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July / August 2019 Edition

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Mark Your Calendars

July 2019

- 1st Landscape - 7 p.m. at WP
- 3rd Covenants - 6 p.m. at WP
- 4th Happy 4th of July
CRCA Office Closed
- 11th ARC - 7 p.m. at WP
- 16th Board of Directors Meeting
6:45 p.m. at WP
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9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

August 2019

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9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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May & June Recap: Meetings at a Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meetings of the Board of Directors held May 21, 2019 and June 18, 2019 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 May 21, 2019 meeting, the Board approved several Covenants Committee recommendations for fines and pool use suspensions for various unresolved violations; appointed member to covenants committee; appointed nominating committee; approved parking lot asphalt seal coat at windmill park; approved roof coating maintenance at office and community center; discussed guideline revisions regarding front yard furniture and décor.

At the June 18 2019 meeting, the Board approved several Covenants Committee recommendations for fines and pool use suspensions for various unresolved violations; approved replacement of several saguaro cacti in Sonoran Vista common area; approved replacement of tree in Copper Moon parcel entryway; approved replacement of flower bed soil and flowers at River's Edge, Mountain Shadows, and the Community Center; approved miscellaneous Design Guideline revisions; conditionally approved Marana School District request for field use.

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.

Notice to the Members

Several updates to the community's Design Guidelines were recently approved by the board. The revised sections include: ground cover, solar panels, balconies/decks, shade sails, driveways, and front yard furniture & décor.

Please visit www.crcatucson.com to review the updated Design Guidelines. Residents are encouraged to contact the management office if you have any questions.

President's Report – John Lambert

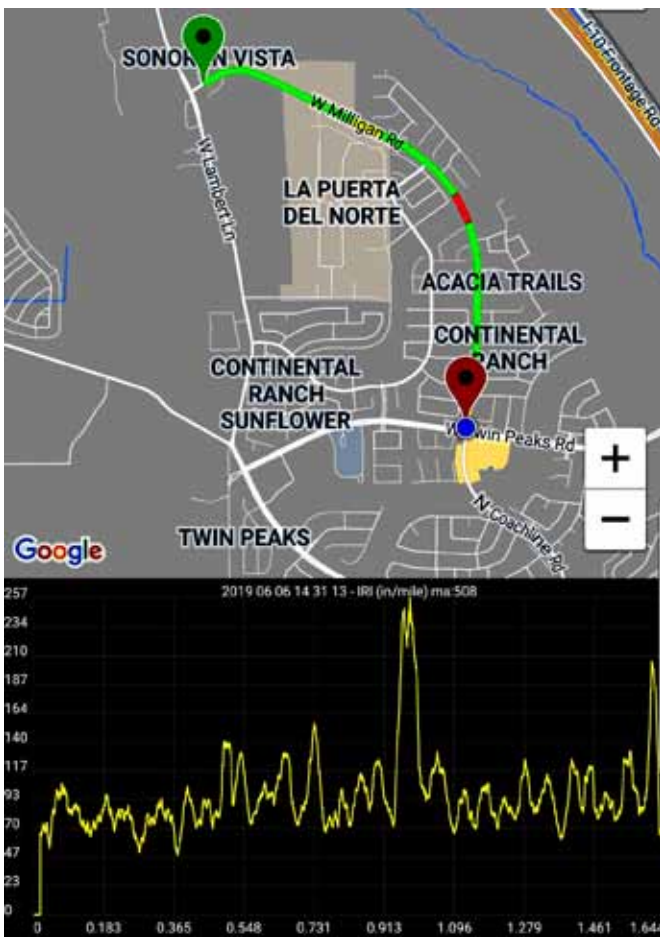
I am sorry to report that Bob Vollbrecht had to resign his position on the Board. Bob not only served over 6 years as a Board member, he was also actively involved in a number of our community activities as well as a contributing member to several of the committees. We thank Bob for his service to the community. In his younger years, Bob was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and so we also thank him for his military service to our nation as well. We wish you well Bob and will miss you.

At our June 18th Board meeting, we appointed Rojanna Harvey to fill out Bob's term. Rojanna has served on The Architectural Review Committee and will be a great addition to the Board of Directors.

Wishing you all a safe and happy 4th of July!



Coachline Boulevard Reconstruction



*profilograph reading
measuring road smoothness*

After many long months of traffic restrictions, the road construction along Coachline Boulevard is now complete! Drivers are relieved that the new asphalt resurfacing is finished, and traffic flow has been restored back to normal. The Town of Marana's project team made every effort to effectively manage traffic controls to minimize the inconvenience to drivers. The Town appreciates the patience shown by the community while the project was underway and hopes its citizens enjoy driving on the new road surfaces.

Several residents expressed concerns that the completed product does not reflect the quality standards that should be expected by tax paying citizens. Continental Ranch board president, John Lambert, is a retired superintendent and international asphalt paving consultant with 45 years of experience in the asphalt paving industry. Mr. Lambert noted in a letter to the Town that he observed several issues in the methods and techniques used during the installation of the new asphalt. His letter cited industry studies showing the impact of asphalt smoothness in relation to the lifespan of roadways. As an advocate for the community, Mr. Lambert brought his concerns to the Town in the hopes they may take corrective action.



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Guideline Revisions - Front Yard Furniture and Décor

The world of homeowner associations is filled with differences of opinion. Inevitably, some residents feel the HOA is too relaxed in its enforcement of the rules, while others feel the HOA is being too picky. It is common that one resident feels the HOA should be enforcing item “A” but not item “B”, while their neighbor feels the HOA should be enforcing item “B” but not item “A”.

The reality is that it is impossible to create an enforcement standard that satisfies 100% of the residents. The best an HOA can strive for, is to implement a balanced, reasonable approach to help keep its neighborhoods looking their best in order to preserve property values. However, the dilemma faced by the HOA is that “what looks best” can be subjective.

A topic of concern that the CRCA board currently faces is the abundance of excess front yard décor and furniture, the abundance of which has been steadily increasing throughout the community, causing some front yards to appear cluttered. In addition, many of the yard décor items are weathered or in disrepair due to lack of maintenance. These conditions detract from the curb appeal of well-maintained, organized property street-fronts.

Over the past few months, the board of directors has been working with its architectural review committee (“ARC”) and covenants committee to review this issue. Draft revisions to the design guidelines have been discussed to better manage the décor and furniture that residents are permitted to display in their front yards. The purpose of these guideline revisions is to promote a more organized and presentable street-front appearance for all properties in Continental Ranch.

Over the past decade, the HOA has worked hard to nurture a homeowner-friendly atmosphere, correcting many of the overbearing and intrusive tactics used by previous boards and management companies which were common in CRCA during the 1990s and 2000s. The board believes that its homeowner-friendly approach has made a very positive impact on the community, fostering a much friendlier relationship between homeowners and the HOA.

However, the board has received a growing number of concerns from residents who believe many front yards are not being maintained to acceptable community standards and that property values could be negatively impacted as a result. And while the board is reluctant to risk upsetting some residents by tightening certain enforcement standards, it believes measures are necessary to ensure that property values are protected throughout Continental Ranch.

After much discussion, the board has updated the Design Guidelines pertaining to front yard furniture and décor. To review the complete set of rules, please visit www.crcatucson.com and view the Design Guidelines. Rules about front yard furniture & décor is located on pages 8 - 9.

What actions are residents asked to take?

If you currently have items in your front yard (anything besides plants and rocks), please compare your items with the guidelines. You will notice that according to the guidelines, certain items are allowed and do not require formal approval, while others are allowed but only with approval by the ARC. If any of your items do not comply with the guidelines, please relocate them to your backyard. This applies to all items in the front yard, even if the items have been in place for many years.

For items that do follow the guidelines, please check the guidelines to determine whether ARC approval is required. If any of your items require approval, please take a moment to submit an ARC application along with photos of your item(s) to the CRCA office. The CRCA office staff is happy to help with any questions you may have.

The HOA board wants residents to know that they should feel free to exercise their creative expressions in their backyards, as the décor items addressed by the guidelines pertain to front yards only and do not apply to backyards. Residents are encouraged to simply relocate any unapproved items from their front yard to their backyard. Your CRCA board of directors hopes that residents will understand and appreciate these efforts to maintain the property values for all residents in our community.



Texas Root Rot

Most Continental Ranch residents are busy with their day-to-day hustle and therefore the common area landscape is just a blur in the background during their daily commute. However, those who do pay closer attention to the common area plantings may notice from time to time that trees along Twin Peaks Road will die and be removed. The sad fact is that these losses occur due to a soil fungus called Texas root rot (aka Cotton root rot). According to information provided by the University of Arizona College of Agriculture Cooperative Extension, this fungus is prevalent throughout the alkaline, low-organic matter soils of the southwest United States. Texas root rot also has one of the largest host ranges of any known fungal pathogen, meaning most plants and trees used in the local landscape are susceptible to some degree.



When a tree falls victim to a root rot infection, it typically turns entirely brown within just a few days. What Continental Ranch has witnessed is that suddenly an otherwise healthy tree seems to die all at once, seemingly overnight. The evergreen Pistache trees along Twin Peaks Road have been the most susceptible, and typically one or two have died from this fungus each year. The board has been reluctant to replant replacement trees in the same spot where a previous tree has died, as the newly planted tree would have a greater chance of succumbing to the same fate.



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MONTHLY TO-DO LIST



GRASS

- Plant your Bermuda lawns if you haven't already.
- Fertilize Bermuda grass lawns with 1/2 pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet.
- Apply iron to your lawn once per month.
- If it's time to dethatch, do it during May through August. Dethatch every two years at a minimum to rejuvenate the grass.



FLOWERS

- Cut back on fertilizing established roses to encourage plants to slow down for the hot summer.
- Water roses deeply as temperatures rise. Fertilize roses at half rate every six weeks during the summer. Water deeply both before and after fertilizing to prevent fertilizer burn damage.
- Hose off roses in the early morning to increase humidity and control spider mites.
- Flowers for summer color include: celosia, coreopsis, cosmos, gazanias, globe amaranth, portulaca, zinnia, salvia, vinca (periwinkle), gomphorena, verbena, pentas, summer snaps, potato vines and dusty millers.
- Flowerbeds will need irrigation every other day through the summer.
- Use ammonium phosphate in flower beds to increase and keep flowers blooming.
- Nurseries still have summer flowers, but you will have to water them every day in the morning for about two weeks before you can reduce watering to every other day.



VEGETABLES

- Tomatoes don't do well when it's over 90°F. Nurse the plants through the summer while providing shade and they will begin producing again in the fall. Alternatively, pull them out and plant new ones in the late summer for fall production. Be watchful for Tomato Horn Worms.
- Plant seeds for beans (pinto and snap), corn, Armenian cucumbers, melons, pumpkins, winter squash, sunflowers
- Plant transplants: peppers, tomatoes.
- Keep plants moist. Wilted leaves in the morning are a sign of moisture stress. Late afternoon wilting may be heat stress.
- Shade tomatoes, squash, peppers and cucumbers to reduce the heat and help them survive a little longer. Mulch on top of the soil also cools it and helps retain moisture.
- Use sunscreens that offer no more than 50% sun reduction.
- As your melons come in, place a board beneath them. This will keep them off the moist soil and prevent insects from attacking them.
- If you have problematic soil with lots of weeds, solarize your vegetables plots. Water the area to be solarized deeply and slowly, then cover with clear plastic, anchoring the edges to contain the moisture. Don't use black plastic. Leave for four weeks. The heat beneath the plastic will be intense, upward 140-150 degrees, cooking many of your gardening problems and weed seeds.

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Feisty Studios

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Feisty Studios salon at 8245 N. Silverbell Rd has grown with Continental Ranch for the past 8 years into a community oriented business of entrepreneurs that is full of love, laughter and good hair!



The owner, Cindy Waller has lived in the Conti area for almost 20 years, enjoying raising her family here in the MUSD schools, while building a strong clientele in hair shaping, hair color and perms, and is now building a strong partnership in wellness and healthy living with essential oils, as well. Stephanie Hart has been with Feisty since our opening, creating trendsetting looks in hair color, cuts/styles and make-up. She is now offering micro-blading, a semi tattoo that enhances and creates eyebrows very specifically. Susan



Garcia has been giving people superb hair color and cuts for over 6 years with Feisty. Her bubbly personality shines bright! Sequoyah Wasson is a talented stylist who can do just about anything with hair. Her positive outlook has been a lovely addition over the last 3 years. Misty Heuser has a calm personality with a love for highlights, color, cuts and styles.

We have career openings with a waitlist of clients for another hairstylist, and very recently, for a nail tech. We have a multi-purpose room for any licensed beauty services you may offer. We are all independent contractors, so our prices vary, but are around \$45 for cuts and colors start at \$60. Our

hours are generally Tuesdays through Saturdays, by appointment, starting as early at 8:30am and taking our last appointments around 6 or 7pm, so give us a call at (520) 308-5230 to experience the Feisty Family life.

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Want more information in general? There's always someone to answer the main phone line who will direct you to the right department. Call the Town anytime between 8am-5pm M-F at 520-382-1999.



Summer is once again upon us, and well, it's hot. I know that goes without saying here in southern Arizona, nonetheless, it serves as a reminder for everyone to stay properly hydrated and prepared for outdoor activities. The same is true for our pets. It is actually a crime to leave them outside without adequate fresh water, food, and shelter from the elements. In short, if they must be left outside for any reason, make sure the conditions are such that they will remain safe and in good health.

We also implore you to not leave your loved ones, including pets, alone in a motor vehicle. Within a matter of minutes the temperature inside a vehicle can go from comfortable to life-threatening. That is especially true this time of year. There is nothing more important to us than our loved ones, so please plan your errands and activities accordingly to avoid putting them at risk.

We are also just days away from Fourth of July celebrations. As you plan your festivities, please include plans for your pets. July 5th is generally one of the busiest days of the year for animal control agencies and pet shelters, as many pets are spooked by the lights and sounds on the Fourth and escape their yards under the stress fireworks can cause them. You can help avoid this by keeping them in a calm, safe place within the home for the evening. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further feel free to call us at (520) 382-8020 or email animalservices@maranaaz.gov.

Summer also means monsoon storms. In preparation, please make sure that your property is properly maintained to prevent standing water, as this can quickly become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. If you discover standing water within your property, please abate as quickly as possible. Should you become aware of standing water somewhere else, feel free to let us know by calling (520) 382-2520 or emailing us at codeenforcement@maranaaz.gov. You can also contact Pima County Health Department Vector Control at (520) 724-7908 if you believe there is active mosquito activity on a property with standing water or green pools.

Another source of insect and rodent activity is refuse. Please do not allow discarded household items, trash, and yard trimmings to accumulate within the property. Refuse should be removed from the property on a regular basis, such as through your weekly trash service.

Finally, when placing trash containers out for weekly pick-up, please try to place your container in a manner that does not obstruct pedestrian use of the sidewalk or vehicles on the street. We understand that this can sometimes present a challenge, as each location can differ. All we ask is that you use your best judgement to place your containers in the safest location and for the shortest duration of time possible.

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer and as always, thank you for being a part of our community.

Bill Lorefice

Chief Code Enforcement and Animal Control Officer



Engineering with LEGO Summer Camps at Continental Ranch Community Center

June 11 – June 15

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Focus on Recycling Quality – **The Do's and Don'ts of Recycling**

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- **Do** keep foods and liquids out of recycling.



- **Do** keep plastic bags out of recycling.

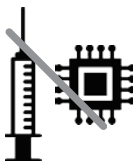
Recycling Don'ts



- **Don't** bag your recyclables. Plastic bags and film get tangled in the machinery.



- **Don't** include food-soiled items – they can turn an entire load of recycling into trash.



- **Don't** add sharp or dangerous materials like needles and electronics – they can cause injury to our workers.



- **Don't** toss in "tangles" like rubber hoses and wires – they can shut down an entire recycling center!



- **Don't** include bulky items like propane tanks or construction debris.

Share these tips and post them as a reminder of Waste Management's recycling guidelines. For more tools, visit **www.RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com**

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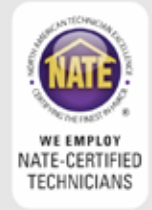
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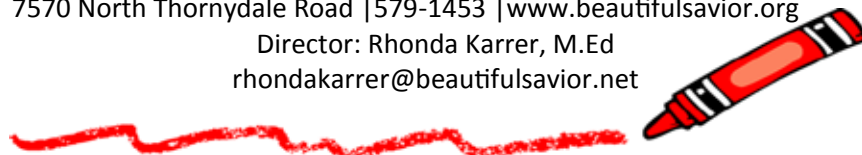
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Well, after such a mild and pleasant spring, the summer heat is finally here, and the community pools have been getting a ton of use and enjoyment! We hope everyone has a fun and safe time at the pools. If you're a pool-goer and ever notice something around the pools that needs to be serviced or requires attention, please do not hesitate to let our office know. We always appreciate when residents let us know right away about items in need of attention – we take pride in the upkeep of your community amenities.

Some of you might have seen the less-than-green grass at the parks and wondered what is going on. No need for alarm, we are in the semi-annual transition period between winter rye grass and summer bermuda grass. Due to very mild spring temperatures, this summer's transition is getting a late start. We should see the bermuda grass start to green up and begin to thrive in concert with the monsoon rains.

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