues. If I had a choice between using the field at Windmill or the fields offered by the Town of Marana I would go to Windmill also, since we use winter grass for year-round green. The town charges \$5 to \$8 an hour to use their fields with the dead grass in the winter so Windmill is very tempting. CRCA requires that organized groups supply a certificate of insurance to the association because of liability issues for the association. If you have an organized group planning on using Windmill Park please go to the office so we can get the required documents in order. In the past, the BOD has required is that any team using the field

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have 75% CRCA residents on their team for them to not be charged a use fee. There are costs associated with maintaining Windmill field to the standards the landscape committee and BOD require and they are paid with our dues.

There is an ad in this newsletter for the Easter egg hunt for this year. Easter is earlier this year- the 30th of March- instead of April and Jocelyn has been busy getting things lined up for an even better event than last year's. As is always the case we need volunteers to help support this well attended event. Please consider volunteering to help for a couple of hours. It provides an opportunity to meet your neighbors and see the children enjoying the activities- IT IS WELL WORTH THE TIME.

Please read the article by Gilbert Davidson- Manager, Town of Marana. Gilbert attended the last BOD meeting with information about the town taking over the wastewater treatment plant from Pima County. While CRCA is serviced by Pima County Wastewater we are also residents of the Town of Marana and will be voting on the takeover in March. Without wastewater to recharge the aquifer Marana will not be able to grow and their revenues will be limited with no ability to add a new tax base. This is a very important issue- if you have questions or concerns please contact Gilbert's office at the Town.

#### **Theft** Alert

The Town of Marana is asking for community support in response to recent theft of newly planted cacti from the Silverbell Road median. You'll read more about the new landscaping that was done by the Town on page

6 of this edition. Within only a few weeks of its installation, already five cacti have been stolen. If you see any suspicious behavior, please call the Marana Police Department immediately.



## January Recap: Meetings At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held 17 January 2013 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 and/or a full recording of this or any committee meeting.

#### Homeowner Forum

One resident commented on the Richmond Estates request for new parcel signage; one resident shared objection to not being approved for committee re-appointment, one resident asked if the new Community Center fee policy would also be extended to resident use of the pool or field, all of which are paid for through homeowner assessments annually.

#### Recent Correspondence

A resident letter regarding Richmond Estates' signage request was acknowledged. Pets roaming loose and pet litter are a concern of another resident, with the president authorizing Management to investigate appropriate signage costs for that area. A request to waive rental fees for use of the Community Center by the Senior Citizens/Retirees of Continental Ranch was denied. Use of the Community Center by Boy Scout Troop #219 with rental fees waived was approved.

#### **Board Actions**

Purchase of chaise lounge chairs, sitting chairs, and concrete tables for both pool areas approved. Purchase of drain covers in the kiddie pool approved. A proposal to refurbish and reinstall the kiddie pool existing shade structure was postponed. The pool equipment room expansion at the Community Center was approved. Mr. Bill Cicala and Mr. John Lambert newly appointed to the Landscape Committee. Titan Landscape authorized to replace annual flowers and install trees with irrigation at a tot-lot. Three proposals to replace existing irrigation systems along Twin Peaks road were approved. Two Covenants Committee violations resolved and removed from further action; two other Covenants violation fines authorized. Financial Balance Sheet for 31 December 2012 received. Current ARC members reappointed. CRCA website platform upgrade approved. The HVAC maintenance service contract was approved for both buildings. Charges for use of the office copy machine by residents only were approved. Surveys were sent to Richmond Estates homeowners regarding the signage issue, with results to be discussed in the February meeting of the Board. The Community Center room rental policy was approved, along with temporary use of the facility by the Sunflower Community Association in the March/April timeframe at a rental rate of \$10.00 per hour per room. Cost of re-keying the Community Center was approved. Mr. Seng authorized to get immediate rodent control services as needed. A letter was authorized to be sent to the Town of Marana regarding the Palm Brook traffic control issue.

#### Actions in Lieu

Two actions in lieu were recorded: One for frost prevention measures as needed, with the purchase of frost fabric to be installed at the discretion of Titan Landscape. One for approval of funds not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the scheduled January Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

#### Manager's Report

Mr. Seng reported on routine office projects, the addition of Mr. Stephen Hinchliffe to the office staff, the Palm Brook traffic concerns from residents, obstructed lights at parcel signs with planted beds needing solution; delay in grip coating installation and seasonal dead leaves in Windmill Pool. He noted completion of the underwater lights at the Community Center pool with a similar project scheduled for Windmill pool. Titan Landscape made a seemingly easy transition from DLC with granite rock replenishment, covering of frost-sensitive plants, and installation of new plantings noted. Lot resealing, roof coating, and lighting projects expected to begin shortly; HVAC at Windmill replaced; rodent control needing immediate attention when reported. Warranties on damaged Windmill playground equipment being researched.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

Board of Directors' Meeting—21 February 2013, 6:45 p.m. in the Community Center.

# CRCA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt NEEDS Volunteers!!!

Just like last year, this event needs volunteers.
Volunteers help make special events like this happen
year after year.

If you would like to volunteer, please notify the management office (520-297-7600) or send an email (<a href="mailto:continental.ranch@yahoo.com">continental.ranch@yahoo.com</a>) with your name and number so that you can be added to the roster of volunteers.



























## Activities include:

**Jumping Castles** 

Arts & Crafts

The Easter Bunny!

Face painting

**Balloon Artist** 

& More



CRCA is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for all Continental Ranch Residents at the Windmill Park!

March 30, 2013 10am-1pm

Kids, grab your baskets and get ready for some fun!

Parents, please pick up a ticket and wristband from the CRCA office by donating a non-perishable food item for the Marana Food Bank, before March 30<sup>th</sup> 2013.





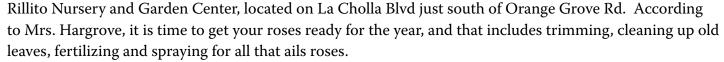
## A Word from the Landscape Committee

Hello, I'm Rob Palfreyman, chairman of our community's Landscape Committee. This is my first article in the Windmill. My goal is to inform you what we are doing on the committee and also what you could be looking out for or planning to do in your own landscapes. I have been in the nursery industry in Arizona since 1982, I am a Certified Nurseryman, and I own a wholesale cactus nursery. I have many professional contacts and hope to bring forward reliable information so residents can feel confident that we are doing the right things for the community.

The goal of the Landscape Committee is to keep our community's property values up through proper maintenance and improvements to our community's landscape. We have made many improvements and have even received an award from the Arizona Landscape Contractors Association, ALCA. We also work closely with the Town of Marana to keep Silverbell looking good. They have done a great job with their limited resources upgrading the medians and trimming the trees along Silverbell.

We hope you like what we have accomplished over the last couple of years. We have brought our Oak trees back to health along Coachline. We have upgraded our monuments. We have made Windmill Park into a real park, with just a little more to do there before we're done. Twin Peaks landscape is something we can all be proud of.

The freeze really did a number on our landscapes this season, but be patient, because it is still too early to trim most things. However, it is time to trim rose bushes. Beth Hargrove is a local rose expert and owner of



Trimming roses is very important. It gets rid of the dead and decaying stems, and the suckers that sap energy. It also rejuvenates the shrub. Part of trimming is stripping the old leaves from the plant and picking up any debris that has fallen to the ground. This gets rid of any pest eggs that could still be present.

Fertilizing roses helps ensure your roses thrive. Roses grow very fast and their blooms require a good source of energy to reach their full potential, not to mention getting through the summer months. Mrs. Hargrove recommends fertilizing once a month and to use an organic fertilizer for shrubs in the ground, and a water soluble (dissolves in water) fertilizer for plants in containers.

Roses are very susceptible to insects and diseases. Spraying an all-purpose rose spray will help to control fungi, diseases and insects. Beth recommends waiting until the first sign of a bud to spray, which is usually around mid-February. With all chemicals be sure to follow the instructions on the label.

Next month I will be talking about citrus and frost damage. Enjoy your landscapes, including your community's landscapes.

CRCA Landscape Committee Chairman - Rob Palfreyman



## **Useful Info** about Walls

Have you ever wondered about raising your wall to make it taller? With all the relatively short walls built by the original home builders, many folks in Continental Ranch have raised their walls or have considered it. Hopefully this article will be helpful to those who might wonder what the process is in getting approval for this type of project.



The community's Design Guidelines (which can be found at www.crcatucson.com, or at the office) state that a maximum wall height of 6-feet is allowed in the community. As with most exterior modifications, an ARC Application is required to be submitted for approval by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) prior to commencing work. In addition, the Town of Marana building code requires a permit be obtained for walls built over 5-feet. A copy of the permit is also required for the Committee to approve an ARC application.

Here's the 3 easy steps for completing the process:

- 1. Measure your wall and submit an ARC Application stating the final height you wish to achieve to obtain "conditional approval" from the Committee
- 2. Apply with the Town of Marana and obtain a building permit
- 3. Submit a copy of your permit to the Committee for final approval from CRCA

Although this is a fairly simple process, it is a question commonly asked. The office staff, as well as the Committee, are always happy to help with this and any other questions you have about getting exterior changes to your home approved through the ARC.

## Silverbell Road Landscape

The medians on Silverbell Road are looking quite nice these days! For Continental Ranch residents who frequent Silverbell Road as their path of travel, the enhanced landscaping in the median makes it a nicer drive. The Town of Marana allocated funding to improve this corridor taking input from residents and members of the Continental Ranch Home Owners Board. The landscaping brings a fresh new look to Silverbell Road and improves the look and feel of our community.

The Silverbell corridor stretches approximately 3-miles through Continental Ranch & Continental Reserve, which is no small area. This fiscal year the Town allocated \$100,000 in their budget to the improvement of this section of our community. Even with the amount of funds approved, it was quite a challenge to make it work within the 3-mile area. The final decision was to improve the median by installing desert adapted plants and top-dress it with decorative rock. The Town has been using their water truck to water the new plants as they get established.

A special thanks to those who facilitated this project include the Public Works staff, the Town Manager's Office and the Marana Town Council. In addition, CRCA Board President John Lambert and Board member Roxanne Ziegler worked with the Town to complete this landscaping enhancement.

## **Volunteer Luncheon** a Success!

This year's volunteer luncheon went off without a hitch! As is the tradition in Continental Ranch, this luncheon was held to honor all of your fellow neighbors who generously donate their time to participate on the Board and the various committees, serving the community with their efforts.

The vendors who donated funds to sponsor the luncheon included: Alphagraphics, Association Reserves, Truly Nolan, Goodman Law, Relumination, Rent-A-Techie, Pro-Care Janitorial, and HOA Management Solutions.

DLC Resources, although they have ceased their operations in Tucson, still brought down their mobile grill and joined forces with Titan Landscape crew to help roast the shish kabobs for the feast.

Thank You!

## Message from Gilbert Davidson



Following the brief presentation by Marana's Town Manager Gilbert Davidson at the January CRCA Board of Directors meeting, CRCA President John Lambert requested additional information from Mr. Davidson regarding the topic he spoke on.

Water is and always will be our most precious natural resource. We live in a state where acquiring water is challenging, expensive and, sometimes, almost impossible.

As a growing town that also has a water utility, Marana must find cost-efficient ways to offset the expense of acquiring water for our residents and businesses. When shares of Central Arizona Project water were allocated more than 30 years ago, the Town of Marana's portion was small. Our Town has fought an uphill battle for water resources ever since.

Marana's water utility serves more than 14,000 people and that number will continue growing. In preparing for the future, Town leaders want to make sure we have enough water while keeping our rates affordable for today and tomorrow.

A big part of the solution is to use the full life cycle of the water we have, including wastewater. Much of the water we deliver is pumped from the healthy, abundant water table that nature stores beneath our community. But we can't continue to tap into that resource without replacing it with renewable resources, including recycled water.

To make the best use of wastewater, through recharge projects that replenish the water table, Marana has made a priority of acquiring a treatment system. According to state law, the entity that owns a wastewater plant owns the water produced there.

That's why the Town last decade began working to acquire and operate the wastewater system in Northwest Marana. The community's needs were much different in 1979 when Marana's leaders agreed to let Pima County manage the system on the Town's behalf. Things have changed over the years and now it's clear that wastewater is a critical part of the Town's long-term water portfolio.

This wastewater system in Northwest Marana serves an area with tremendous economic growth potential. Our Town's vision there includes a revitalized, vibrant downtown with shops, restaurants and multiple housing options. Marana hasn't had a downtown since the 1960s, when Interstate 10 was built over the heart of our community.

Presently, anyone who wants to do business in this part of Marana works with Pima County on wastewater and with the Town on everything else related to development. If the Town owned the wastewater system, we would control and have responsibilities for all aspects of development in Northwest Marana.

The Town and Pima County officials are working on the details of a settlement offer that would result in Marana ownership of the wastewater system, provided voters give their authorization during the March 2013 election. The Town would buy the system, using funds from impact fees to be paid by future customers. It's planned that 20 percent of the cost of the wastewater system would be incurred by current Marana residents and business owners through their monthly rates. This percentage is similar to what Pima County plans to charge if operation of the plant is turned back to the county.

Even if the Town continues operating the Marana Wastewater Treatment Facility, Pima County will keep providing wastewater service to other parts of Marana, including Arizona Pavilions, Continental Ranch and Dove Mountain.

If Marana voters grant their approval for the Town to own and operate a wastewater system, the Town will have benefits to gain and responsibilities to accept. But water is hard to come by, even with an abundant table beneath us. Owning a wastewater system will enable Marana to have maximum use of another valuable water resource as the Town prepares for growth that will inevitably come.

Marana is a great place to live. People want to raise their families, start their businesses or spend their retirement years in a community that is beautiful and well-run. Marana's leaders would like to become the type of full-service community that those people can call home.



#### Town of Marana Neighborhood Meeting

You are invited to learn about and connect with the Town of Marana



Continental Ranch Community Association Community Center

8881 North Coachline Boulevard





## Coming to a Park Near You!

Marana Parks and Recreation is starting its spring schedule for the popular Movie in the Park series. The monthly event returns in February, giving families the opportunity to explore parks around Town while enjoying a movie together.

Since 2007, Marana Parks and Recreation has offered these free events to the community and is excited about the new season. Movies will play the third Saturday every month through May and return in the fall after a summer of Dive-In Movies at the Marana Pool. All features are rated G or PG and are open to the public. Moviegoers are encouraged to bring families, friends, picnics, and pets to the park and enjoy these outdoor movies under the stars.

## Spring Schedule:February 16: Dr. Seuss' The Lorax, San Lucas Park at 6:30 p.m.

- March 16: Madagascar 3, Continental Ranch Neighborhood Park at 7 p.m.
- April 20: Over the Hedge, Ora Mae Harn Park at 7 p.m.
- May 18: The Little Rascals, Dove Mountain Park at 7:30 p.m.

These are free, fun family nights out. Grab your blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy the show. Additional information including park addresses and event flyer is available at www.marana.com. Join events, find new activities, or share links with friends!

Like Marana Parks and Recreation on Facebook today. www.facebook.com/maranaparksandrecreation







#### Marana has a drop off location!

The Springs at Continental Ranch 7901 North Cortaro Road

#### Packages From Home - Supporting our Troops

"The mission of Packages From Home is to send care and comfort packages to deployed American military heroes who are stationed in active duty theaters around the world, as well as to facilitate activities that elevate morale of all veterans."

#### ITEMS TO DONATE:

#### **FOOD**

- Drink mix singles (Crystal Lite, Gatorade); Coffee (ground, vacuum pak or small cans-1 lb or smaller);
- Hot Chocolate (Individual size); Tea bags (individual size)
- Fruit snacks individual size (1 oz to 3 oz); Slim Jims (short 0.28 oz per stick)
- Canned Chili, Ravioli, Spaghetti-O's, Soup, Stew...(15 oz to 20 oz); Ramen soup/noodle mix (3 oz) Square packs
- Canned fruit (5 oz to 16 oz); Canned tuna, chicken, or turkey (6 oz to 8 oz)
- Granola bars, Power bars or Energy bars; Rice Krispie Treats; Snack Crackers individual size (1 oz to 2 oz)
- Peanut butter in plastic containers (16 oz to 18 oz); Jelly, squeezable, in plastic containers (20.5 oz)
- Nuts cashews, peanuts, corn nuts, sunflower seeds, trail mix (1.5 oz to 6 oz); Saltine Crackers
- Condiments Individual packets mustard, relish, ketchup, mayonnaise, creamer, sugar, salt & pepper, sweetener,
- Tabasco sauce (2 oz size)

#### HYGIENE

- Foot Powder Gold Bond etc. (small size 1 oz to 3 oz); Hand Sanitizer small and medium size (2 oz to 8 oz)
- Eye Drops (for desert environment); Lip Balm (Blistex, Carmex, Chapstick etc.);
- Sunscreen (6 oz to 8 oz); Bug Repellent
- Men's Deodorant (Stick type **NOT anti-perspirant**) 0.5 oz to 3oz)
- Shampoo & Conditioner travel size (1 oz to 3 oz); Lotion, cleanser and/or moisturizer, cream...(1 oz to 5 oz)
- African-American hair products
- Wet wipes (unscented-baby wipes); Tampons
- Disposable razors (Quatro Pro and Mach 3 preferred with refills); Shaving cream (2 to 5 oz)
- Socks Men's and ladies'; Boxer shorts medium, large, and extra large
- T-shirts medium, large, & extra large new only please
- Toothbrushes, individually packaged; Toothpaste trial or small size are great
- Band aids; Toilet Paper; Tissue Packs travel size
- Bounce unscented dryer sheets
- Cool ties

#### **RECREATION - New or gently used**

- Paperback books, Music CD's-, DVD's
- Board Games, puzzles, models, dominoes; Hand held games (poker, solitaire...)
- Puzzle books (crossword, Sudoku, word search, Ken-Ken)
- Ping Pong paddles / balls & nets; Sports equipment and nets
- Video games & Systems PS2, PS3, X Box, Wii (used in working condition); Video game CD's

## Seniors And Retirees Of CRCA

Already, the new year has given up the month of January! We've packed away our holiday decorations; shared our family's holiday memories with SCRCR friends, sent our holiday guests home or returned home ourselves after traveling to be with family, and most likely broken one or two of our New Year's Resolutions! Now it's time to look ahead to the rest of 2013 with optimism of health, blessings, new friendships, and now, some new beginnings.

Throughout 18 "plus" years, SCRCR has donated generously to the community with time and talents, philanthropic projects, but most importantly, willing support for our members during times of crisis or temporary need. This is what SCRCR is all about, and if you are retired, have lived in Continental Ranch for many years or are a newcomer, we want you to know we are here for and about you. When we are together on Thursday mornings, our members never fail to share a joke, encouraging smiles and laughter (and sometimes a groan or two!). Dominoes, cards and other table games are optional following a brief meeting, and those games are often followed by an impromptu group going out for lunch in the local area. Members arrive at meetings by motorized wheelchairs, walkers, handi-car transportation, or because other members are willing to provide transportation for those who don't or cannot drive.

But, all things do come to an end—except for SCRCR!!!! Our Continental Ranch Community Association's Board of Directors approved a user-fee policy effective 1 February, which they wrote and yes, have a right to do. A shortfall in Community Center maintenance funds and the current "cost of doing business" is their way of meeting this shortfall. Rather than looking at a budget adjustment and/or cutting costs in other areas, it is simpler to turn away any community activity that cannot pay rental charges for a Community Center built and maintained for so many years through homeowner assessments and more careful budgeting.

By the time you read this article, SCRCR will be investigating other more affordable meeting facilities in the area conducive to our transportation needs, keeping the coffee pot an integral part of our Thursday gatherings, and continuing our community-wide philanthropy programs. New members may need to have patience with us until we get re-adjusted and decide on another facility for our regular use. The HOA Management staff may not necessarily know where we are meeting until plans are firm, but do ask around for the name and phone number of one of our 80 members. Meanwhile, we are sorry to leave what has been our Center home for so many years.

Our newly-elected officers and committee chairs began their duties in January, and our ambitious Activities Committee has already planned our first quarter activities for lunches and dinners, Gaslight Theater, concerts, day trips, etc., over and above our routine Thursday morning meeting times. Needless to say, adjustments now need to be made including canceling our "Sweethearts" Valentine's Day pot luck until further notice. All of our extra activities are "pick 'n choose" as personal agendas dictate. We sign up, arrange carpools and bond with our new acquaintances toward lasting friendships. Things to note during February that are already planned: Our Super Bowl party is scheduled for Sunday, the 3rd at Native New Yorker. If you've never attended this annual event you have missed out on lots of fun, whoops, hollers, boos, applause and laughter!! Matters not who you are rooting for—we are noisy and

have fun!! On the 24th, we will attend a 3:00 p.m. symphonic concert being held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, with carpools departing the Center at 2 p.m. On Wednesday, the 27th, there's dinner at Harvest Restaurant, with carpools departing the Center at 4:30 p.m. Tickets for the Gaslight Theater on 5 March always go quickly, so you will need to sign up for that fun night very soon. A group going for dinner will be departing at 4:00 p.m. to the Olive Garden on Broadway. Others, not going for dinner, will meet at the theater in time for the early evening performance. Details for all outings, as well as last minute changes, are shared during our group meetings.

#### This 'N That

The month of February is also packed with historical data! Groundhog Day is on the 2nd, when Punxsutawney Phil awakes from his winter hibernation in Pennsylvania to look for his shadow. If he sees it, there's six more weeks of cold weather on the East Coast! The Boy Scouts of America celebrate their founding on the 8th; and the Christian community notes Ash Wednesday on the 13th. Although Presidents Lincoln and Washington have birthdates on the 12th and 22nd respectively, the observance is nationally official on Monday the 18th.

Our Grand Canyon State celebrates another birthday on the 14th. The first European glimpsed this terrain in 1539. Four flags have flown over our state since that time: Spanish, Mexican, the Confederate States of America, and the United States of America. On February 17, 1917, Arizona officially adopted the banner used in 1910 by the Arizona Rifle Team as its official state flag. It was designed by Colonel Charles W. Harris of the Arizona National Guard along with The Honorable Carl Hayden, Arizona's first congressional representative. The colors are true to historical values—red and gold (colors carried by Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez de Coronado), and represent the rays of the setting sun with 13 rays for the 13 original colonies. The Liberty Blue used in the US Flag's field of stars is duplicated in the Arizona flag along with a copper star identifying Arizona as the largest producer of copper in the United States.

National Burn Awareness Week is also scheduled early in February, and according to the National Fire Protection Association, there are 23 million U.S. homes with inoperable smoke alarms. More than 75 percent of house fire fatalities occur when either no detection device is installed or the batteries are worn. Our local firefighters are no longer able to lend assistance in checking out our individual alarm needs, so it behooves us to make it a point of scheduling battery replacement on an annual basis.

The American Heart Association has created Wear Red Day for Women in February to raise awareness about heart disease, the number one cause of death among women in the United States. Special events are planned to educate us of the ongoing need to promote this project. Visit online at www.americanheart.org.

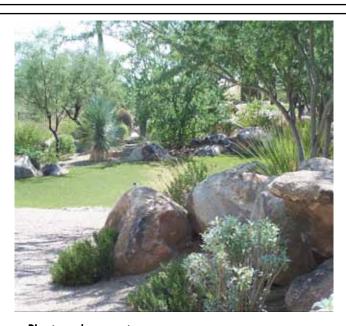
#### Thought For The Day

All forms of love are gifts we can give and receive, and is something we need to share regularly with others to make it grow!

# REWARD \$500 For information leading to the ARREST and CONVICTION

of persons responsible for vandalism of Continental Ranch
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| 10     | 11                                  | 12                                       | 13<br>Finance<br>Committee<br>6:30pm at<br>WP | 14<br>Happy<br>Valentine's<br>Day                                  | 15     | 16                                   |
| 17     | 18                                  | 19                                       | 20  | 21<br>ARC<br>2pm at WP<br>Board & Exec.<br>Meeting<br>6:45pm at CC | 22     | 23<br>CRCA<br>office open<br>9am-1pm |
| 24     | 25                                  | 26                                       | 27  | 28   |        |                                      |

# March 2013

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## Real Estate Event

Join us at the Continental Ranch Community Center 8881 N. Coachline Blvd. Tucson, Az 85743

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Feb 9th

March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>nd</sup>

April 6 + & 20 +

May 4th & 18th

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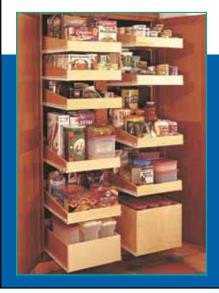
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I am a current board member for CWUA and the Ground Water Usage Advisory Committee.

I am a former board member for the Marana Chamber of Commerce, Trico Electric Board of Directors, and a founding member of the Marana Junior Rodeo Association.

#### What I Have Done

I have supported and help create a balance budget for the Town of Marana without raising taxes. I supported the Twin Peaks interchange over I-10 that helps connects our community while reducing congestion on our roadways.

I have contributed to and helped implement a strategic plan that guides the towns progress for years to come.

#### What I Plan To Do

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I plan to continue to attract business and home development in Marana

I plan to keep roads and streets looking good especially inside neighborhoods.

I plan to continue to provide trails and parks for our residents to enjoy.

I plan to support the needs of our public safety to ensure our town is safe and crime is kept low.

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## Management's Message

Kicking off 2013 in Continental Ranch was a very busy time at the Windmill office! Amidst coordinating the numerous Board approved projects, organizing the annual volunteer luncheon, and bundling up for that cold snap last month, we also added a new member to the management team and brought him up to speed on our service to CRCA. Stephen Hinchliffe joins our staff, with a master's degree in business and five years' experience in management he is a welcomed addition to the office and hopefully you will get to meet him the next time you visit us.

It has been an exciting several years as your management company for Continental Ranch; we've watched so many transformations and enhancements to the various facilities, parks, and landscape. The most recent project that has made an impact is the lighting at Windmill Park. We'll be featuring more about this in next month's article, since as I write this message the project is not fully complete. However, even with the portion that is complete so far I can tell that anyone visiting the pool during the dark hours should be very pleased with the new look of the LED lighting.

Replacement of the irrigation system on Twin Peaks Road will be underway this month, so if you see increased number of workers along that stretch, you'll know what they're up to. The system on Twin Peaks Road was averaging 5+ leaks per week, due to the aged brittle poly lines that were breaking as fast as the landscapers could fix them. The new system will be schedule-40 PVC and should last the community for many years to come. I've mentioned this before, but we always appreciate and benefit from residents who call in to warn us about leaks they've noticed in the common areas.

Best Regards,

Josh Seng Community Manager On behalf of Aime, Jocelyn, Paula & Stephen Address 9150 N. Coachline Blvd.

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