

Country Place Homeowners Association

# THE LAMPLIGHTER

## AUGUST 2017



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.

**Nominations for the board are at the August meeting with elections at the Annual September Membership Meeting.**

The Board members are strictly volunteers and receive no compensation for their duties. Some of the duties of the Board members are as follows:

**President:** The President presides at meetings; sees that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; presents to the Board all written instruments requiring approval; sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments; and shall co-sign all checks over \$600 and promissory notes. The President receives requests for mailbox posts and yard lights and passes this information to the maintenance man.

**Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of the President's absence, inability or refusal to act. The Vice-President is also in charge of common grounds which includes but not limited to pest control, supervision of grounds maintenance and various other duties required from the Board or from residents.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of the meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the members; give notice of meetings of the Board and of the members; and keep appropriate current records showing members of the Association together with their addresses. The Secretary shall record all liens and cancellation of liens at the Courthouse in Benton. The Secretary shall mail the annual newsletter at the Haughton post office.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall deposit in appropriate bank accounts all receipts of the Association and disburse such funds in payment of debts of the Association; sign all checks and promissory notes; keep proper books of account; cause an annual audit of the books; and prepare an annual budget, statement of assets and liabilities, and statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the Board of Directors for approval, and then to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy to each of the members. The Treasurer is responsible for billing and collecting annual HOA dues as well as setting up payment plans for residents. The Treasurer will also give a list of liens or cancellation of liens to the Secretary to be filed.

**Architecture:** The Architecture committee will receive requests for construction and removal of structures and present plans to the Board for approval.

**Clubhouse:** The person in charge of the Clubhouse will maintain a calendar for the rentals, confirm the resident is current on their HOA dues before collecting the deposit, keep the Clubhouse in clean condition, and buy supplies for cleaning, etc. when necessary.

**Pool:** The person in charge of the pool will obtain lifeguards and attendants for the months the pool is open. Schedule lifeguards and attendants and maintain a time sheet for same as well as monitor their performance. Also this person will assure the pool is kept clean and order supplies when needed. This person will coordinate with the person in charge of the Clubhouse regarding rentals of the pool.

**Other Duties:** The Board may assign other duties to any officer at any time.

If you are interested in becoming a Board member someone can nominate you at the August meeting. You are not allowed to nominate yourself as set forth in the guidelines of Roberts Rules of Order.

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](http://www.countryplacehoaliving.com)

### **Back to School Time Again**

Remember that school is in full force and those buses are running early each morning and bringing the kids home in the afternoon. Please be sure to always stop for the bus while kids are getting on and off the bus and wait for the bus to start moving again before you proceed. Kids are always excited, especially when coming home, and aren't always watching for cars.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29TH AT 7:00 PM  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 7:00 PM

**CONGRATULATIONS to Our August 2017  
Yard of the Month Winner!  
The Frith Family at 22 Forest Grove**

### Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale

The annual neighborhood garage sale will be held on Saturday, October 7th. Be sure to get ready a head of time if you want to participate. Feel free to post on FaceBook, the newspaper, etc. The board does not put any ad in the newspapers for the garage sale. We usually have quite a few cars coming through the neighborhood on this day so make plans if you don't want anyone parking in front of your yard during this time. Let's all be considerate of our neighbors.

### BLUEBERRY FRENCH TOAST

1 loaf of day-old French bread  
12 oz of cream cheese (1 1/2 of the 8 oz packages)  
1/2 cup of fresh or frozen blueberries  
12 eggs  
2 cups of milk  
1/2 cup of maple syrup or honey

#### SAUCE

1 cup sugar  
2 tbs corn starch  
1 cup water  
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries  
1 tablespoon butter

Cut bread into 1 inch cubes; place half in a greased 13x9 baking dish. Top with berries and remaining bread.

In a large bowl beat eggs. Add milk and honey/syrup and mix well. Pour over bread mixture.

Cut cream cheese into 1 inch cubes; place over bread.

Cover and chill 8 hours or overnight.

Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking.

Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 25-30 minutes more until golden brown and center is set.

In a sauce pan, combine sugar and cornstarch. Add water to bring to a boil over medium heat; boil for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in berries; reduce heat. Simmer 8 to 10 minutes or until the berries have burst. Stir in butter until melted. Serve over French toast.

# COUNTRY PLACE HOA

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Haughton, LA 71037

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**Worry is wasting today's time to clutter up  
tomorrow's opportunities with yesterday's  
troubles.**

**Arthur Ward**

## Board Members

President	Mark Toloso	<a href="mailto:marktoloso@yahoo.com">marktoloso@yahoo.com</a>
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Newsletter	Mitzie Cochrane	<a href="mailto:mecochrane56@gmail.com">mecochrane56@gmail.com</a>

Please remember to keep your pets in your own yards. Keep them fed and with plenty of water. The heat is still here and they need to stay hydrated! Please try to keep the barking down as well. There have been complaints about barking dogs, especially late at night.

## **Babysitting List:**

Susan Burns: 268-1846  
Shelby Kander: 990-6452  
Amber Molnari: 754-5331  
Sydney Shortle: 523-0599

Charlotte Ray: 655-4003  
Samantha McCain: 347-8185  
Haylee Thomas: 218-5027