

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.

Hopefully all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and was able to spend time with your family and friends, having many things to be thankful for.

Cocoa with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 2 pm until 4 pm at the Clubhouse! Cocoa will be served, along with cookies. Bring the kids over to have their picture taken with Santa. Hope to see you all there!

Christmas Decorating Judging will be held on Saturday, December 17th. Please be sure to have your decorations ready and your lights turned on when the sun goes down! We are looking forward to seeing all the beautiful lights of Country Place!

HOLIDAY SEASON REMINDERS. Statistically, there is an increase in residential burglaries during this time. Thieves are looking for items that can be taken easily and sold quickly.

When shopping, don't leave packages, gifts, cell phones, GPS units, purses, etc. visible in your vehicle. Remove valuables from the car; take them inside or lock them up in the trunk. During the holidays, thieves sometimes follow the postal carrier or delivery service vehicles watching for easy opportunities to steal the packages as they are delivered. Retrieve packages left by the gate or door as soon as possible. Alternatively, consider having such deliveries held at the post office or maybe arrange for a trusted neighbor to pick them up for you.

Also while shopping, try to park in a well-lit area. When leaving, have your keys in your hand and walk to your vehicle with your head up. Be attentive; scan the area for suspicious persons or activities. Ask a security officer to escort you if it is dark or if you are uncomfortable. Once in your vehicle, lock your doors before putting the key in the ignition.

Be sure that your residence is secured with the gates and/or doors locked, windows latched and the garage door closed. To prevent the thieves from window shopping, keep the curtains closed after dark.

Do not advertise your good fortune. Once the gifts have been opened, do not let a potential thief know of your new widescreen TV or that new high powered computer. Be careful with your trash; put it out right before trash pickup; those boxes on the curb or by the trash containers or even in the trash containers are clues as to what might be inside your residence.

Always be careful and aware of your surroundings, and if something does not look or feel right, leave and get to a safe place. Call the police (911) to report suspicious persons and/or activities. If you are the victim of a crime or you know of a crime that is being or has been committed, call the police.

## Favorite Old Fashioned Gingerbread

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 egg
- 1 cup molasses
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup hot water

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Grease and flour a 9-inch square pan.

In a large bowl, cream together the sugar and butter.

Beat in the egg, and mix in the molasses.

In a bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, ginger, and cloves.

Blend into the creamed mixture.

Stir in the hot water.

Pour into the prepared pan.

Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven, until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

Allow to cool in pan before serving.



## Mexican Cornbread

To make a 9x13 pan:



2 - Mexican Cornbread Mix, prepared using half of the milk called for on pkg. (Martha White is the best)

1 - can cream corn

1 - can black beans (black eyed peas go well also)

Chopped onion, red and green bell pepper (I used the frozen mixture)

1 - lb. ground beef, cooked and drained (can mix with taco seasoning if desired)

1 - finely chopped jalepeno (I did not use for the office in case it would be too hot)

Cubed Pepper Jack cheese (use amount desired)

Cubed Extra Sharp Cheddar cheese (use amount desired)

Bake according to mix instructions, increasing time as needed to cook completely.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH AT 7:00 PM**  
**NO BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER**  
**Tuesday, January 31st at 7:00 PM**



Our website address is: <http://countryplacehoaliving.com>

**Welcome to our newest residents:**

Benjamin Miller of 207 Glendale Lane

Carolyn Leon and Anita Shelton of 19 Echo Ridge

*Be sincere with your compliments. Most people can tell the difference between sugar and saccharine.*

*By.....William Arthur Ward*

**Bossier Parish Schools Christmas Holiday:** Schools will be out for the Christmas Holiday beginning Monday, December 19th through Wednesday, January 4th. The students return on Thursday, the 5th of January. Be extra careful while driving through the holiday during this time as there will be more kids walking, playing, and riding bikes in the neighborhood.

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