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January 2021

- 1st Happy New Year! CRCA Office Closed
- 4th Landscape Cancelled
- 6th Covenants 6 p.m. at CC
- 7th ARC 6:30 p.m. at CC
- 19th Board of Directors Meeting 6:45 p.m. at CC
- 21st ARC 6:30 p.m. at WP
- 30th CRCA Office Open

February 2021

- 1st Landscape 7 p.m. at WP
- 3rd Covenants 6 p.m. at WP
- 4th ARC 6:30 p.m. at WP
- 14th Happy Valentine's Day
- 16th Board of Directors Meeting 6:45 p.m. at CC
- 18th ARC 6:30 p.m. at WP
- 27th CRCA Office Open

President's Message

Hello everyone, I am Peg Bracken a current member of the board and newly elected president. I have lived in this community for 26 years. I would like to thank all who participated in our board elections. I also want to assure all homeowners that this board will continue to work in the best interest of this community as we have in the past. In addition, I would like to encourage those who have time to spare to join one of our homeowner committees. Due to COVID-19 we have had to make some changes for the time being.

Everyone please mask up and stay safe!

Also, I would like to remind our homeowners that with our political elections now over, please remember to remove all political signs as per our CC&Rs.

Thank you, Peg Bracken



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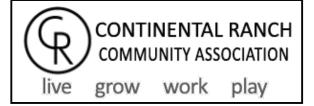
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Thanking our Community Volunteers



It has been the tradition in January to honor the residents of Continental Ranch who volunteer their time to benefit the community. Continental Ranch is such a large Association, and most residents go about their daily lives without realizing how much work goes into operating a community of this size. While there are an estimated 10,000 residents inhabiting CRCA, only a small few donate their time to help. Continental Ranch hopes that more residents will consider participating, since the more involved members are, the stronger the community can be. Thank you!

Pool Furniture **Up For Sale**

Old pool furniture is up for sale! Chaise lounges and sitting chairs are available on a first come first serve basis. Please contact the office at 520-297-7600 for more details.

Resident Rate

Sitting Chairs - \$5.00 each Chaise Lounges - \$10.00 each

Non-Resident Rate

Sitting Chairs - \$10.00 each Chaise Lounges - \$15.00 each



November & December Recap: Meetings at a Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meetings of the Board of Directors held November 17, 2020 and December 15, 2020 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 November 17, 2020 meeting, the Board approved several Covenants Committee recommendations for fines and pool use suspensions for various unresolved violations; approved contract with J. Todd Lundering to perform the annual financial audit.

At the December 15, 2020 meeting, the Board approved several Covenants Committee recommendations for fines and pool use suspensions for various unresolved violations; postponed decision on homeowner request for weekend use of Windmill Park outdoor restroom; approved renewal of 12 month CD account with Synchrony Bank maturing in January; approved proposal from Brijer Resources for annual tree pruning throughout community; approved proposal from AAA Landscape to treat all prickly pear affected by Cochineal Scale; postponed decision for marquee sign replacement; approved proposal from Two Kings Hospitality to replace all pool furniture, per the Reserve Study.

Manager's Report

The community manager provided her report to the board which included the status of all projects recently completed and/or currently underway since the previous Board meeting.

CRCA Adopt-A-Family Gifting Cheer



This year's adopt-a-family was a tremendous success, with such a generous outpouring of donated gift cards from the community totaling almost \$700, along with some gift items and additional gift cards donated

so appreciative of the community's generosity and thanked all those who donated. CRCA also wants to thank everyone who chipped in to make this a very special Christmas for one of our Continental

Ranch families. We'd also like to extend a big thank you to AAA Landscape and Walgreens on Coachline Blvd. for their thoughtful donations.



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!



CRCA Committee Members Needed!!



Continental Ranch is one of the largest master planned communities in the Tucson/Marana area. CRCA has several committees comprised of volunteer homeowners who help keep the community vibrant through their participation. The Association relies on its committee members to help run various aspects of the community.

Despite its immense size, the committees often struggle to find enough members to serve. Many residents don't realize how easy it is to be involved on a committee. Committees meet just once or twice per month and meetings typically last about 30 minutes. There is little to no additional time commitment required outside of the meetings.

Architectural Review Committee

The Architectural Review Committee is responsible for reviewing homeowner applications for changes and enhancements to their home exteriors and yards. The committee also helps develop and maintain the community design guidelines. Meetings are held in Continental Ranch on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm.

Covenants Committee

The CRCA Covenants Committee strives to enforce the CC&Rs so that Continental Ranch keeps its high standards for the future ahead. From time to time, residents need a reminder to perform the normal maintenance that every property requires. The Covenants Committee supports the Board of Directors and the Association in the enforcement of its governing documents. Meetings are held in Continental Ranch on the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm.

Landscape Committee

The beautiful landscape throughout Continental Ranch is one of the most important aspects of the community. The CRCA Landscape Committee takes great pride in their accomplishments. This committee, working at the direction of the Board, continually monitors the quality of maintenance work performed by the landscape contractor, and works within their budget to maintain and enhance landscape throughout CRCA as needed.

Continental Ranch is always looking for new committee members! Please call 297-7600 for information.



Dog Day at the Pool • • • • • • • • • •

Another successful event was held for Continental Ranch canines this past November at the Windmill Park Pool. At the end of every summer season we invite our pet-loving residents to bring their furry friends to the pool where they can swim, play, socialize and run off leash. It's a fun way to celebrate the end of another busy pool season!



Home Improvements & Maintenance

Tax season is under way and many homeowners take advantage of their tax refunds by investing in maintenance and upkeep of their homes. Two of the best "bang for your buck" improvements to consider in order to benefit your home's curb appeal are front yard landscape and exterior paint. The more homeowners who maintain their individual residences, the stronger home values will be for the entire community.

Continental Ranch prides itself in keeping common areas and roadways looking their best, and one annual

maintenance task that the Association performs each year is to replenish decorative gravel throughout its landscape. Over time the gravel gradually depletes and eventually the landscape can begin to look tired. A fresh splash of rock ground cover can make a dramatic impact in the overall look of the landscape. What many homeowners don't realize is how reasonably affordable this improvement can be. On average, most front yards in Continental Ranch measure from 1,200-2,000 square feet; rock supply companies recommend using 1-ton of gravel per 120-square feet of area. Homeowners should take measurements of their own



particular yard size and check with local suppliers for specific pricing, but on average the cost for a new layer of decorative rock should cost between \$400 -\$700 (plus a little time and sweat to spread the rock around the yard).

A home exterior repainting project is a bit more costly than sprucing up the landscape, but can have a major impact on curb appeal. Not only does it affect the look of the home, paint protects the wood and stucco that comprise the exterior shell of the home. In general, it is recommended to apply a new coat of paint to the wood trim approximately every 4 years, and to the stucco every 8 years. Painting the wood fascia is one of the most commonly ignored maintenance tasks, which is unfortunate because as the old paint slowly disintegrates,



the underlying wood begins to deteriorate. The Association follows these upkeep recommendations very closely, and hopes that homeowners will follow its example. For the purposes of this article, it's difficult to note an approximate price on painting, since there are numerous factors to take into account, such as: amount of prep work required, home size, and color variations. Contractor pricing can vary considerably, so when getting quotes for painting your home, take caution to carefully understand exactly what the contractor will do to prep the exterior surfaces, their paint application method, the brand of paint, and how many coats of paint they plan to apply.

Landscape Corner - January Do's & Don'ts

Thank you AAA Landscape for providing these helpful landscaping tips and tricks.



- ✓ Fertilize once a month with Ironite for a dark green lawn and less mowing.
- ✓ If you did not over seed the Bermuda grass, water the dormant Bermuda at least once a month.
- ✓ January is bare-root rose planting time. Bedding plants can still be planted.
- ✓ Plant flowers and veggies in pots and place on your patio or entry-way.
- ✓ In order of choice, plant roses on an east, south, or north exposure, west. Plant roses where they can have afternoon filtered shade.
- ✓ Prune established roses for optimum blooming in April.
- ✓ Cut canes back approximately one half. Remove all dead canes. Thin to remove weak or old canes. Strip off all leaves. Seal all cuts on canes with wood glue or a prepared sealer to prevent cane borers from boring into the cane.
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- ✓ Wait to prune frost damage from plants or trees until the later part of February.

survive with minimal damage.

When frost is forecast, cover frost-tender plants with a

sheet or some light covering (not plastic) by 8 p.m. and remove by 9 a.m. the next day. The covering should

extend to the ground. Young trees should have trunks

expected. A mature citrus tree, older than 6 years, will

wrapped and foliage covered only if a hard freeze is



- ✓ Don't fertilize dormant Bermuda grass until late April or May.
- Don't plant roses with western exposure because of the afternoon summer heat.
- ✓ Don't over-prune your palms. Palms with only the top three or four fronds remaining have been pruned excessively and improper
 - have been pruned excessively and improperly. Only the lower leaves, the ones that have turned brown or are yellowing should be removed.
- ✓ Too much fertilizer can cause salt burn and too little can cause nutrient deficiency problems. Water both the day before and immediately after applying granular fertilizers.
- ✓ Don't water grass at night when the temperatures are coolest as this fosters the growth of fungal diseases.
- ✓ Don't mow when grass is wet. This also may result in fungal disease.
- ✓ Don't delay on weed control. Handle weeds while they are young, tender, and their roots are manageable, or before they sprout.



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February Do's & Don'ts

- ✓ Ryegrass should be watered about once or twice a week depending on the weather.
- ✔ Bermuda grass needs water about once a month.
- ✔ Bermuda will begin to turn green when nighttime lows reach about 65 degrees.



- ✓ Fertilize fruit, nut and shade trees, shrubs and vines. Pecan trees and grape vines need a zinc rich fertilizer to help them produce their best.
- Now is the time for shaping citrus trees a little, if you must. Normally there is no need to prune citrus like regular fruit trees. Try to let the citrus foliage grow to about knee high. The best fruit is produced on the lower two thirds of the tree so raising the skirt reduces the amount of the fruit you will get.
- ✓ Clean out dead wood. Remove any suckers growing from below the graft. Shape your ornamental shrubs so the new spring growth

will fill in the bare branches and holes left from pruning. While pruning frost damaged plants, wait and prune after new growth has started.

- ✓ Freshen up flowerbeds by removing faded or spent blooms. Bare-root roses should be in the ground this month, the earlier the better.
- ✓ Begin fertilizing established roses with granular fertilizers about the middle of the month. Clean out dead or diseased wood in roses. Remove weak and crossing canes and old leaves to discourage insects and disease.
- ✓ When pruning, never remove more than ¼ of the total plant unless you are doing renovation pruning. Always use sharp, quality pruning tools. Use hand pruners for cuts up to ½", loppers for cuts up to ¾" and saws for cuts over ¾"

BUG TALK:

Aphids may be present on many plants. The best control is natural predators, such as lacewings, and praying mantis. Acquaint yourself with these insects, and if present do not use insecticides. Hosing the aphids off with a forceful spray of water is helpful in gaining control. A couple of drops of dish soap in a spray bottle of water can also be very effective.



- ✓ Don't cheat on soil preparation for flowers and vegetables. Bone meal and blood meal are great organic amendments to add to the soil. Be sure to include a granular fertilizer that contains at least 20% phosphorus to help with root establishment.
- ✓ Don't fertilize dormant Bermuda grass until late April or May. Don't water grass at night when the temperatures are coolest as this fosters the growth of fungal diseases. Don't mow when grass is wet. Don't irrigate on mow day or the day before.
- ✓ Don't plant roses with western exposure because of the afternoon summer heat. Too much fertilizer can cause salt burn and too little can cause nutrient deficiency problems. Water both the day before and immediately after applying granular fertilizers.
- ✓ Don't fertilize mature trees near the trunk. Fertilize the outer two thirds of the ground of the leaf canopy where the most active roots are.
- ✓ Don't delay on weed control. Spray weeds while they are young, tender, and easy to kill. Don't use a preemergent in an area where you are going to plant veggies and flowers from seed. It will prevent seeds from germination





First, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very safe and happy New Year! If you are anything like me, you are extremely excited to finally see 2020 in the rear view mirror. We still have a ways to go before things are back to normal, but we can at least see there is light at the end of the tunnel. In the meantime, please continue to do what you can to keep those around you safe and healthy.

If you are reading this, the elections of last year are over, so political signs should be down. We did our best to have all political signs removed from the roadways on the nineteenth of November, as that was the day these signs were no longer afforded protection under state law, and request everyone does their part on their property. Although the Town exempts six square feet of signage from regulation on private property, your CC&Rs do not, so I would be remiss if I didn't remind you to abide by them as well.

With the holidays ending, I would also like to remind you to properly dispose of all refuse, including your Christmas tree. To assist with this, Tank's Green Stuff has once again agreed to accept one clean Christmas tree per vehicle free of charge this year. A clean tree is one with all tinsel, ornaments, lights, and other decorations removed. Tank's facility in Marana is located at 5300 W Ina Road, on the north side of the road between I-10 and Silverbell. For questions and current hours of operation, please visit their site at https://tanksgreenstuff.com.

Unfortunately, there is other waste that often goes unnoticed until someone literally steps in it, and that should not occur. Not only does the law require you to clean up after your pets, it's just the right thing to do. Please take appropriate supplies with you while out walking the sidewalks and paths with your pets to promptly remove any waste they may deposit.

We are happy to announce with the start of the year that Marana Animal Services will again be hosting a vaccination clinic and also a spay & neuter clinic in February. We will be sending out additional information as we get closer to these events.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to download the Marana Pets App, which can be found on our website at https://www.maranaaz.gov/animal-lost-found and is a great tool for lost and found pets in Marana. The app is available for download on both iPhone and Android platforms.

We also encourage everyone to keep the microchip information for their pets up to date, as this helps us quickly return lost pets. Should you be unsure as to your pet's microchip number or registration status, please stop by the office during regular business hours or give us a call at (520) 382-8020 so that we can assist you with this. We are more than happy to scan your pet and provide you with the chip information and appropriate registry for updating their information.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Code Enforcement directly at (520) 382-2520 or codeenforcement@maranaaz.gov. For Animal Services please call (520) 382-8020 or email us at animalservices@maranaaz.gov

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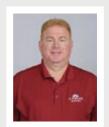
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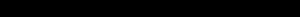
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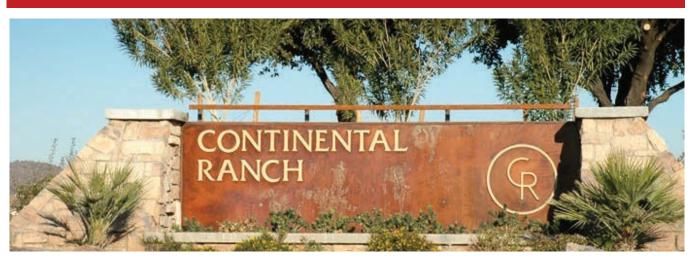




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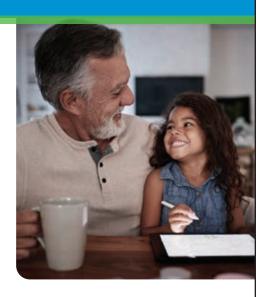
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— Cameron G., whose parents reside at The Watermark at Continental Ranch

Our dedicated associates follow a strict set of standards, policies and procedures to ensure residents' health, safety and well-being. Here, you can devote each day to pursuing all that makes you thrive in the safety of a supportive and vibrant community. We take care of everything, so you and your loved ones can enjoy peace of mind today, tomorrow and beyond.

Call Karen Rorke at 520-789-6690 to learn more and schedule a virtual tour. We're accepting new residents and welcoming you safely.



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Judy Ibrado Realtor® ABR, SRES (520) 301-8455 jibrado1212@gmail.com



Client Testimonial

Judy has been a real joy to work with. Her limitless knowledge of the market gave us special insight into various communities in Tucson.

She provides her clients with options and goes the extra mile. Her patience is remarkable and her passion for real estate is evident in how she conducts herself. A true professional who works very hard and makes it look easy.

Melvin & Kendra Tucson

Useful Numbers

Non-Emergency Marana Police Department

520-382-2000

Poison Control

520-626-6016

Animal Control Marana

General Questions: 520-382-8020 Officer Response: 520-682-4032

Arizona Game & Fish Department

(to report Coyotes, Bobcats, etc.)

520-628-5376

Pima County Hazardous Waste

(including green pools on vacant property)

520-791-3171

CRCA Office

520-297-7600

CRCA Emergency

520-780-9163

Marana Permits

520-382-2600

AZ Blue Stake

800-782-5348

Marana Parks & Recreation

520-382-1950

Waste Management

520-744-2600

Tucson Water

520-791-3242

Tucson Electric Power

520-623-7711

Southwest Gas

877-860-6020

Mountain View Post Office

Thornydale & Magee 520-744-6720

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^{* 3} and 6 month discounts available

Management's Message



I hope everyone made it through the holidays in good health, and that this edition of the newsletter is finding each reader already off to a great start to the New Year!

While we greatly missed getting to see residents' smiling faces stopping in the office to make donations under the 'Angel Tree' as in years' past for the Adopt-A-Family program, it was heartwarming to see how generously CRCA residents responded to the alternative Gift Card Drive for the Adopt-A-Family this past December. Unsurprisingly, it seems that when 'times get tough,' the Continental Ranch community only grows in its generosity to those in need.

In case you missed the 'Pool Furniture for Sale' ad in this newsletter, CRCA will be selling the old pool furniture from both pools in preparation for all new and matching pool lounge chaises and chairs for the 2021 pool season. Check out the ad for rates, and feel free to call or email the office for more details. Any furniture that isn't sold will be donated by the end of February – don't hesitate to let us know if you have any suggestions regarding where they should be donated!

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank the Continental Ranch Board and residents for once again allowing us the opportunity to continue serving this community into 2021. We do not take your trust for granted and we are driven to continue providing excellent management services that are both capable and professional.

Happy New Year!

Ashley Boykin, Community Association Manager On behalf of Paula, Sharon, J.J. and Crystal Address 9150 N. Coachline Blvd.

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