

COUNTRY PLACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

THE LAMPLIGHTER



JULY 2014

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.

Glenn Benton, Police Juror & Butch Ford, Parish Engineer attended the June Board Meeting at the Clubhouse. In case you missed it, here is a recap:

Glenn and Butch addressed the responsibility of the police jury regarding the drainage in our subdivision. They also addressed the responsibility of the homeowner regarding driveways and culverts. The Parish will clean out ditches when notified. They were very informative and made a list of streets given by attendees needing attention. They also reminded the attendees the Parish will pick up appliances, limbs, etc. when called. If you have drainage issues, please take pictures when the water is an issue so that they can see exactly what is going on. It is hard to know where the issues are when things are so dry. They will also clean ditches out if they are not on private property and some culverts if they are stopped up but again—they must not be on private property.

Someone from the Public Service Commission will be attending the July 17th Board Meeting. Please be sure to attend to voice your concerns and get the latest information on the utility issues going on in our neighborhood.

David, from Country Place Utilities will also be attending the Board Meeting

For any updated information pertaining to the Country Place Subdivision, be sure to visit www.countryplacehoa.biz.

Clubhouse Rentals, Pool Rentals, and Pool Passes

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.countryplacehoa.biz under the tab Documents & Map.

Update on Bank Balance

The Chase bank balance as of the June Meeting was a little over \$64,000. Last year at that time it was a little over \$26,000. We had a budget of \$3,000 for Spring Fling but only spent \$2,360. As of the last Board Meeting there were 22 homeowners delinquent on their dues for over a year.

At the last meeting, it was voted to place a lien on property delinquent in excess of one year, if a lien is not already in place. If you are behind on your dues or if you have any questions regarding your dues balances, please contact Susan Burns at 318-268-1846.

Please Note: Country Place Home Owners Association Board Members are **not paid** for their volunteer services. Paying board members is, and has always been, against the Bylaws. If any of you want to help, give us a call as we welcome any and all volunteers.

Would YOU Like to Make a Difference in Your Neighborhood?

We still need someone to volunteer to fix lights and mailboxes. If you have a little time to offer, please email Mark Toloso at marktoloso@yahoo.com. In the meantime if anyone has an issue with a light or mailbox, please email Mark as well.

Large Item & Large Quantity Pick Up

The Bossier Parish Police Jury participates in a regional hazardous waste program. Please call Shreveport Green at (318) 219-1888 or visit www.shreveportgreen.org for dates available for the collection of old paint and other contaminants.

Contact the BPPJ at 965-3752 for the removal of hot water heaters, inoperable automobiles, old appliances, tree limbs, bags of leaves, and old wood fencing.

SPEEDING IS A HUGE PROBLEM in our neighborhood! The Speed Limit on ALL streets in Country Place is **20 MPH**. And **STOP signs mean come to a COMPLETE STOP**. If you see someone speeding, take down the license plate number and call the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office at 318-965-2203. Please talk to your teens that are driving and remind them to be aware of the speed limit and especially of children playing and walking in the street area.

There was a burglary in the neighborhood a couple of weeks ago. Please remember to **ALWAYS LOCK YOUR DOORS** and Keep a watch on your neighbors homes. Report any suspicious activity. It is always better to be safe than sorry.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 17TH AT 7:00 PM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST AT 7:00 PM



**CONGRATULATIONS! July Yard of the Month Winner is
Mr. & Mr.s Ron Champney of 22 Country Lane**

Please remember to keep up your yards! They are looking great! Yards will be judged for Yard of the Month so be sure to get those flowers planted and keep the grass cut! Flowers are blooming everywhere and add such beauty to the subdivision. Let's continue to make our neighborhood a beautiful place to live.

Yard of The Month Guidelines

- A. Foundation – placement of shrubbery.
- B. 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.
- 1. Taller shrubbery usually looks better on the corners of the house with lower ones under windows.
- 2. Shrubbery in front of the windows should be kept trimmed below the level of the window.
- B. Consistency of design – the plan of border and edging of small plants and bulbs should be in harmony with foundation plantings.
- C. 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.
- D. Improvements
- E. Condition of Shrubbery
- F. Lawn
- G. 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!

PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS ON A LEASH OR IN YOUR FENCED IN YARDS. MANY OF OUR DUCKS ARE BEING KILLED BY DOGS AND MANY LOOSE DOGS ARE CHASING AND SCARING LITTLE CHILDREN TRYING TO PLAY. WE DON'T WANT ANY MORE DUCKS TO DIE AND WE CERTAINLY DON'T WANT ANY CHILDREN TO BE BITTEN.

Babysitting List:

Susan Burns: 268-1846

Sara Ryan: 426-3302

Shelby Kander: 990-6452

Samantha McCain: 210-3307 or 3369

Amber Molnari: 754-5331

Courtney Roberts : 471-0222

Charlotte Ray—318-655-4003; First aid & CPR Certified, Prior First Responder

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A perfect summer day is when the sun
is shining, the breeze is blowing, the
birds are singing, and the lawn mower
is broken.

~ James Dent

Board Members

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Yard of the Month	Edna House	
Newsletter	Mitzie Cochrane	
Welcome	Val Baker	

Going out of town? Have a pet
but don't want to board them?
Call Becky Bison at 949-5111.
She will take care of your dog or
cat in your home while you are
away.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Please remember...the Speed Limit on ALL street in Country Place is 20 MPH. And STOP signs mean 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.