

# CONTINENTAL RANCH

*the windmill*

May 2014 Edition

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## Mark Your Calendars May 2014

- 1st Assessments Due  
ARC  
2 p.m. at WP
- 5th Pool Committee  
7 p.m. at WP
- 6th Landscape Committee  
7 p.m. at WP
- 7th Covenants Committee  
6 p.m. at WP
- 10th CRCA Office Open  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 12th Block Party  
5-8 p.m. at WP  
Finance Committee  
6:30 p.m. at WP
- 15th Last day of Assessment  
Grace Period  
ARC  
7 p.m. at WP
- 16th Late Fee Applied
- 26th Memorial Day  
CRCA Office Closed
- 27th Board of Directors Meeting  
6:45 p.m. at CC

## President's Report

- John Lambert

The Association hosted the annual Easter Egg hunt at Windmill park on the Saturday before Easter. Judging from the large turnout (over 500 children registered) accompanied by parents, older siblings, and a few grandparents I would have to say it was a great success. Thanks to Jocelyn and all the volunteers as well as the rest of the management staff for putting so much work into making this such a great event. A special thanks to Stephen and Ryan for dressing up in the Easter bunny suit- they deserve it as you have no idea how hot that suit is. It was really nice to see the families coming together and enjoying our beautiful park and their families. There were lots of smiling children running around and enjoying the petting zoo, face painters, balloon artists and jumping castles as well as the egg hunts.

The BOD, Finance committee and management will be working on the budget for next year starting in May. We have not seen a dues increase since I have been on the BOD (6 years) but we have seen increases in the of cost services, utilities and required contributions to the reserve fund continually rise. In 2010 our reserve contribution was \$90,000.00. The current contribution requirement is \$170,000.00 with it rising to \$216,968.00 by 2018. We have held management and other contractors to no increases for over two years and will be facing increases this coming year. Looking at a number of expenditures the cost of keeping Windmill pool open November

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## President's Message Continued...

to February has stood out as one of question. In 2006 the then BOD decided to keep Windmill open year round on a trial basis. With the associated costs and usage by a very small number of residents the BOD decided to send a survey out in May for input from all homeowners on the justification of this expenditure. Please return the survey so we can make plans while budgeting for next year and hopefully not have to raise dues.

## Pool Furniture for Sale!

Old pool furniture is up for sale to residents. Several tables and lounge chairs are available. If interested, contact the Management office for details.



## Announcement 2014 Nominating Committee

This year's members of the 2014 Nominating Committee are: John Abraham

Doug Childress

Al Diaz

Glenn Hesterlee

Dave Lawrence





# CRCA 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

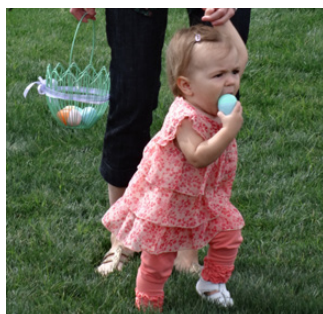
This year's event was another grand success! Of course the main focus of the event was the egg hunt which was divided up into 6 different age groups and ran in intervals every half an hour. The local boy scout troop leader helped launch the start of each hunt, rallying up the groups of little egg hunters for a high energy dash into the field. The kids all sported very unique and creative baskets for gathering their bounties of eggs. Once again the turnout for the event was estimated to be over 1,500 total –including kids, parents, older siblings, grandparents, and relatives. Food donations generated a total of 485 pounds for the Marana Food Bank and \$150 in cash donations. Each dollar in cash that is donated to the food bank buys approximately \$9 in food for families in need.



The petting zoo was such a terrific hit last year that it returned again and was met with hundreds of excited children who rode the ponies and pet the goats, chickens, ducks, and even a llama! It was quite apparent that the owner of the mobile petting zoo cares greatly for his animals. Once again face painters and balloon artists were bringing cheer to the event, and there was plenty of fun to be had at the arts & crafts tables in the ramadas next to the field. The mini trackless train gave rides around the field and was a lot of fun for the little ones.



The Easter Egg Hunt wouldn't be complete without a visit from the Easter Bunny! To reduce wait times and allow for the kids to roam the event rather than waiting in line for photos, the Bunny roamed around and parents were able to take their own personal photos of their children with the Bunny. The jumping castles were a big hit (as usual) and this year the premier interactive piece was the gladiator jousting arena. Contenders strapped up their head gear, took their pedestals, and then battled to see who knock the other off their foothold.



This year we were sad not to have the band who played at past events, but the music DJ who filled the spot really helped lighten the mood with plenty of fun tunes. Several local food trucks helped fill hungry bellies and all kids received a free cotton candy. Lucky raffle prize winners for each age group won Easter baskets packed with goodies. CRCA wants to thank ALL the volunteers who donated their time to pitch in and make this event possible.











# April Recap: Meetings At A Glance

*The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held April 15, 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

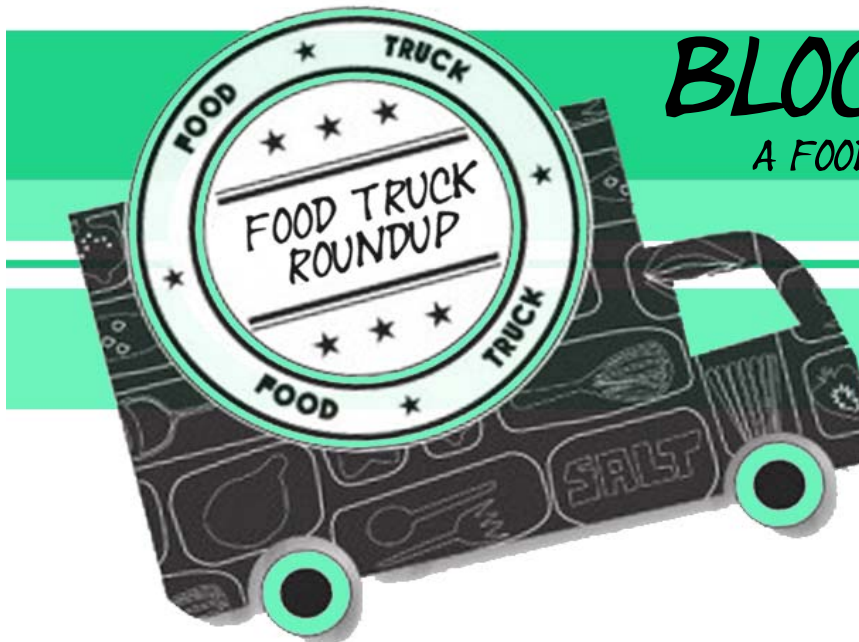
Approval of irrigation system repairs, common area landscape irrigation backflow valve installation, and seasonal plant replacements; several Covenants Committee recommendations were approved: \$25 fines and pool use suspensions and lot cleanups for various unresolved violations; approval of Saguaro Aquatics swim classes for CRCA residents during the 2014 swim season, approval of facility and pool fence repainting following reserve study requirements; approval of installation of new kiddie pool in the Windmill Park pool area; mailing of community survey to residents regarding pool usage.

## Community Activities

Farmers Market continues at Windmill Park; every Thursday 8am – 12pm.  
Monthly Block Party food truck round up at Windmill Park the second Monday of each month; next Block Party scheduled for May 12th from 5pm – 8pm.  
Annual CRCA Egg Hunt on Saturday April 19th.

## 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: update on Windmill Park play structure replacement, update on Community Center pool projects, hiring of seasonal pool monitors, reminder about April 19th Easter Egg Hunt, note that temporary fencing will remain up for 10-days following Egg Hunt for rodent control servicing.



# BLOCK PARTY

A FOOD TRUCK ROUNDUP

**WHEN:**  
MAY 12TH, 2014  
FROM: 5PM - 8PM

**WHERE:**  
WINDMILL PARK,  
9150 N. COACHLINE BLVD

We're at it again! Another Block Party/ Food Truck Roundup will be held at Windmill park on Monday May 12th 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!

# CRCA Annual Elections



There are three Directors on the CRCA Board of Directors who will be elected at the Annual Meeting on October 21, 2014. The positions coming open are currently held by Connie DeLarge, John Lambert, and Bob Vollbrecht. The CRCA Bylaws guide the steps and timeline for the election.

Anyone wishing to run for the Board in this year's election needs to fill out the Application for Candidacy form and turn it the office no later than June 20th. Continental Ranch is a strong and vibrant community. Its success depends on the volunteers willing to donate their time to serving on the Board of Directors. Apply for the Board and be a Leader in your association.

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## CRCA - Application For Candidacy To The Board Of Directors

(Please Use Additional Paper If Needed)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Months/Years lived in CRCA: \_\_\_\_\_ Is your CRCA account balance current? \_\_\_\_\_

CRCA Committees Served on with dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Motivation to run for Board: \_\_\_\_\_

What are the items you wish to achieve while you are on the Board? \_\_\_\_\_

The Association is a community of neighborhoods governed by the CC&Rs. The Board of Directors is required by law to apply the rules in a uniform manner. How would you approach your fiduciary duty in applying rules and granting waiver? \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the CC&Rs, Bylaws, and the Design Guidelines and understand as a member of the Board, I have a duty to uphold them. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the time commitment of the position including attending monthly meetings of the Board and up to two committee meetings a month. I understand this commitment of time may range from 6 to 12 hours per month. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the application to the Association office located at the Windmill Park or  
mail it to 9150 N. Coachline Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85743

# A Word from the Pool Committee

The rules at the pool are there for the benefit of all the pool and spa users of Continental Ranch to both ensure safety and protect the considerable financial assets in the pool area. From September to May there are no pool monitors, but there are cameras recording the area for safety purposes and to help prevent vandalism. So far this year, there have been over 25 pool key suspensions for various pool rule infractions that have come to light based on the surveillance video. When rules are broken for the first time, a “warning” suspension is issued; it is only for a week and comes with no fine. However if rules continue to be broken, the behavior will result in a full 30 day suspension with a \$25 fine.



Over half of the suspensions so far this season have been for children in the spa. In order to use the spa, you must be 15 years or older, which is based on Pima County Health Department code. Continental Ranch could face fines and closure of the pool if children are witnessed in the spa during a visit by the health inspector. What most parents are unaware of is this rule is for the safety of the children. Until their bodies mature, children cannot dissipate heat efficiently and the high water temperature in the spa can damage their internal organs.

Another major cause for pool suspensions has been residents who do not take a shower before entering the pool or spa. The reasoning behind requiring this rule is not because pool users are “dirty”; rather it is because they are “too clean”. Soaps on your body and detergents in your swimwear will affect the chemical balance of the pool or spa. You may have noticed some times when the spa appears very foamy, and this is a direct result of detergent left in swimwear and soap left on skin. It then costs extra to reestablish the correct chemical balance in the facility.

The third main reason for pool suspensions has been people hanging on or sitting on the lane lines. The lane lines are expensive and have to be custom made to fit each pool, and are not strong enough to constantly support the weight of several swimmers or they will break. The lines are there to separate lap swimmers from the other pool goers. Lap swimmers may not see people in front of them when they are swimming and accidental collisions may occur. When there are lap swimmers, people should avoid being in the lap lanes, and only cross them to get to the ladder or stairs.



The last main reason for suspensions is food and drinks in the pool and spa areas. We do not want ants and other vermin that come from spills of the food and drinks on the pool cool deck. It is also extremely difficult to clean the cool deck. Only bottled water in a plastic container is allowed in the pool and spa area.

Something else that has been discussed in past newsletters is urination in the pool and spa. Not only is peeing in the pool plain disgusting and cost us money to correct when the chemicals are thrown out of balance, according to studies by Purdue University the combination of urine and chlorine creates a dangerous chemical reaction. As reported in the Arizona Daily Star Newspaper, the combination of uric acid and



chlorine “kicks up cyanogen chloride, a gas that can harm the central nervous system, heart and lungs if inhaled.” The harmful byproduct trichloramine can also be attributed to uric acid, as the Arizona Daily Star article continued, “Nitrogen trichlorimine(NCl3) is a poisonous gas that can cause acute lung injury. The buildup of this gas can be so quick and so severe that researchers found NCl3 levels doubled after just one day of use.”

I hope we can all understand why we have these and other pool and spa rules and can obey them so we can all enjoy our wonderful aquatic facilities.



# A Word from the Landscape Committee

If you are like me, you have not replaced your bedding plants yet. I know it's getting hot fast, but I haven't found a good selection of summer varieties in the stores. Hopefully the growers will stop sending geraniums, petunias, snapdragons, and pansies into the stores. Be on the lookout for marigolds, vinca, zinnia (not my favorite), ipomea, even lantana can be used as an annual, to name a few

You are probably seeing little orange, yellow or green masses on the fresh new growth of your plants; whether its oleanders, cape honeysuckle, or others. These are aphids. Aphids can cause some damage, but usually not enough to worry about. I recommend spraying them off with the hose. When the dry heat arrives they usually leave.

More damaging bugs that we are going to be seeing soon are leaf-skeletonizers. They can kill the infected plant. They eat all the green (chlorophyll) out of the leaves, leaving behind a "skeleton". With no chlorophyll to produce food, the plant dies if it is severe enough. The plants that are commonly attacked are the Texas Mountain Laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*) and the Arizona Bells (*Tecoma* species). The key to a good control is to get out in front of it with a systemic insecticide prior to infestation. If you spray when you start noticing signs, you will need to spray with bacillus thuringiensis (BT for short). The systemic takes awhile to get in the system while the BT is fast acting. Follow instructions on label.

Irrigation is probably the number one reason for plant failure, either too much of not enough or both. Or both; how can that be? Many people will water their trees and shrubs every day for 15 minutes. Well, every day is too much, and 15 minutes is too little. The proper way to irrigate is to get deep watering infrequently. There is no magic formula I can give you to tell how much to water. Heat, wind, soil type and plant type all come into play when determining how much to water. Just think about a 1 gallon per hour (gph) emitter; if you run it for 15 minutes you are only giving the plant 1qt of water; that is if the emitter is working at 100% and isn't clogged at all. Roots form where the water is, if the water is only in the top 2 inches of the soil that is where the roots will form and they die because they dry out too fast. The water needs to penetrate the soil deeply so the soil doesn't dry out as quickly and the roots will use the moisture more efficiently. A possible starting point is to water 2 to 3 times per week for at least an hour at a time. If you have a slope and the water starts to run down before the hour is up; run it for 30 minutes, let it soak in for an hour, then have a "start time 2" come on and finish the next 30 minutes. The longer and less frequent you can water the better.



Irrigation for bedding plants is a different story. Bedding plants need water every day. I have found that every day for 30 minutes is usually sufficient.

Get to it before it gets too hot. June is our hottest, driest and windiest month. With that said, monsoon season is right around the corner. We can't depend on the monsoons to water our plants and lawns, but we can depend on them to water our weeds. As I mentioned last month, start planning to have pre-emergent applied in June, before monsoon starts.

If you didn't get a chance to fertilize your citrus in the spring, now is good time to do it. When the fruit gets to be about "golf-ball" sized is a good indicator. Follow instructions on the label.

The landscape committee and Titan landscape have identified the dead plants from over the winter. Not all of the dead plants may need to be replaced. We are in the process of determining if they all do, and what to replace them with; either the same variety or possibly something different.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Summer FUN in Marana

Summer is here and activities are open for registration. Keep the whole family active this summer with Marana Parks and Recreation.

## TRY SOMETHING NEW

Marana has many activities like Leather Carving or Chun Kuk Do that could spark an interest.

## FITNESS FOR FUN

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## KIDDOS AT HOME

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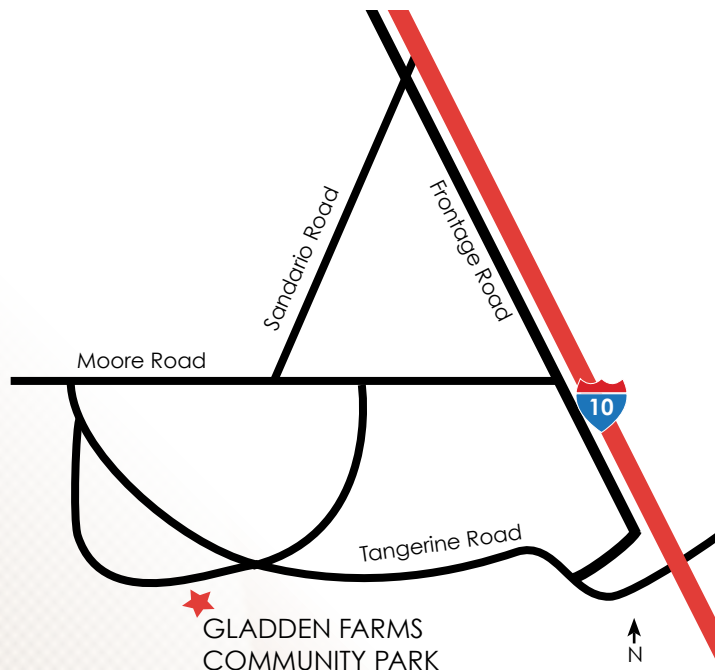
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29	30					

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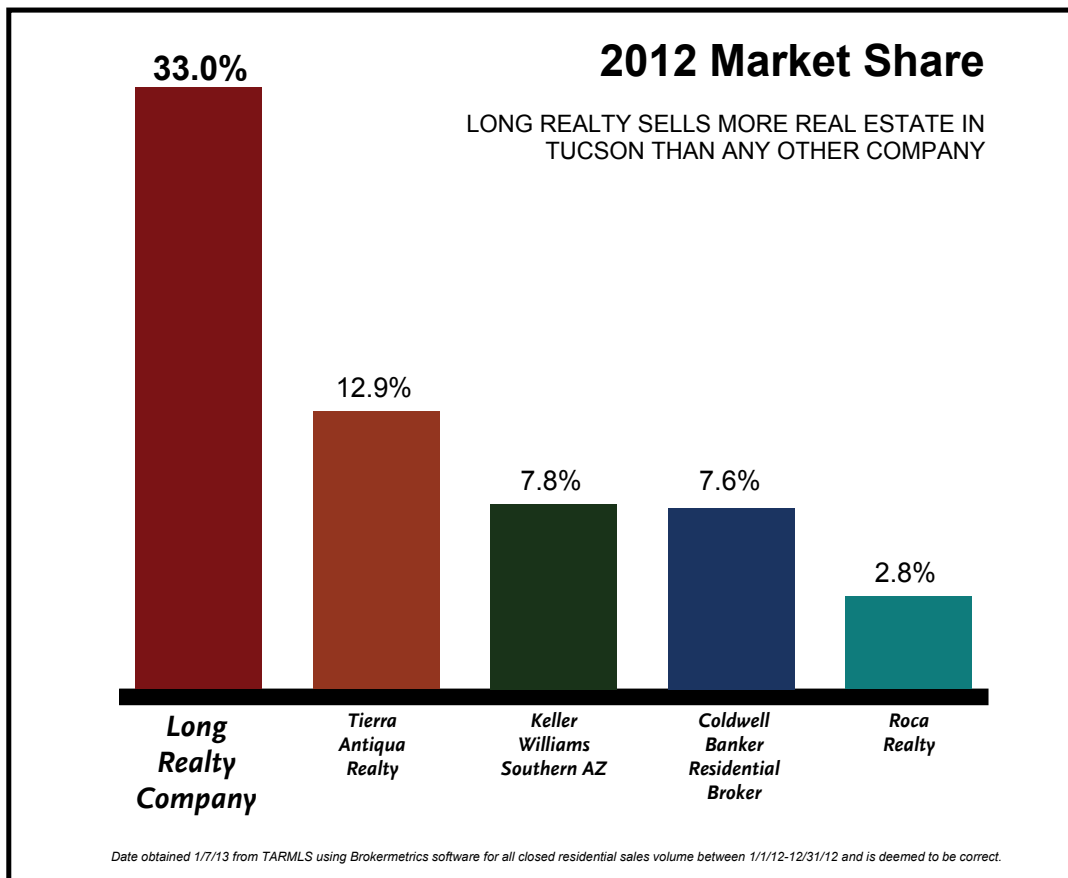


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The Community Center Pool projects continue on. The original goal to reopen on May 1st will be postponed while the projects wrap up. Hopefully everyone will appreciate the updated facilities as soon as they're ready for use. In case you missed the article in last month's newsletter, the projects include resurfacing of the pool deck and replacing the kiddie pool plaster.

Another pending project is the Windmill Park play structure replacement. The structure takes about 8-weeks to be fabricated and delivered after placing the order, so we expect it will arrive for installation near the end of this month or in early June. Stay tuned!

May marks the start to the pool monitor season. I hope everyone can get to know the monitors and work with them while they do their best to maintain order at the pools. They have a tough job out there in the heat!

Thank you so much to the volunteers that helped with the Easter Egg Hunt! Volunteers are what make this event so successful. Also, we'd like to give a big thank you to the boy scouts who helped hide all the eggs for each hunt!



Josh Seng, Community Manager  
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