

Mark Your Calendars March 2014

- 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 ARC 7 p.m. at CC
- 10th Block Party 5-8 p.m. at WP

Finance Committee 6:30 p.m. at WP

- 18th Board of Directors Meeting 6:45 p.m. at CC
- 20th ARC 2 p.m. at WP
- 29th CRCA Office Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

President's Report _John Lambert

I thought it was time to call the attention of homeowners and businesses in CRCA to a portion of your property taxes for which you receive no benefit-what I would call a "taxation without representation" sort of thing. I am referring to the part of your tax bill that reads "CMID". This CMID tax is assessed by the Cortaro Marana Irrigation District for which you are levied \$69 per acre (or percentage of an acre) on your property taxes each year.

CMID (aka Cortaro Water Users Association) has been in existence since 1919 and services approximately 70 irrigation customers. Before Continental Ranch was first developed in the mid-80's, the area was farmland owned by lettuce grower Bud Antle. I am sure that Mr. Antle used the services of CMID to water his fields. I find it quite disturbing that over 90% of CRCA- as well as the businesses at the Arizona Pavilions-are included in the CMID water district for tax purposes and we receive nothing in return other than the privilege of offsetting some costs to the 70 customers who use CMID water for irrigation. Doing a rough calculation CMID receives in excess of \$70,000 a year from properties in CRCA and give nothing back to us in return.

I have included a map on page 3 of this newsletter showing the boundaries of CMID for taxation purposes. Is there anything we can do to stop paying for something we receive no benefit from? We can petition the Pima County Board of Supervisors to be excluded from this taxing district. If you are interested in lowering your tax bill please contact the office for a petition. This will not happen without a lot of homeowners voicing their opinion.

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February Recap:

Meetings At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held February 18, 2014 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.

Board Actions

Approvals for replacement of select pool area furniture, purchase of new rule enforcement signs, and pool monitor staffing; several Covenants Committee recommendations were approved: \$25 fines and pool use suspension for various unresolved violations; authorization given for management to approve select architectural application items; renewal of the Association's insurance policy approved; several agenda items were postponed for further information.

Community Activities

Monthly Block Parties continue with food trucks gathering at Windmill Park the second Monday of each month – next event scheduled for March 10th.

Annual CRCA Egg Hunt on Saturday April 19th; volunteers needed.

Manager's Report

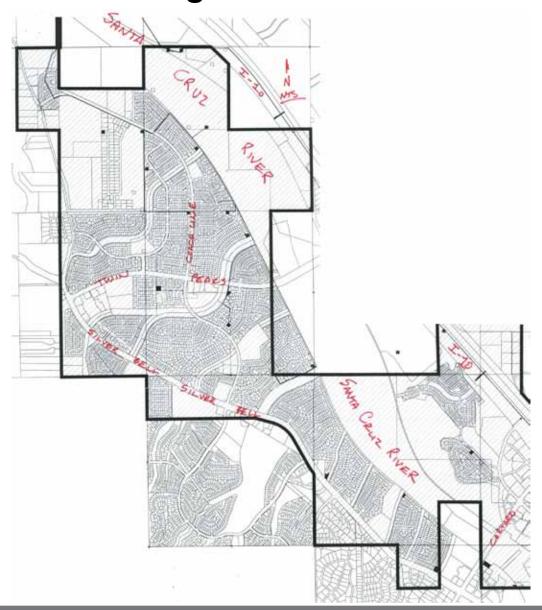
Mr. Seng introduced a new management staff member Ryan Egea as covenants liaison. Mr. Seng gave a brief report on the status of all projects recently completed and/or currently underway since the last Board meeting in January.

Upcoming Dates

Block Party—March 10, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Windmill Park

Board of Directors' Meeting—March 18, 2014 at 6:45 p.m. at the Community Center

President's Message Continued - CMID Map



Help Prevent Crime

The Marana Police Department strives to keep its citizens safe and protected. Unfortunately many crimes occur when opportunities are simply made available to the public. The Marana Police Department officers say that garage doors left wide open and cars with doors left unlocked and parked on the street or in driveways account for a vast majority of the reported thefts in the area. The feeling is that most of



these crimes occur simply because the opportunity is there and could be avoided if citizens simply remember to keep their vehicles locked and their garage doors closed when unattended. Most of these thefts are not a result of burglars breaking into properties; they are mostly to the effect of an otherwise non-criminal walking by who notices an ipad or laptop sitting in the front seat of an unlocked car and taking advantage of the situation. The MPD begs the help of all residents to make a solid effort preventing these crimes from happening by implementing some basic practices to protect their property and belongings.



EGG HUNT

SATURDAY APRIL 19, 2014

10:00 am -1:00 pm CRCA Windmill Park

CRCA is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for all Continental Ranch Residents and their 4 legged friends at the Windmill Park! Please keep all pets on a leash. Kids, grab your baskets and get ready for some fun!

Parents, please pick up a raffle ticket and wristband from the CRCA office. A non-perishable food item for the Marana Food Bank will be gladly accepted, before April 18th, 2014.

ACTIVITIES

fun for all ages

- * Train * Cotton Candy * Crafts
- * Petting Zoo * Candy & Prizes
- * Jumping Castles * Balloon Artists
- * Food Trucks * Face Painting
- * Eggs, Eggs, and More Eggs!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Just like last year, this event needs volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, please notify the management office (520-297-7600) or send an email (continental.ranch@yahoo.com) with your name and number so that you can be added to the roster of volunteers.

EGG HUNT SCHEDULE: located at the Football Field

10:15 am	0-2yr olds. Parents welcome to join
10:45 am	3-4yr olds. Parents welcome to join
11:15 am	All children with Special needs.
	All children with Special needs. ***Parents welcome to join***
11:45 am	5-6yr olds.
12:15 pm	7-8yr olds.
12:45 pm	9-10yr olds





Continental Ranch Community Wide Yard Sale! April 05, 2014 7:00am – 2:00pm



Registration deadline is Wednesday April 2, 2014

Join the fun and find those unwanted household items a new home! Please complete the form below and return it to the Windmill Park Office. A list of addresses participating in the yard sale, as well as the items for sale will be available to pick up April 4, 2014 at the Community Center. Advertising will appear in local newspapers and on Craigslist. The advertising fee which used to be required has been waived by the Board!

Community Yard Sale Registration Form						
	Ple	Please return to the CRCA Office by April 2, 2014				
Name:		Phone:	one:			
Items for Sa	ale:					
	For Office Use:	Date:	Staff Initials:			

Large Item Pickup - April 12th



Reminders

- → All items must be on the curb by 6am
- → Driver will remove the items from the curb between the hours of 6am 6pm
- → Driver will not remove any items over 50 pounds
- → Driver will remove bulk items in a 6ft by 8ft area
- → Landscape materials must be bundled nothing over 3 feet in length
- → Furniture OK to set out

Items NOT Acceptable For Bulk Trash Removal

- » Refrigerators
- » Freezers
- » Ice Makers
- » Washer/Dryer
- » Stoves
- » Dishwasher
- » Water Heaters
- » Air Conditioners
- » No appliances with Freon

- » Computers
- » Tires
- » Batteries
- » Pesticides
- » Flammable Liquids (gas, turpentine, etc.)
- » Propane/Gas Cylinders
- » Oil
- » Paint

- » 55-gallon drums
- » Medical Waste
- » Asbestos Material
- » Railroad Ties
- » Fluorescent bulbs and/or ballast
- » Contaminated soil or any hazardous waste-liquid
- » Construction material

Windmill Park - Final Touches

Over the last several years, visitors to Windmill Park have watched a gradual transformation take place before their eyes. From the concrete border surrounding the field, to the barbecue patio areas, ramada enhancements and tree planter beds, to the numerous new trees throughout; Windmill Park has become a showcase for the community. One area that was still in need of attention was the dirt strip along the south side of the sports field. After giving the newly planted trees time to get established, the Landscape Committee recommended installation of decorative gravel along this area to give the park a completed look. Metal edging was installed to help contain the rock and prevent it from drifting down into the storm water basin. Next time you're strolling through the park or enjoying the next Block Party, take a peek at this final touch of completion to the Windmill Park.





We're at it again! Another Block Party/ Food Truck Roundup will be held at Windmill park on Monday March 10th 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!

grow work play

In CRCA, Leash and Pick Up After Your Dog or Be Ready To Pay -John Lambert, Board President

As members of the Board, we often get questions about local laws governing dogs. Not only are the below cited laws being en force in CRCA (with MARANA police issuing citations for violation of these laws) there is a \$100 fine and loss of common area privileges (swimming pool, parks, etc) for 30 days for each violation. A number of homeowners and non residents have chosen to use the baseball diamond at Windmill Park as a "dog park". CRCA has no dog park and non residents will be prosecuted for trespassing and homeowners who choose to ignore these rules and laws will be subjected to stiff penalties by both the Marana Police Dept. and CRCA. ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED AT WINDMILL PARK.

Leash Laws

Title 6 of the Pima County Code governs animals. Under Section 6.04.030, the owner of a dog that is found "at large upon the streets, sidewalks, alleys, or public property" is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. "At large" is defined as "neither confined by an enclosure nor physically restrained by a leash." The same penalties apply to the owner of a dog found "at large" upon his own premises or the private premises of any other owner. So, even on your own property — or while visiting a friend's house — your dog must be in an enclosure or on a leash. The penalty for this Class 2 misdemeanor can include a fine of between \$100 and \$750; up to four months in jail; and/or two years' probation. So, if your dog is not fenced in at home, keep it on a leash at all times.

Doggie Doo- There is no Poop Fairy!

What about cleaning up after your pet? We all know it's the "right" thing to do; but are you breaking any laws if you don't do it? The short answer is "yes." Cleaning up after your dog is governed by the same section of the Code, 6.04.030. It notes that it is unlawful for the owner or the person with custody of the dog to fail "immediately" to "remove and dispose of in a sanitary manner" any dog poop deposited on public property or on private property without the consent of the property owner. A person who commits such a violation is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor, for which the penalties may include a fine of between \$100 and \$500; up to 30 days in jail; and/or one year probation.



Marana Parks & Rec - Pack Your Bags... Come Camp



Marana Parks and Recreation is offering the 7th Annual Camping Under the Stars event. Come spend a fun-filled night in Ora Mae Harn Park. This award winning event is a great opportunity to get the family outdoors with neighbors and friends. The overnight stay includes a tent space, storytelling, a camp fire, crafts, nature exhibits, and an outdoor movie. Pack your bags, grab your tent and prepare for a night under the stars! Only charcoal grills permitted. No onsite food vendors, so pack a picnic.

Streamers, twinkle lights, pin wheels....bring them all! Participate in the Annual Tent Decorating Contest for a chance at fun prizes (and bragging rights).

March 29-30 - \$5 to \$15 based on group size Campsite Sign-ups at www.marana.com/registration

A Word from the Landscape Committee

Thank goodness the citrus trees didn't take a hit this year like they did last year! That being the case, they are ahead of schedule by about a month, along with everything else. Normally I would recommend fertilizing them at this time before they go into bloom. But, as they are already in full bloom, we will need to wait.

March is usually an ideal time for the first application because the danger of frost is past. Normally, three applications of citrus tree fertilizer are recommended each year, however due to the early season this year, we

will only get in two applications. Try to fertilize before the blossoms come out. If you fertilize while the tree is blooming, the fertilizer can knock the blooms off before they get a chance to set fruit. If you miss this timing, just wait until the next recommended application period, which would be late May or early June. Fertilizing citrus trees is not necessary for the tree to grow, but it is necessary if you want it your tree to thrive and produce juicy and delicious fruit. When you do fertilize your citrus trees, make sure to carefully follow the directions on the label.

Citrus trees prefer deep watering. Beth Hargrove, from Rillito Nursery and Garden Center, recommends watering to a depth of 3 feet once a week during the warm growing season. To accomplish deep watering use drip irrigation or build a watering well to contain the water as it seeps down to the roots. You may need to fill up the well a couple of times to reach the 3 foot depth. A watering well should be as wide as the canopy of the tree if possible. Remember that the roots of a tree mimic the branches,



so the roots go out as far as the branches. The roots that spread out are called feeder roots. These are the ones that take in water and nutrients, while the older roots next to the trunk are more for anchoring the tree. It is recommended to put an inner circle of soil around (but not touching) the trunk so that standing water won't get the trunk wet. If you use drip irrigation make sure to put 3 or 4, four gallon-per-hour drippers out about midway around the tree to insure water gets to all the roots and is not concentrated on one central area.

Now is the time to get going on trimming up all those frost-sensitive plants. I don't think we will see any more frost (but then I'm not a weather expert) so I could be wrong. The plants you'll want to trim back hard are: Lantana, Hibiscus, Natal Plum, Potato Bush, Plumbago, and anything else looking a little "wintered". Fertilize with your favorite method (water soluble or granular) and water in generously. Let's get our yards and community looking great again.

Get to those weeds. They're watching you.

Rob Palfreyman, CRCA Landscape Committee Chairman

Marana Parks & Rec - Outdoor Movies

March is a double feature month for the popular Movies in the Park Series. Moviegoers are encouraged to bring families, friends, picnics and pets to the park to enjoy these outdoor feature presentations. Snacks and drinks available for sale.



- March 15: Wreck it Ralph, Continental Ranch Neighborhood Park at 7 p.m.
- March 29: Yogi Bear, Ora Mae Harn Park at 7 p.m.

Looking for more recreation? Browse a full list of activities online at www.marana.com/recreation

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 June 2nd through June 6th, 2014. 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 May 23th, 2014.

Name:	
	Spray has a tan colored tint which will gradually fade.

Signature: _____

Seniors And Retirees Of CRCA

Continental Ranch seniors were on the move once again during February, as we bid a farewell to the folks at Rock 'n Java and moved into larger meeting quarters at the Lord of Grace Church on Cortaro Road. Once again, a HUGE thank you to R 'n J staff for taking such good care of us this past year.

We were privileged to have Dr. Bethany Neuman, DVM, owner of the Twin Peak's Veterinary Clinic as a guest speaker recently. What a caring and knowledgeable resident of C.R. she is and surely an asset to the community. Even those of us who aren't pet owners found her professionalism refreshing. Throughout the month, we shared exciting times of fellowship at our Super Bowl party, rodeo events, SASO concert, Crime Lab tour and Valentine's Day celebration!

During March, SCRCR is looking toward Senior Day at Reid Park Zoo, a Marana bus tour, visits to the Desert Museum, the Civil War Reenactment held annually at Picacho Peak, the Rillito Race Track, and the Green Valley Farmer's Market. And, since everyone goes green for St. Patrick's Day, what better way to celebrate than with a corned beef and cabbage dinner at Thunder Canyon Brewery in the Foothills Mall on the 17th? (Or order from the menu if you prefer!) Check your calendars, pick and choose the events of interest and then be sure to sign up so we know head counts and carpooling needs. There will be no Thursday morning meeting on 6 March, since that is the date for our Reid Park outing. Thursday morning meetings are scheduled for 13, 20 and 27 March, and all the extraactivity sign-up sheets and information will be there

This 'N That

Founders' Day celebrations in Marana will feature traditional parade and festivities at the Ora Mae Harn Park on the 8th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Marana Heritage Conservancy is hosting the event featuring a parade with many community and school groups. There will be displays, community organization booths, a tractor display and show, and of course—lots of food! Join the Conservancy folks in the day-long activities honoring the Town of Marana. Need more information?

Contact Jennifer Dickson at the Conservancy, maranaheritageaz@hotmail.com, or by phone: 400-8444.

Often wonder why St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on 17 March? One theory is that this is the day St. Patrick died. Since the holiday began in Ireland, it is believed that as the Irish spread out around the world, they took with them their history and celebrations. The biggest observance of all is, of course, in Ireland. With the exception of restaurants and pubs, almost all businesses close on the 17th. Being a religious holiday as well, many Irish attend mass, as it is a traditional day for offering prayers for missionaries worldwide before the serious celebrating begins. Close to a million people take part in Ireland's St. Patrick's Festival in Dublin, a multi-day celebration featuring parades, concerts, outdoor theater productions and fireworks displays. In America, cities with large Irish populations celebrate with parades, the "wearing of the green," music and song, Irish food and drink. Everyone is Irish on the 17th so be sure to wear green!

Thought For The Day

An Irish blessing: May your troubles be less and your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door.



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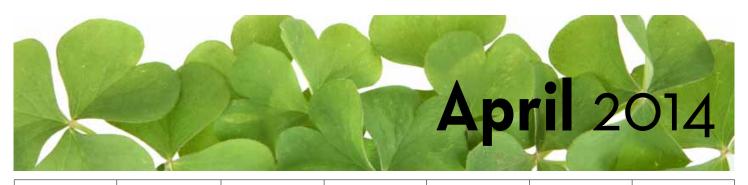


All seminars at the CRCA community center on 8881 N. Coachline Blvd and are expected to last 45 minutes. (Community Center is located next to the CRCA Community Pool and shares the same parking lot. Located across the street from Town of Marana's Park)

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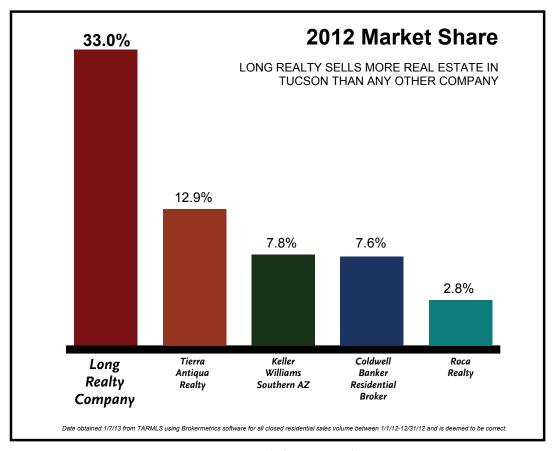
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Management's Message

Things are heating up quick this year! We've already started to see a lot higher use of the pool than we usually do for such an early point in the year. It's nice to be surrounded by so many happy relaxed pool-goers who are making the most of the amazing weather. One of our most dreaded tasks as management is spoiling the fun by needing to correct behavior at the pool. I wanted to get an early start on including a reminder to everyone using the pools that the rules are clearly posted and they are enforced. The rules have been adopted for the protection of your facilities and your personal safety. If you have any questions about what any of the rules mean or would like our staff to review them with you, I encourage you to stop by the office and we're happy to help. As usual, the most common issues that occur are: children in the spa, food and drink in the pool area, hanging on the lane lines, not showering prior to entering the pool, and CRCA residents who let in large groups who do not belong to CRCA.

Along with this warm weather, you may have noticed the weeds really popping up all over the place! Rest assured our staff is doing everything we can to help. For those homeowners' yards that need attention, we are driving the community on a daily basis and reminding homeowners who need to tidy up. We also work very closely with your association's landscape contractor, Titan Landscape, to make sure the grounds are held to the high standards you expect.

Over the next couple weeks you may see the tree crews for Brijer Resources performing the annual major pruning and thinning service for CRCA's larger trees. Believe it or not, the dollar value on your community's trees is in the millions of dollars. The annual pruning aims to help preserve your community's living assets.

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

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