

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.

The Board would like to take this time to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! Hopefully all of you will be able to spend time with your family and friends, having many things to be thankful for.

Bossier Parish Schools Thanksgiving Holiday: Schools will be out for the Thanksgiving Holiday beginning Monday, November 20th through Friday, November 24th. The students return on Monday, the 27th of November. 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.

Cocoa with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 3rd from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Clubhouse! We will have cocoa, along with yummy 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 16th. 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!

CONGRATULATIONS to the residents of Country Place. You've done a great job contacting the Public Service Commission Office regarding problems with Country Place Utilities and it has paid off!

It's been a long process but the Bossier Parish Police Jury will take over the billing for water after the first of the year. With this move the problems with billing should be resolved quickly.

So, no more calls, emails, etc. are needed to the Public Service Commission.

Lamp Posts: I was recently informed by a friend that walks in the neighborhood, that there are many lamp posts out in the neighborhood. Please let Mark Toloso know if your light is out so that he can send the maintenance man out to fix it. This is a big safety issue and helps to keep our neighborhood safe.

Easy Chicken Tortilla Soup

1 medium onion
1 - 1 ½ lbs. skinless, boneless chicken
1 can whole kernel corn
Seasoning of choice (I use Tony Chachere's)
1 can black beans
1 can Rotel Tomatoes
1 box chicken broth or stock

Brown onion in small amount of cooking oil
Cut up chicken and brown after onions are tender
Remove chicken and cut into small pieces or shred as desired
Pour remaining items into the pot and bring to a boil
Lower and simmer about 15 - 30 minutes
Serve with cheese and/or tortilla strips
Can add other vegetables, more chicken, broth, etc.

*** Note: I used original Rotel but some may find it a bit spicy. Can use mild if you prefer.

The first Thanksgiving was held in the autumn of 1621 and included 50 Pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag Indians and lasted three days. Many historians believe that only five women were present at that first Thanksgiving, as many women settlers didn't survive that difficult first year in the U.S.

Thanksgiving didn't become a national holiday until over 200 years later! Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who actually wrote the classic song "Mary Had a Little Lamb," convinced President Lincoln in 1863 to make Thanksgiving a national holiday, after writing letters for 17 years campaigning for this to happen.

No forks at the first Thanksgiving! Forks weren't even introduced to the Pilgrims until 10 years later and weren't a popular utensil until the 18th century.

Thanksgiving is the reason for TV dinners! In 1953, Swanson had so much extra turkey (260 tons) that a salesman told them they should package it onto aluminum trays with other sides like sweet potatoes — and the first TV dinner was born!

Thanksgiving was almost a fast — not a feast! The early settlers gave thanks by praying and abstaining from food, which is what they planned on doing to celebrate their first harvest, that is, until the Wampanoag Indians joined them and (lucky for us!) turned their fast into a three-day feast!

Presidential pardon of a turkey: Each year, the president of the U.S pardons a turkey and spares it from being eaten. The first turkey pardon ceremony started with President Truman in 1947. President Obama pardoned a 45-pound turkey named Courage, who has flown to Disneyland and served as Grand Marshal of the park's Thanksgiving Day parade!

Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle.

Americans eat 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.

Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's first meal in space after walking on the moon was foil packets with roasted turkey.

The heaviest turkey on record, according to the *Guinness Book of Records*, weighs 86 pounds.

Californians consume the most turkey in the U.S. on Thanksgiving Day!

Female turkeys (called hens) do not gobble. Only male turkeys gobble.

The average turkey for Thanksgiving weighs 15 pounds.

Why is Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November? President Abe Lincoln said Thanksgiving would be the fourth Thursday in November, but in 1939 President Roosevelt moved it up a week hoping it would help the shopping season during the Depression era. It never caught on and it was changed back two years later.

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 with 400 employees marching from Convent Ave to 145th street in New York City. No large balloons were at this parade, as it featured only live animals from Central Park Zoo.

Turkey isn't responsible for drowsiness or the dreaded "food coma." So what is? Scientists say that extra glass of wine, the high-calorie meal or relaxing after a busy work schedule is what makes you drowsy!

Wild turkeys can run 20 miles per hour when they are scared, but domesticated turkeys that are bred are heavier and can't run quite that fast.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AT 7:00 PM
 NO BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH AT 7:00 PM



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

Welcome to our newest residents:

Casey Penner at 125 Chimney Lane

Ed & Jolene Ward at 106 South Meadow 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!

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

By.....William Arthur Ward

Bossier Parish Schools Christmas Holiday: Schools will be out for the Christmas Holiday beginning Wednesday, December 20th and return to school on Tuesday, January 9th. 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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