

Country Place Homeowners Association

# THE LAMPLIGHTER

APRIL 2015



The Purpose of Country Place HOA is to: Collect our Homeowners Dues and Reinvest in a Responsible and Ethical Manner, Maintain our Common Areas, and Support and Enforce our Protective Covenants.

## SPRING FLING WILL BE MAY 30th! Mark your Calendar!

Watch the website and FaceBook page to see what will be on the menu!

Lunch will be served from 11 AM to 1:00 PM or until we run out of food.

Come out and meet your neighbors and relax a little. There will be free swimming and jump houses for the kids to enjoy!

*Let's all bring a dessert to Spring Fling to share with your neighbors!*

## LIFEGUARDS WANTED!

We are looking for lifeguards for the summer. If you are interested, please email Mark Toloso at [marktoloso@yahoo.com](mailto:marktoloso@yahoo.com)

### A note from your treasurer:

Please remember 1<sup>st</sup> quarter dues were due February 28<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is due May 31<sup>st</sup>. Dues must be paid up through 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to purchase pool passes for the summer at Spring Fling. \$52.77 per quarter.

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter due by Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	\$52.77
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter due by May 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$52.77
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter due by Aug. 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$52.77
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter due by Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$52.77

You only receive an invoice in January for 2015 dues. You can drop your payment in the mailbox at the Clubhouse or contact me and I can get you a form to have an EFT withdrawal using a Debit or Credit card or you can set up recurring EFT withdrawals using a Debit or Credit card for your quarterly payments.

Remember if you have a past due balance and want to work out a payment schedule, please contact me and I will see what we can come up with to get your account in good standing. I will return your call if you leave me a message with contact information and the property address. Or you can always email me at:

[cphoatreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:cphoatreasurer@yahoo.com).

## Our April Recipe of the Month is Crock Pot Pork Chops

Pork Chops

Can of French Onion Soup

Ranch powder dressing mix

Brown gravy mix

Put all ingredients in crock pot on High. When it comes to a boil turn down to low. It will cook in about 4 - 5 hours. If you want it to cook all day, then put the crock pot on Low and it will take approximately 7 - 8 hours.

Serve with rice or mashed potatoes.

You may want to double the gravy recipe depending on the number of pork chops you use.

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We all have problems with mosquitoes so here is a link to some plants that help keep those pesky bugs away! I've tried a few and they do help! If you view the newsletter on our website, just click on the link to go there! Or type it in. It is:

<http://www.naturallivingideas.com/11-plants-that-repel-mosquitoes/>

Using chemical products to keep mosquitoes away is not always on the top of everyone's list and some can be harmful if used in the wrong way or around some animals or small children.

**Citronella** is a beautiful perennial grass that emits a strong aroma. That aroma masks other scents and keeps mosquitoes from being attracted to other things located around it. It is a great choice as it is easy to grow and can get very tall. You can grow it in pots and place it around a porch or patio or plant it directly in the yard or garden.

**Lemon Balm** is a member of the mint family and is an easy plant for beginning gardeners, even if you don't have a green thumb. It is hardy, resists drought and grows well, even in shade. It is fast growing and sometimes aggressive so you may want to contain it to a pot so you can move it and it won't take over your garden. You can also dry the leaves and use them for a delicious herbal tea!

**Catnip** is also a great mosquito deterrent. In a 2010 study, it was found that catnip is 10 times more effective than Deet, which is found in many bug repellents. Cats love it though so be careful not to plant it in other areas where cats may roll around in it and ruin your other plants!

A few others are Marigold, Basil, Lavendar, Peppermint, Garlic, Rosemary, Pennyroyal, Geraniums. Go to the link and read all about them!

Please also remember to empty any standing water around your houses!

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH AT 7:00 PM**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 21ST AT 7:00 PM**

**2015**

**Yard of the Month is Back!**

Our April Yard of The Month winner is:  
**Selvia Garcia Rinaldo at 219 Mill Creek**

Neighbors,

I am sorry that the rain really gave everyone a late start on planting and mowing. This yard has a good entry with a welcoming door and a pretty spring wreath and matching arrangement on the porch table. The bench placed next to the bird bath is a good addition to the yard, inviting neighbors to sit and visit. The lawn is mowed beautifully and gives a good basis for the other accessories. I would like to invite anyone who has any suggestions for Yard Of the Month to please let me know. Thank you! Edna House - 949-9765.

**YOTM Guidelines:**

- Foundation — placement of shrubbery.
- Plants and shrubs at the end of the walkway or beside the front door should be kept trimmed so that they do not obstruct the view of the front door. The front door should be the focal point, as a sign of welcome to the house.
  - \* Taller shrubbery usually looks better on the corners of the house with lower ones under windows & Shrubbery in front of the windows should be kept trimmed below the level of the window.
- Consistency of design — the plan of border and edging of small plants and bulbs should be in harmony with foundation plantings.
- General Landscaping — foundation and design consistency combined. Pine straw should not be raked up around trees unless there are flowers or shrubs around the tree.
- Improvements
- Condition of Shrubbery
- Lawn
- Color
- Only the front yard is judged. The yard is judged from the roadway, directly in front of the doorway. The homeowner must be current with association dues!

**Clubhouse Rentals and Calendar**

Remember to check the new website for the Clubhouse calendar if you are interested in renting it. The calendar is updated as it is rented so you can see available days. Renting is now in full swing and the weekends are filling up!

Reminder: In order to enjoy the amenities provided by Country Place, you must be in good standing with the HOA. This means you must be up to date on your homeowner dues, and there cannot be any protective covenant violations on your property. If you need to read up on the Covenants, please visit the website at:

[www.countryplacelhoaiving.com](http://www.countryplacelhoaiving.com)

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*The day the Lord created hope was  
probably the same day he created Spring.*

**Bernard Williams**

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### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Please remember...the Speed Limit on ALL street in Country Place is 20 MPH. And STOP signs mean you must come to a COMPLETE STOP.
- We are a Crime Watch Community, if you see something suspicious, Also call when you are going to be out of town and they will check on your home twice a day. Call the BPSO at 965-2203.

