

### Mark Your Calendars August 2014

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 2 p.m. at WP

11th Block Party 5-8 p.m. at WP

> Finance Committee 6:30 p.m. at WP

19th Board of Directors Meeting 6:45 p.m. at CC

21st ARC 7 p.m. at WP

30th CRCA Office Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

# President's Report - John Lambert

Another school year starts on August 5th so watch out for the children going to and from school. They've been on summer vacation and may not be as attentive to traffic around them. Speaking of school, the Marana High School marching band will be holding a rummage sale fundraiser at the Community Center on August 9th to help purchase accessories like hat boxes, suit bags, gloves, etc. for their NEW uniforms. The band participates in the Rodeo Days Parade, the Marana Founders' Day Parade, as well as dedicating every Friday night during football season to play at the games. This is a great opportunity to pick up used treasures and school clothes as well as support the local high school band. Last year they were able to acquire a director's observation tower with proceeds from their sale.

The Windmill pool deck repairs should be complete as well as the repainting of the office building, ramadas, and pool fencing as required by the Reserve study. Keeping our assets up to a high standard is the goal of the BOD and through careful budgeting and contributions to the Reserve funding we have been able to do this while not having to increase assessments. With the required increases to the Reserve contributions each year there will be some choices to be made in the next few years.

The survey sent out to the homeowners concerning keeping Windmill pool open in the winter months has been tallied. There were 620 homeowner surveys returned. 442 homeowners (71%) wanted the pool closed in the winter and 178 homeowners (29%) wanted it open. The BOD will follow the majority opinion in this matter.

Hopefully the monsoons will kick in this month as we can surely use the rain.

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# Fall Sports in Marana

Marana Parks and Recreation wants your family to hit the court, get on the green, or score some goals. Stay active this fall with the Town's full list of youth sport activities. Recreational sports are a great way to spark interest, meet friends and introduce your child to new skills. Space is limited, so register today.



### Youth Tennis

Lessons (ages 7-14)

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### Pee Wee Soccer

(ages 3-6)

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Crossroads at Silverbell District Park

Tuesdays, Sept. 9 – Oct. 28

Ora Mae Harn Park

Thursdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 30

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# July Recap: Meetings At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held July 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.

### President's Message

Outcome of the survey for winter closure of the pool was reported; of the residential property responses, 71% favored closing the pools for the winter and 29% voted to keep one pool open year round. When votes from commercial properties were included with the total count, the percentages adjusted to 82% for winter closure and 18% in favor of year round operation.

### **Board Actions**

Covenants Committee recommendations were approved: \$25 fines and pool use suspensions and lot cleanups for various unresolved violations; a request from a resident to plant cactus in a common area was denied; approval for adjusting drip irrigation emitters to trees on Twin Peaks Blvd, approval for Windmill Pool area pony wall repairs and painting; approval for purchase of a replacement clock at the Community Center; approval of purchase and installation

of chlorinator units on the spa and kiddie pool; approval to remove one lane line at each pool; approval of correction to the committee general standards charter; approval of several dead trees to be removed.

### Community Activities

Farmers Market continues at Windmill Park; every Thursday 8am – 12pm.

Monthly Block Party Food Truck Roundup at Windmill Park the second Monday of each month; next Block Party scheduled for August 11th from 5pm – 8pm.

### 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: Nominating Committee met and recommended all four applicants to the Board for the annual election, including Al Diaz, John Lambert, Robert Vollbrecht, and William Cicala; Windmill Pool was closed for repainting of the facilities and sealing of the pool deck from July 14th through July 31st; three trees died on Twin Peaks and samples were sent to a lab for testing; the landscape maintenance crew was unable to service the pool area landscaping due to confrontation by residents using the pool.

# Assessments Due - Monthly Payment Option

Would monthly payments be easier for you? Currently, the Association billing is set for semi-annual assessments, which saves the Association's funds by reducing processing and the number of mailings that are done each year. CRCA realizes that monthly payments are easier for many folks to work into their budgets, rather than lump semi-annual payments. If this is the case for you, CRCA wants you to know that you can always make monthly payments in advance of the billing date, throughout the billing cycle, and CRCA Management will credit the payments to your account. Currently the dues are \$148.50 per 6-months, which works out to \$24.75 per month. Call or stop by the office if you would like further details!



### **Root Rot** Problems

The handful of unsightly dead trees along the roadside has undoubtedly drawn the attention of those who use Twin Peaks Road as their main route to get home. The trees died very abruptly, showing no signs of distress; until suddenly they dried up, completely dead with all their leaves still attached. The trees were closely inspected in an effort to determine their cause of death. The trees were eventually removed, but prior to removal root samples were taken and sent to a laboratory for testing. The lab results came back positive for a pathogen known as Texas Root Rot. Below is an excerpt from the information supplied by the lab regarding this plant illness.

By Natalie P. Goldberg Extension Plant Pathologist NMSU Cooperative Extension Service College of Agriculture and Home Economics

Phymatotrichum root rot, also known as cotton root rot or Texas root rot, is caused by a soil-borne fungus. Of all diseases known to occur on broadleafed plants, this is one of the most destructive and difficult to control. The pathogen has an incredibly wide host range and surefire survival techniques—two features that make management a nightmare for unfortunate growers faced with the disease. Although thoroughly studied since its discovery in 1888, researchers, farmers, and homeowners still have little ammunition in the fight against the disease.



#### Fortunately this fungus is limited

in distribution and does not readily spread from one location to another. The fungus is restricted geographically to the southwestern United States and northern Mexico in alkaline soils with low organic matter. It also occurs only at elevations below 5,000 feet and is typically found in relatively small areas. It spreads slowly from plant to plant when a fungal strand from an infected root grows through the soil to a nearby healthy root. It has no means of air-borne spread. The fungus has unique biological characteristics that contribute to management difficulties.

First, P. omnivorum has an extremely wide host range, infecting over 2,300 species of unrelated dicotyledonous (broadleafed) plants. The fungus attacks only mature plants; seedlings are not susceptible to the disease. The fungus can also survive on roots of native vegetation, such as mesquite, without causing any disease.

Second, the fungus persists almost indefinitely in soil. Much of the fungus is found in the top 2 to 6 feet of soil, however fungal survival structures have been found over 12 feet deep. Another concern is that isolates of the fungus are non-specific. For example, an isolate infecting cotton is also virulent on fruit trees and ornamentals and vice versa. Thus, housing developments in old cotton and alfalfa fields with a history of the disease can be disastrous for urban landscapers.

### Root Rot Problems continued

The fungus is only active in summer months when air and soil temperatures are high. The greatest incidence of disease occurs when soil temperature at 1 foot deep is greater than 80°F and the air temperature in the plant canopy is above 104°F. When environmental conditions are favorable for fungal activity, the pathogen invades plants through their root systems. Infected roots rot and cannot transport water to the above-ground portion of the plant. Symptoms on above-ground plant parts resemble water stress. The first evidence of disease is slight yellowing of the leaves. Leaves quickly turn to a bronze color and begin to wilt. Permanent wilting of the branches can occur very rapidly, as little as two weeks from the first expression of disease. The tree dies with leaves remaining firmly attached. In some cases, the tree wilts so quickly that the leaves hardly change color, though they will become dry and brittle.

Research to control this disease has been extensive, yet there are no good control methods. There is no resistance or tolerance to this disease in most of the commonly infected hosts. The best recommendation is to avoid land known to be infested with the fungus.

### **Useful Info** about Walls

Have you ever wondered about raising your wall to make it taller? With all the relatively short walls built by the original home builders, many folks in Continental Ranch have raised their walls or have considered it. Hopefully this article will be helpful to those who might wonder what the process is in getting approval for this type of project.

The community's Design Guidelines (which can be found at www.crcatucson.com, or at the office) state that a maximum wall height of 6-feet is allowed in the community. As with most exterior modifications, an ARC Application is required to be submitted for approval by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) prior to commencing work. In addition, the Town of Marana building code requires a permit be obtained for walls 5-feet tall or higher. A copy of the permit is also required for the Committee to approve an ARC application.



Here are the 3 steps for completing the process:

- 1. Measure your wall and submit an ARC Application stating the final height you wish to achieve to obtain "conditional approval" from the Committee
- 2. Apply with the Town of Marana and obtain a building permit
- 3. Submit a copy of your permit to the Committee for final approval from CRCA

Although this is a fairly simple process, it is a question commonly asked. The office staff, as well as the Committee, are always happy to help with this and any other questions you have about getting exterior changes to your home approved through the ARC.

# A Word from the Landscape Committee

Hopefully you got your pre-emergent weed control applied to your yards before the rains came. The rains were right on schedule this year, they hit the first week of July and then again really hard the second week. The rain storm we got on July 15th will kick start those weed seeds that weren't sprayed. I'm sure the rains are not done, so it's not too late.

I wanted to give you a quick update on a few things we have accomplished so far this year. As mentioned in several articles over the last couple of months, the witches broom infested Palo Verde trees have been a big concern. Not only do we have problems with these trees dying and becoming easily damaged from storms, Palo Verde trees are fairly short lived trees that require a lot of cleanup and maintenance. The witches broom was the final tip of the scale which prompted us to remove them.

Along the lines of improvements; we planted new trees at a CMID well site to make it look more like a park setting instead of a large, empty, barren lot. We may revisit this common area's landscape plan in a couple of years and add some more shrubs and other improvements, but for now these trees will greatly enhance that site and bring value to the neighborhood. Also we have updated the monuments at Sliverbell and Coachline. The raised planters were a disaster. They had prickly pear planted in them and other plants just thrown in there over the years, in no meaningful manner. We removed several golden barrels that were coated white from the lawn sprinklers overspray and are being nursed back to health at a local nursery (free of charge) to be used back in the community at a later date.

We are not only concerned about maintenance, upkeep, and improvements; we are also looking towards the future and long term health of CRCA landscape. In the past we have told the arborists that we wanted our trees trimmed, without much direction. While this has been better than not pruning at all, this year we decided to have a Certified Arborist, one of the most renowned in Arizona, (after interviewing several) to write up guidelines for CRCA tree trimming. This way, we know the trees are being pruned to correct way, not just the way the landscape committee wants them pruned. It also levels the playing field with the contractors when we send the pruning work out to bid. All the contractors know exactly how to bid the project. It also gives them a focused direction and accountability. With the amount of trees in CRCA, we considered this to be good investment in the future health of the community's landscape.

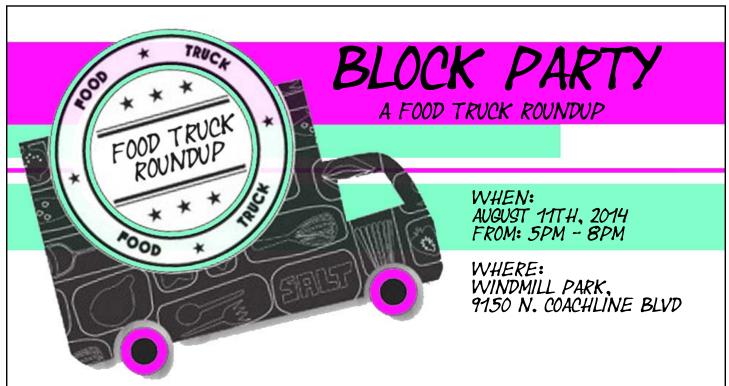
These are some of our main highlights to date this year. We will continue to identify areas of improvement, areas of safety and maintenance, and areas to ensure the long-term health of the landscape. One of our main concerns is to keep the property values high. Also, if we expect Continental Ranch residents to take care of their landscapes, we feel we need to set the standard.

Just a quick landscape tip: It is best to water your lawn in the early morning, not in the evening. Watering your lawn in the evening provides for a good environment for fungus to grow.

Thank you for your support.

Rob Palfreyman CRCA Landscape Committee Chairman





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

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# A Friendly Reminder

# Dog Poop Doesn't Biodegrade Like Wild Animal Poop

We feed our dogs food that's very different from the food wild animals eat, therefore, dog waste does not biodegrade quickly like wild animal waste. Because of the sheer number of pets in suburban neighborhoods and in local parks, this hardy dog waste accumulates.

### Dog Poop Contains Harmful Bacteria, Parasites.

Dog waste can contain harmful organisms like E. coli, giardia, salmonella, roundworms, hookworms, and cryptosporidium. These can be passed on to you or your pet, and may cause health problems.



# CRCA Community Business Spotlight

Residents aren't the only members of the Continental Ranch Community Association. There are several dozen businesses belonging to the Association as well, many of which are privately owned small businesses. Please tune into this section each month to learn more about businesses within the Association. Supporting these small businesses can lead to supporting the strength of the Association as a whole. There might just be a business in the neighborhood that you didn't know was there!

### The UPS Store - 7850 N. Silverbell Rd.

As the new owners of The UPS Store located at Cortaro Road and Silverbell in the Fry's shopping center, we are proud to offer our services to the Continental Ranch Community and surrounding areas. We recently relocated



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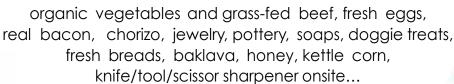
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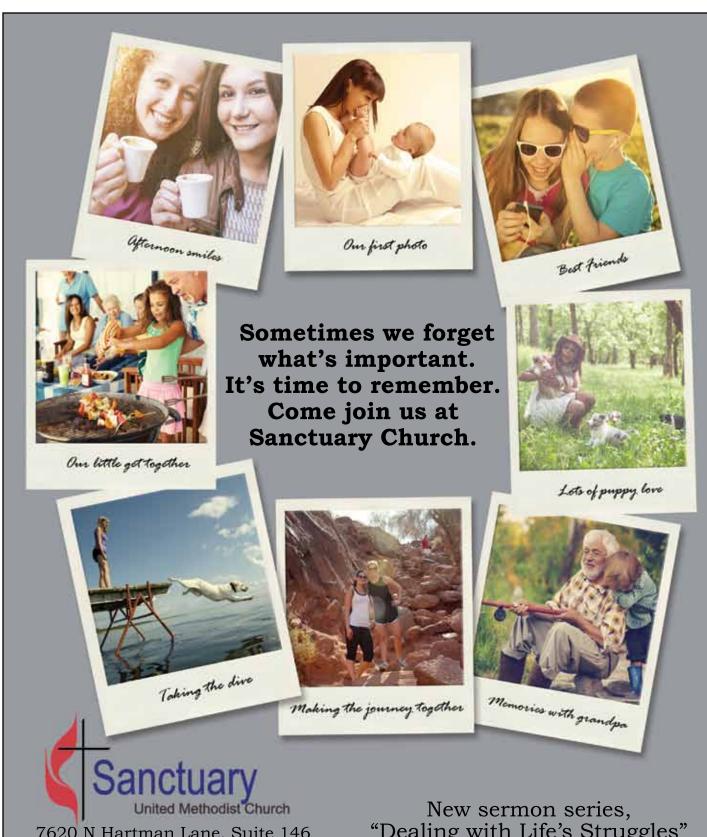
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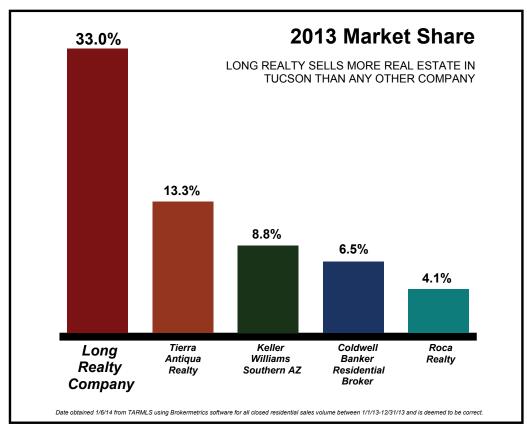
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The Continental Ranch Windmill is published monthly by the Continental Ranch Community Association (CRCA), and is prepared under the direction of the CRCA Board of Directors. The Windmill strives to maintain a positive message while informing the community of the various projects undertaken by the Board, advertise notices to the community, and promote the accomplishments within CRCA.

### Letters To The Editor

Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Names will be withheld upon request. Anonymous letters or articles will not be printed. Publication of letters will be at the discretion of the CRCA Board of Directors.

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# Management's Message

To honor the members of Continental Ranch who volunteer and participate on the Board and Committees, once a year we hold a volunteer luncheon sponsored by the various contractors who do work for the HOA. This year's honorary luncheon has come and gone, but I think these volunteers deserve much more recognition than they receive. To make this community a better place, many of these volunteers have been donating their time for many years- some as long as a decade! Our management staff is honored to be here, but for us it is our career; the volunteers who serve on the Board and Committees don't earn any wages or benefits other than the satisfaction that they're serving their community. If you're reading this message and you know a neighbor who is on a committee, I hope you'll let them know how much their efforts are appreciated. Hopefully others are inspired to participate as well.

A common misconception we run into at the office is regarding ownership and maintenance of the streets throughout Continental Ranch. On several occasions we've even received frustrated comments from residents stating "I'm not going to pay my dues until you fix these streets". The truth of the matter is that the HOA does not own the streets nor maintain them. All streets in Continental Ranch are owned by the Town of Marana. Our office does its best to forward along the concerns about street conditions to the Town, but we encourage owners in CRCA to voice their concerns directly to the Town. It is most effective for the Town to hear concerns directly from its citizens, rather than second hand from the HOA. We've been assured by the Town on numerous occasions that they have a comprehensive street repair plan and they are working within their budget each year to restore roads throughout Marana, including Continental Ranch; we have also seen a number of parcels serviced already. The next area scheduled for restoration will be Blue Crossing Way and the next roadway reconstruction will be performed in Parcel 28. If you live in a parcel that has streets still in need of repair and you're interested in finding out more information, please contact the Town of Marana for the most up-to-date details.

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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.

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