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January 2014 Edition

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- 1st CRCA Office Closed
- 2nd Covenants Committee
6 p.m. at WP
ARC
7 p.m. at CC
- 6th Pool Committee
7 p.m. at WP
- 7th Landscape Committee
7 p.m. at WP
- 13th Block Party
5-8 p.m. at WP
Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. at WP
- 16th ARC
2 p.m. at WP
- 21st Board of Directors Meeting
6:45 p.m. at CC
- 25th CRCA Office Open
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

President's Report

—John Lambert

2013 is now behind us with a new year before all of us. Hopefully everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas; and now with the new year comes new challenges and opportunities. I'd like to reflect back on CRCA's milestones of success for 2013.

The Easter Egg Hunt seems to get better every year and this past year saw its largest crowd of parents and children turning out for this annual event. The Christmas lighting contest was a lot of work and imagination put forth by the entrants and was appreciated by all. The Christmas caroling went well and hopefully will grow into an annual event. Santa was present for pictures with a food donation (and he may have enjoyed it even more than the kids did). The adopt-a-family project generated very caring donations which were surely appreciated by those adopted families who's Christmas were brightened through the generosity of homeowners here in CRCA. The food drives once again supplied a large donation to the food bank (over 500 pounds) and shows how caring the homeowners here are to those in need.

The Board of Directors and members of our committees have survived another year of challenges and obstacles. I am sure we will face more challenges in the year ahead but I think every member is up to those challenges. CRCA has been shaped into a beautiful place to live thanks to our committees' oversight of the pools, parks, common area landscape, and finances; as well as their upholding of covenants and architectural guidelines. These members of our committees are homeowners here and deserve our thanks for the time and effort they put into serving our community.

I realize that everyone is wrapped up in the busy hustle of their day-to-day lives, but it would be nice if more neighbors here could consider attending a Board or Committee meeting once in a while. This Association is only as good as the people involved in it.

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2nd Annual Holiday Caroling



This year's second annual Holiday Caroling was another nice community gathering as everyone headed into the holidays. The day started off with a special weekend Food Truck Roundup at lunchtime, followed by the carolers assembling at Windmill Park prior to departure.

Everyone who gathered joined in with the carolers for a few songs, and then the horse-drawn wagons loaded up in the parking lot. The group got started a little earlier than last year, in



an attempt to beat the setting sun. The carolers toured their way through the community and spread cheer to the neighborhood. Special thanks go out to Mark Maddox for arranging the horses and coordinating the event with the carolers.



Santa's Food Drive

Santa visited Continental Ranch early this year, spending his Saturday at Windmill Park and taking photos with our community's children. This year's "Photos with Santa Food Drive" was once again a big hit and saw a terrific turnout from the neighborhood.

Santa got a full variety of hilarious reactions, from excited smiling faces to some little ones who weren't so sure who this big white-

bearded guy dressed in red was. Santa made sure his young hopefuls would be prepared with cookies and milk for him when he returns on Christmas morning to deliver the packages they'll be waiting for.

The event yielded a couple hundred pounds of food donations for the Marana Food Bank, and 75 kids had their photos taken. Kudos to Santa who stayed posed for the camera for over 5-hours straight and to CRCA Management staff who were Santa's helpers during the event.

It was definitely an all-around good time! Thank you everyone who helped make this event possible! Between the Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives, CRCA raised over 500 pounds in food donations!



A Message from Gilbert Davidson, Town Manager for Marana



Each year brings the promise of exciting new opportunities for communities across the country. In Marana, we are optimistic that 2014 will be a year filled with positive developments that move our Town forward in many ways.

Here are just a few highlights of what to expect in the New Year.

Development of the Twin Peaks corridor: When the Twin Peaks Interchange opened in 2010, the roadway was identified as a key area for the expansion of commerce in Marana. With several new housing developments moving forward this year and a regional outlet mall coming in the near future, the Town's vision for Twin Peaks is quickly being realized.

Eighth year of Accenture Match Play in Marana: The world's top 64 professional golfers return to Marana for exciting head-to-head competition from Feb. 17-23. Millions of fans from across the globe will have access to 28 hours of live and 76 hours of total televised coverage from The Golf Club at Dove Mountain. The event is a unique opportunity to showcase the natural beauty found in our community and is a lot of fun to attend. Ticket information can be found at www.worldgolfchampionships.com.

Improvements to the Marana Wastewater Treatment Facility: When the Town purchased the North Marana system last year, we promised to run it efficiently and provide room for expansion. We are investing in the system to make upgrades that ensure it operates in the most cost-effective manner now and in the future.

New Deputy Town Manager: The Town plans to hire a deputy town manager in the first quarter of the New Year. The new No. 2 person will play a key role in the direction of our development services team at a time when projects are coming back to life after the recession. This is a critical position that will be filled after an extensive national search.

Strategic Plan III: The third version of our community's guiding document will feature vision and action documents that will be adopted by Town Council. But first, we'll reach out to the public for feedback starting in January. The Strategic Plan sets a course of action for our elected leaders and staff to address community needs and position Marana to take advantage of future opportunities.

Greater focus on tourism: With the Ritz-Carlton, award-winning golf courses, hiking in the Tortolita Mountains, multi-use paths, beautiful community parks and almost endless sunshine, Marana is a great place to visit during any time of year. The Town is partnering with the private sector to form a destination marketing organization that will **help tell our story to people who are looking for a great place to visit.**

Heritage River Park development: While the park is still a few years from build-out, this year will include further infrastructure work that must be completed before the Town moves forward on an equestrian arena, demonstration farm and commercial opportunities. One of the first amenities is an extension of the popular shared-use path that runs along the Santa Cruz River.

Innovative forms of citizen engagement: Our Community Connections program is being reintroduced this year, our improved web site debuts in the summer, we are working on an expanded volunteer program and we will begin using an interactive program on marana.com that allows us to get more immediate citizen feedback on a number of issues.

State of the Town: Mayor Honea will deliver an optimistic message about the Town's future during the Marana Chamber of Commerce's biggest event of the year on April 18 at the Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain. For ticket or sponsorship information, please visit www.maranachamber.com.

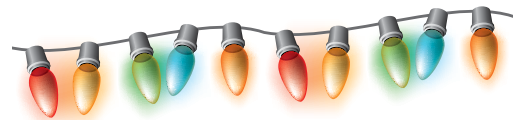
Design work on a new community park: Residents on the east side of Interstate 10 are getting a new 18-acre recreational area off Tangerine Road near Camino de Oeste and Camino de Manana. Although the park is still a couple of years from opening, design work on the project is scheduled to begin in late 2014.

Everyone who serves the Town hopes your holidays were enjoyable and that your New Year is filled with great accomplishments. Local governments work best when people and businesses in those communities are involved and successful. In Marana, we do well on both counts.

CRCA Holiday Decorating Results



*T'was the holiday season
throughout C-R-C-A,
Houses sparkled with luster
in a luminous display...*



*The lights were all hung,
on the houses with care,
In hopes that the judges,
would come out to stare!*

Every Year CRCA hosts a Winter Wonderland Holiday Decorating Contest, and every year the judging gets harder because the houses become more and more decked out! CRCA was definitely glittering and glowing this season. Thank you to everyone who participated this year!



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2nd Place - 8460 N Redstone Place



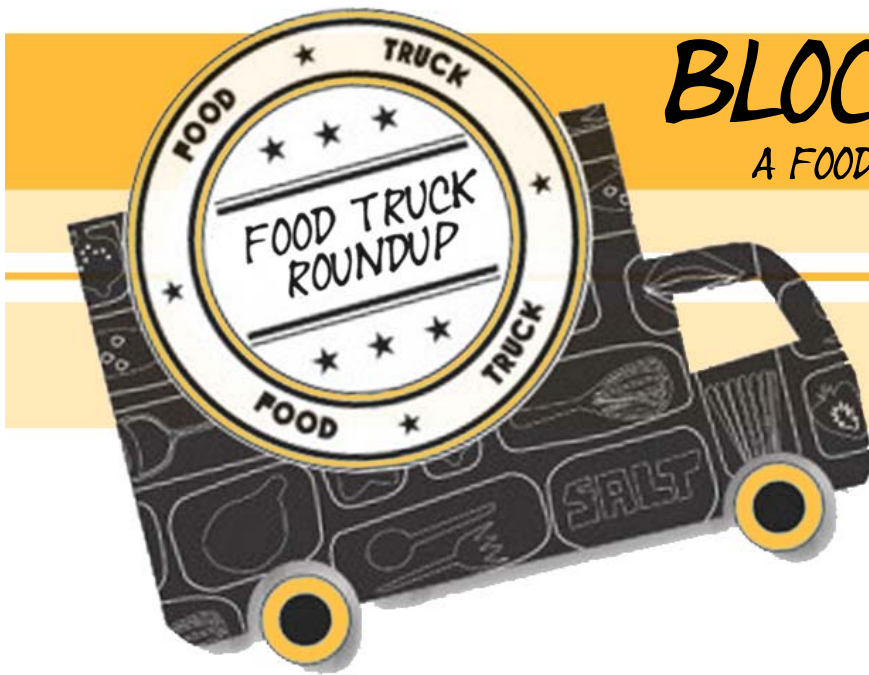
3rd Place - 7086 W Deserama Dr.



4th Place - 6378 W Tulare Way



5th Place - 8933 N Willeta Dr



BLOCK PARTY

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We're at it again! Another Block Party/ Food Truck Roundup will be held at Windmill park on Monday January 13th 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!



Continental Ranch Community Association welcomes its members to:

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Want to get involved in your community? Want to know where your dues go? Do you enjoy helping shape our neighbourhood life or just want to learn more? Consider joining a Committee and serving Continental Ranch! The community has a need for members to join its committees, including:

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Seniors And Retirees Of CRCA

Bells, whistles and happy voices were heard throughout the neighborhood at midnight! 2014 came in with a “bang,” and we’re looking forward to a wonderful new year with our SCRCR family! New Year’s Eve day breakfast at the Cattlemen’s Restaurant was thoroughly enjoyed, and we were then able to spend the holiday eve with family, friends, or the quiet comfort of our own homes with coffee, TV and/or a good book! However you chose to spend your New Years Eve, we trust it was enjoyable and brought peace and comfort to you as we begin another year.

To round out December, we hosted something very different for our group as we welcomed guests from the Greek Orthodox Church in Tucson who are in the midst of a funds-raising project to support the rebuilding of their facilities following a horrific fire during 2013. One of our SCRCR members brought the need to our attention, and our membership—as always—eagerly supported the request to provide some financial aide. Thanks to Walt’s careful and dedicated planning, our holiday party at Taste of Texas was a huge success. About 70 of our membership participated, dressed in our finest holiday attire, and enjoyed a DJ, a sing-along, dancing (Magda does a terrific Charleston!), as well as good fellowship and food! Our crafters made the table decorations—a big thank you to them for that added touch of holiday glitz, and which were given away as door prizes. Following that, Val and Rich hosted a wonderful holiday party in their home, and our thanks to them as gracious hosts! A most generous collection of toys and gift cards were donated by the membership and delivered to the Marana schools for distribution. To sum it all up, we thoroughly enjoyed a meaningful holiday throughout the entire month, and are blessed with the many friendships among the group!

Our now chilly evenings have reminded us of the need for coats and blankets for the homeless. Betty is collecting these items for distribution, and non-perishables for the Marana Food Bank are always needed and delivered to their drop off point on a regular basis. SCRCR’s membership is applauded for their caring support of so many local projects.

SCRCR will begin the new organization year on the 9th of January (no meeting on the 2nd) by welcoming our newly-elected officers with a pizza party and celebration of January birthdays! Jim Alam will install our officers and committee chairs and we will welcome Lou Marchetti as our very capable president; Dorothy Bruce, Vice-President; Jane Bobo, Secretary; and Carol Altmann, Treasurer. Two years ago, we initiated a Member of the Year Award, and to carry out this annual event, the 2013 recipient will be announced at our first meeting, and receive his/her award. Nominations were submitted by the membership, and the outgoing SCRCR Board made the final decision. It’s a surprise—so we’ll let you know the winner next month, along with all our committee coordinators.

For January, our new Activities’ Committee is welcoming new and creative ideas. Coordinator, Joyce and her committee have been meeting for a couple of months in order to have January activities ready for us to enjoy. A lecture series is in the coordination process; there will be more computer training by Larry, along with our usual concerts, tours, luncheons and dinners “out.” Of course, dominoes, card games, and good fellowship continue following each Thursday meeting. Sign-up sheets for all special activities are available at our morning meetings, so remember to list participation and car pool needs.

This ‘N That

The Arizona Senior Olympics are scheduled to begin shortly. Local residents are among those who compete and bring honors “home” to the community. Volunteers are always needed for many “behind the scenes” tasks, even if you are not physically able to participate in the schedule of events. Thousands of seniors participate annually, so watch the local news for details, phone and e-mail contacts.

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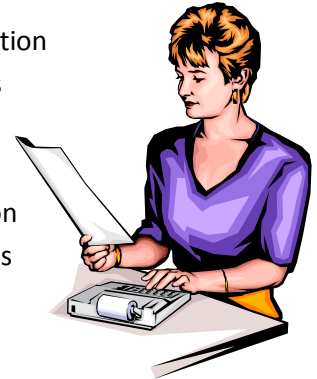
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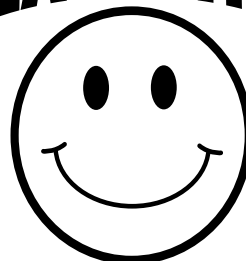
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Management's Message

I hope everyone had a lovely holiday season! It was a pretty quiet month around the office while we changed gears to help with the various seasonal activities like the Santa Photos, Adopt-a-family, and the Holiday Caroling.

Continental Ranch is one of the few HOA communities that I know of who has their own on-site HOA office – and I think it's worth noting how this asset brings neighbors together. Having this office here on site gives us the opportunity to watch how residents can connect and collaborate in ways they probably wouldn't otherwise manage in a community that had no centralized office. I think it would be a challenge to find another HOA in the Tucson area with the same level of cohesiveness as Continental Ranch. Granted, not everyone sees eye to eye on every topic, and sometimes there can be some disagreements on certain decisions; but watching the dozens of community residents stop by the office each day and take part in things like the adopt-a-family project each year is really inspiring. The simple comfort in knowing the office is here removes the "every man for himself" feeling that most homeowners would feel without it. Working here in the office affords us a perspective that many homeowners may not even realize, so I hope that residents read this message and find gladness in knowing how special your community really is.

As for community projects, there weren't many in process this past month although we have been plugging away at gathering the proposals for numerous upcoming spring projects. The Coachline Blvd irrigation system replacement project continues forward; we commend the patience of the pedestrians who have been inconvenienced by the various sidewalk closures which were necessary to complete the project.

It's never too soon to begin recruiting help for the annual Easter Egg Hunt! We welcome all helping hands to participate in putting on the event in April, so please do drop by the office and let us know if you'll be interested in helping with the 2014 Egg Hunt.

Josh Seng, Community Manager
On behalf of Paula, Stephen,
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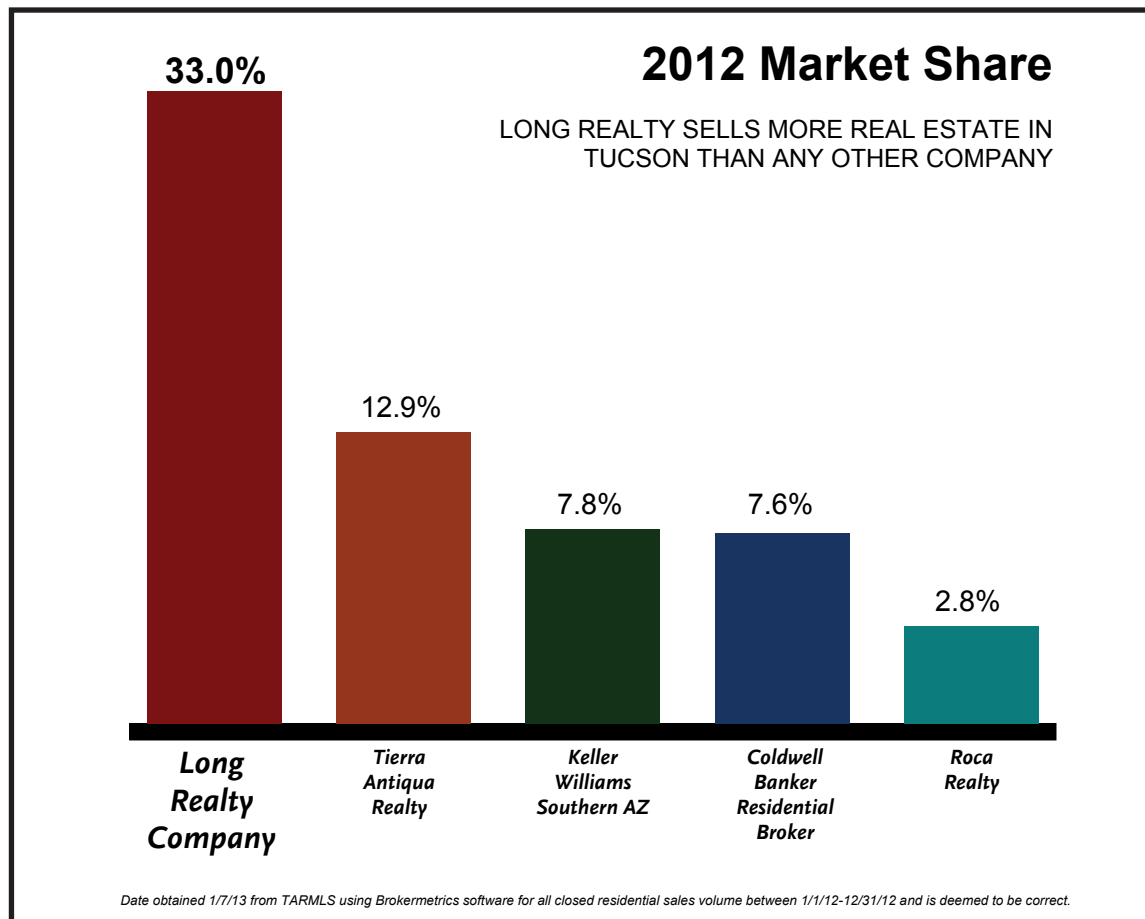


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