

Mark Your Calendars April 2014

- 1st Landscape Committee 7 p.m. at WP
- Covenants Committee 6 p.m. at WP
- ARC 3rd 7 p.m. at CC
- CRCA Yard Sale 5th 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 7th Pool Committee 7 p.m. at WP
- Block Party 14th 5-8 p.m. at WP

Finance Committee 6:30 p.m. at WP

Board of Directors Meeting 6:45 p.m. at CC

ARC 17th 2 p.m. at WP

- 19th CRCA Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 26th CRCA Office Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

President's Report

I have asked myself for the last six years being President of the associationwhy do I put up with the attacks on the BOD for our actions, dealing with collections of delinquent accounts, overseeing the financials and how homeowners monies are spent, making sure that the reserve study is followed, selecting and overseeing contractors for the myriad of projectsboth planned and unplanned- that are undertaken and a host of other issues and challenges faced as a BOD member. Making sure that ALL homeowners are treated equally with no one group receiving preferential treatment over another and making sure that we meet all of the conditions of the CC&R's while not intruding on a homeowners right to live an enjoyable life here in CRCA. I take this task very seriously and have put a lot of time and effort into this association. WHY?

I guess the answer would be I really enjoy seeing the transformation that has taken place in CRCA. The Windmill office is welcoming to homeowners and it is nice to see visitors looking for their house on the wall map in the lobby. Seeing the interaction between homeowners and the staff of management is most always a good experience for both. Seeing the baseball diamond being used at night by the little league team is especially enjoyable to me- I think I enjoy it as much as the players are. Seeing the families using the picnic area under the armadas at Windmill Park and the kids playing ball and flying kites on the weekends makes all the work put into making the park what it is today all worthwhile. It is a definite asset to CRCA and

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is being used as it should be by homeowners. Seeing the large turnout for the food truck round up as well as the pool being used by families with the kids enjoying the facilities.

With that said I would like to remind you of the upcoming Easter Egg hunt at Windmill park on April 19th. This event has grown each year with the children having a great time and taking home their share of the eggs. If you have the time it would be great to have you volunteer to help with the Easter Egg hunt- it is a little bit of work but the rewards cannot be measured when you see the joy in the children.

One last thing- starting on April 3rd there will be a Farmers Market at the west end parking lot of Windmill Park from 9AM to 1PM. This will be every Thursday so we hope to see you there so it can continue and grow.

Have a safe and happy Easter and enjoy what CRCA has to offer each homeowner.

Vandalism -

It Costs Us All

Another unfortunate incident of damage occurred to one of our common area elements at the pocket park in parcel 16 (Yellow Moon & Veridian). These play structure components cost between \$1,000 - \$2,000 to replace. If you have information about who may be responsible, please notify the office. The \$500 reward still stands for information leading to the arrest and convictions of those responsible for vandalism of Continental Ranch Community Association property.



March Recap: Meetings At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held March 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 resurfacing of the Community Center Pool Deck and replacing the plaster for the kiddie pool; several Covenants Committee recommendations were approved: \$25 fines and pool use suspensions and lot cleanups for various unresolved violations; approval for replacement of the Windmill Park play structure.

Community Activities

Farmers Market begins in April at Windmill Park; every Thursday 9am – 1pm.

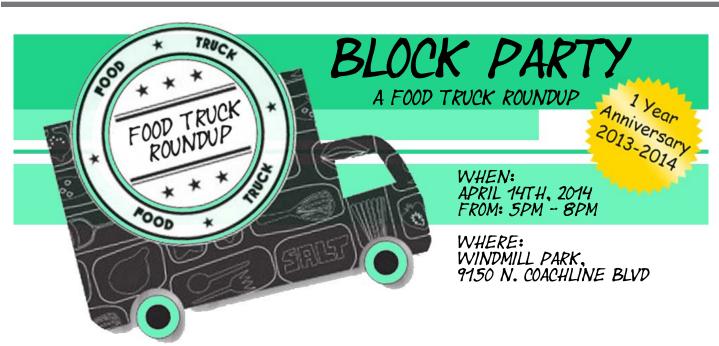
Community-wide Yard Sale – Saturday April 5th

Monthly Block Parties continue to grow. Food trucks gather at Windmill Park the second Monday of each month – next event scheduled for April 14th from 5pm – 8pm.

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

Manager's Report

The community manager gave a brief report on the status of all projects recently completed and/or currently underway since the previous Board meeting, including: completion of upper tree pruning, preparation for hiring of pool monitors, preparation for the Egg Hunt event, and completion of the project to clean out the drainage basin in parcel 69.



We're at it again! Another Block Party/ Food Truck Roundup will be held at Windmill park on Monday April 14th 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!



Fifth Annual CRCA Easter Egg Hunt

This year's event is Saturday April 19th – see the full page newsletter insert for more details!

Don't forget to pick up your tickets at the office!

Maintaining our Community Assets

The Windmill Park play structure is one of Continental Ranch's most popular attractions. Following a long life of healthy use, the Association's Reserve Study called for it to finally be retired. After months of thorough review, the special Play Equipment Replacement



Committee carefully made their selection for the Board to approve this past month. The Committee made strategic decisions about which components were



imperative to include and which other components should be avoided. Throughout the life of the original structure, certain parts of the structure proved to be targets for vandalism or broke prematurely and required replacement. The Committee gathered multiple proposals from numerous companies and

diligently evaluated where CRCA would get the most for its money. The Committee hopes that kids and parents of Continental Ranch will appreciate the new structure. Now will come the waiting game, as it will take approximately two months for the new structure to arrive and be installed. If everything goes according to plan, the new structure should be in place in time for summer!



Maintenance of our Pools

This will be a busy year for projects involving our community pools! The Pool Committee has had their hands full for the past several months, sorting through the various proposals for the numerous projects slated for this year.

Kiddie Pool Replaster

A source of concern over the last several years has been the appearance of the plaster in the community center kiddie pool. The aging plaster was increasingly looking more and more "dirty". Although the pool is cleaned 7-days per week, the dirty looking appearance led to ongoing doubts about whether the pool was being serviced at all. Following the reserve study, the plaster was due to be replaced this year, and the pool committee didn't waste any time sending their recommendations to the Board for approval. Omni Pool Builders was selected for the job and they will be working as hard as they can to schedule the project for completion in time for the summer reopening of the Community Center pool.





Community Center Deck Resurfacing

Another item identified by the reserve study for this year will be the resurfacing of the Community Center pool deck. This deck has held up considerably well for many years, however the time has finally come for it to be resurfaced. A similar process was completed at the Windmill Pool in October of 2011. The project will entail stripping off the old deck texture to the underlying deck slab, and then applying a fresh coat texture coat and seal.

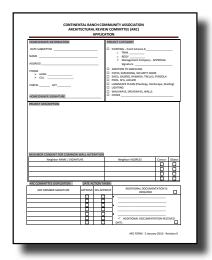
Windmill Park Pool Deck Seal

As mentioned above, the Windmill Pool's deck was completely resurfaced in 2011. The top sealant coating the deck helps protect it against the elements, and as called for by the reserve study, it will be resealed this year. Essentially this deck sealant application is similar to a new paint job, so the deck will have to be cleared off, cleaned, and new sealant coating applied.

These projects are essential for maintaining Continental Ranch's facilities to the high standards expected by the community and required by the CC&Rs. By the end of the year both pool facilities should boast a fresh new look!

A Reminder from the Architectural Review Committee

The Continental Ranch Board of Directors and all Committees strive to make life easier for everyone living here, while still adhering to the requirements of the CC&Rs and protecting property values. The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) would like to remind all CRCA Homeowners that it is their responsibility to submit a written application for review for all modifications made to the exterior of their homes per the Continental Ranch Design Guidelines.



A few examples of the types of modifications requiring approval include new construction (like a room addition), painting your home a new color, adding new brick or concrete walkways, expanding your driveway, front and side-yard landscaping, security doors, walkway lights, and solar panels. Also included are the addition of gazebos, ramadas, pergolas and storage sheds, as well as raising height or relocating walls.

Homeowners can check the CRCA Design Guidelines for a list of the most common modifications at www.crcatucson.com. It is also possible to download an ARC Application from the website, or pick one up at the CRCA Office.

Please submit an application to the ARC, even if the work has already been completed, so that your homeowner file can be updated. If your homeowner file is not up-to-date at the time you sell your home, it could complicate closing the sale of your home.

Landscape Rock - Annual Replenishment

February and March were busy months for Titan Landscape, as they wrapped up the final components of the irrigation system on Coachline Blvd, and then began the decorative rock installations throughout the community. The Landscape Committee and Board of Directors hope that the community appreciates their attention to detail, including the landscape replenishment programs that they have established. Landscape gravel gradually depletes over time; because it disappears so slowly, most residents often times don't even notice. Once the new gravel is installed, it becomes apparent just how badly it was needed.

The Association hopes that it can lead by example and that residents will notice the visual impact of replenishing the depleted gravel in our common areas. The two most noticeable improvements that can be made to a property are a new paint job on the home, and new gravel in the front yard. Many residents don't realize how affordable rock is, especially with one rock materials yard located so close to Continental Ranch, at Twin Peaks and Interstate-10. As little as \$300 - \$400 on an average sized front yard can really create that "brand new" look that keeps our community values strong.



A Word from the Landscape Committee

"April showers bring May flowers". As you well know, we are seasonally ahead of everybody else in the country, so April is the time for us to transition from winter - to one day of spring – and right on into summer.

I know the winter annuals still look great and you don't want to disturb them, but now it's time to switch them out; this goes for vegetables as well. If you haven't already done so, you should get your summer annuals planted so they can get established before it gets too hot. The varieties to use at this time of year make up a short list; look for varieties such as: Vinca, Dianthus, Marigolds, and Celosia. For summer, you'll want to avoid: Petunia, Pansies, and Snapdragons. If you are going to plant tomatoes and you haven't yet, make sure to select a quick gestation variety like Early Girl. If you plant the beefsteak variety, temperatures will get too hot before they have a chance to ripen and they will turn to stew on the vine.

Bermuda grass is starting to come out of dormancy. If you didn't plant rye over the winter, just start watering and fertilizing. If you use a "weed and feed", hurry and apply it quickly. Most of the "weed and feed" applications aren't recommended for use over 90 degrees F. If you did over-seed with rye this past winter, cut it down short just like you did the Bermuda in the fall. This does two things; it stresses the rye to die out and it lets the sun down to the Bermuda roots to warm them to help break dormancy. Fertilize at this time as well, following all manufactures directions on the label.

Titan Landscape has been busy getting CRCA ready for the summer ahead. You may have noticed all the trimming they are doing on plants like Lantana. On the frost tender plants like Lantana, we've avoided cutting them back in the winter because it could open up the plant to more damage if it gets very cold. So, we bear with it through the winter, and as soon as the danger of frost is past it becomes time for aggressive trimming renovations. It's a good idea for us to do this in our yards as well.

I know I just mentioned pre-emergent weed spray control in February, but I urge the community to start thinking about again soon. It's best to have those spray treatment applied before the monsoon rains arrive. Monsoon season officially starts in June, but the rains usually kick in the first week of July or so. Ideally, pre-emergent spray should be applied twice each year in coordination with the rains; so June/December are good months to go by. We have already seen how bad the weeds can get once this year, so I recommend getting ahead of the next weed season which is just around the corner.

The lawn at Windmill Park is looking great, especially with the addition of the landscape rock along the south side of the sports field, as referenced in last month's newsletter article. Let's all come out and really enjoy our community! Between the pool, the football/soccer field (which looks like it is getting a lot of use lately), the BBQ ramadas, the playground, and the baseball diamond; Continental Ranch has it all!

Rob Palfreyman, CRCA Landscape Committee Chairman



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.

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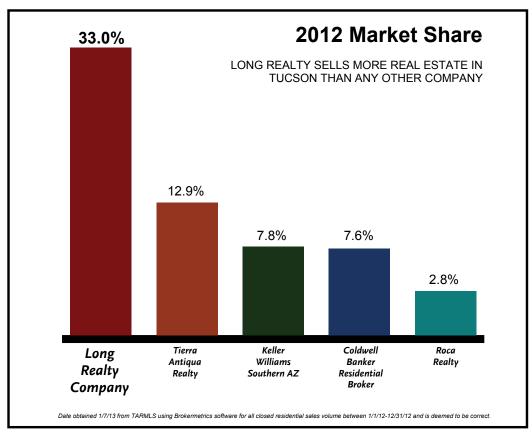
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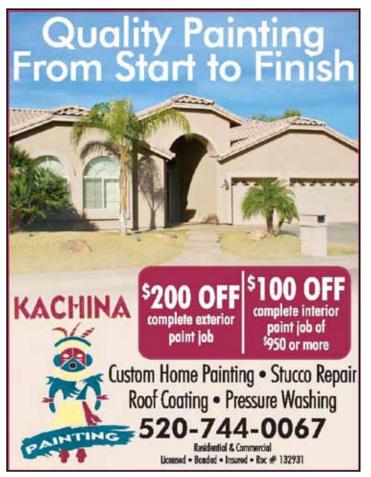
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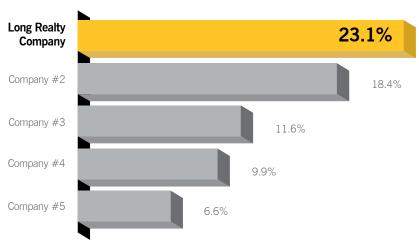
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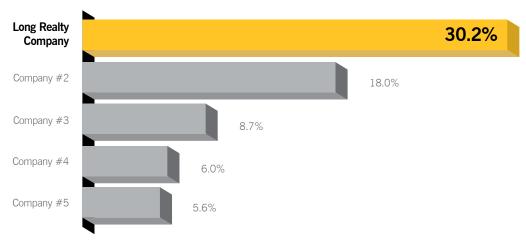


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The acceptance of a business ad in the newsletter does not constitute approval or endorsement by the CRCA. "The Association reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to refuse to accept any advertising submittal made by a prospective advertiser of the Association's newsletter or other publications." Ad publication is subject to space availability on a first-come, first-serve policy and could be denied or postponed due to lack of space in a specific issue. All advertising is subject to current Advertising Rates, as adopted by the Board of Directors. All copy for articles and camera-ready advertising is due at the Association office by the 15th of the month. Distribution will be approximately the first week of the following month. Ads may be submitted on Compact Disc (CD) to the management office, or by e-mail to jocelyn@ hoamanagementsolutions.com. The preferred file format for ad submissions is PDF, however JPEG is also accepted. For specific ad size dimensions please e-mail the address above for additional information.

Advertising Rates

Business Card \$45

Quarter Page \$75

Half Page \$130

Full Page \$227

Political Ads must have "Paid advertisement. Not endorsed by the CRCA" in at least 8 point type at the bottom of the ad.

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Management's Message

Everyone has a different idea of what covenants enforcement means to them when it comes to life in an HOA. Some people move to an HOA because they believe the Association will rule like an iron fist to keep their neighborhoods crisp and clean. Other people don't fully understand what moving into an HOA will mean for their property upkeep practices, eventually finding themselves in a daily battle with the HOA. I'd like to take the chance to thank everyone in Continental Ranch for working with our staff in our careful balancing act between keeping everyone happy and keeping the neighborhoods well maintained. Some of you reading this message might wish that we could obtain faster results, and others might wish that we'd quit bugging you to clean up your yard. Regardless of which group you fall into, we are truly appreciative of the positive, patient, respectfulness we receive back from members of the community. I hope everyone knows we take our job and duty to Continental Ranch very seriously. We try our hardest to resolve matters and get results as quickly as possible, without being too abrasive. We understand that maintaining property values is most important, and we also know how the attitude of an HOA management company towards owners can be the make-or-break when it comes to whether daily life is a pleasure or a burden. Whether you receive contact from our office or you're calling into us to report a violation complaint, please know that we're here to work with you.

Following the instructions from your Board of Directors, we're also here to work with those owners who might have temporary conditions that create a struggle to stay current with their assessment dues. If you suspect choppy waters are on the horizon for your household or you've already found yourself in a bind and don't know what to do – please come visit us. We cannot waive your dues, but we are able to work out payment plans to get you back on track.

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

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (once per month) Sunday, Closed

The office is now open one Saturday per month. We accept payments by check or money order; however, we will not handle any ARC issues.

In case of emergency, please call (520) 780-9163 and follow the prompts. This number is not for reporting violations or dealing with delinquencies.



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







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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)

To RSVP: http://26615.rsvpmenow.com, call 520-751-9798 ext 107 or scan QR code.

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