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Mark Your Calendars May 2017

- 1st May Assessments Due Landscape Committee 7 p.m. at WP
- 3rd Covenants Committee 6 p.m. at WP
- 4th ARC 7 p.m. at WP
- 13th CRCA Office Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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- 25th CC Pool Opens
- 29th Memorial Day CRCA Office Closed

June 2017

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5th	Landscape Committee
	7 p.m. at WP
7th	Covenants Committee
	6 p.m. at WP
15th	ARC - 7 p.m. at WP
20th	Board of Directors Meeting
	6:45 p.m. at CC
21th	CRCA Office Open

4th CRCA Office Of 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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President's Report - John Lambert

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 15th with over 600 children attending and a crowd of probably 1500 taking part in the festivities. A loud thank you goes out to Paula Bellina who was in charge of organizing the event, the boy scout troop who provided a lot of support, the volunteers who donated their time helping man events and a special thank you to the Easter bunny volunteers who put on the Easter bunny suit and suffered with being hot so the children could see the Easter Bunny. The event seems to grow every year and it is nice to see so many children enjoying themselves.

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 no options but to send it to collections. If you are having financial issues please contact the office and talk to Aimee so some sort of arrangements can be made so that we are not forced to having to send you to collections. She can set up a payment plan to keep you current. 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 costs an extra \$350.00 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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President's Message Cont...

You might have noticed new plantings being put along Twin Peaks road and Coachline is next. We suffered a loss of numerous plants with our last landscape company because of irrigation issues not addressed by them. We withheld enough money to cover the cost for these replacement plants from their last paycheck so are did not have to use the current monies budgeted to the landscape committee.

We have had a large number of homeowners doing projects without an Architectural Review committee application. Some of these do not meet the guidelines so it is advisable to submit an application before starting your project so that the ARC can work with you so you are in compliance with the design guidelines.

Association Dues Reminders

It's that time again... the semi-annual CRCA assessments are due. Assessments are due May 1st, but as always there is a 15-day grace period before late fees are applied. If you wish to begin monthly pre-payments (instead of semi-annual lump payments) now is an ideal time to begin. Monthly payments break out to less than \$25 per month and many residents find this to be much more manageable than paying the lump assessments twice per year. Please contact the CRCA Management office for further details. If you are interested in alternate methods of making payment, please visit www.crcatucson.com and select the "Pay HOA Dues" link at the very top of the page.



March & April Recap: Meetings At A Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meetings of the Board of Directors held March 21, 2017 and April 18, 2017 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

At the March 21, 2017 meeting, the Board approved several Covenants Committee recommendations for fines and pool use suspensions for various unresolved violations; approved pool filter sand change and pool deck repair/reseal at the Community Center pool; approval of HVAC repairs; approval of monument lighting solar battery replacements. At the April 18, 2017 meeting, the Board approved several Covenants Committee recommendations for fines and pool use suspensions for various unresolved violations; approved asphalt seal coat for the tot lot on Phobos Drive; approved restoration coating of the ramada patios at Windmill Park; approval of rodent exclusion measures to the Community Center attic.

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.

Making Changes to Your Home & Yard

One of the enjoyable aspects of home ownership is the freedom and ability to make improvements and custom changes to your home and property. One of the functions of the Association is to maintain community value through keeping changes to properties consistent and within reasonable bounds. Many homeowners in Continental Ranch are already familiar with the process for getting changes approved through the Association, but for those who are not, this information may be helpful.

If you are considering making improvements or alterations to your property and wonder what is required by the Association, the first question to consider is whether the changes are being made to the exterior of the home. Changes owners make to the interiors do not require any documentation to be submitted to the HOA. If the changes are going to be made to the exterior of the home, the yard or perimeter walls, you may be required to fill out a simple application and submit it to the HOA office for approval.



There is an easy to read guide on the HOA's website at www.crcatucson.com, which is called the Design Guidelines. This short guide lists all the various rules that apply to exterior home and yard modifications. Once you are ready to apply for your project, the required form is called the Architectural Review Committee Application, or "ARC Application" for short. If you find yourself with questions or need help filling out the form, please call the Association office and let them know you have ARC questions. Someone in the office will be happy to assist you.

Unfortunately living in an Association requires this one extra step before making changes to your property. However, CRCA tries to make the process as simple as possible and its staff members are more than glad to assist in making the process a bit easier.

2017 Annual Easter Egg Hunt

It was another epic Annual Egg Hunt in Continental Ranch last month! The event seems to grow and grow each year, with this year being no exception. Every year seems to break the previous year's record for attendance, with over 600 children registered this year. Parents and older siblings included, there were easily over 1,500 total in attendance.

There were numerous activities scattered across the entire park and, as would be expected, the 10,000-egg hunt was the main attraction of the day. The kids were divided into six age groups with each of their hunts kicking off every half hour.



Once again the Easter Bunny roamed the crowds for photo opportunities, taking pictures



with kids and families all day long. We thank those brave volunteers who donated their time to take turns playing the Easter Bunny – it's no easy task to wear that bunny suit in our mid-April weather!

This year the crowd pleasing Mr. B., aka Magician Mike, returned to dazzle young audience members with his array of magic tricks. Of course, as always, the petting zoo and pony rides were a popular attraction, as were the face painters and balloon artists. This year's games included jumping sack races, inflatable pony races, hoop mania basketball face-offs, bungee runs, oversized hamster ball runs, and a giant inflatable obstacle course.



Continental Ranch thanks the numerous volunteers and

vendors who donated time and resources to make this event possible! We want to thank the numerous residents from CRCA who helped run the event. Our super star volunteer, Pat M., was most appreciated for his exuberant energy while racing around setting up and breaking down the event, as well as playing MC for the egg hunts. The Boy Scouts were crucial to the Egg hunt, as they placed the 10,000 eggs around the field for each age group. Additionally, Truly Nolen, Marana Police Department, TRAK (Therapeutic Ranch for Animals and Kids), Funtastics, and Pizza Hut all graciously donated to the event and deserve a big thanks.

The Continental Ranch Annual Egg Hunt is truly a special highlight for the residents of the community. The CRCA Board of Directors hopes that everyone had a terrific time!



CRCA Board of Directors

There are three seats on the CRCA Board of Directors which will be up for election at the Annual Meeting on October 24, 2017. The positions coming open are currently held by Bill Cicala, Bill Dawes and Marilyn Stimpson. The CRCA Bylaws guide the steps and time line 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 16th. Continental Ranch is a strong and vibrant community. Its success depends on the volunteers who 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 Ose Additional Paper	II Needed)		
Name:			
Address: Phone number:			
Number of Months/Years lived in CRCA:Is years	our 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 h by law to apply the rules in a uniform manner. How would ye and granting waiver?	ou approach your fiduciary duty in applying rules		
I have read the CC&Rs, Bylaws, and the Design Guidelines an duty to uphold them. YES NO	d understand as a member of the Board, I have a		
I understand the time commitment of the position including a to two committee meetings a month. I understand this comm month. YES NO			
Please return the application to the Association of			
mail it to 9150 N. Coachline Blv	d. Tucson, AZ 85743		

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SATURDAY, MAY 13

Gladden Farms Community Park 12205 West Tangerine Farms Road CHECK-IN: 7:30 a.m. RACE TIME: 9 a.m.

This is a fun run for the whole family that celebrates Mom! Enjoy vendors and family activities in the park. Mom's get a rose at the finish line. Snacks and refreshments provided. All participants are entered to win great raffle prizes.

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RACE SHIRTS: Sign up before May 1 to recieve your event shirt.

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CRCA Swimming Pool Rules

Accounts past due will have their pool key cards turned off until payment is received.

- 1. Association rules, regulations, and all posted signs must be followed. Lifeguards are not on duty. Swim at your own risk.
- 2. You must conduct yourselves safely and in a manner that does not interfere with the enjoyment of the pool and spa by all participants.
- 3. Pool Staff and others designated by the Board of the Directors have the authority to enforce these rules, and not allow entry to those not willing to abide by them.
- 4. The Windmill Park and Community Center swimming pools are only for the use of residents and their guests. Residents must accompany their guests at all times. Limit of 5 guests per card holder. For larger groups, permission must be received from the Continental Ranch Administrative Office. Authorized staff has the right to limit the number of guests using the facility on any day. Maximum occupancy in swimming pool area is 120 people. No more than 90 people can be in the water at any time.
- 5. Children under 12 years old must be attended by an adult over the age of 18 at all times.
- 6. Children under the age of 15 are not allowed in the spa under any circumstances.
- 7. Proper swim suit attire is required in the pool. No cutoffs or street clothing allowed.
- 8. Do not prop open the gates to the pool or restrooms.
- 9. You must shower prior to entering the pool or spa. Use of soaps and/or shampoos is prohibited.
- 10. Please remember to only walk on the deck. No diving. No running or horseplay permitted on the deck or in the pool. Only use appropriate "pool toys" and flotation devices in pool area.
- 11. Do not enter the pool if you have an infectious or contagious disease, open cuts, sores or bandages.
- 12. Children in diapers must wear secure fitting waterproof pants over the diapers.
- 13. No defecating, urinating, spitting, or placing other foreign substances in the pool. Do not swim if you are incontinent or suffering from diarrhea.



- 14. No glass containers permitted in the pool area.
- 15. No food, drinks, drugs, or tobacco are allowed inside the pool area, except for water.
- 16. No pets of any kind permitted in the pool area, except for working "Service Dogs".
- 17. Please deposit all trash in the containers provided.
- 18. Abusive behavior and vandalism is prohibited: No climbing on walls and gates. No fighting. No use of the pool outside of posted pool hours or during inclement weather.
- 19. Bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades and riding toys must be parked outside the pool area.
- 20. Only use battery operated audio equipment with earphones.
- 21. If using suntan lotion, place a towel over the chair to protect it from oil damage.
- 22. Scuba equipment is not allowed except during class instruction approved by the Board of Directors.
- 23. Keep clear of swimming lanes when used by lap swimmers. Do not hang on or play with lane lines.
- 24. Do not interfere with emergency procedures, accidents or drill exercises, including handling of pool equipment.
- 25. Continental Ranch Community Association and staff is not responsible for valuables left in the pool area.
- 26. Only one card issued per household. Replacement fee charged for lost cards: 1st time \$10, 2nd time \$15, 3rd time, and thereafter \$20.
- 27. Violation of any pool rule(s) will result in a 30-day suspension of pool privileges and a \$25 fine.

Home Landscaping Tips

It seems like every month is a new season of sorts. May is the season of getting ready for summer. June is summer. May can be a busy month, kids are getting out of school, and the preparation for vacation is in full swing. I know I keep harping on getting watering systems up and running properly, but that is the number one problem of plant decline.

On to more interesting things. If you have been following me for the last several years, it probably seems like I keep talking about the same things. This is because we always see the same problems each season, year after year. The pests we see at this time of year are: spider mites, leaf skeletonizers, and cutter bees. Aphids are on their way out, not too much to worry about now. Cutter bees don't hurt the plant, other than cosmetically. Cutter bees like to cut out semi-circles from the leaves and take them away to build their nests. Some of the



plants that are affected are Bougainvillea, Roses, and Hibiscus. There is really no control for them. Spider mites, on the other hand, can kill plants. The plants most affected by spider mites are: rosemary, hibiscus, roses, and conifer type plants; junipers, arborvitae, and cypress. The tale-tale sign for spider mite damage is a dusty dull look to the plant. Upon closer inspection, tiny webbing will be noticed. Take a small branch sample in to your favorite garden center to get the proper diagnoses and cure or make sure your landscaper knows about it. Now on to the same old issue that you have probably read a thousand times by now; leaf skeletonizers. They will devour and kill the plant if you let them get away from you. These are tiny caterpillars that eat the green part out of the leaves, leaving only a skeleton of the leaves behind. Again, get with your favorite garden center for proper diagnoses and control. Plants most affected: Texas Mountain Laurel, Yellow Bells, and Bougainvillea.

Another problem I have been noticing is thrips on citrus. With all the winter rains and the mild winter that we had, Citrus are growing very nicely this year. You may have noticed "curled" and "crinkled" leaves. Like with cutter bees, there is no control for this on citrus. Thrips are inside the leaves and to control them you would need to use a systemic chemical. Systemic means that the chemical gets inside the system of the plant, which means inside of the fruit too. Thrips may be unsightly, but they do not hurt the plant or the fruit.

Fertilizing: Plants need fertilizer when they are actively growing. Follow the directions on the fertilizer label very carefully. If you use too much, you will burn the roots and damage or kill the plant. Most people don't fertilize, so even if you use a little bit, it is better than nothing. What I am getting at, you may want to do a little less than what the label says, just to be safe. Some fertilizers are very fast acting, whereas organic fertilizers tend to be safer and slower acting. Typically fertilizer labels recommend fertilizing every 6 weeks or so.

Citrus like to be fertilized 3 times a year. When to fertilize citrus... If you ask 3 different people, you will get 3 different answers. It's kind of like asking how much to water, you get many different answers. I like to use the rule of "3". March, June, and September. March, because the last danger of frost is past. June, because it is in the middle of March and September. September, because it is early enough that any new growth that is pushed has a chance to "harden-off".

Until next time, enjoy your two seasons; getting ready for summer, and summer.

-Rob Palfreyman

About the author: Rob Palfreyman is a resident of Continental Ranch, who, over the years has served on the Board of Directors and the CRCA Landscape Committee. Rob has owned companies in and worked in the landscape industry for over 30 years, gaining an extensive knowledge of landscaping practices. Rob currently owns and operates Desert Knight Landscaping, which services residents in and around the Continental Ranch area.

WEED MANAGEMENT

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 program for your common area landscape maintenance contractor, Complete Landscaping, to spray pre-emergent herbicide in your front yard to prevent most weeds before they have a chance to become a problem.





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

• Application of pre-emergent can greatly reduce the number of weeds that germinate.

• Pre-emergent herbicides are designed to prevent seeds from germinating in the soil - **existing weeds should be removed** prior to pre-emergent application

• Pre-emergent herbicide does not affect living plant material such as trees and shrubs so the rest of your landscape will not be harmed in the process.





WANT TO KEEP THE WEEDS OUT OF YOUR YARD?

Complete Landscaping will be offering pre-emergent preventative weed spraying for Continental Ranch homeowners at a rate of **\$40.00** per <u>front yard</u>. Spraying will take place June 12th - June 16th. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please visit the Windmill Park management office and return this form with a check made payable to CRCA by <u>June 7, 2017</u>.

If you're interested in this service, please don't miss the deadline!

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Self-Defense: Families & Business Professionals

May 21- Marana Community Center June 10- Marana Community Rm (Ina Rd) / 1-4 PM

Water Aerobics Marana Pool- Ora Mae Park Saturdays; 11AM-Noon

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SUMMER SPORTS

Junior Golf Lessons- Monthly Quarry Pines Golf Course -Ages 5-7: Wed; 5-5:30 PM -Ages 8-12: Wed: 5:30-6 PM

-Ages 13-17: Thurs: 5-6 PM

Cross Country Series

Ages 4-14 & Ages 15+ -June 8- Ora Mae Park -June 22- Gladden Farms Park

Flag Football Clinics Crossroads at Silverbell Park Mon-Fri; 8AM-10PM -June 6-10: Ages 6-9 -June 12-16: Ages 10-14

Youth Basketball Clinics Marana Middle School Mon-Fri; 8AM-10PM -June 19-23: Ages 6-9 -June 26-30: Ages 10-14

Pee Wee Sports Camp Crossroads at Silverbell Park July 3-7 (closed July 4); 8-10 AM Ages: 3-6

Youth Volleyball Clinics Crossroads at Silverbell Park Mon-Fri; 8AM-10PM -July 10-14: Ages 9-11 -July 17-21: Ages 12-15

ART PROGRAMS

Art Isn't Scary After All- Adult Art Classes

Marana Community Rm (Ina Rd) or Marana Community Center Thursdays; 6-7 PM

Make & Take Crafts with Tammy Marana Community Center Tuesday; 4-5 PM

-May 2: Old & New Cork Board -May 9: Umbrella Door Decor -May 16: Open CanvasArt Craft -May 23: Daisy Wall Hanging Craft

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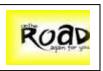
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Happy Father's Day	19	20 Board & Exec. Meeting 6:45pm at CC	21	22	23	24 CRCA Office Open 9am - 1pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	



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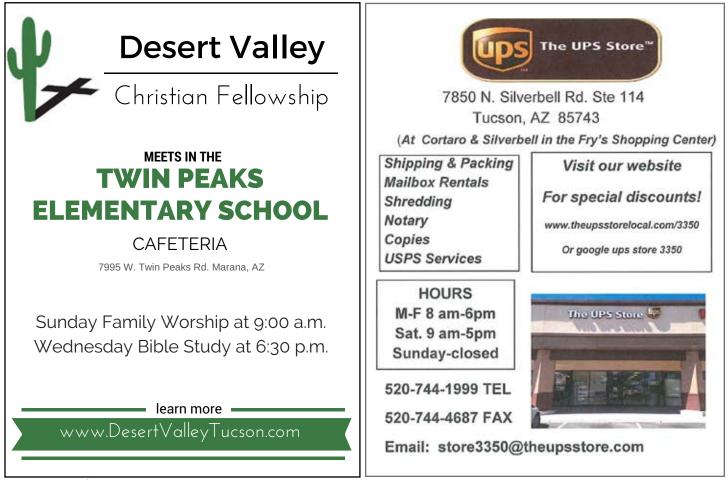
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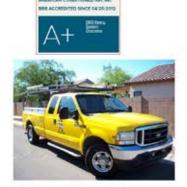
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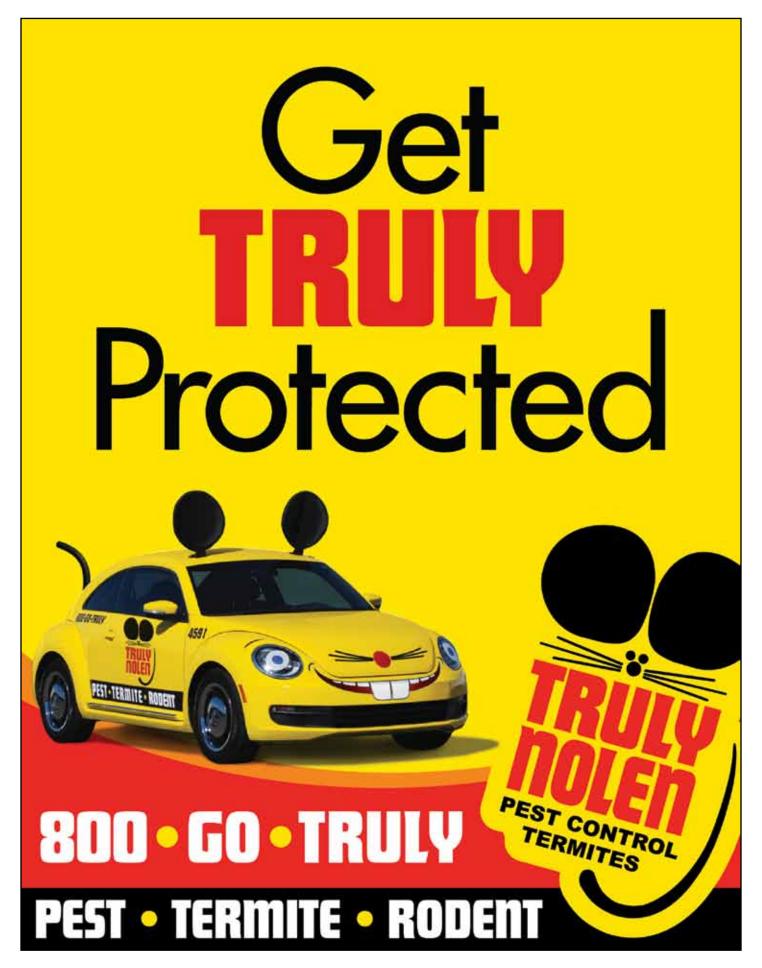
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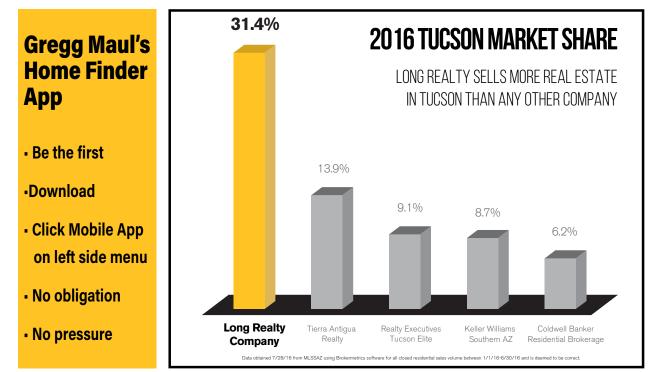


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Management's Message

This month, most of my message is a repeat from last May, but I think these points are still relevant and are worth mentioning again.

It's last call for May 1st assessments! I wanted to put out a friendly reminder that until Monday May 15th, we're still in the grace period for payment of assessments without a late fee. If you struggle to make it into our office during the week, please remember that we will be open from 9am-1pm on Saturday May 13th for all those last minute payments.

Pool season has begun, and we do our best to keep the pool facilities in top condition. If you notice anything that needs attention, please don't hesitate to let our office know. Often times we're able to get things cleaned up or fixed much sooner with the help of those extra sets of eyes out there.

Seeing as the Waste Management Large Item Pickups were done just recently, it might be good to once again note that WM tends to follow their acceptable/ non-acceptable items guidelines pretty closely. Some residents assume that despite the large item rules, WM will pick up just about anything left on the curb. Unfortunately that is not the case and items that are left on the curb which don't meet the guidelines do not get picked up; leaving the owners with additional work to move the items back in off the curb. Although Continental Ranch does not have a contract with Waste Management, a large percent of the community does get service through them and so this is likely a worthwhile reminder.

Many residents take advantage of the seasonal preemergent weed prevention service which you'll see offered in this month's newsletter. If you haven't tried this service in the past, it's worth considering. The Association negotiates a flat rate price through the landscape maintenance contractor, so it's a pretty good deal. Taking preventative measures can help reduce the headache that inevitably arrives with the weeds as monsoons start to roll in.

Josh Seng, Community Manager On behalf of Aime, Paula, Ryan and Stephen

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