

Country Place Homeowners Association  
**THE LAMPLIGHTER**  
OCTOBER 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.

Don't forget that the October Board Meeting will be on Monday, the 30th since Halloween is on Tuesday this year.

Be sure to have your front door lights on for the Trick or Treaters on Halloween so they will know which houses are giving out candy. Also, be extra careful if driving through the neighborhood that evening as we have lots of kids running around and not all of them have bright, reflective clothing on. Many wear black or dark colors.



*Oct 26 - Nov 12, 2017*

Don't forget to go to the Fair and have some fun! Here is the link to help You find more information. Enjoy and be safe!

<http://www.statefairoflouisiana.com/>

With winter months coming up quickly, please remember a few important things!

- Get your flu shots to stay healthy.
- Wash your hands often to keep germs from spreading and tell your kids to do the same.
- Keep your pets warm when it is cold outside.
- If you have elderly neighbors, be sure to check on them often to be sure they are warm and don't need anything.
- Keep your pipes covered if the temperature gets below freezing.
- Keep your plants covered if the temperature is below freezing.
- Have your fireplaces cleaned & checked and remember to be safe when using your fireplace.



Remember that the Music To Your Mouth Food Truck will be in the neighborhood on November 2nd, 16th, and 30th.

Last month I wrote about email scams. This month, I'm discussing telephone scams. I have an elderly aunt that was recently scammed out of \$2,000. She received a call from someone stating that her granddaughter's fiancé was in jail and needed \$2,000 to get out of jail. She believed the scammer, as they had names, birthdates, and other personal information. They started an investigation on the matter and she is trying to get her money refunded. She is 83.

**SCAMS & THE ELDERLY...AND EVERYONE ELSE** Scammers use many techniques to defraud their victims. With every data breach (notable is the huge Equifax breach), scammers have access to more personal information. This allows scammers to target specific groups and ages, and helps them in devising a legitimate-sounding scam using personal information.

Some of the ideas and information in this article are "borrowed" from a recent Color Of Money article in the *Dallas Morning News* by Michelle Singletary who is with the *Washington Post*. Ms. Singletary points out that more than 65% in a recent survey indicated having elderly relatives targeted by scammers. Approximately 65%, scammer contacts start with a telephone call, while approximately 25% start with an e-mail or online contact. It is estimated that there has been an almost 30% increase in fraud aimed at the elderly.

**For UNSOLICITED TELEPHONE CALLS, HANG UP, or DO NOT ANSWER an unfamiliar caller ID;** they can leave a message. Ms. Singleton recommends that family members consider being sentinels for elderly relatives. The sentinel will help look out for the financial well-being of that individual. The sentinel can coach the elderly person in practicing fraud prevention and create a phone-call script with instructions to hang up once the script is finished. It is key to overcome the idea that simply hanging up is rude through role-playing practice.

### A Few Fun Facts About October:

On October 17, 1810, Germany's Oktoberfest originally began, the wedding day of King Ludwig I.

On October 1, 1896, free rural delivery of mail started in the United States.

On October 4, 1957, the first artificial satellite was launched by the Soviet Union.

On October 5, 1947, the first presidential telecast address from the White House was made by Harry S. Truman.

On October 7, 1816, the Washington (first double-decked steamboat) arrived at New Orleans.

On October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus landed in America.

On October 18, 1867, The U.S. flag was formally raised over Alaska.

On October 22, 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first president of the Republic of Texas.

On October 31, 1864, Nevada became the 36th state of the United States.

On October 8, 1871, the great fire of Chicago began, and burned for about 30 hours.

On October 24, 1861, the first transcontinental telegram was sent.

On October 10, 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy opened at Annapolis, Md.

On October 1, 1908, the first "Model T" Ford was put on the market.

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Hawaii has a special October event called "the Aloha Festival", sometimes described as the "Mardi Gras of the Pacific"

The birthstones for October are the tourmaline and the opal.

The zodiac signs for October are Libra (September 23 - October 22) and Scorpio (October 23 - November 21).

The birth flower for October is the calendula.



**UPCOMING MEETINGS**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH AT 7:00 PM**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AT 7:00 PM**

**Welcome to our newest residents:**

Samuel and Yvonne Barrier at 104 Pine Creek Lane

If any of you know of new neighbors, please send the information to me and ask for their emails so I can add them to the group to receive the newsletters. Thanks!

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**BROCCOLI - BACON SALAD**

- 1 large bunch broccoli florets, chopped
- 1 Small red onion, chopped
- 1 Cup raisins
- 10-12 strips of bacon, cooked crisp & crumbled
- ½ cup pecans

Dressing:

Tablespoons vinegar      1/3 cup mayonnaise      1/3 cup sugar

In a large serving bowl, combine broccoli, onions, raisins, bacon & pecans. Set aside. In a mixing bowl, combine dressing ingredients. Just before serving, pour over broccoli mixture and toss mixture.

*If someone sticks by your side through your worst times, they're the ones who deserve to be with you through your best times.*

*By.....Unknown*

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