

Country Place Homeowners Association

THE LAMPLIGHTER

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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.

DON'T FORGET!

The Monthly Board Meetings have been moved from the Third Thursdays of the month to the Third Tuesdays of the month.

Here are a few links that you may find beneficial!

The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) requires each of the nationwide credit reporting companies — Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion — to provide you with a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12 months. The FCRA promotes the accuracy and privacy of information in the files of the nation's credit reporting companies. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, enforces the FCRA with respect to credit reporting companies.

A credit report includes information on where you live, how you pay your bills, and whether you've been sued or have filed for bankruptcy. Nationwide credit reporting companies sell the information in your report to creditors, insurers, employers, and other businesses that use it to evaluate your applications for credit, insurance, employment, or renting a home. Follow this link to get your **FREE CREDIT REPORT!**

<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports>

Building a deck? Installing an alarm system? Repaving the driveway? You can save time, money, and frustration by knowing the signs of a home improvement scam, and the consumer protections in the Cooling Off Rule. The link below will provide guidance and helpful information to hopefully prevent a scam from happening to you or someone you know!

<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/home-improvement>

Crooks use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine sophisticated technology with age-old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. They add new twists to old schemes and pressure people to make important decisions on the spot. One thing that never changes: they follow the headlines — and the money. Stay a step ahead with the latest info and practical tips from the nation's consumer protection agency. Browse FTC scam alerts by topic or by most recent.

<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts>

We will be taking nominations at the August meeting for the new board.

The following information is taken from the Bylaws:

From Article III

Section 6: Voting. The Declaration governs voting rights that provides that only one vote may be exercised for each Lot for which the member's dues are current. When more than one person owns an interest in any Lot, the vote entitled by the ownership of such Lot shall be exercised and counted as one single vote as the co-owners may themselves determine. Lots which are annotated as one Lot for assessment shall be allowed one (1) vote. Lots which are designated as unbuildable according to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, will not be afforded a vote.

All voting for election of members of the Board of Directors and/or other matters deemed necessary by the Board of Directors shall be by secret ballot. The Board of Directors shall determine if ballots may be cast in absentia by members with the notice of meeting, according to Article 111, Section 3, these Bylaws. Ballots must be marked without reference to the member's identification. For ballots cast in absentia, the marked ballot will be placed in an unmarked envelope, which will be placed in an envelope marked with the member's Lot identification. Upon receipt, the Secretary will confirm the currency of the member's dues and remove the unmarked envelope containing the ballot. The unmarked envelope containing the ballot will be past by the Secretary at the appropriate time.

Article IV

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Nomination. Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee and/or from the floor, at the Special Meeting called for such purpose during the month before the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, who is a member of the Board of Directors, and two or more Association members. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at any time prior to the Special Meeting called for such purpose of nominating persons to be elected to the Board of Directors, to serve until the close of the annual meeting.

Section 2: Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot as stated in Article 111, Section 6, these Bylaws. The persons receiving the most votes shall be elected. Cumulating voting is not permitted.

If you would like to or need to read up on the Covenants, please visit the website for the complete document with all Bylaws under "Documents and Maps" at:

www.countryplacehoaliving.com

UPCOMING MEETINGS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH AT 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH AT 7:00 PM



The August Yard of The Month Winner is:
The Mothershed Home at 105 Harvest Lane
Be sure to drive by and see the yard!

Texas Two Step Slaw

4 cups shredded cabbage
1 cup shredded red cabbage
1/4 cup chopped red onion
2 jalapeno peppers (seeds out)
2 Tbsp. Chopped fresh cilantro
1 (11 oz) can Mexican corn (drained)
4 - 8 oz shredded cheddar cheese (or your favorite cheese)

Dressing

3/4 cup ranch salad dressing
1 Tbsp. Lime juice
1 Tsp. Cumin

In a large bowl, combine all salad ingredients and mix well.

In a small bowl, combine all dressing ingredients. Blend well.

Pour over slaw, tossing to coat and garnish with fresh cilantro sprigs.

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse or pool, please remember that you can check available dates on the website. The calendars are updated as dates are taken for the clubhouse and pool. Once you decide on a date you'd like, please email me at mecochrane56@gmail.com or text me at 318-393-7163. I will then get back to you as soon as possible to arrange a date and time to get the signed contact and deposit to get the rental secured for your special event!

Also remember that 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:

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COUNTRY PLACE HOA

11 Country Lane
Haughton, LA 71037

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Haughton, LA

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.COUNTRYPLACEHOALIVING.COM

You don't always need a plan. Sometimes you just need to breathe, trust, let go, and see what happens. ~Mandy Hale

Board Members

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Please remember to keep your pets in your own yards. Keep them fed and with plenty of water in this heat. Please try to keep the barking down as well. There have been complaints about barking dogs, especially late at night.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Please remember...the Speed Limit on ALL streets 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.