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We're Here to Help

Springtime is one of the busier times of the year for the office as the Windmill Park pool reopens, community center event rentals increase, the May 1st assessment approaches, and residents take on more improvement projects around the home.

The management team is available from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, to assist residents with general questions, booking the community center, pool keys, Architectural Review Committee (ARC) applications and more. In addition, the office is open one Saturday a month from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Refer to the calendar on the website or in this newsletter for exact dates.

To make an appointment, please call the office at 520-297-7600 before stopping by, and keep in mind a face mask is required.



Now Hiring Pool Monitor

Continental Ranch is hiring for pool monitor staff for the 2021 summer swim season! If you or someone you know is looking for some part time work for the summer, please contact the CRCA office to apply.

Continental Ranch pool monitors spend their time in the pool areas in an effort to maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for the residents using the pools, spa and splash pad.

The job runs from May through August and is a great way to pick up some extra cash for the season. Must be 18 years of age or older to apply.



January & February Recap: Meetings at a Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meetings of the Board of Directors held January 19, 2021 and February 16, 2021 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 January 19, 2021 meeting, the Board approved proposal from Territorial Signs Co. to upgrade manual letterboard marquee sign to LED; approved proposal from Tree Frogs to replenish wood chips at The Villas playground, per the Reserve Study; approved proposals from Oasis Pool to replace Windmill Park pool pumps, spa heater, and community center kiddie pool heater, per the Reserve Study; approved proposal from Approved Painting to touch up paint for pool fencing; and ratified Action-in-Lieu of meeting approval of proposal from E-Konomy Pool to resurface the Windmill Park spa with Level 1 Pebble Fina, per the Reserve Study.

At the February 16, 2021 meeting, the Board approved several Covenants Committee recommendations for fines and pool use suspensions for various unresolved violations; approved proposal from AAA Landscape to install root barrier between property on Painted Sky Drive and a common area tree; approved proposal from Brijer Resources to remove one common area tree from behind property on Alcante Way; approved amending covenants policy to increase initial fines for RVs, trailers and boats from \$25 to \$75 per week; approved proposal from Blue Ribbon Pavers to install pavers in bullnoses at Twin Peaks & Coachline intersection; approved proposal from E-Konomy Pool to touch up Windmill Park pool deck; postponed decision regarding Windmill Park office storage cabinets; and approved proposal from HOA Playground Services to replace two concrete benches at River's Edge park, 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.

Covenants Policy Change

Dear Members of Continental Ranch,

The CRCA Board of Directors recently considered the growing concern from residents that the 2016 fines policy regarding RVs, trailers and boats was becoming less influential now that the cost of off-site storage has become more expensive than fines. The cost of goods and services are constantly changing, and in an effort to stay up to date the Board has adopted a new fines policy in respect to RVs, trailers and boats. The goal of this

policy update is to encourage quicker compliance and to help preserve the environment we all expect in an Association. Effective March 1, 2021, the starting fine for parking or storing an RV, trailer or boat that is visible on any lot, as specified in the CC&Rs, shall be subject to a \$75 per week fine (previously \$25 per week), which may rise in \$25 increments. Please contact the community manager should you have any questions about this update, and we thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Please note that this newsletter constitutes all required notices.



Windmill Park Pool Opening

Exceptional community amenities are a big part of why residents love to call Continental Ranch “home”. One of the most popular amenities in Continental Ranch is the recreational pool facility at Windmill Park. This pool opens for the season on March 1st, a date eagerly anticipated by residents each year. The Windmill Park pool facility includes a heated main pool, Jacuzzi spa, and splash pad.



The hours of operation are from 5am – 10pm daily. Please take a moment to read through the CRCA Pool Rules and Interim Pool Rules on pages 6-7 of this newsletter. In order to remain HUD/FHA compliant, CRCA Pool Rules #5 and #6 have been updated. Residents should contact the management office with any questions about access or use of the Windmill Park pool facility.

The Pima County Health Department is advising that residents in the pool area wear a face covering when they cannot easily maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet from others that aren't of the same household, which pertains even to the semi-private pools in Continental Ranch. This does not apply to those in the water. A \$500 fine will be issued to the Continental Ranch Community Association by the Pima County Health Department if residents aren't reasonably following this mask requirement; however, this fine can be charged to the accounts of those found responsible. In their discretion, the Board may choose to close the pool if conditions become unsafe, but they are hopeful residents will do their part to enjoy a long and safe pool season this year by social distancing and wearing face coverings when appropriate.

Pool restrooms will be cleaned daily, furniture will be spaced at least 6 feet apart daily, and high contact surface areas will be sanitized periodically each day during the peak pool season running from Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend. Going to the pool is arguably one of the best ways to escape the summer heat, relax or exercise, and get outdoors all at the same time. The CRCA Board and management staff wish everyone another fun and safe pool season!

Continental Ranch Community Wide Yard Sale!

April 10, 2021 7:00am – 2:00pm

Registration deadline is Wednesday April 7, 2021



Join the fun and find those unwanted household items a new home! Please complete the form below and return it to the Windmill Park Office. A list of addresses participating in the yard sale, as well as the items for sale will be available to pick up April 9th & 10th at the Community Center. Advertising will appear in local newspapers and on Craigslist. The advertising fee which used to be required has been waived by the Board!

Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Please return to the CRCA Office by April 7, 2021

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Items for Sale:

For Office Use: _____ **Date:** _____ **Staff Initials:** _____ **Parcel/Lot** _____

Community Bulk Item Trash Pickup Saturday April 17, 2021

Waste Management will be in your neighborhood to pick up bulk trash items.
Residents must have an account with Waste Management to participate.

Keep in mind: Our drivers load your bulk items into the truck by hand. Please follow these guidelines to ensure a successful pickup and to keep your neighborhood clean and safe. If the criteria are not met, we will not be able to load and pick up items.

General Guidelines

- Place all bulk items on the curb by 6:00 a.m.
- Bulk items must weigh less than 50 pounds. Driver cannot remove items exceeding this limit.
- Items must be contained within a 4 ft. by 4 ft. area

Guidelines for Common Items

- Bundle all landscape items. Branches and bundles cannot exceed 4 feet in length.
- Cactus must be boxed and labeled.
- Remove mattresses from hide-a-beds to reduce weight.
- For glass tables, please remove, box and label the glass.

NOT Acceptable Items:

- Appliances including:
 - Refrigerators/Freezers
 - Ice Makers
 - Washers/Dryers
 - Stoves
 - Dishwashers
 - Water Heaters
 - Air Conditioners
 - Appliances with Freon
- Electronics including:
 - Televisions
 - Computers
- Tires
- Batteries
- Fluorescent bulbs and/or ballasts
- 55-gallon drums
- Chemicals including:
 - Pesticides
 - Oil
 - Paint
 - Turpentine
 - Any flammable liquids
- Propane/Gas Cylinders
- Asbestos Material
- Medical Waste
- Contaminated soil or any liquid hazardous waste
- Railroad Ties
- Construction material

Thank you for following these guidelines for a successful bulk item pick up.

We appreciate the opportunity to help keep your community clean and safe!

Continental Ranch Swimming Pool Rules

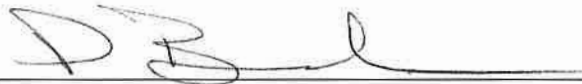
Accounts past due will have their pool key card turned off until payment is received.

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 who must be accompanied at all times. Limit of 5 guests per card holder. Authorized staff has the right to limit the number of guests using the facility on any day.
5. Anyone under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult in the pool area.
6. No one under the age of 6 may use the spa, and anyone ages 6-13 must have adult supervision to use the spa.
7. Proper swim 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 soap or shampoo in the pool and/or spa is prohibited.
10. No diving, 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 area if you have an infectious or contagious disease, open cuts, sores or bandages.
12. No defecating, urinating, spitting, or placing other foreign substances in the pool. All incontinent individuals are required to wear swim diapers and secure waterproof clothing over the diapers.
13. No glass containers permitted in the pool area.
14. No soliciting of any kind.
15. No food, drinks, drugs, or tobacco are allowed inside the pool area, except for water. No "vaping" (e-cigarettes, vape pens, personal vaporizers, etc.).
16. No pets of any kind permitted in the pool area, except for working "Service Dogs". Although Service Dogs are permitted in the pool area, they are not allowed in the water.
17. Please deposit all trash in the containers provided.
18. Abusive or harassing 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 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 minimum \$25 fine.

CONTINENTAL RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
INTERIM POOL RULES AND NOTICE

1. All owners, residents and invitees (collectively referred to herein as "Pool Users") must comply with Executive Order 2020-36 'Guidance for Pools', incorporated herein by this reference and attached hereto.
2. All pool users must stay home if sick.
3. All pool users who are at a higher risk for severe illness should avoid the pool. People at higher risk for severe illness include adults 65 or older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions.
4. Pool users should not touch their eyes, nose, or mouth.
5. After leaving the pool, use hand sanitizer. When pool users get home, wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
6. These Interim Pool Rules do not replace any existing Pool Rules, but serves to supplement the same.
7. Pool users should bring sanitizer to disinfect any and all items you touch in the pool area.
8. All pool users must continue to maintain proper social distancing between themselves and others consistent with recommended guidelines.
9. All pool users should be sure to clean any surface he or she touches.
10. Residents who use the pool areas do so at their own risk.
11. Neither the Association nor its managing agent warrants a virus-free environment. Any pool user who develops an illness with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should immediately contact the Association.
12. The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, and without notice, close the pool based on future changing circumstances.
13. This Rule may be amended upon receiving further guidance from government health officials and other professionals.

DATED this 23rd day of February, 2021.


By: Peggy Bracken
Its: President

Landscape Corner - March Do's & Don'ts

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



- ✓ Ryegrass should be watered about once or twice a week depending on the weather. Bermuda grass needs water about once a month.
- ✓ If you are planning for new Bermuda turf, while sod can be installed at any time, it will establish best when actual Bermuda weather arrives in May. It is best to spend the time preparing a good deeply tilled sod bed with adequate organic matter, Sulphur and ammonium phosphate prior to laying sod so that the roots establish deeply into the soil.



- ✓ When nighttime temperatures are above 60 degrees for at least five days in a row, mow winter turf progressively lower to about $\frac{3}{4}$ " to encourage spring transition back to Bermuda grass.
- ✓ Spray or hand pick weeds now or they will be problematic later. If killed or removed before they flower at the end of their life cycle you will have less weed seeds in the soil to germinate next season. In rock areas most weeds can be controlled with pre-emergence herbicides.
- ✓ Prune back hedges and shrubs that have become overgrown and dense.
- ✓ Fertilize deciduous fruit trees with nitrogen when they leaf out. Thin deciduous fruit to 6 inch spacing. The earlier this is done after fruit set, the more size response will be expected in fruit remaining on the tree.
- ✓ While pruning frost damaged plants, wait and prune after new growth has started. Prune frost sensitive citrus after mid-March, after they begin to leaf out with new spring growth.
- ✓ Now is the time to plant trees and shrubs, including citrus trees. The earlier you get them in the ground, the more time the plants will have to get their roots established before the hot weather starts sucking the moisture out of the leaves.
- ✓ Two to five year old citrus trees transplant most successfully. Larger, older trees are more costly, harder to transplant, and suffer more from transplant shock. It will generally be three years after transplant before fruit production and that is the same whether you plant a 2 year old tree or a 10 year old tree.
- ✓ When pruning, never remove more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total plant unless you are doing renovation pruning. Always use sharp, quality pruning tools. Use hand pruners for cuts up to $\frac{1}{2}$ ", loppers for cuts up to $\frac{3}{4}$ " and saws for cuts over $\frac{3}{4}$ "



Bug and critter talk: With warm weather, expect to see more aphids on vegetables, shrubs, fruit and shade trees. Spritz them with water with a few drops of dish soap added from a spray bottle which can be very effective especially if they are on your vegetable crops. Your seedlings may look like tasty treats to local birds. Cover with chicken wire, or protect young plants with row covers.



- ✓ Don't fertilize dormant Bermuda grass until late April or May. If you are growing a lawn from new seed, don't plant now. Wait until April or May.
- ✓ 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 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. Spray weeds while they are young, tender, and easy to kill.

April Do's & Don'ts

- ✓ Begin Bermuda grass seeding when nighttime temperatures remain at 65 degrees. Covering with mulch helps keep birds under control. Bermuda over seeded with rye will resume growth when we have 65 degrees nighttime temperatures. You can encourage last year's Bermuda to come out of dormancy and gradually kill the rye grass by mowing every four days and lowering the blade each time.
- ✓ Spray or hand pick weeds now or they will be problematic later. If killed or removed before they flower at the end of their life cycle you will have less weed seeds in the soil to germinate next season. In rock areas most weeds can be controlled with pre-emergence herbicides.
- ✓ Pay special attention to deciduous fruit trees, providing adequate soil moisture for fruit sizing in the late April and May period.
- ✓ As the weather warms, adjust your irrigation timer to water more frequently. Be sure the system runs long enough to wet the soil to a depth of at least 8" for turf and flowers, 1' for groundcover, 2' for shrubs and 2' to 3' for trees. Keep watering of desert trees to a minimum. They don't need much water and they will put any extra water into excess growth that you will have to prune.
- ✓ Tree water use increases rapidly during this period of leafing out and gradually higher air temperatures.
- ✓ Apply nitrogen and zinc to pecan trees to produce normal size leaf growth and to enhance kernel development. Pecans also need more water than most other shade trees.
- ✓ If the normally upright leaves of agaves look wilted, the agave weevil may be the culprit. The agave weevil especially likes the Blue Agave. It is best to treat preventatively with insecticide labeled for the insect.
- ✓ Prickly Pear may develop fuzzy white patchy scales. This is the cochineal scale insect that will devastate the appearance of the pads. Wash them off with a strong spray of water.
- ✓ Saguaros that have black fluid dripping from them need to be treated quickly. This is a bacterial infection. Treat by cutting the affected tissue from the plant back to healthy green tissue and then spray the wound with a 10% solution of bleach in water and allow to air dry. Bird holes in saguaros scab naturally; don't try to repair them.
- ✓ You can and should remove stakes from all trees staked more than a year ago.
- ✓ Allow your wildflowers to go to seed. They will produce a natural healthy feast for birds as well as reseeding themselves to come up again next year.
- ✓ The second half of April is a good time to start removing your winter flowers to prepare for summer flowers. Don't cheat on soil preparation for new 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.
- ✓ Place shade cloth over tomatoes to keep bugs away.
- ✓ If you haven't pruned your herb garden, now is the time to do it. For frost damaged herbs, look for new growth emerging on the lower half of the plant. Use sharp shears to cut the plant back by 1/3 to 1/2 or more, down to healthy new side shoots. Add new compost and water well.
- ✓ Fertilize producing vegetable gardens.



Windmill Park Spa Resurface

The Windmill Park spa was last resurfaced in 2014 with plaster, which had quartz chips mixed in for added beauty and strength. Despite the quartz upgrade, the surface of the spa had deteriorated to the point that the Board agreed it was time to resurface. Management secured bids from four different contractors for various surface material options, and the Board approved the proposal from E-Konomy Pool to upgrade the spa surface to Pebble-Fina. Pebble aggregate surfaces can last almost twice as long as plaster, and the Fina option from the Pebble Technology brand is supposed to be smooth to the touch (and swimsuit!). E-Konomy Pool was



selected for their competitive price, their nearly 5 stars on Google Review, and their A+ rating on the Better Business Bureau – plus, they have done quality work for Continental Ranch in the past. When they acquired the resurfacing job, Management and the Board were advised the spa would be ready to use by the March 1st opening date, which unfortunately is not the case anymore. E-Konomy recently informed Management that due to inclement weather, the resurfacing won't be completed until sometime during the first week of March. Additionally, because the new surface requires extended time to cure, the spa won't be usable for another 30 days after the resurfacing is complete. This last part was news to Management and the Board and was poor communication on E-Konomy Pool's part. The delayed reopening of the spa is not ideal or preferred, but the contractor will be held to the high quality of work they are known for, and hopefully it won't be long before residents can enjoy the newly upgraded spa.

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Letters To The Editor

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Management's Message

Gorgeous March weather has arrived just in time to kick off the 2021 pool season! The pools brought welcome relief last year to those looking to escape the confines of quarantine, and it seems likely that this year won't be much different. Although the COVID situation in Pima County seems to be more hopeful, some of the restrictions being placed on semi-private pools, such as yours, have become firmer. As mentioned on page 4 of this newsletter, the Pima County Health Department may fine CRCA up to \$500 per incident if the pool area becomes too congested or if pool goers aren't wearing face coverings when appropriate. We ask that pool goers please do their part to keep the pool open by practicing social distancing with those not part of your household.

In addition, all of the standard CRCA Pool Rules still apply. It's the least favorite part of our job, but these rules will be enforced to maintain the peace and safety that Continental Ranch residents deserve. The rules that tend to be broken the most are underage persons in the spa, food and drink in the pool area, hanging on lane lines, not showering prior to entering the pool, diving or flips into the pool, and CRCA residents letting large groups who do not live in CRCA into the pool area. These rules are clearly posted in the pool areas as well as the website and this newsletter, and staff are more than happy to help answer any questions you have on them.

While I can't predict the future, I'm hopeful this will be the last time I let you know the beloved 10th Annual Easter Egg Hunt has been postponed another year. Even though the Bunny won't be present, the grassy field behind the office is lush and green and it's the perfect place to bring your kids for an afternoon picnic or some good old-fashioned exercise. As an added reminder, please make sure to pick up after your pets when enjoying CRCA common areas like the Windmill Park field, or anywhere else for that matter. After picking up their business, please make sure to dispose of it properly, which means tying the baggie closed, and tossing it in either a public trash can or one at your own home – not your neighbors. That's just common courtesy folks.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Fred Fisher for stepping up to fill the vacant seat on the CRCA Board of Directors, which became available after Eric Krueger, former Director at Large, recently accepted a new career opportunity outside of Tucson. The Board wishes Eric the very best and is deeply grateful to the years of service he gave back to this community. Fred has been welcomed to the Director's seat, which will be up again for election later this year in October. I can't emphasize enough how much valuable time and effort this community's volunteers put in every month to make Continental Ranch one of the best places to live, and I hope readers appreciate how difficult their obligation is to make decisions on behalf of 3,444 homes knowing they won't be able to make 100% of residents happy. Fresh blood on committees gives added perspective to decisions, along with feedback at Board meetings. While some positions demand more involvement, the Landscape Committee for example can take less than half an hour per month of your time. Please give the office a call if you'd like to know more, and I hope everyone has a healthy and happy Spring season!

Warm wishes,

Ashley Boykin, Community Association Manager
On Behalf of Paula, Sharon, J.J. and Crystal

