

## Mark Your Calendars

December 2014

1st Pool Committee 7 p.m. at WP

2nd Landscape Committee 7 p.m. at WP

3rd Covenants Committee 6 p.m. at WP

4th ARC 2 p.m. at WP

6th Pictures with Santa 10am - 2 p.m. at CC

8th Block Party 4-7 p.m. at WP Finance Committee 6:30 p.m. at WP

18th ARC 7 p.m. at WP

20th CRCA Office Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

24th- CRCA Office Closed 25th Merry Christmas!

# President's Report - John Lambert

As I look forward to another Thanksgiving feast I am very grateful for the blessings we have as a family. While the majority of us have a lot to be thankful for some of our neighbors have been less fortunate and could use a helping hand during this holiday season. CRCA will again "adopt" some families that could use a little extra help this holiday season, as we have done in the past.

It has always amazed me how giving this community is during this season. There is a giving tree at the office for the families less fortunate the association "adopted" for Christmas. Help make their "wishes" come true by picking up a wish and supplying what they have wished for this Christmas. Santa will be available for free pictures with a canned food donation on December 6th at the community center with the donations going to the food bank- there are also bins at the office to bring donations for the food bank all month. The monthly food truck block party was very well attended with new food trucks supplying a lot of different choices. I made the mistake of bypassing the Twisted Tandoor because I figured the Indian food they were serving was a lot of curry- was I ever wrong. After eating we stopped by as they were giving samples of their chicken dish- was I surprised how well it was spiced and will make sure I stop there next time. There will be no BOD meeting in December as it gets too busy that time of year for all the BOD members. The January meeting will start another year of challenges for the newly elected BOD to deal with.

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## President's Message Cont.

I wanted to mention that there is a "Santa's Workshop" presented by the Arizona Rose Theatre Company taking place at the Community Center on Sunday December 21st. This charity event collects "gently pre-loved (used)" toys throughout southern Arizona for the "Santa Recycles" program, where toys are cleaned and repaired for redistribution. Sunday December 21st from 1pm-3pm is the last minute collection for this Christmas. So if your household has those toys laying around that no longer get used but are in decent condition, why not find them a new home where they'll be loved? Please contact the management office if you have any questions.

Have a very Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year!



Have you lost something? If so, we may have found it! The CRCA office has a Lost & Found that is over flowing with items just waiting for their owners to come and claim them. The items found range from pool gear to keys, jewelry, and electronics! Many items get left behind at the Windmill park playground, pool and grassy fields. Please call or stop by with a description of your item if you have lost something.

In addition to the lost and found in the CRCA office, the pool monitors occasionally find items which they stored in a secure area. If you happen to find an item that appears to have been lost at Windmill Park, please be a good neighbor and turn it in to the CRCA office so we can see that it finds its rightful owner. Please keep in mind, we cannot keep lost and found items forever, so if you've lost something, please hurry in and claim it!

# November Recap: Meetings At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held November 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**

Covenants Committee recommendations were approved: \$25 fines and pool use suspensions and lot cleanups for various unresolved violations; various committee memberships renewed; installation of pool pump timers approved;

repair of website email function; office computer extended warranty approved; deep cleaning and re-sealing of office floor tile approved; Windmill pool restroom remodel approved; playground sand replenishment approved; Pro-Care Janitorial contract undated and renewed; removal of dead tree at parcel park approved.

## Community Activities

Photos with Santa Food Drive 10am – 2pm at Community Center on Saturday December 6th.

Monthly Block Party Food Truck Roundup at Windmill Park the second Monday of each month; next Block Party scheduled for December 8th from 4pm – 7pm (earlier hours during winter).



We're at it again! Another Block Party/ Food Truck Roundup will be held at Windmill park on Monday December 8th between 4:00 pm and 7:00 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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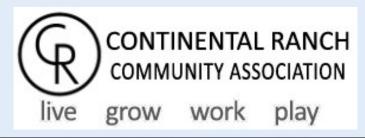


# DECEMBER 6TH

10:00AM TO 2:00 PM

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# Winter Wonderland

**CRCA** Decorating Contest

Competition this season is expected to be intense! Each year more and more residents take their decorating to the extreme and compete for the best in show. Holiday lights and decorations are becoming more and more creative and beautiful. The CRCA Board of Directors hopes everyone will have fun this year and give passerbys a wonderful show of eyecandy throughout evenings this December.





Do you think you have the best decorated house during the holidays? If so, this contest is for you! It's that time of year again to give our residents a treat this holiday season by turning CRCA into a Winter Wonderland.

Houses will be judged on **Wednesday December 17th between 6:30-8:30pm.** Any and all decorations are always appreciated during the holiday season, but if you think your house shows the most holiday spirit, please fill out the form below for your chance to win a gift! You can't win if you don't play – so sign up now!

## Holiday Decorating Contest Registration Form

If you would like to participate, please fill out this registration form and **return it to the CRCA office by Tuesday, December 16th**. You may also send an email to continental.ranch@yahoo.com to register your house. Houses that do not fill out a registration form will not be included in the judging.

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# 2014 CRCA Adopt-a-Family



The holidays have arrived, and as wonderful as the holiday season may be, they can also be stressful, especially for families facing financial hardships. Over the past several years, CRCA has given back to the Community by organizing a charity event known as the "Adopt a Family" program. Families in need are provided a Christmas they never thought they would have, thanks to participation from within the community. There have been many tears of joy as the adopted families express their gratitude.

So, once again we are asking for the Community's participation during the

month of December; several local families in need will be adopted, an Angel Tree will be placed at the Windmill Office for them, and this year's families' needs will be posted as "wishes". If you would like to participate in brightening the season for these less fortunate local families, please stop by the office and visit the Angel Tree. The tree is filled with gift suggestion tags that give the clothing sizes and gift wish lists specific to the families being adopted. Please have gifts brought to the CRCA office no later than December 19th, so they can be distributed.

It is often quite difficult for CRCA to identify families in genuine need because most are too proud to raise their hand for help. Thank you to MUSD for helping us locate this year's families and determine their needs. As always, food donations will be accepted and donated to the Marana Food Bank. The outpouring of generosity from the CRCA Community is always truly amazing.

# Eyes Open for School Crosswalks

Continental Ranch is home to so many families that there's not just one, but three local elementary schools. This abundance of children in



combination with several busy roadways means there are plenty of small pedestrians and their parents utilizing the crosswalks.

Crosswalk crossing guards have witnessed plenty of "close calls" when drivers on these busy streets fail to pay attention to the crosswalks.

We hope all drivers will make a conscious effort to stay focused while driving. For parents

with younger drivers at home please remind your whole family about the importance of alertness while on the road.

Thank you for keeping everyone safe in Continental Ranch!



# 2nd Monday Block Party

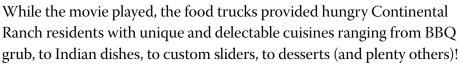
# Food Truck Roundup and Movie in the Park!



It was another great Food Truck Roundup Block Party last month at Windmill Park. November's Roundup even featured a special bonus – a movie showing in the park! There were many new and delicious food trucks this month, which yielded many satisfied bellies.



Mark Maddox from the local Sanctuary Methodist Church very generously donated use of his equipment as he hosted the movie showing up on the big screen for everyone to enjoy out on the grass. This month's movie was The Lego Movie, which proved to be quite a hit with all who attended.



Special thanks to all of the trucks including Guerro Loco's Bubba-Que, The Twisted Tandoor, Jozarelli's, Burgerrito, Wednesday Night (meatball sliders), Trucking Good Cupcakes, Foodie Fleet (waffle concoctions), Popped, Hawaiian Ice, Street Delights (pies) and The Chill Shack! If you



missed out this month, don't worry! The food trucks join us for a block party every 2nd

Monday right here in Continental Ranch! If you have a special request for a particular truck to attend an upcoming CRCA Block Party, please

let the management office know!





# A Word from the Landscape Committee

Winter is here, yeah. Don't you just love our four seasons? As far as our landscapes are concerned, not much is going on in December. However, we do need to worry about freezing pipes and freezing plants.

Not too much can be done about protecting frost sensitive plants from freezing. But protecting our pipes is essential. Insulating exposed pipes is like buying car insurance; you may not always need it, but when you do, it's good to have it. Get down now and get your insulation, you know you need it, because the last stuff

you put on has disintegrated from the sun and heat. Don't wait until the news tells us to go do it, it will be gone and you will then be mad at the hardware store for running out of it. Make sure you get the correct size. Your pipes can be ½", ¾, or 1". The insulation has an adhesive strip down it, but additionally I recommend getting the black pipe wrapping tape and wrapping it around the insulation to really secure it. It looks a lot nicer and lasts a lot longer.

Protecting your plants... Like I said earlier, not too much can be done to protect our plants from the frost. Covering them may help them recover earlier and better in the spring, but they are still going to get hit if it the temperatures go below



25 degrees. If you do cover them just make sure you do not use plastic, and sheets are pretty much useless. Burlap is good, but the white material, commonly referred to as frost cloth is really the best. You should be able to find frost cloth at your local nursery. Whatever you put on, make sure it stays on, as the wind likes to blow it off.

The following is a list of common frost-sensitive plants (it may not be complete): Natal Plum (Carissa), Hibiscus, Bougainvillea, Lantana, Citrus, Potato Vine, Dwarf Oleanders (not so much full size), Queen Palms, Pigmy Date Palms. And for cactus: Mexican Fence Post, Totem Pole, Curiosity Cactus, and Organ Pipe to name a few. These varieties of cactus are columnar type, which means they grow in columns. The best way to protect them is put Styrofoam cups on top of the cactus column. The growing tip is the main area of concern with this type of cactus. If it gets damaged, the whole look of the plant is ruined. These cups can be left on for weeks if necessary. However, if we get a warm spell it is always best to remove them. As with the pipe insulation, make sure you get the correct size of cup for your cactus. You'd be surprised how big of cup you need, the needles stick out quite far on some of these varieties; typically, you will need either 32 oz. or 64 oz. cups unless they are very young.

I would like to thank Titan Landscape for sponsoring the Landscape BBQ held on October 25. They put in a lot of time, effort, and expense for our benefit. They backed up their BBQ trailer, fired up the grill, and grilled some of the best hamburgers and hotdogs ever. My compliments to their grill master Abel. They supplied drinks and snacks as well. I would like to thank Mark with Helena Chemicals, for his behind the scenes efforts as well. Peter Warren, an Urban Horticultural Specialist Agent, with the U of A graciously gave up part of his Saturday to educate us on bug control; and for that I thank him. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend his talk on controlling pests in our landscapes. And last but not least, I appreciate the residents who came out to learn a little and have some great food. I talked a little bit on rose care, where I was able to go into more detail than I am able to do in the newsletter. I handed out material on rose care to put in your notebooks as well. Next month's article will give pertinent and concise information on rose care for those who missed the BBQ. Make sure your pruners are sharp and your gloves don't have any holes in them.

Rob Palfreyman CRCA Landscape Committee Chairman

# **CRCA Food Truck Spotlight**

Tune into this spotlight feature article in the upcoming months to learn a little about each of the food trucks who attend the Block Parties, every second Monday at the Windmill Park.

## Guero Loco's Bubba-Que



The owner of Guero Loco's Bubba-Que will tell you he has some of the tastiest BBQ around. Here's what he has to say about his food truck...

My name is Richard Park, I was born and raised in Tucson, attended Pueblo High School, moved to California with my Parents in 1973, was a SGT in the United States Marine Corps; and eventually moved back to Tucson.

I started this Food Truck Business in The Spring of 2010. My passion overcame me after moving back to Tucson and I found that I could not find a good BBQ place anywhere! When I took a good look at the local Food Truck movement, I said BBQ & Food Truck - that's what I want to do. While living in California, I owned a catering BBQ business for almost 20 years. Eventually I relocated back to the city where I was born and reconnected with my first true love; we are now engaged to marry one day. The name Guero Loco came about when a dear

friend of ours would joke with me, using her Latin charm and calling me "Guero Loco"; her term of endearment meaning Crazy White Boy. The name Bubba-Que was derived from the smoker cabinet I have inside my truck hence the full name of Guero Loco's Bubba-Que.

We smoke our pulled pork for 22 hours, adding to the flavor and distributing the juices clean thru the process, using NO other additives whatsoever. We turn the meat into some really tasty sandwiches, tacos, burritos, and nacho grande's, as well as tostadas compuesta's. We also BBQ grill some of the tastiest Tri-Tip Steak for our tacos, burritos, sandwiches and tri-tip dinners. We have a very diverse menu, which you are sure to enjoy!

I mainly work on my own but there are times that I can have as many as six people working the truck at a well-attended event. My weekly route is posted on my facebook page; so many fans track us down wherever we go. I am all about Food Trucks and the success of Food Trucks in our community; any events that we help organize are done at no charge to the trucks who attend.

It's always a good time to have some GREAT BBQ. I offer a Satisfaction Guarantee. My passion is to bring you some of the BEST BBQ you have ever had. My fulfillment comes from the smiling faces I see and the feedback I get from satisfied customers. Thank you Continental Ranch for inviting Bubba-Que into your community.

## Burgerrito

And now for a story......A burger and a burrito met and fell in love. As is natural, soon a child came along...and the burgerrito was born.

But this burgerrito had higher aspirations than just being the child of two famous foods. So, he thought about how to make himself better. He traveled far and wide and came upon a place called Hatch. After a wild night in Hatch, he found himself lying in a field covered with green chilies, surrounded by pigs. After his head cleared, he had an epiphany. He would cover himself in a rich concoction made from these two items and people would adore him. Further adorn himself with cheese, onions and lettuce and he would be even more irresistible. He became known by his celebrity name – Burgerrito Deluxe!!!!!!!!



My name is Paul Kukich, owner of Burgerrito, and we really want to thank all of the communities in southern Arizona for embracing our concept with open arms. Our truck offers Burgerritos, hotdogs, chilicheese dogs, hamburgers, wings, grilled-cheese, taco salads, and dozens of other mouth-watering items! We are almost 2 years old and looking forward to many more! We are locally family owned and with that we feel it very necessary to give back to the community any way we can. It's our way of saying THANK YOU! We have become innovators in such by becoming the first food truck as an official sponsor with TMC and The Children's Miracle Network, The Community Food Bank, The Wounded Warrior Project and various fundraisers among our Schools K-12! We have been able to become the first food truck in Southern Arizona approved by the Better Business Bureau, an achievement we're very proud of! Now officially offering Tucson's largest and most diverse menu among your local Food Trucks, we will continue to listen to your recommendations as we continue to expand our menu! As Tucson continues to sponsor its local Businesses we will grow to serve you!

# 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!

## **Asian Spice**

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family moved to America, where he continued working as a chef. Then, in 2005 they settled down in the Continental Ranch/Marana area. Phillip and his family have grown to love the area so much they decided to follow their dream of opening a family-oriented restaurant right here.

This restaurant is one of a kind! The "Asian Spice" name symbolizes their style of cuisine, and also the fact they use fresh ingredients and spices, most notably fresh ginger, garlic, and Chinese chili. The food is also prepared with less oil and absolutely no MSG. You should also ask about their freshly-made specialty teas that will satisfy your taste buds; the most popular so far being their Cranberry Ginger Iced Tea, but make sure to try them all!

With a diverse menu, including soups, rice and lo mein, chicken, beef, pork and even fish, Asian Spice is sure to have something for everyone! You can count on lunch specials every day from 11am-3pm and dinner specials from 3pm-close. Gift cards are coming soon for the holiday season, a perfect treat for anyone! Catering is also available. Stop by or call in your order today!

Asian Spice is open Sunday-Thursday from 11am-9pm, and Friday and Saturday from 11am-9:30pm.

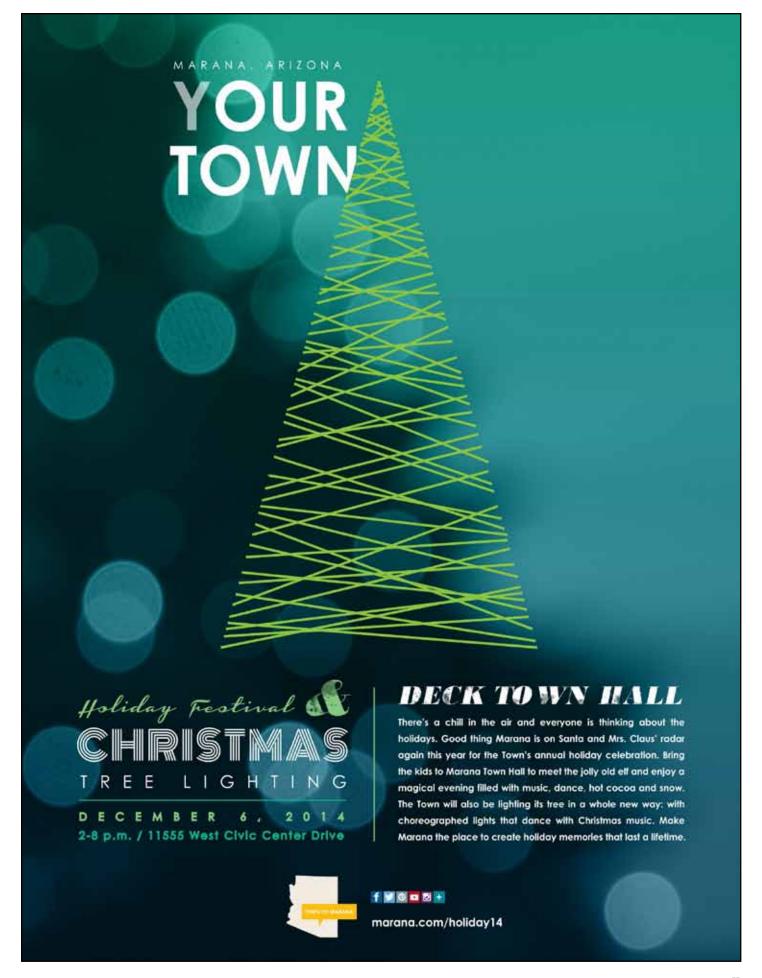
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# Farmers Market - New Digs

By now, most of the community has grown familiar with the Continental Ranch Farmers Market every Thursday morning, which was hosted by CRCA at Windmill Park each week since April of this year. The HOA had initially invited the market out to Continental Ranch so that residents could enjoy local produce and other goods and services. After a good run of hosting the market at Windmill Park, the Continental Ranch Farmers Market was able to secure a much more visible location next to Twin Peaks Vet and Pointe of Grace in the parking lot at Twin Peaks Rd & Coachline Blvd. With much improved visibility at its new location, the market has become more successful and busier than ever. CRCA sends its best wishes to the Farmers Market in their new digs as they continue on into the New Year!









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With gratitude, Judy





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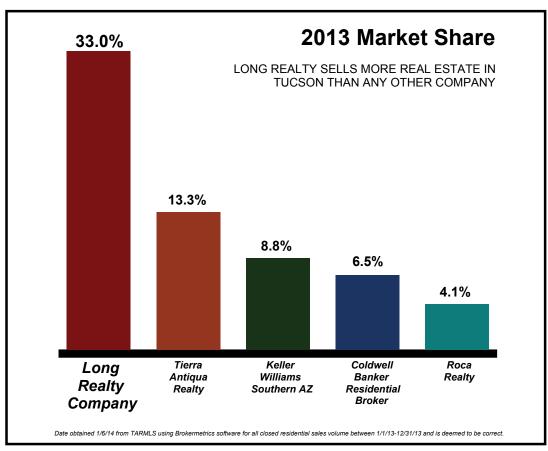
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Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Names will be withheld upon request. Anonymous letters or articles will not be printed. Publication of letters will be at the discretion of the CRCA Board of Directors.

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# Management's Message

The holidays are upon us! We are all looking forward to a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas time. Those of you who are avid readers of the Windmill Newsletter are very familiar with the annual community Holiday Lighting contest, but there's always a chance one of your neighbors doesn't know about it. Each year we see many elaborate holiday decorators who don't enter the contest and would make great contestants. If you know a neighbor who goes "all out" with their holiday decorating, it might be worth it to ask them if they've entered the contest!

Every year the adopt-a-family program presents a challenge to seek out and identify those CRCA families in need. With help from the Marana School District, this year's adopt-a-family has quite a line-up of kids in need of some Christmas cheer, ranging from ages 5yrs – 10yrs. The management office will once again set up the Angel tree in the office so if you feel like bringing some brightness to some unfortunate families' holiday season, please swing by to see what gifts would mean the most to the adopted families.

The semi-annual assessments were due last month. If you're a resident who was unable to pay the November assessment and this is your second payment missed in a row, by now you've received past due notices. Please contact our office to setup payment arrangements that will help get you back on track before the account is forwarded to the collection firm.

I want to send out a special thank you to Mr. Mark Maddox who provided such a generous service to the community bringing his projector, speakers, and donating the movie to show at last month's food truck roundup. He had a long day and was here until well after dark running the movie for everyone's enjoyment. Thanks Mark!

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

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