

January 2024

1st Happy New Year! CRCA Office Closed

3rd Covenants - 6 p.m. at WP

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8th Landscape - 6:30 p.m. at WP

16th Board of Directors Meeting

6 p.m. at CC

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February 2024

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29th Happy Leap Day!

President's Message by Peg Bracken

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful and safe time welcoming the 2024 new year.

In December 2023, we had a great turnout for the Photos with Santa event at the community center. The management company did an excellent job with the decorations, making the event even more special. I also want to congratulate the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest!

Our next event is the annual CRCA Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for the end of March. We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for the kids, so it's an event you don't want to miss. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help us make this event a success. Volunteering is a great way to give back to our community, so please reach out to the office and let them know if you can.

Please note that the board had approved the Windmill Spa to be open through December 2023 and hopefully, for the upcoming year we will be able to provide the same service; also, the splash pad will be opening on March 1st. The splash pad tank is being replaced this January with a cement tank, and we hope it will have a longer lifespan. I hope everyone enjoys the pool season and warmer weather this upcoming year.

With spring just around the corner, please take control of weeds as soon as you see them to avoid receiving a letter from the office. Pre-emergent is always an excellent way to go, but it is best applied before the weeds begin sprouting.

Finally, please be considerate of your neighbors when taking your beloved animals for walks. I have noticed dog owners not being responsible and leaving their dog waste to be picked up by neighbors. Please carry bags and pick them up after your furry friends. It is not your neighbor's job to pick up your pet's mess.

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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.

While serving on the Board of Directors can sometimes be a heavy time commitment, CRCA currently has three committees that only require 1-2 hours per month. Serving on a committee is an excellent way to contribute to the Association, learn more about its inner workings, and most importantly – to have a voice! All committee meetings are open to residents and dates and times can be found in this newsletter or on the website calendar here: https://crcatucson.com/calendar/.

Continental Ranch hopes that more residents will consider participating, since the more involved members are, the stronger the community can be.

Thank you Community Volunteers!

Calling All **Volunteers**

The new year has only just begun and Continental Ranch



is already hard at work planning our 13th annual Easter Egg Hunt! This is CRCA's biggest occasion of the year and the many wonderful residents who volunteer their time and effort to it are crucial to its success. If giving back to the community was on your list of New Year's resolutions, please

consider helping out at this year's event. We are looking for Continental Ranch residents to help with set-up the day before the event, March 29th, as well as volunteers for booths and clean-up on the day of, on March 30th. For more details, please contact the CRCA office at 520-297-7600.

November and December Recap: Board Meeting at a Glance

The following are highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held November 21, 2023 and December 19, 2023 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

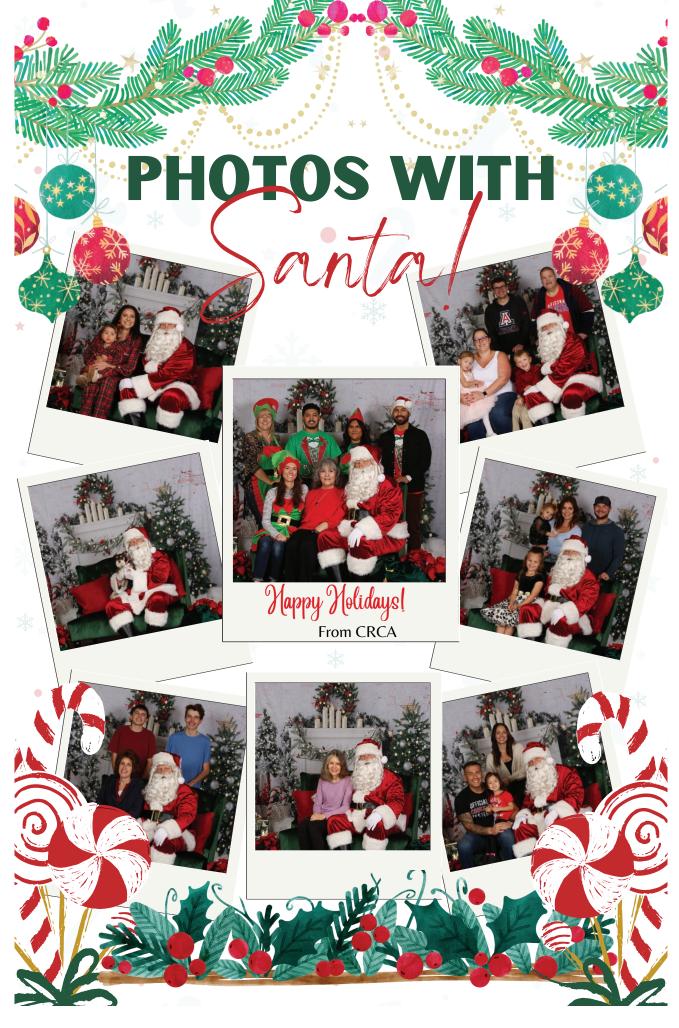
At the November 21, 2023 meeting, the Board approved several Covenants Committee recommendations for fines and pool use suspensions for various unresolved violations; approved reinstating the 2023 Windmill pool season extension through December 31st; approved a proposal from J. Todd Lundering, CPA, to perform the annual financial audit and tax returns; approved proposal from Aztec Chem Dry to clean and reseal all Windmill office and pool area tile grout; approved end of year bonus for CRCA management staff; approved proposal from Desert Sunset Pools & Spas to repair the community center kiddie pool leak; approved proposal from Arizona Luxury Lawns & Greens to replace the artificial turf over the underground splash pad surge tank; approved renewal of the annual termite treatment with Southwest Pest Solutions; and approved a thank you gift card for Photos with Santa resident volunteers.

At the December 19, 2023 meeting, the Board approved several Covenants Committee recommendations for fines and pool use suspensions for various unresolved violations; appointed Mr. Clement DeLarge to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors; approved proposals from AAA Landscape to repair faulty irrigation valves throughout the community; approved amendments to the Reserve Study; approved renewal of the annual pest management program by AAA Landscape; approved tasking the Landscape Committee to assess the landscaped monuments at the Silverbell/Coachline entrance and develop a plan to address water concerns to present to the Board; approved a proposal from AAA Landscape to add locks to irrigation controllers; approved continuing to partner with BCL Landscape Maintenance for front yard landscape violation clean ups; appointed Mr. Robert Thomas to the Covenants Committee; approved proposal from Dave Bang & Associates to replace the Windmill Park ramada roofs per the Reserve Study along with proposals from Approved Painting and Sovereign Electric to paint and install lighting to the new roofs; and approved a proposal from Tucson Print Graphics to replace three deteriorated signs at Windmill Park.

Manager's Report

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







HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS!



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Congratulations to our winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest! The homes this year were truly amazing! You could see all that hard work, creativity, and care that went in to each and every one. Thank you to all the community members who participated. We truly appreciate you adding some extra holiday cheer! We would also like to thank the volunteers who took the time out of their busy holiday schedules to travel around the community and consider each contestant.

casa De Los Ninos Toy Drive

We just wanted to take a moment and thank all of our community members who donated to our Casa De Los Ninos Drive!
We appreciate your kindness and generosity. Your donations helped so many families this holiday season!



Leash Law Reminder

Continental Ranch has many great parks where you and your four-legged companion can get outdoors and go on a walk. Unfortunately, there are concerns that too many dog owners have been ignoring the leash rules, especially at the Windmill Park baseball and sports field. Understandably, the fenced in baseball field is attractive to dog owners who want to let their dogs 'run free,' but no matter the size, breed, or temperament of dog, there is no guarantee that it will obey commands 100% of the time. From Chihuahuas to Pit Bulls to Great Danes, all canines must be leashed.

Title 6 of the Pima County Code governs animals. Under Section 6.04.030, the owner of a dog that is found "at large upon the streets, sidewalks, alleys, or public property" is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. "At large" is defined as "neither confined by an enclosure nor physically restrained by a leash." The penalty for this Class 2 misdemeanor can include a fine between \$100 and \$750; up to four months in jail; and/or two years of probation.



While everyone (Continental Ranch residents and outside visitors as well) is subject to Pima County ordinances, the Association also imposes penalties against homeowners who violate these rules. The Association will issue a \$100 fine and 30-day pool suspension to the account of any property whose residents are found with their dog off leash and/or failing to clean up their dog waste on Association property (which includes the parks). Just down the street, the Silverbell-Cortaro District Park has a dog park where dogs can run freely off their leashes. If you want to give your friend his exercise off his leash, please visit the designated dog park, conveniently located at the corner of Silverbell Road and Cortaro Road.

Covenants Corner

Continental Ranch is a community of homeowners who embrace the pride of ownership when it comes to their homes. Often times when folks think "HOA", the first thing that comes to mind is covenants enforcement to address issues like weeds in front yards or homes falling into disrepair. Believe it or not, covenants enforcement is just a small part of the overall function of the Association. Nevertheless, it is still an important task that the Association takes very seriously.

Over the years the Board has adjusted its policies to create a more homeowner friendly environment, meanwhile effectively reducing the length of time in which violations are resolved. Frequently when residents receive a notice from the Association's management office, they respond by saying that they did not realize there were certain rules to be followed regarding their property. There are several violations that come up most frequently which might be of interest to readers, including: front yard maintenance, trash cans, trailers, and landscape parking.

Front Yard Landscape Maintenance

Residents are expected to take care of their yards to a reasonable extent. Weeds are the number one problem that occur. The most effective action for residents to take is to apply a pre-emergent spray or granule to their yards, which helps stop most weeds before they begin. Other yard maintenance items include removing trees and shrubs when they die, as well as trimming back bushes and trees when they grow too close to the sidewalks.

Trash Cans

CRCA issues hundreds of notices to residents to remind them that trash cans are not supposed to be visible from the street. This means that trash cans should always be stored in the backyard or in the garage unless proper screening is in place for the front side yard. Some residents have sought ARC approval to build a small screen wall on the side of their house so that they have a place to effectively hide their cans without having to pull the cans all the way into their backyard.

Trailers

CRCA understands that some home projects do require the need to deliver supplies on a trailer, and therefore the Association tries to be sensitive when enforcing this violation. CRCA wants its residents to feel free to do work on their homes without having too many cumbersome restrictions being imposed but unfortunately the CC&Rs do not allow trailers to be stored on any lot. Residents who need to have a trailer for a short temporary time to accomplish a home project should let the Association know about their plans so the information can be noted at the office. Aside from these very brief uses, trailers should not be parked in Continental Ranch.

Landscape Parking

Residents should only park vehicles in their driveway, not in the landscaped portion of their front yard. This is a violation that the Association office staff tends to hear about through complaints since it typically occurs overnight and weekends, when the CRCA staff is not performing inspections. Typically, by the time residents contact the CRCA office to complain, the violation has been occurring for a significant length of time and they are frustrated with the belief that the Association "isn't doing anything". Residents should know that the CRCA staff only work during regular business hours. If a violation is only occurring after hours, then the office staff is likely unaware of it. For these types of situations, a written complaint is necessary in order for management staff to help resolve the problem. The Association encourages residents to contact the office if there are after hours violations that they would like addressed by the Association.

CRCA thanks everyone for working hard to keep their properties in excellent condition and supporting the property values of the neighborhood as a whole!

Landscape Corner - January Do's & Don'ts

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



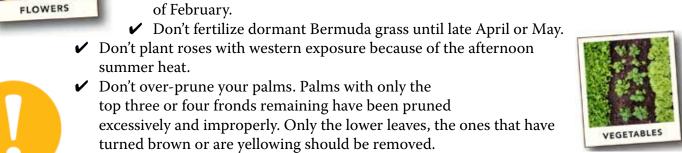
- ✓ Fertilize once a month with Ironite for a dark green lawn and less mowing.
- ✓ If you did not over seed the Bermuda grass, water the dormant Bermuda at least once a month.
- ✓ January is bare-root rose planting time. Bedding plants can still be planted.
- ✓ Plant flowers and veggies in pots and place 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.
- ✓ Move living Christmas Trees outside to a shaded, cool location. Transplant into permanent location as soon as soil temperatures warm.
- ✓ Plant fruit and shade trees as early in January as you can. Plant bare root trees before they leaf out. Plant potted deciduous trees.
- ✔ Prune deciduous fruit trees and grapes.
- ✓ PLANT SEEDS: beets, bok choy, carrots, chard, collard greens, leeks, lettuce, mustard, green onions, peas, potatoes, radishes, rutabagas, spinach and turnips.
 - ✔ PLANT TRANSPLANTS: artichokes, asparagus, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, chard, lettuce
 - Prepare your soil for a spring/summer garden. Organic matter, mulch, manure or compost is very important.
 - ✓ Wait to prune frost damage from plants or trees until the later part of February.

- ✓ 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.

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 wrapped and foliage covered only if a hard freeze is expected. A mature citrus tree, older than 6 years, will survive with minimal damage.

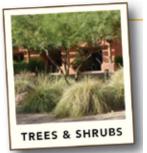


We Beautify the World



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.
- ✔ 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✔ PLANT SEEDS: beans, beets, bok choy, carrots, swiss chard, cucumbers, leaf lettuce, melons, mustard, onions, peas, potatoes, radishes, spinach, , sunflowers, turnips, watermelons, Martha Washington asparagus (roots or crowns).
- ✔ PLANT TRANSPLANTS: artichokes, asparagus, chard, kohlrabi, lettuce, onion, peppers and tomatoes.



- If you set out transplants before mid-February protect them from the cold.
- ✓ Prepare your soil for a spring/summer garden. Organic matter, mulch, manure or compost is very important.
- ✔ Fertilize producing vegetable gardens.
- ✓ Corn may be seeded after mid-February. Plant short day varieties (less than 70 days).
- ✓ Don't water grass at night when the temperatures are coolest s 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 delay on weed control. Spray weeds while they are young, tender, and easy to kill.
- ✓ Don't use pre-emergent in an area where you are going to plant veggies and flowers from seed. It will prevent seeds from germination. It will not affect transplants.
- ✓ When pruning, never remove more than 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 1/2, loppers for cuts up to 3/4 and saws for cuts over 3/4.









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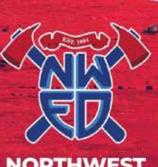


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at least once a month; replace them according to manufacturer's instructions.





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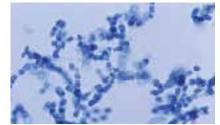
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WHAT IS VALLEY FEVER?

Valley fever (coccidioidomycosis) is a disease caused by a fungus that grows in the soil in the Southwest region of

the United States, parts of Mexico, and Central and South America. The fungus was also recently found in south-central Washington. People may get sick if they breathe in the fungus. The fungus gets into the air through wind, digging, and other activities that disturb soil. It can infect the lungs and other parts of the body.



VALLEY FEVER IS NOT CONTAGIOUS

WHO GETS VALLEY FEVER?

Anyone who visits or lives in areas where valley fever occurs can contract it. Pets and other animals can get valley fever too. Valley fever is not contagious. It is not spread from one person to another. A pregnant woman cannot pass the infecton to her baby.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Most people (60%) who are infected with valley fever have only mild or no symptoms. The rest have illness that may last for months or even years. The disease usually affects the lungs and can cause pneumonia. Common symptoms are: • Fatigue • Fever • Cough • Headaches • Rash • Night Sweats • Weight Loss • Lack of Appetite • Joint or muscle aches. In some people, the disease may spread to other parts of the body, such as the bones, skin, joints, or brain. This can be very serious and may even cause death.



ANYONE WHO SPENDS TIME IN PLACES WHERE VALLEY FEVER OCCURS CAN GET IT

HOW IS VALLEY FEVER DIAGNOSED?

Your doctor can order a blood test for valley fever. Your doctor may also test other body fluids, take a chest x-ray, or do a biopsy. If you have pneumonia, you should ask your doctor to test you for valley fever.

WHO IS MORE LIKELY TO GET SEVERE DISEASE?

Most people will not get severe disease. People more likely to get it include: • African Americans • Filipinos • Pregnant Women • People taking medications such as steroids • People whose bodies have trouble fighting off infection including people with: HIV or AIDS, Cancer, Diabetes, Organ or Bone Marrow transplants.

AVOID BLOWING DUST

HOW IS VALLEY FEVER TREATED?

Most people who have valley fever don't need treatment. People with severe disease may need to be treated with antifungal drugs. Talk to your doctor about treatment options.

CAN VALLEY FEVER BE PREVENTED?

There is no vaccine to prevent valley fever at this time. Avoiding activities that stir up airborne dirt is recommended, but is not a certain means of prevention. Use common sense and stay out of blowing dust.



Thank you to the Valley Fever Center for Excellence and the Arizona Department of Health Services for this information. For more info, visit: www.vfce.arizona.edu. or www.valleyfeverarizona.org

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Wishing health and joy to all our seniors in the new year!

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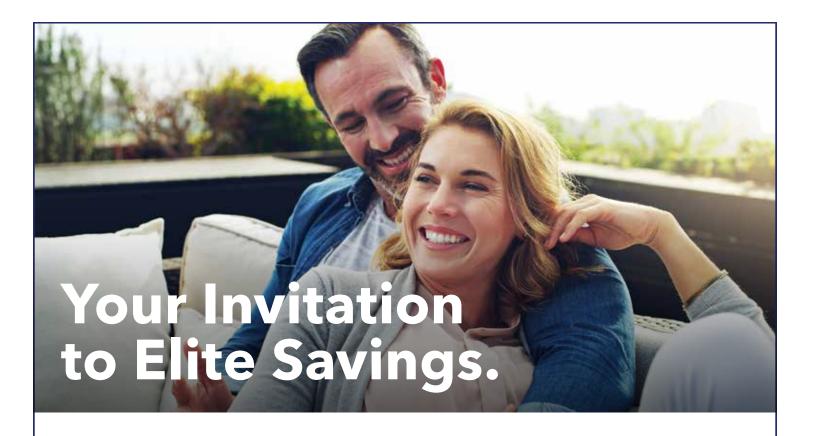
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520-297-7600

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Management's Message

I hope everyone had a joyful time over the holidays, and it was so nice getting to see so many residents at the annual Photos with Santa event! Heading into the New Year, we're looking forward this month to having the splash pad tank replaced and restored in time for the 2024 pool season along with other various maintenance projects underway.

I would like to thank all the dedicated volunteers who put in time and care into making sure this Association continues to be a thriving place to call home. It can't be overstated how important community involvement is, especially in an Association of this size. As of this publication, CRCA and its sub-associations consist of 4,440 residential lots plus 36 commercial properties, including three apartment complexes! While serving as a director can take up many hours per month, there are other opportunities to serve that require much less time commitment but are just as rewarding and vital.

For example, the Easter Egg Hunt event will take place on March 30, 2024, and we are always in need of help setting up the day before the event, as well as support at the event. Please give the office a call if you're curious about how you can help! In addition to one-time events and activities, the Covenants, Landscape, and Architecture Committees meet one to two times per month and provide an excellent opportunity to rub elbows with fellow residents and to understand what's involved behind the scenes. It's worth noting that all committee and board meeting minutes get posted to the website after they're approved at the subsequent meeting. Even if you're unable to attend the meetings, glancing at the minutes each month can be an easy way to stay up to date on current HOA matters.

Cheers!

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