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Mark Your Calendars

May 2015

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| 1st | Assessments Due |
| 4th | Pool Committee
6 p.m. at WP
Landscape Committee
7 p.m. at WP |
| 6th | Covenants Committee
6 p.m. at WP |
| 7th | ARC
2 p.m. at WP |
| 9th | CRCA Office Open
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. |
| 11th | Block Party
5-8 p.m. at WP
Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. at WP |
| 15th | Last day to pay assessments
before late fee |
| 19th | Board of Directors Meeting
6:45 p.m. at CC |
| 21st | ARC
7 p.m. at WP |
| 25th | Memorial Day
CRCA Office Closed |

President's Report – John Lambert

The Easter egg hunt was a big success again! We had over 600 kids participate, and a crowd of over 1500 enjoying all the attractions we were able to put together at Windmill Park. We are seeing the demographics here in CRCA changing- with more families moving in and participating in the community. I have really enjoyed seeing the number of families enjoying the pool at Windmill Park the past couple of weekends. I'm sure the recent addition of the splash pad has something to do with the added people. I'm sorry to say our contractor neglected to apply for a permit with the Pima County Health Department and the splash pad has been shut down by Pima County until a permit is issued. The BOD is probably even more unhappy with this situation than the children who have been enjoying the splash pad, and we are working every avenue to get it reopened ASAP.

With the first of May comes one of the duties the BOD does not enjoy at all. That duty is sending homeowners in arrears of their assessments to collections. Anyone who has not paid for one year is sent to collections as it is our fiduciary duty to see that all homeowners are current on their dues. We send delinquency notices out, but a number of homeowners fail to respond at all. This really leaves us with no option but to send it to collections. If you are having financial issues please contact the office so some sort of arrangement can be made. That way, we are not forced into having to send you to collections. Ignoring it will not make it go away and sending it to collections just adds attorney's fees to the bill. The initial contact by the attorney cost an extra \$150.00 and is added to the assessment due. Please contact the office so we do not have to send a past due account to collections.

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6th Annual CRCA Easter Egg Hunt!

This year's Egg Hunt was a WARM one! Temperatures were in the upper 80s but that didn't stop hundreds of local families from coming on out to hunt for eggs. This year's event boasted 10,000 toy and candy filled Easter eggs, which were scattered throughout the field and chased after by over 600 kids who attended the event. The total head count for the event rang in at approximately 1,500 in attendance.

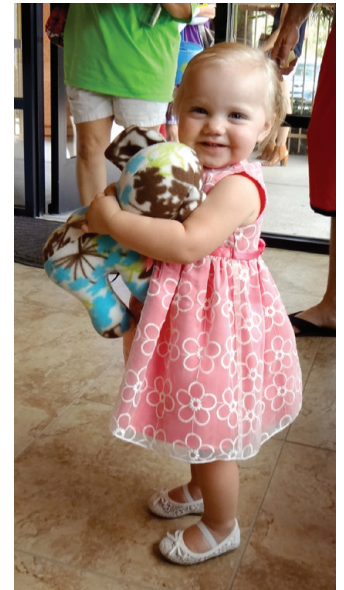


The Easter Egg Hunt wouldn't be complete without the Easter

Bunny! Mr. Bunny was the big star for many great photo ops with parents and their smiling children. This year the Easter Bunny was able to pass out coupons for free McDonalds ice cream, compliments of the McDonalds on Cortaro Road and I10, across from the Arizona Pavilions Center.

Of course, there was much more excitement than just the egg hunt! One of the most popular attractions at this year's event were the giant human "hamster balls"; huge inflated balls that kids could crawl inside of and roll their way down the race tracks! All About Parties hosted

the hamster balls as well as the jumping castles and miniature trackless train. The petting zoo was back again for its third year in CRCA and the kids just loved the animals; the line to ride the ponies was busy throughout the entire morning. As usual, the face painters and balloon artists were a tremendous hit.



This year CRCA was blessed with an excellent selection of mobile food trucks who supplied hungry egg hunters and their families with delicious treats.

Continental Ranch would also like to thank all the vendors who attended and donated prizes to the event. The food drive which this event sponsored generated 469 pounds of food and \$230 of cash donations to the Marana Food Bank; each \$1 donated allows the food bank to provide \$9 of food to needy families.



Finally, we'd like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event possible! Continental Ranch hopes that everyone was pleased with the event and looks forward to seeing everyone back again next year!



April Recap: Meetings At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held April 21, 2015 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

The Board approved several Covenants Committee recommendations for fines and pool use suspensions for various unresolved violations; approved a request for a several month rental of the Community Center; approved reopening the Community Center Pool on May 18th; approved erosion repairs to common area in parcels 23 & 24; approved a light pole to be installed for the splash pad; approved replacement of one security camera; approved a decorative decal to be installed on the splash pad tower; approved renewal of the postage

machine in the office; approved construction fencing to be erected while playground structure is replaced in parcel 3.

Community Activities

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

Manager's Report

The community manager reported on the status of all projects recently completed and/or currently underway since the previous Board meeting in March, including: opening of Windmill Pool Splash Pad and challenges with contractor, including intermittent closures for miscellaneous repairs; HVAC system repairs completed; annual updates to reserve study in progress; Annual Easter Egg Hunt very successful and resulted in 469lbs of food & \$230 cash donated to Marana Food Bank.



BLOCK PARTY
A FOOD TRUCK ROUNDUP

WHEN:
MAY 11TH, 2015
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 the second Monday of the month from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. A variety of food trucks will be there to satisfy your appetites, so grab the family and come on down!

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Make a **BIG SPLASH!**

→→Continental Ranch is pleased to announce the introduction of its new community splash pad! In just the first few weeks of operation, dozens of exuberant families have had a blast while enjoying the new water feature. Your Association Board of Directors hopes everyone will be very excited about this new addition to the community.



The new splash pad is located at the Windmill Park Pool, and was installed as an expansion of the existing pool area. The splash pad is a 1400 square foot surface, utilizing a combination of numerous ground nozzles which shoot water up into the air in different heights and patterns. It also has several above ground features, such as the showering saguaro and the drizzling mushrooms, which rain down onto the splash pad. Of course, the premier component of the splash pad is the dumping bucket tower, which has a bucket that slowly fills with water before tipping over and dousing the splash pad with a huge sploosh of water!

The “splash pad” concept has really been gaining popularity over the past several years, as more and more public parks have begun to add them to their recreational amenities. Splash pads are a great way for kids to have fun in the cool water during the hot summer months. Splash pads have been viewed as a safer alternative to pools, since there is no standing water and therefore no potential risks of drowning.

Continental Ranch’s splash pad has been in the works since CRCA Board of Directors began planning the project late last year. The construction process lasted through the winter, and on April 1st it was opened for use. The Board was pleased to be able to build the splash pad without levying any sort of special assessment to fund the project; they relied on accumulated funds resulting from very careful budgeting over the past several years.

The Board of Directors understands that home values are directly related to sales demands; the more amenities the community has to offer, the higher the potential demand will be. As many new communities begin building in the Marana area, the Board felt that adding the splash pad would only strengthen CRCA’s position in the real estate market.



Swim, Swim, **SWIM...**

Did you know that there are swim lessons available in Continental Ranch? For the past seven years, CRCA has partnered with Saguaro Swim Aquatics to provide swim lessons to Continental Ranch residents at an affordable price, all with the convenience of having the lessons right here in the community. Not only do CRCA residents get a great rate for the lessons, but Saguaro has committed to keeping class sizes small so that the students receive lots of personal attention from their instructors. Lessons are held at the Community Center

Pool throughout the week. Continental Ranch hopes that parents appreciate the lessons offered close to home and take advantage of helping their young tykes learn one life’s great skills for fun and safe summers ahead. If you would like more information, please contact Saguaro Aquatics directly at 638-8040.

CRCA Annual Elections



There are four Directors on the CRCA Board of Directors who will be elected at the Annual Meeting on October 20, 2015. The positions coming open are currently held by Peggy Bracken, Bill Dawes, Marilyn Stimpson and Nicholas Westphal. 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 19th. 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.

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
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Stop those weeds in their tracks!

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 service 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. This offer is exclusive for Continental Ranch residents only.



- If no rain occurs within two weeks after the spray is applied, please water in the pre-emergent using a garden hose.
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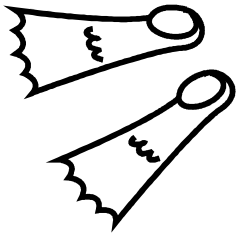
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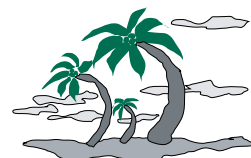
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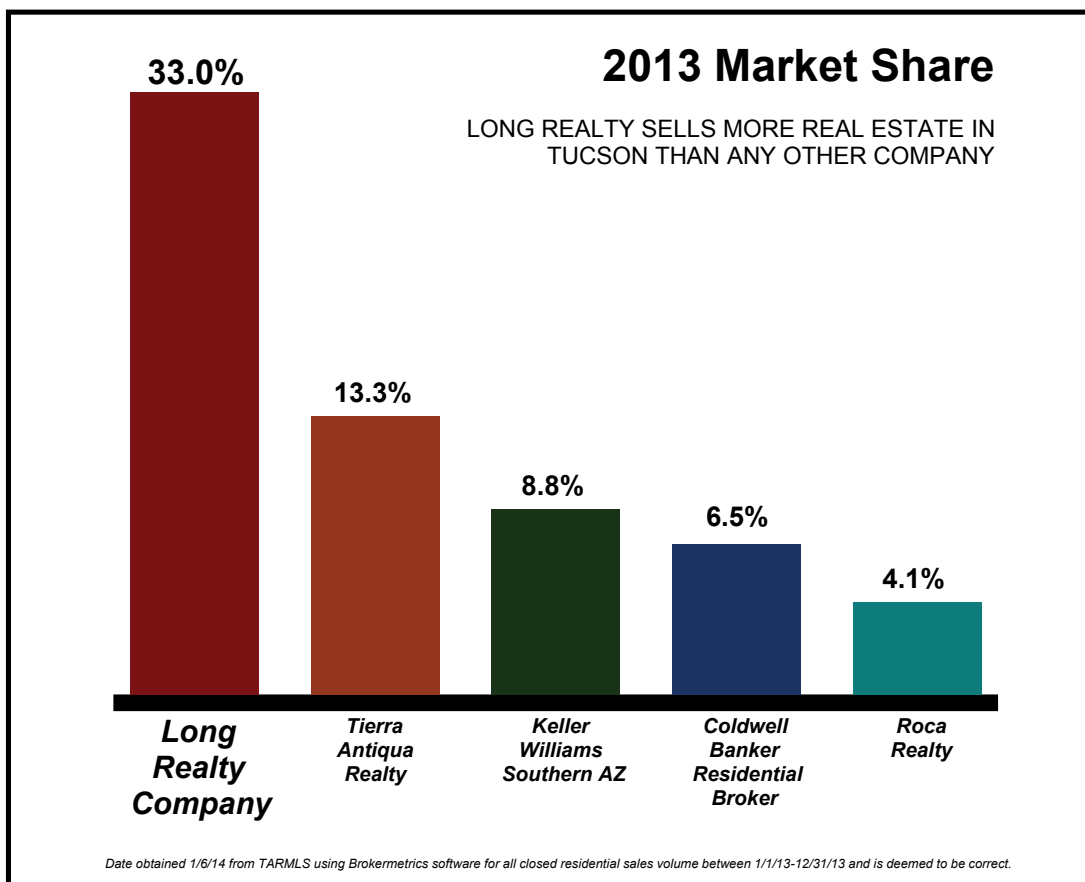
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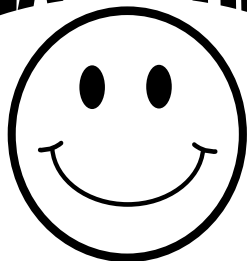
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Waste Management

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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

With the warm spring weather, the pool & spa have been quite busy during the past couple months! The pool cleaning service has been busy as well. Oasis Pool cleans and services the pool and spa seven days per week, however, sometimes things still go wrong. Several times recently the spa heater has shut off due to buildup of suntan oil goo clogging the pump filter and creating a pressure issue which trips a switch and disables the heater until it can be reset. We've been noticing swimmers just get frustrated that the spa isn't working and don't bother reporting it to the office. Unfortunately, we can't help fix things if we don't know about them; the sooner we learn of a problem, the sooner we can get it fixed and the sooner everyone can benefit from its repair.

I want to thank everyone for their patience while we've been working out the kinks with the new splash pad. I know it's a bummer for the kids when they're so excited to use the splash pad and find it out of service. Unfortunately we've run into a few issues that couldn't be addressed without temporarily closing the splash pad. Hopefully these were just a couple bumps in the road and once things are all buttoned up we will have smooth sailing for the rest of the summer.

Just a reminder to anyone looking to sign up to have their front yard sprayed for weed prevention, the pre-emergent sign up is on page 7. Part of the contract with the Association's landscape contractor is to provide residents with discounted weed spraying service twice per year; the deadline to sign up is June 10th. We tend to have a lot of folks come in after the deadline wanting to have their yards sprayed – please don't forget to sign up in time if you're interested in this service.

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