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November 2013 Edition

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Mark Your Calendars

November 2013

- 1st Assessments Due
- 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
- 9th CRCA Office Open
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 11th Block Party
5-8 p.m. at WP
Veteran's Day
- 13th Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. at WP
- 16th Late fee assessed
- 19th Board Meeting
6:45 p.m. at CC
- 21st ARC
2 p.m. at WP
- 28th CRCA Office Closed
- 29th CRCA Office Closed

2013 Annual Meeting Results

Thank you all who attended this year's CRCA Annual Meeting! There was a very pleasant turnout at the meeting held at Twin Peaks Elementary School on Tuesday, October 22nd. The past year's Board of Directors and the Committee Chairpersons gave their reports for the year and thanked everyone in the community who donates their time to contribute to the success of the community.

The results in order of vote count are as follows:

Nick Westphal	943 votes
Peggy Bracken	924 votes
Bill Dawes	900 votes
Marilyn Stimpson	851 votes
Larry Lemieux	354 votes
Richard Roberts	304 votes
Dorothy Bruce	301 votes
Sandy Padilla	283 votes

Congratulations to the 2013-2014 CRCA Board of Directors.

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John Lambert | Marilyn Stimpson | Bob Vollbrecht | Nick Westphal

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Sunflower Fine Arts & Crafts Festival 2013

By Jeanne M. Collins, Chairperson

Mark your calendars! The dates for the 13th annual Fine Arts and Crafts Festival are November 8th and 9th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Invite your friends and family to attend this amazing event. There will be over 30 resident artisans presenting beautiful high quality handcrafted items. This is the perfect opportunity to buy holiday gifts or treat yourself to something special. You'll find jewelry, gourds, quilted items, photography, knitted and crochet purses and totes, greeting cards, dichroic glass jewelry, woodworking items and so much more.

We'll have the raffle again this year where you'll have the opportunity to win a prize from many of the fine restaurants and businesses that have made a donation. The proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Marana Roadrunner School and the Marana Food Bank.

Plan on having lunch on the back patio, The Station Pub & Grill is planning a great menu for us. The Fitness Club is sponsoring a bake sale.

The Fine Arts and Crafts Festival is located in our club house at 9401 N. Sunflower Park Drive.

Pictures with Santa!



Keep an eye out for next month's newsletter for free Santa Pictures!

December 7th 10am-3pm at the Windmill Office, more information to come!

October Recap: Meetings At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held October 17, 2013 at the Community Center. Completed minutes will be posted to the website after they are approved at the next appropriate meeting. A copy of approved minutes may also be requested from the office. Recordings of all meetings will be retained for a period of 30 days following posting of approved minutes to the website.

Guests

A representative from the Davis-Monthan Advocacy Group gave a short presentation about the Air Force Base and the mission of his advocacy group to promote Davis-Monthan AFB.

Board Actions

Additional plant replacements were approved as recommended by the Landscape Committee. Several Covenants Committee recommendations approved: \$25 fines for various unresolved violations. Proposal from Pattison-Evanoff Engineering approved for basin analysis. Contract with J. Todd Lundering CPA for the association's annual financial audit approved.

HOA Management Solutions contract renewed.
Town of Marana graffiti abatement pilot program approved.

Actions in Lieu

Action in lieu ratified: Approval of meeting for the Ad Hoc Committee for Windmill Park Play Structure Replacement on 14 October 2014.

Manager's Report

Mr. Seng reported on status of all projects recently completed and/or currently underway, including: the preparations made for the upcoming annual meeting, CRCA website upgrades, refinishing of parcel monument signs, refurbishment of Windmill Park monument sign, installation of additional light pole at Community Center; monthly Block Party events well attended. Also reported was an incident of vandalism at the Windmill pool which resulted in temporary closure of the pool.

Upcoming Dates

Block Party—11 November 2013, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Windmill Park

Board of Directors' Meeting—19 November 2013, 6:45 pm. at the Community Center.

Association Dues Reminder

It's that time again... the semi-annual CRCA assessments are due November 1st. As usual, there is a 15-day grace period before late fees are applied. As advertised in previous newsletters, if you wish to begin monthly pre-payments (instead of semi-annual lump payments) now is an ideal time to begin. Monthly payments are less than \$25 per month and many residents find this to be much more manageable than paying the full assessments twice per year. Please contact the CRCA Management office for further details. If you are interested in alternate methods of making payment, please visit www.crcatucson.com and select the "assessment dues" category on the management tab.



Vandalism at Windmill Pool

The upgraded lighting and security cameras at the pools have proved to be a very effective deterrent, and things have been very calm at the CRCA facilities for quite some time. Unfortunately after a vandalism-free year-and-a-half streak at the pools, an incident occurred in mid-October. During the wee hours of October 13th, a group of four young adults were hanging around outside the management office when one of them threw a glass liquor bottle over the fence which flew approximately sixty feet before smashing on the deck and spraying glass shards into the pool. The pool had to be closed for extensive cleaning. If you have any information about the suspected identity of the person in this photo, please call the management office at 520-297-7600. There is a \$500 reward offered for information leading to the conviction of this individual.

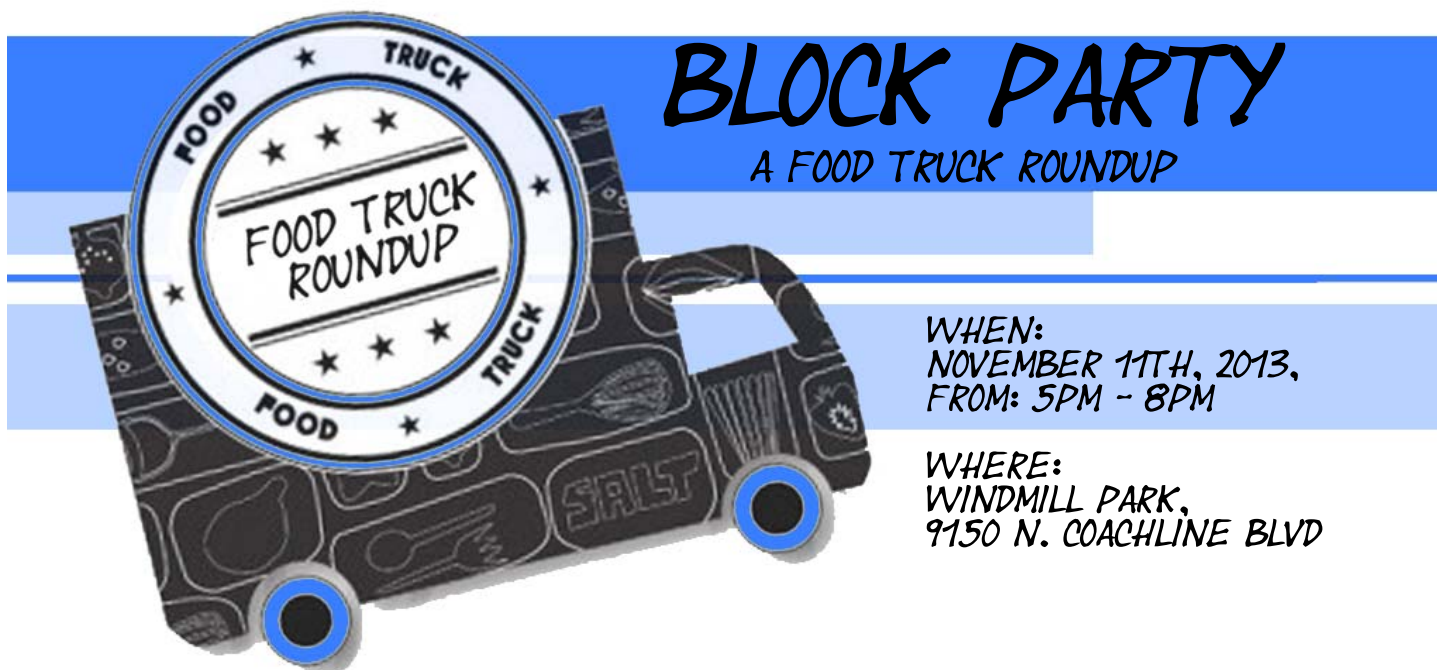


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We're at it again! Another Block Party/ Food Truck Roundup will be held at Windmill park on Monday November 11th between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm. A variety of food trucks will be available to satisfy your appetite, so grab the family and come on down for food, fun and all around merriment!



Restored & Revamped - Windmill Monument Refurbishment

It's a redundant theme, but another reserve study project is now completed -- a job well done. The reserve study identified the aged Windmill Park monument sign as due for refurbishment this year, so the project research began earlier in the year and took many months to come to fruition. The new monument included replacement of the metal sign with new styling designed match others throughout the community; solar power LED illumination for better visibility in the evenings; and refurbished landscape for improved foot traffic durability and better consistency with the other main monuments in Continental Ranch. The Landscape Committee assisted with their portion of the project in late spring to get the turf installed before the summer heat was in effect to allow it to become well established. Installation of the accent plants were postponed until construction work for the sign was complete in order to avoid damaging the new plantings. Because Windmill Park is a centerpiece for the Community, the Board felt that this refurbishment was very important. It's likely that many residents today wouldn't be able to describe from memory what the old sign looked like, since it was not eye catching and somewhat difficult to see; a contrast to the brilliant new showpiece for Windmill Park and CRCA.



It's All About Community

Most able-bodied folks probably take for granted the blessing of mobility, but for some who rely on assistance of a wheelchair or walker there are many



challenges and obstacles intertwined with

the navigation of everyday life. One such obstacle was brought to the attention of the CRCA Landscape Committee regarding the lack of a pathway connecting the Windmill Park west parking lot to the field. In response to requests and concerns from within the community, the Landscape Committee began discussing and planning this project

several months ago. With generous donations from Titan Landscape, the help of the Boy Scouts Troop #219, as well as numerous volunteer residents from

Continental Ranch, the volunteer project at the park finally came together early last month; and the results were outstanding.



Titan Landscape launched the project a few days in advance, by knocking out some of the more technical and time consuming aspects of the project. On the morning of Saturday October 5th the volunteers got right to work. First the adults set the course and help guide the Scouts until they quickly got the hang of it. Everyone

agreed the Boy Scouts did a phenomenal job and were a tremendous asset to the operation. Once the final brick was in place, the group enjoyed a tasty barbecue lunch prepared by Titan Landscape on their mobile grill. It was a job well done!

Thank you to the Boy Scouts and all the volunteers who made this event happen!



2013 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 expressed from 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 for the 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 continue to be accepted and donated to the Marana Food Bank. CRCA works with the local schools to identify which families to adopt. It is always amazing to see the outpour of generosity from the CRCA Community.



HURRY! Flag Football Registration Ends Nov. 22

The regular registration period has come to a close, but there is still time to get your kiddos on the roster for this popular league! Late registration is open to Nov. 15 and last minute registration will continue until Nov. 22 (see fees below). Don’t hesitate...there are ONLY 300 openings across three divisions. (Rookies 5-7 years old, Semi Pro: 8-10.5 years old, and Pro: 10.5-12 years old)

This fast pace 5-on-5 league provides players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in limited contact, continuous action, and promotes teamwork both on and off the field. All skill levels are welcome. Practices start after Dec. 2 and games begin Jan. 4.



Late Registration (Nov. 2-Nov. 16): \$87.50 resident*

Last Minute Registration (Nov. 16- Nov. 22): \$109.38 resident*

*Additional fee of \$17.50 will be charged for non-residents

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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, Titan Landscape, to spray pre-emergent herbicide in your front yard to **prevent most weeds** before they have a chance to become a problem.



- If no rain occurs within two weeks after the spray is applied, please water in the pre-emergent using a garden hose.
- 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.



WANT TO KEEP THE WEEDS OUT OF YOUR YARD?

Titan Landscape will be offering pre-emergent preventative weed spraying for Continental Ranch homeowners at a rate of \$47.00 per front yard. Spraying will take place December 2nd through December 6th, 2013. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please visit the Windmill Park management office and return this form with a check made payable to CRCA by November 22, 2013.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Spray has a tan colored tint which will gradually fade.

Signature: _____

Help Feed Marana!

The Continental Ranch Activities
Committee is hosting a



Food Drive

November 1st – 20th

Thanksgiving is best known for giving thanks for what you have and then enjoying a feast afterwards. Unfortunately, some families do not have the pleasure of having this feast. To help the less fortunate families in our community, CRCA is holding a food drive until November 20th. Help give a thanksgiving to those who otherwise wouldn't have one.

Please bring nonperishable food donations to
the Windmill Park office, 9150 N Coachline Blvd

All donations benefit the Marana Food Bank.



Let's Give Thanks and Give Food!

Seniors And Retirees Of CRCA

The holiday season is upon us! 2013 is already coming to a close, and once again, mature adults are bound to say the year went by too rapidly! Yes, as we mature, the days, weeks, months tend to disappear much more rapidly than when we were the younger, working adults and anxiously awaiting retirement time!

SCRCR is part of this wonderful retirement structure, and we gather on Thursdays to get caught up with the latest in mature adult gossip, share each other's joys and sorrows, and spend a brief time meeting new friends who are finding their way to our group. Our deep appreciation to the staff at Rock 'n Java for allowing us to meet in their facility on Twin Peaks each Thursday morning, and we want to encourage more Continental Ranch seniors to visit with us.

During November, a busy schedule is planned with a visit to the Crime Lab, enjoying the first production at the new Great American Playhouse, attending a spectacular Southern Arizona Symphony Orchestra concert at St. Andrews Church, along with lunches and dinners throughout the Tucson area. These things are all optional, and we have sign-up sheets at our Thursday gatherings in order to get head counts and arrange for carpooling. A new committee has just been formed to scope out speakers to attend our Thursday morning meetings from time to time, bringing us beneficial and timely information on available and reliable services. And, the hikers are back in action now that the weather has cooled! If you are a walker, you will certainly be welcomed into this Wednesday morning activity! Need more info on the hikers?—see JoAnn on Thursdays!

This 'N That

November has so many significant days to remember. In addition to Thanksgiving, it's also National Hospice Month, as we honor the corps of professionals and spiritual support to the terminally ill and their families. There's Election Day, Remembrance Day—celebrated by our Canadian friends; the US Marine Corps' anniversary; Veterans' Day honoring all military personnel with special activities scheduled throughout Tucson and across the nation; and Hanukkah which occurs on Thanksgiving Day—the first time since 1888! November also means whale-watching season off the coast of California, so if you are traveling that direction this month, plan on enjoying this annual observance.

We also note the end of daylight savings time.

Veterans' Day was originally called Armistice Day, announcing the end of WWI. Formal ceremonies are annually held in Europe. The Belgium Tyne Cot Cemetery is the largest British war cemetery in the world with nearly 12,000 graves registered. The British government employs locals to tend to the headstones in 137 cemeteries around the city, the final resting place for some 150,000 soldiers. Nearby German graveyards hold another 127,000. It is estimated that nearly 10 million died in the "Great War," including many millions dead from the ongoing flu epidemic of that time.

Thanksgiving Day appears to be the real beginning of the upcoming American holiday season. Families gather to celebrate with turkey and all the fixin's as a way to honor the four wild turkeys reportedly served during the first Thanksgiving feast. Since that very first gathering of settlers and newly-befriended Native Americans, the turkey has become the most well-known symbol of Thanksgiving. It is said that Benjamin Franklin was in favor of making the turkey the American national bird over the bald eagle, since it is a native bird of the continent. We would encourage you to share your family's turkey day with any SCRCR members who might be alone.

It's with great sadness that we share yet another loss from within our SCRCR membership. Pat and Iles Winder, relatively new to our group, quickly endeared themselves to everyone by actively taking an interest in activities throughout the community and befriending everyone within SCRCR. Their summers have been spent in cooler Colorado climate, and it was there that Pat became ill, was hospitalized and her progress went up and down for several months. They planned on returning here for Pat to recoup just as soon as she was able to travel, but those plans never materialized because of Pat's death in late September. Sadly, Pat's name has now been added to our memorial plaque, and as is our custom, a memorial donation honoring Pat has been sent to a family charity. Our sympathy is shared to Iles and all the Winder family and friends during this time.

Thought For The Day

Death isn't the end of love—only the intermission.

—Author Unknown

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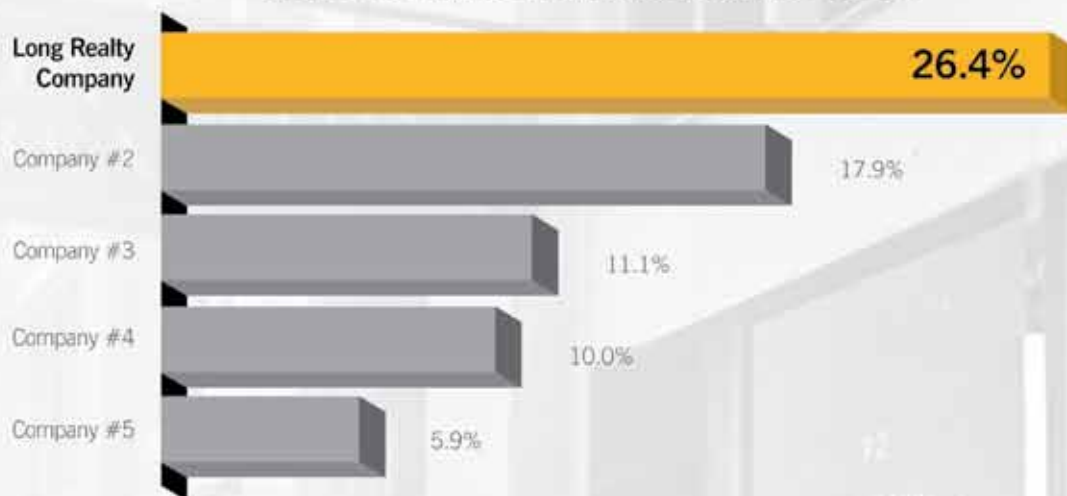
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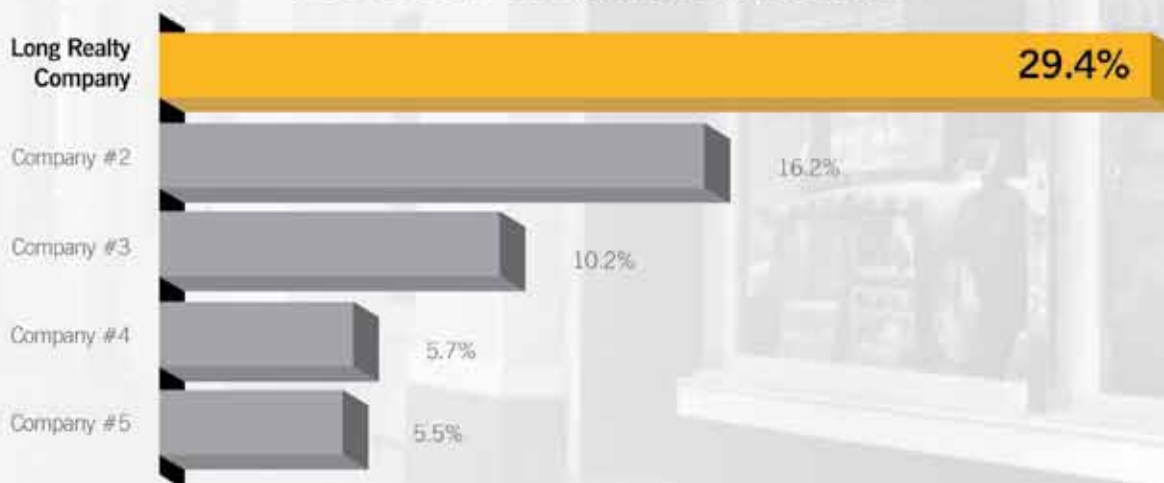
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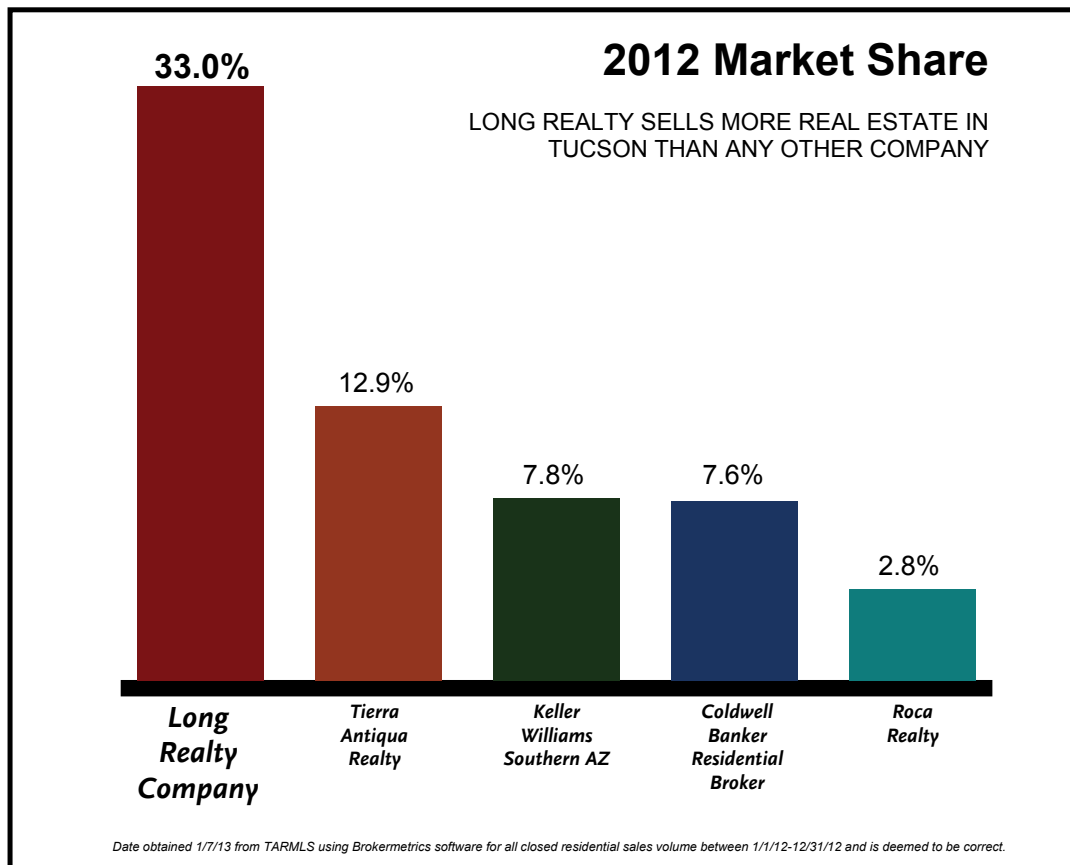


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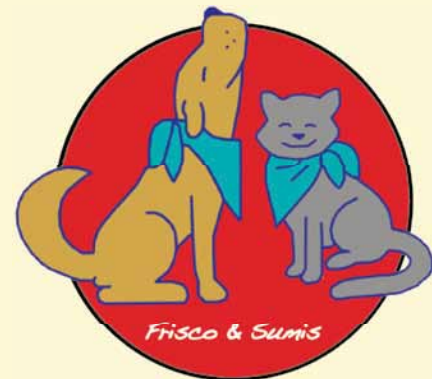
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Management's Message

Congratulations are in order for the winners of this year's Annual Election! From what I heard during the months leading up to the election, everyone running put forth hard work promoting their campaigns. Regardless of who won or lost, I think it's nice to see the community involvement. Many HOAs are not so fortunate and either fall by the wayside due to lack of participation or are improperly run; leaving the community to suffer. From time to time I receive newsletters from Association Reserves Inc. (the company who produces CRCA's reserve study), and in this most recent edition I'd like to quote:

A whopping 70% of Association-governed communities throughout the US are "underfunded."

As was reported at the CRCA Annual Meeting, this community's reserve funds are 103%. This is a powerful sign of how financially strong this association is. I hope the local realtors key in on this fact when they show properties – after all, if you were buying a house wouldn't you rather buy in a community that has the funding to keep its facilities maintained to a high quality? I would consider this the most underestimated factor when it comes to establishing property values for neighborhoods that belong to HOAs.

We all know how busy life gets around the holidays! I hope everyone can remember to take a moment to read next month's newsletter for information on the various CRCA holiday events that will be going on. I can't tell you how many times in the office after an event we hear "Oh, I missed it! I should have been reading my newsletter!"

Don't miss the Farmer's Market that takes place this month in the parking lot near Rock n Java & Twin Peaks Veterinary Clinic. Saturday, November 16th is the date; from 8am - 11pm. Not only is it locally grown produce, it's offered at great prices. From what I've heard, this market doesn't disappoint.

A couple reminders –

The Board & Pool Committee are keeping the kiddie pool heated throughout the month of November so that the little guys could still splash around if the season stays warm like it typically does.

In case you missed it on page 8, it's time once again to sign up for pre-emergent weed spray for those of you who take advantage of this service.

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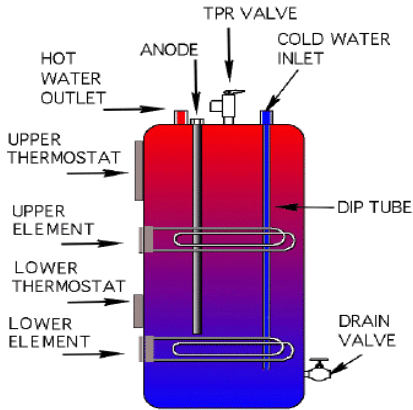
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