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January 2015 Edition

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- 5th Pool Committee
7 p.m. at WP
- 6th Landscape Committee
7 p.m. at WP
- 7th Covenants Committee
6 p.m. at WP
- 8th ARC
2 p.m. at WP
- 12th Block Party
4-7 p.m. at WP

Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. at WP
- 20th Board of Directors Meeting
6:45 p.m. at CC
- 22th ARC
7 p.m. at WP
- 31st CRCA Office Open
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Adopt-a-Family A Great Success

This year's CRCA Adopt-a-Family was once again showered with generosity from the community. This year, not only did Continental Ranch residents join in on the donations, numerous local businesses were generous enough to contribute. We want to give special thanks to Feisty Studios (hair salon) located at Wade & Silverbell for putting up a second giving tree at their location and providing another drop off location for the gift donations. Other sponsors included: Marana Unified School District (for providing the information on the families in need), Native New Yorker, Walmart, Costco, Marana Physical Therapy, Metro Med, Hungry Howie's Pizza, Walgreens, Boston's Restaurant, and Safeway.



On behalf of the adopt-a-families and Continental Ranch Community Association, thank you to all who donated to this cause and helped brighten the holidays for a few CRCA families.

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Holiday Light Decorating Contest

Due to the timing of the contest judging and the production of this January Newsletter, the contest winners will appear in the February Newsletter. You can also view the winners online at www.crcatucson.com.

A big THANK YOU to all of our
Adopt-A-Family Community Sponsors



Photos with Santa

Continental Ranch was once again graced with Santa's visit for photos with the children! Santa was in high demand this year with a terrific turnout from the neighborhood. This year's event partnered with Walgreen's which offered a free photo print with Santa. Santa's helpers worked swiftly to upload the photos to Walgreens' photo center so that parents were able to head over and pick up their photos as soon as they were done visiting with Santa.

Santa saw a variety of hilarious reactions, from excited smiling faces to some little ones who weren't so sure who this big white-bearded guy dressed in red was. Santa made sure his young hopefuls would be prepared with cookies and milk for him when he returns on Christmas morning to deliver the packages they'll be waiting for.



This year's food drive also featured numerous vendors who provided free giveaways for the kids and added a little more fun to the mix.

Photos with Santa rounded up a bounty of generous food donations for the Marana Food Bank. Board President John Lambert served his 5th year as Santa Claus and deserves recognition for donating his time and his Santa costume to bring joy to the families in CRCA.

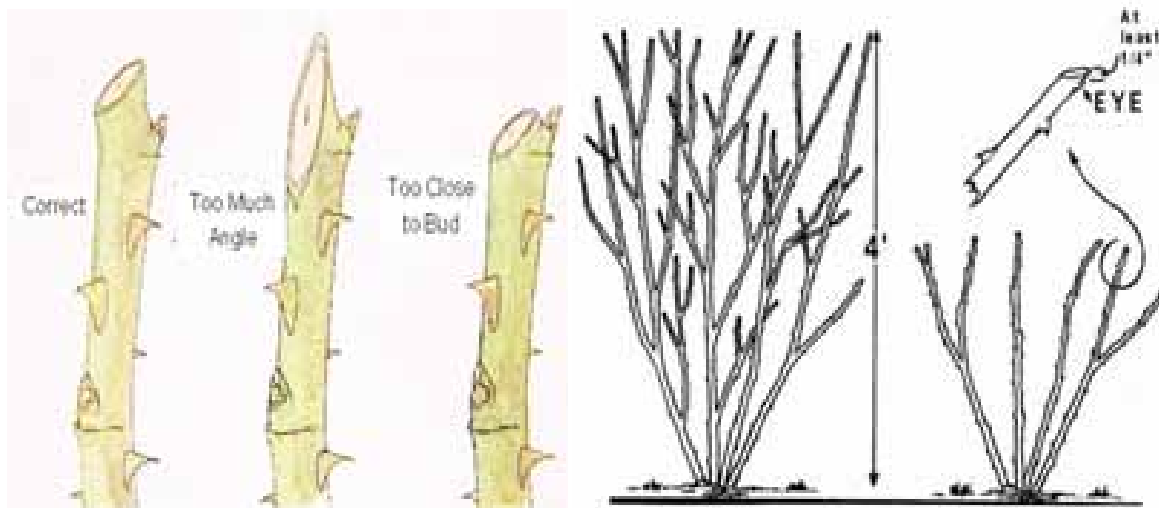
It was definitely an all-around good time! Thank you everyone who helped make this event possible! Between the Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives, CRCA once again raised over 500 pounds in food donations!



A Word from the Landscape Committee

This will be my final article as Landscape Committee Chairman. Having served on the committee for three years, I have learned a lot and I have enjoyed my time participating with the other committee members. I hope you have enjoyed reading my articles and maybe even learned some things. It is time for the annual rose bush trim. Trimming roses is very important because it gets rid of the dead and decaying stems, as well as the suckers that sap energy. It also rejuvenates the shrub. Part of trimming involves stripping the old leaves from the plant and picking up any debris that has fallen to the ground in order to get rid of any pest eggs that could still be present. Trimming a rose bush is similar to everything we do; start with the easy stuff first.

The next thing to do is trim all dead branches out; prune past the dead area about an inch if you can, otherwise trim flush with main cane. Next trim out the sucker growth. The sucker growth usually has a different look to it than the desirable growth. The sucker growth originates below the bud union, which is where the grafting is and where most of the good canes radiate from. The next thing to do is trim the height of the shrub. As you can see in the diagram, trim it back by half. After that, trim all crossing branches (branches that cross thru the plant), leaving a nice open form. In the first figure below, please note the correct way to make the cut. Make the cut on a 45 degree angle, about ¼" above an outside growing bud. The reason you should trim the cane down to the area near an outside growing bud is to encourage growth towards the outside rather than the middle of the plant. Some people like to use pruning sealer. There are arguments to be made for sealing and not sealing. Personally, I prefer not to seal. Again, after pruning everything, strip any remaining leaves from the plant; yes all the leaves are to be removed. Finally, remember to pick up any debris left on the ground and you are done pruning.



You'll want to wait until new growth starts in February before fertilizing and spraying with pesticides. Enjoy.

Thank you all for your support; I truly appreciate the opportunity I've had to serve our community on the landscape committee.

Rob Palfreyman
CRCA Landscape Committee Chairman

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!

Trinity Art

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Trinity Art Collective is a brand new tattoo studio and art gallery that is dedicated to providing their clients with award winning and creative, high-quality tattoos. Tony, Kevin, and Jake are the proud owners of this new studio located in the Twin Peaks Plaza on the corner of Twin Peaks and Coachline.

Growing as childhood friends Jake and Kevin began tattooing alongside one another in 2007 at Adrenaline Tattoo; later named State of Art Tattoo Studio in 2009. Tony joined the duo in 2009 and they have been working side by side ever since. Five years later, the three of them have taken the next step in their careers. Living on the Northwest side of town, it was a unanimous decision amongst the three to bring their talent to Marana. With a combined 20+ years of professional experience, Trinity Art Collective is one of a kind. The name symbolizes the three owners coming together and combining the three forms of art they focus on: tattooing, painting, and drawing. Along with quality tattooing, customers can also find an art gallery where local artists display their art to be sold.

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Trinity Art Collective is open Tuesday through Saturday 12pm-10pm. A Grand Opening celebration will be hosted on January 18th at noon. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and check out the newest business in the community. For information or questions please call 520-638-6253 or email us trinityaztat2@gmail.com.





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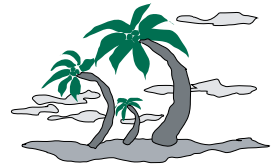
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February 2015

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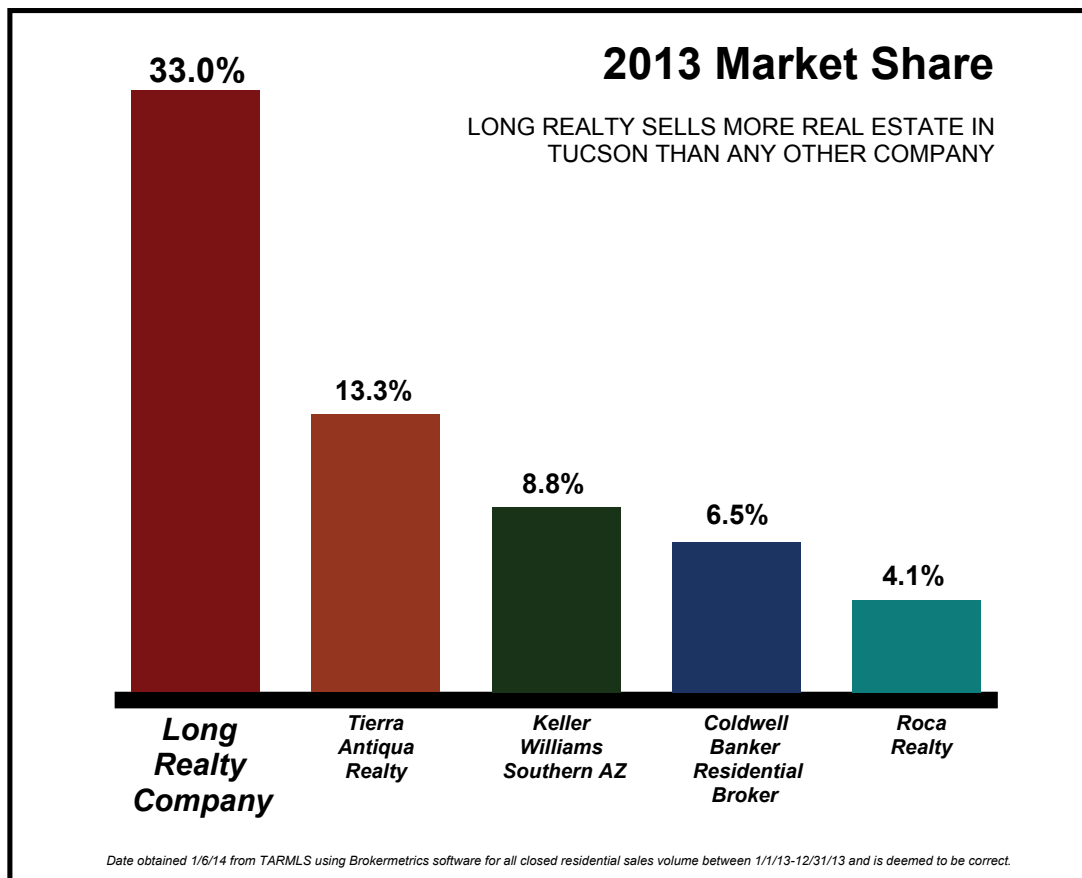
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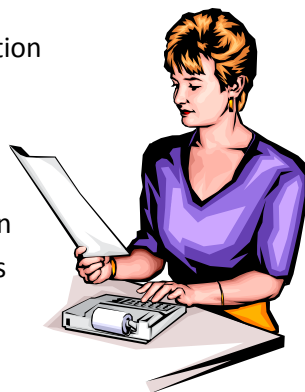
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Happy New Year! I hope Santa was kind to everyone this past Christmas!

Something to note, (since we typically receive phone calls about this) is that Waste Management no longer offers their Christmas tree pickup to Continental Ranch. This was a service that many had grown accustomed to. If you search online, you may find other options for your tree when the time comes to discard it.

This was another amazing year of generosity for the Adopt-a-Family program. Your CRCA Board takes on this charity every year, and every year a few families have a brighter holiday season. Sometimes life can seem hopeless and dreary, so it's very touching to watch the community help those in need within Continental Ranch.

The New Years tradition is to reflect back on the past year to honor the accomplishments and set goals for the upcoming year. I think this past year has seen some great accomplishments in Continental Ranch! A few highlights of the year included: both Pool decks were refurbished; the spa and kiddie pool were renewed with fresh plaster; the Windmill Office and the pool fencing was repainted to keep them in good shape; the Windmill Park parking lot was sealed to preserve the asphalt, the aged playground structure at Windmill Park was replaced with a new and improved design; sand and wood chips were replenished at all the playgrounds and the old sand was power-sifted to clean out unwanted debris; numerous landscape projects were undertaken including restoring the irrigation system on Coachline Blvd, as well as the agave plant sustainability program.

The weather is colder and it's getting dark earlier...but don't forget that the Food Trucks still meet at Windmill Park on the second Monday each month!

Josh Seng, Community Manager

On behalf of Aime, Jocelyn, Ryan and Stephen

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