

THE LAMPLIGHTER

FEBRUARY 2019



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.

A Reminder about Homeowner Dues for 2019:

Each property is billed the full amount of HOA Dues of \$211.08 in January. If you choose to pay in full by March 31st, you receive a 10% discount and will only have to pay \$189.97. However, it must be paid no later than March 31st. You will only receive an invoice in January.

Otherwise, the quarterly payment schedule is as follows:

1st Quarter Due by February 28th in the amount of \$52.77

2nd Quarter Due by May 31st in the amount of \$52.77

3rd Quarter Due by August 31st in the amount of \$52.77

4th Quarter Due by November 30th in the amount of \$52.77

King Cake with Cream Cheese Cinnamon Filling

2 cans crescent rolls
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon

4 ounces cream cheese
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/3 cup light brown sugar



NOTE: You can use low fat ingredients, Splenda, and skim milk, if you like!

Preheat oven 350°F. Coat 10-inch round pizza pan with nonstick cooking spray or use round stone.

Separate crescent rolls at perforations, into 16 slices. Place slices around prepared pan with points in center. About halfway down from points, press seams together.

Beat cream cheese, confectioners' sugar, and vanilla until creamy. Spread on dough in center where seams have been pressed together.

Combine butter, brown sugar, and cinnamon with fork until crumbly. Sprinkle over cream cheese mix

Fold dough points over filling, then fold bottom of triangle over points forming a circular roll like a king cake.

Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool slightly, drizzle with Icing.

Icing - 1 cup confectioners' sugar 1-2 tablespoons milk 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
Mix till smooth. (If you like the cream cheese flavor, make a little extra filling and add it to the icing)

Drizzle or spread over cooled cake.

Sugar sprinklings - Red + blue for purple, green, and yellow food coloring
1/8 cup Sugar for each color

In three separate bowls, add a few drops of each color food coloring (except combine red and blue to make purple). Add the sugar and stir until thoroughly colored. Sprinkle over iced cake.

Decorate with beads, masks, etc.

You can also see the recipe with pictures at:

<http://homecooking.about.com/od/cakerecipes/ss/kingcakesbs.htm>

Tax Scams to Watch Out For (From Raymond James & Associates, Inc. Norman L. Duhon, Jr.)

While tax scams are especially prevalent during tax season, they can take place any time during the year. As a result, it's in your best interest to always be vigilant so you don't end up becoming the victim of a fraudulent tax scheme. Here are some of the more common scams to watch out for.

Phishing

Phishing scams usually involve unsolicited emails or fake websites that pose as legitimate IRS sites to convince you to provide personal or financial information. Once scam artists obtain this information, they use it to commit identity or financial theft.

It is important to remember that the IRS will never initiate contact with you by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media. If you get an email claiming to be from the IRS, don't respond or click any of the links; instead forward it to phishing@irs.gov.

Phone scams

Beware of callers claiming that they're from the IRS. They may be scam artists trying to steal your money or identity. This type of scam typically involves a call from someone claiming you owe money to the IRS or that you're entitled to a large refund. The calls may also show up as coming from the IRS on your Caller ID, be accompanied by fake emails that appear to be from the IRS, or involve follow-up calls from individuals saying they are from law enforcement. Sometimes these callers may threaten you with arrest, license revocation, or even deportation.

If you think you might owe back taxes, contact the IRS for assistance at <https://www.irs.gov/>

. If you don't owe taxes and believe you have been the target of a phone scam, you should contact the <https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/> and the <https://www.ftc.gov/> to report the incident.

Tax return preparer fraud

During tax season, some individuals and scam artists pose as legitimate tax preparers, often promising unreasonably large or inflated refunds. They try to take advantage of unsuspecting taxpayers by committing refund fraud or identity theft. It is important to choose a tax preparer carefully, since you are legally responsible for what's on your return, even if it's prepared by someone else.

A legitimate tax preparer will generally ask for proof of your income and eligibility for credits and deductions, sign the return as the preparer, enter the Preparer Tax Identification Number, and provide you with a copy of your return.

Fake charities

Scam artists sometimes pose as a charitable organization in order to solicit donations from unsuspecting donors. Be wary of charities with names that are similar to more familiar or nationally known organizations, or that suddenly appear after a national disaster or tragedy. Before donating to a charity, make sure that it is legitimate. There are tools at <https://www.irs.gov/> to assist you in checking out the status of a charitable organization, or you can visit <https://www.charitynavigator.org> to find more information about a charity.

Tax-related identity theft

Tax-related identity theft occurs when someone uses your Social Security number to claim a fraudulent tax refund. You may not even realize you've been the victim of identity theft until you file your tax return and discover that a return has already been filed using your Social Security number. Or the IRS may send you a letter indicating it has identified a suspicious return using your Social Security number. If you believe you have been the victim of tax-related identity theft, you should contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 800-908-4490 as soon as possible.

Stay one step ahead

The best way to avoid becoming the victim of a tax scam is to stay one step ahead of the scam artists. Consider taking the following precautions to keep your personal and financial information private:

- Maintain strong passwords
- Consider using two-step authentication
- Keep an eye out for emails containing links or asking for personal information
- Avoid scam websites
- Don't answer calls when you don't recognize the phone number

Finally, if you are ever unsure whether you are the victim of a scam, remember to trust your instincts. If something sounds questionable or too good to be true, it probably is.



UPCOMING MEETINGS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH AT 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH AT 7:00 PM

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

Be the attitude you want to be around.
By.....Jim DeJellis

Neighborhood Watch Community: Please remember to call the Sheriff's Office at 318-965-2203 if you see something suspicious or out of the ordinary in the subdivision. We need to look out for one another.

Country Place Residents Facebook Page: We've been working on the Facebook Page and have removed some users that no longer live in Country Place or never have lived in Country Place. If you notice that you have been removed, we apologize and ask that you send me an email or a private message and we will add you back into the group. There were many users added to the group that were members of a yard/garage sale page and we aren't sure how they got added to the group. Anyway, we are trying to keep the page for Country Place residents only. Thanks for understanding and let us know if you have any questions.

We would like to welcome our newest residents to the neighborhood. They are:
Alex and Courtney Carr at 204 Harvest Lane

Someone recently sent me an email asking me to remind everyone about the importance of keeping a nice, uncluttered, and well kept yard and property. Doing this will help to keep your property value up, including your neighbor's property as well. That only takes a little time now and then and with Spring coming up, that's the perfect time to work outside!

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