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January/February 2016 Edition

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January 2016

- 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
- 11th Block Party - 4-7 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.

February 2016

- 1st Pool Committee - 6 p.m. at WP
Landscape Committee - 7 p.m. at WP
- 3rd Covenants Committee - 6 p.m. at WP
- 4th ARC - 2 p.m. at WP
- 8th Block Party - 4-7 p.m. at WP
Finance Committee - 6:30 p.m. at WP
- 16th Board of Directors Meeting
6:45 p.m. at CC
- 18th ARC - 7 p.m. at WP
- 27th CRCA Office Open - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

President's Report - John Lambert

Hopefully everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday. The photos with Santa were a hit again with Santa enjoying the time as much as the children did. The holiday lighting contest had very nice entries and the judges enjoyed seeing all the work people had done in putting up their display. The community came forward again by giving to CRCA's adopt a family program and I'm sure the family had a great Christmas thanks to the generosity of all those who shared their good fortune with them. We can only hope 2016 is a good year for all of us.

We are looking forward to the annual Easter egg hunt which will be Saturday March 26th this year. Planning is already going on to make this a better event than each previous year. If you'd like to help out and volunteer you will be rewarded by all the happy children that attend. Following the Easter egg hunt the Windmill park field and baseball diamond will be fenced off as we will be replacing the irrigation system for the grass. The current system is over 25 years old with some of the valves buried six feet deep. We have been lucky that we haven't had any major issues with the age of the system.

The BOD is looking at possibly upgrading the community center with new lighting, flooring, paint and fixtures. The current linoleum was installed without leveling the slab underneath and is not in good shape. Repairing the wooden blinds would cost as much as replacing them with new ones and the ceiling tiles are continually falling down.

The Windmill pool bathroom remodel is on schedule and will make a big difference when reopened March 1st.

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Accepting Applications CRCA Pool Monitor

Might you be looking for some extra summertime income? Don't forget that Continental Ranch will be looking to hire pool monitors for the 2016 summer season. The CRCA office is accepting applications now. If you're interested, please visit the office at Windmill Park (9150 N. Coachline Blvd) and fill out an application.



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November & December Recap: Meetings At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meetings of the Board of Directors held November 17, 2015 and December 15, 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

In November, the Board approved several Covenants Committee recommendations for fines and pool use suspensions for various unresolved violations; approved a proposal for the annual backflow certifications required by the City; approved replacement of three office computers following the reserve study. In December, the Board approved several Covenants Committee recommendations for fines and pool use suspensions for various unresolved violations; approved 2016 summer swim lessons hosted by Saguaro Aquatics; approved plant installations on Coachline Blvd. near Palm Brook; approved a proposal from Brijer Resources for the annual tree pruning; approved irrigation system replacements for parcel 47/69 and at the Yellow Moon park; approved wireless communications facility at Windmill Park subject

to final legal review; donation of expired computers to charity.

Community Activities

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

Manager's Report

The community manager provided his report to the Board which included the status of all projects recently completed and/or currently underway since the previous Board meeting. In November, his report included: completion of the storage shed ventilation installation and cleaning of the community center chairs; tax parcel consolidation project and Windmill Pool restroom remodel in progress. In December his report included: completion of split rail fencing replacement at parcel 3 park and annual certification of common area backflow prevention valves; servicing of residential pre-emergent spray; submittal of documentation for the annual financial audit; announcement of notice from Waste Management that their customer rates would increase by approximately \$1 per month effective January 1, 2016.

Maintaining Community Assets

Sometimes it's the small things that bring about a fresh look to the neighborhood common areas. At the River's Edge pocket park, the old wooden split rail fence had served its years of service and was falling to pieces. The Association's Reserve Study identified this fence as being due for replacement, so the Landscape Committee took a careful look as to whether this was a necessary replacement or if it would be better off to simply remove the old fence. In some areas of the community, the old deteriorating fences had been removed, as they didn't seem to serve much of a purpose. In this case, the Committee decided that the fence helped frame out the edge of the park and added to the aesthetics of the neighborhood as residents enter the parcel. The Landscape Committee hopes that residents of River's Edge will appreciate the subtle update to their neighborhood park.



Adopt-a-Family

This year's adopt-a-family program was yet another great example of how caring Continental Ranch residents are. Every year the HOA is challenged with identifying families in need, since there's no easy way to figure out who's struggling. This year was a family who had faced hard times and was especially in need of some Christmas cheer. For privacy sake, we typically don't divulge too much information about the adopted families; however, for those generous members of the community who donated toys, clothing, and household items, you might find comfort in knowing a little about the family whose life you brightened this past Christmas. The family had lost nearly everything when one of the parents abandoned the family and literally left them with almost nothing. Words can't describe the gratitude expressed by this year's adopted family. Continental Ranch thanks all who contributed to make this a very special Christmas for a very special CRCA family. Local businesses also supported the cause, including Safeway at Twin Peaks Road, Alphagraphics at Tanque Verde/Grant, La Cholla Landscaping, and Chili's on Cortaro Road.



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Holiday Light Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of the annual holiday light decorating contest! There were many noteworthy contestants! Thank you to everyone who participated this year!



Santa's Visit to CRCA

Making his 6th annual trip from the North Pole to visit the children of Continental Ranch, Santa spent the day at the Windmill Park office taking photos with the families of CRCA. There were many excited children eager to give Santa their Christmas wishes and have their photos taken for the holidays. Walgreen's at Twin Peaks Rd & Coachline Blvd partnered up by kindly providing a free print to each family. The event also generated a couple hundred pounds of food donations for the Marana Food Bank.





Marana Community Food Bank

11734 W. Grier Road
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December 15, 2015

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Linda Hampton

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On behalf of the Marana Community Food Bank, thank you for your donation to help serve those in need in our community.

Your donation of 215 pounds of food collected during December 2015 is greatly appreciated. The food you have donated is enough to provide approximately 179 meals. These difficult economic times have made it more important now than ever before for the food bank to receive support such as yours.

Thank you for thinking of us. We look forward to working with you again in the future. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Linda Hampton
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FROM: 5PM - 8PM

WHERE:
WINDMILL PARK
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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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December 1, 2015

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One of the ways that we're working to keep costs down is by helping our customers lower contamination in recycling loads. Waste Management introduced **Recycle Often. Recycle RightSM** – an educational campaign focused on bringing consumers and businesses back to the basics of recycling. By increasing the amount of paper, cans, and bottles that go into the recycling cart and decreasing contamination, we can make a huge difference. That's where you come in.

Will you consider adding a link to **RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com** on your website? By doing so, you can help your community improve their recycling habits through better education on what can and cannot be recycled. They'll have direct access to videos, children's activities and other free resources they can use as desired. We also encourage you to use any of the materials you find useful in communications to your community.

Once again, thank you for your business. We appreciate and value you as a customer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jill Burris'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jill Burris

Waste Management, Four Corners



INOPERABLE AND JUNKED VEHICLES

Hello again. Hopefully everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and has safely welcomed in the New Year!

We would like to take a moment to discuss the proper storage of inoperable and junked vehicles. Town Code defines these vehicles as:

“Any vehicle, including any motor vehicle and any other device in, upon or by which a person or property may be transported or drawn on a street, including but not limited to trailers and camper shells but excluding devices moved by human power, that exhibits one or more of the following conditions: wrecked, partially or fully dismantled, abandoned, stripped, inoperative, inoperable, unlicensed, scrapped, or unable to be safely operated.”

Per Town Code, you may have **up to two of these vehicles** on your property as long as they are properly screened from public view. This can be accomplished by keeping an inoperable vehicle within an enclosed garage, under a carport and covered with a proper car cover, or by storing it behind a solid wall that completely blocks the view of the vehicle from adjacent properties. We would like to mention that these are the Town's codes and your HOA may have additional restrictions pertaining to these types of vehicles.

It is NOT permissible to store these vehicles in your driveway or on the roadway. This type of storage is prohibited in an effort to maintain the aesthetics and cleanliness of the neighborhood. It is our sincere hope that everyone does their part to assist us with this. Should you observe a possible violation or have questions pertaining to this please feel free to contact us at 382-2520 or codeenforcement@maranaaz.gov and we will be more than happy to assist.

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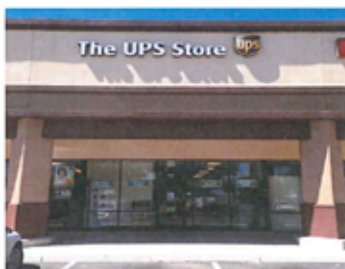
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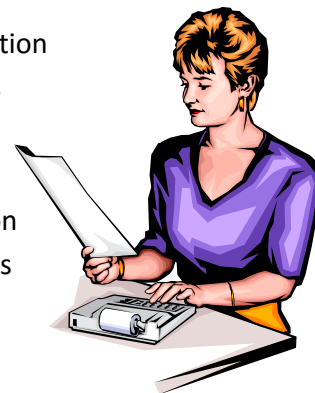
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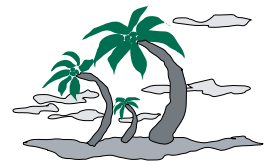
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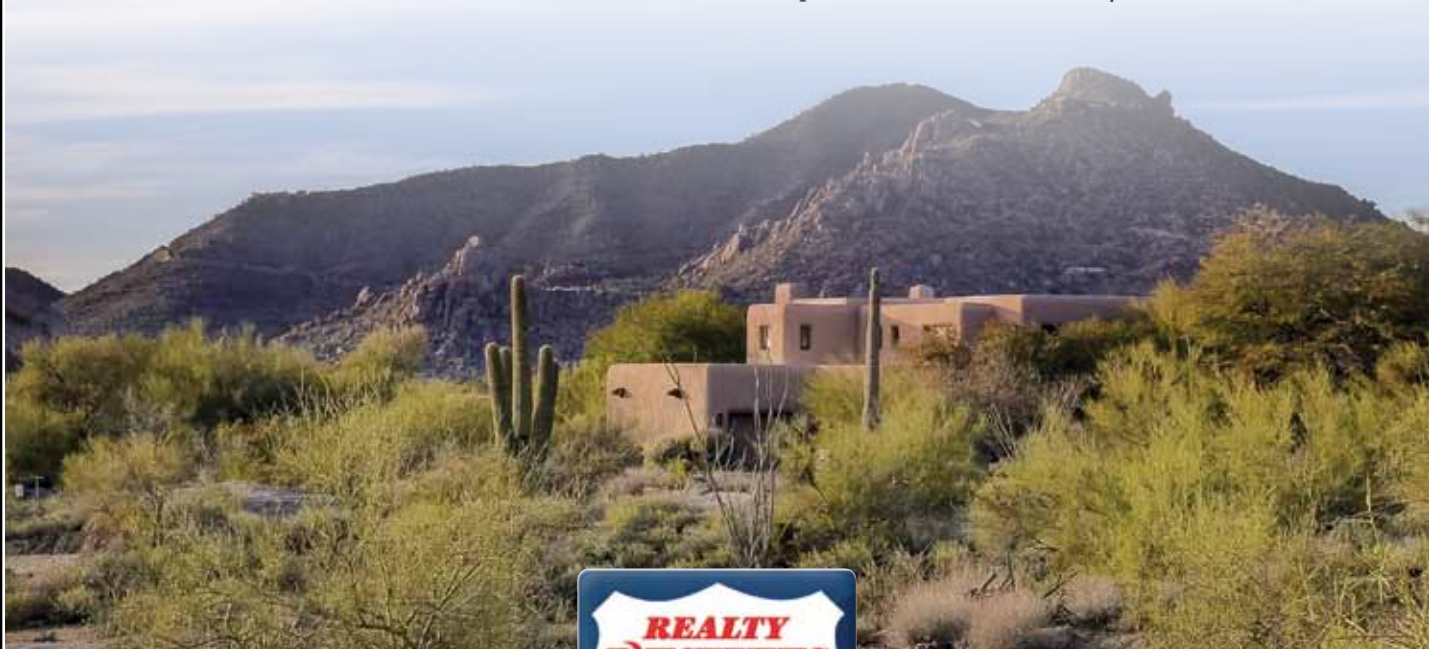
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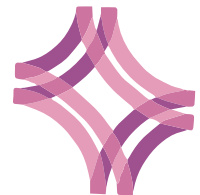
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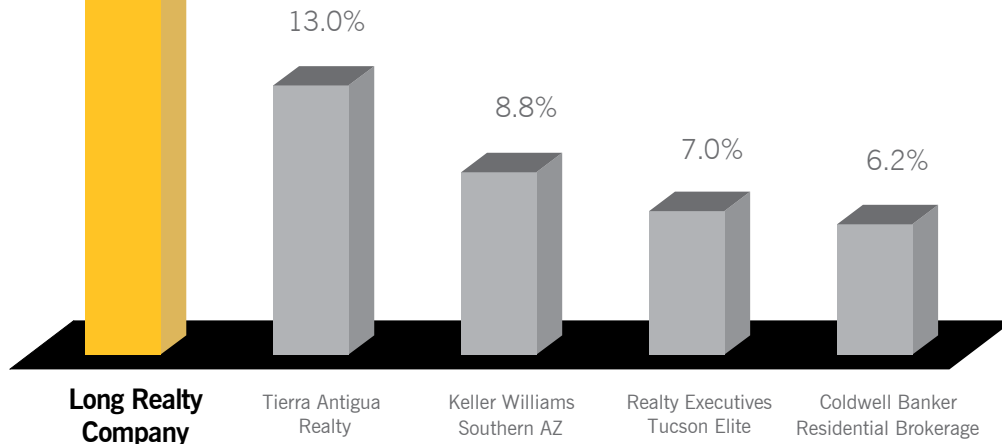
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Management's Message

As always, I hope everyone had a terrific holiday season! This year was yet another awesome outpouring of generosity by residents of Continental Ranch. You probably saw the 'thank you' letter from the Marana Food Bank on page 7; which noted 215 pounds of food from the Thanksgiving food drive. Christmas yielded another 322 pounds, for a combined total of 537 pounds of food donated for the season! Marana Food Bank wants the residents of CRCA to know that this was tremendous and will go a long way to help hungry families.

The new year brings some new asphalt to certain areas of Continental Ranch. Parcels 12A & 12B will undergo reconstruction in January. If you live in one of these parcels, you should have received a notice that discusses how ingress/egress will be coordinated during the construction process. If you have additional questions and would like more information, please visit the Town of Marana website, www.maraanaz.com/cip or call the Town of Marana Project Manager at 520-940-0773.

It's a bit early to start thinking about the annual Easter Egg Hunt, but here in the management office we're already busy organizing the event. Paula Bellina is our new activities coordinator and she is in search of volunteers to help. The Egg Hunt is the premier event of the year, typically seeing approximately 1,500 in attendance. We hope to find some helping hands to make this another fantastic event for the community! Keep in mind this could also be a great opportunity for older kids who might be looking to pick up volunteer hours for their high school credits. If you'd like to lend a few hours of your time to support Continental Ranch, please contact Paula in our office so she can plan to count you in.



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On behalf of Aime, Paula, Ryan and Stephen

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